



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy Larchwood week and lots of brilliant things have been going on. As well as our usual fantastic lessons we have had a number of enrichment opportunities to enjoy.

Year 3 started their ukulele lessons that they will be having weekly in conjunction with the Essex Music Service. Year 2 started their swimming lessons – they were so excited – and of course they were brilliantly behaved. There was the basketball tournament for Year 5 and 6 and although we didn't win our team played brilliantly and only lost one of their games. And there was an author visit organised by the Chicken and Frog bookshop for Years 4, 5 and 6 by one half of the writing pair Logan Macx.

One of the other significant things to have happened this week is the 'walk to school' initiative we have started. Miss Dow, who has been organising the initiative, and I have been busy sharing how things are going. It has been really noticeable outside the school that there has been less traffic and a lot less irresponsible parking on the single and double yellow lines. Yesterday well over 70% of children came to school in an active way (walking, parking and striding, cycling or scooting). I even came to work yesterday and today on my bike as those children and parents who were waiting for breakfast club to open will testify when I arrived!

We know it isn't always possible to travel in an active way – I've used my car 3 days – but doing something different once a week is all that is needed. 1 active journey a week for a month will mean children get a badge. If you can do it every day, even better. Well done, we are all a little bit healthier, safer and there is a little less pollution. Enjoy the long weekend.

Local Elections

On Thursday 5th May part of the school will be used as a polling station in the local elections. The good news is that the school will remain fully open to all pupils. Voters will enter the site via the second car park and the back of the children's centre and vote in one of the classrooms and the children's kitchen. Year 6 will work elsewhere in the school for the day and the site will be secured to prevent anyone accessing the main school, keeping the children safe while minimising the disruption to the smooth running of the school.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Habitat	Contact	Collapse	Alter	Ensure	Distribute	Specific



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Alisha-Mai in 4S for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



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Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Joel	James	Natalie	Parker	Alex	Teigen-Rose	Esme
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Alex	Lily-Anne	Skye	Brooke	Reece	Ariz	Poppy



Reading at Home

Well done 5B. An excellent achievement. Well done to over 400 children who read at least 4 times.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 25th April Friday 29th April (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	7 (28%)	17 (64%)	24 (92%)
RT	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	3 (11%)	19 (68%)	22 (79%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	30 (100%)
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	29 (100%)
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	3 (10%)	24 (86%)	27 (96%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	6 (23%)	18 (69%)	24 (92%)
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	21 (78%)	24 (89%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	30 (100%)
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	27 (100%)
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (86%)	28 (93%)
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	26 (93%)	28 (100%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	28 (100%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	2 (6%)	28 (90%)	30 (96%)
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	23 (85%)	27 (100%)
Total	6						95%



Weekly Attendance

Well done 3C and 6R!

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 25th April 2022

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Class	3C/6R	1P/4S	2B	5B	4D
Attendance	98.7%	97.3%	96.9%	96.6%	95.6%



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