



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been Year 6's transition week. This means that all of our Year 6s have spent 1 or 2 days at their new secondary schools getting ready for Year 7. You will all remember the transition mornings your children had for Reception when they started Larchwood and these take place again in a couple of weeks. But what about our current children – how do we get them ready for next year?

Well they find out their new teacher on 14th July when the reports come out. Then on Monday 17th we have our Celebration evening where you come and visit the school to look at your child's work, classroom and even visit the new classroom and meet the new teacher informally. Finally, on Tuesday 18th July children spend the morning with their new teacher in their new classroom ready for September. Starting the year is always tricky, but we find this transition period helps all children, from Reception to Year 7.

Building Work

You may have seen in the news this week that schools are finding it increasingly difficult to fund improvements to buildings. We are fortunate at Larchwood that our buildings are generally in good shape and Mr Doug and the cleaners work hard to keep them looking good. We are also fortunate to have the Discovery Educational Trust (DET) to help us gain additional funding for improvements.

This summer we will be having the hall roof replaced. This is part of the same work to replace the roof in the original part of the school last summer. The curved section of the hall roof is made of a material that is straw based and it clearly needs improving. Work starts on Saturday 22nd July continuing through to the start of next term. Apart from losing a small part of the playground in September for a couple of weeks we don't expect it to impact the running of the school.

We have also been able to secure funding for work on our heating and water delivery systems the following year. Basically, all the pipes around the school will be replaced and the heating system will have a new control panel. This is going to help make the school more energy efficient.

Overall the DET has managed to secure almost £500,000 specifically for these projects.

Governor Visit

On Monday Governors, Lisa Wenham and Gillian Walsh conducted a joint visit. This was for both Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

A group of children from Year 2 up to Year 6 were given a map to view of the school. They were asked about the inside areas and outside areas of the school. This was to see where their fun, safe, don't like and scary places were.

All the children thought hard about this and gave clear, concise answers. They said that they



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felt safe at school, stating the staff and middays made them feel this way. There were a few areas that they didn't like or felt scared. One main area was the road outside and the cars.

At the end of the morning the Governors met with myself, showing me the results, which meant we could highlight any problems. The full results will be discussed at the next full Governors meeting in July.

LPPA Colour Run

The LPPA colour run will still be taking place next Friday, 7th July, as planned despite some classes being closed due to industrial action. If your child is not in that day, you can come back after school. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This invitation is open to our new Reception cohort, many who are siblings. At approximately 5pm I will be running the course and apparently children can purchase paint to throw at me!

Larchwood Family

The 'Larchwood' family is growing. Miss Adams, our assistant head (not to be confused with Miss Adams who works in Reception), has had her baby. Baby Nathan was born two weeks ago and joins his sister Isobel. Congratulations to the whole family.

You may also have noticed that Miss Belle, another of our assistant heads as well as one of 2BCs class teachers, is also pregnant. Miss Clark, who works in Reception is also expecting her second child. Congratulations to them both – the next generation of Larchwood students perhaps.

Job opportunities at Larchwood

We are currently looking for additional midday assistants to join our experienced team of middays. The role is a vital one in the school and would suit someone who enjoys working and interacting with children in a more relaxed situation for an hour a day. [Apply here](#). We are also looking for a suitably qualified person to work as an LSA in school which you can apply for [here](#).

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Assist	Submit	Convince	Consist	Technique	Circumstance	Neutral



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Robbie in 6R for demonstrating all the school values.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Esther	Valentina	Daisy	Layton	Scarlett	Zac	Byron
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Hannah	Kai	Charlie	Chloe	Callum	Prakati	Bella



Reading at Home

No Year 6 figures due to all the children being out at transitions days so in 6R's absence, the winners are 5D.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages who read from Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June			Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	Less than 4	4	5	
RR	8 (27%)	9 (30%)	13 (43%)	73%
RT	6 (23%)	6 (23%)	14 (54%)	77%
1A	0 (0%)	12 (39%)	19 (61%)	100%
1P	4 (14%)	1 (3%)	25 (83%)	86%
2BC	3 (10%)	1 (3%)	26 (87%)	90%
2G	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	28 (94%)	97%
3B	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	23 (79%)	93%
3C	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	100%
4B	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	22 (72%)	86%
4S	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	100%
5D	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	27 (96%)	100%
5L	1 (3%)	6 (21%)	22 (76%)	97%
6C	-	-	-	-
6R	-	-	-	-
Total				92%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 26th June

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.4%	87.9%	98.1%	94%	99%	98.3%	94.3%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	96.3%
Attendance	99%	98.7%	99%	94.3%	97%	94.3%	98.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2BC/3C/ 4S	4B	2G/ 6R



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.5%	93.6%	95%	94.5%	94.8%	95.9%	93.9%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95%
Attendance	96.3%	95.5%	95.4%	94.5%	96.1%	93.9%	94.9%	

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3C	2G	4B



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