



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

There are always many great things happening in and around school. This week is no exception and we have had a number of people in to visit. On Wednesday our girls football team had their first match of the season against Shenfield St Marys. It was a close and competitive match with both teams having opportunities to score. Despite Larchwood eventually losing 2-0 we were very proud of them.

Throughout this week teachers have been having subject leader meetings with teachers from other schools in the Brentwood Collaborative Partnership (BCP) to discuss the subjects that they lead. We were very pleased to welcome the Religious Education (RE) leaders to Larchwood on Wednesday.

Below you will also see a report from the Local School's Committee, our local governors. It was great to have them in school on Monday for their first meeting of the year.

Reception 2023 Parent Tours

Starting next week, I will be showing prospective parents of children who will be joining us in Reception 2023 around the school. If you have a child who is due to start school next September or you know someone who does, then tours can be booked through the school office.

Local School's Committee - Governance Update

Welcome to the new feature of News and Views! We will be providing regular updates of our work with the school in response to many parents who indicated on our Celebration Evening survey that this was their preferred method for us to improve our communication with you.

We meet once every half term and Monday was our first meeting of the school year where we received information and training from Paul Griffiths (Trust CFOO) and Vicki Gosnold (Trust Deputy CFOO) about how the Discovery Educational Trust manage finance across the Trust and for each school. It was really useful for us to have an overview of the systems in place to monitor and manage risk and compliance and see how the individual funds feed into the whole Larchwood budget. This will improve our ability to ask the right questions at the right times and ensure that the financial management of the school remains robust and effective, especially in these challenging times.

We also spent some time on Monday reviewing our systems and monitoring roles so that we are set up and ready to go for this year. By way of introduction here we are with our individual monitoring roles which are linked to the School Improvement Plan for 22/23:

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Rachel Fossey

Chair of the Local
Schools Committee –
Parent of a child in Yr4
and Yr6

Monitoring role -
Quality of Education



**Mercedes Romero
Fernandez**

Parent of a child in Yr5
and Reception

Monitoring role –
Curriculum



Anona Stanley

Local resident and ex
Larchwood Teacher

Monitoring role –
Writing



Paul Bailey

Parent of a child in Yr6

Monitoring role –
Disadvantaged



Lisa Wenham

Parent of a child in Yr
and Yr6

Monitoring role –
Safeguarding



Gillian Walsh

Local businesswoman

Monitoring role –
Health and Safety



Steve Bowsher

Headteacher governor



Lucy Beard

Staff governor – Yr3
teacher

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Alter	Individual	Conflict	Manufacture	Labour	Devise



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Zac in 2G for demonstrating the value of friendship.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Isabella	Noah	Penny	Jack	Sonny	Lily	Byron
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Harrison	Joshua	Esme	Izzy	Ella	Pranav	Prakati



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Reading at Home

Well done to the 100% classes. The expectation for everyone is that children read at least 4 times a week. Please make sure this continues to happen.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	4 (16%)	19 (76%)	23 (92%)
RT	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	4 (15%)	8 (27%)	13 (45%)	21 (72%)
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (83%)	28 (97%)
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	3 (9%)	25 (85%)	28 (94%)
2BC	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	23 (79%)	28 (97%)
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	28 (97%)
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (%)	6 (21%)	5 (17%)	18 (62%)	23 (79%)
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	30 (100%)
4B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (19%)	22 (81%)	28 (100%)
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (13%)	26 (87%)	30 (100%)
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	5 (19%)	20 (77%)	29 (96%)
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	25 (86%)	29 (100%)
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	23 (80%)	28 (97%)
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	28 (96%)	29 (100%)
Total							94%



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 26th September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.3%	90.7%	96.0%	96.3%	98.0%	95.0%	95.0%	
								95.2%
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	
Attendance	97.7%	91.7%	97.0%	90.0%	98.6%	96.7%	95.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5L	2BC	3C



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.5%	96.6%	96.7%	95.0%	97.2%	97.7%	96.3%	
								96.3%
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	
Attendance	97.7%	95.3%	97.1%	95.2%	95.7%	97.4%	96.0%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2G & 3C	6C	2BC



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