



Friday 4th March 2022

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Giving children a wealth of experiences is one of the aims of our curriculum. It didn't take me long to think of examples of how we have done this at Larchwood this week. Here are just three of the examples that immediately sprung to mind:

Year 4 cooking – every class does this every half term.

Year 2 Exotic Explorers visit – the children who touched the snake were braver than me.

Road Safety Talk – Essex Police visited on Monday to talk to the children in assembly.

One of the biggest experiences that happened this week was World Book Day. It is always a highlight and children are so excited. It would be very easy to lose the real point of World Book Day with all the dressing up, but we believe we get the real message out about developing a love of reading.

As well as children dressing up as their favourite book character, each class designs and decorates their classroom door related to one of their books. The office ladies vote on the winner and I don't envy them, it's a difficult decision. Our Twitter page shows them all.

Each class also got to pair up with a class lower down the school and share reading. I happened to walk through our Hub and was privileged to see one of the infant classes reading with a partner from one of the junior classes. It was a lovely thing to witness.

All of the activities on World Book Day helped to develop a love of reading as well as providing children with an experience they won't forget in a hurry.

Clubs

On occasions we have to cancel clubs at short notice. We pride ourselves on the fact that we offer nearly 30 clubs to the children, the huge majority of which are free. This is another example of providing children with a wealth of experiences. This week unforeseen or unavoidable events have meant we have had to cancel a few after school clubs. We don't want to do this and try to find alternative arrangements, but sometimes it isn't possible. The rain has been the biggest cause this week and the hall is not an alternative venue as it is used for after school club. The forecast looks better for next week. Incidentally, the district cross country has been rescheduled for Tuesday 8th March – fingers crossed for a dry week.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Daniel in 6S for demonstrating the value of friendship.



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Stars of the Week

| | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| RS | RT | 1A | 1P | 2B | 2G | 3B |
| Dilan | Oliver | Lily | Wyatt | Matthew | Logan | Brooke |
| 3C | 4D | 4S | 5B | 5L | 6R | 6S |
| Freddie | Elliot | Poppy | Liam H | Bella | Macie | Amy |



Reading at Home

10 classes read enough, well done. This is a record this year. 14 next week.

| Class | Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March (percentages are rounded) Times Read | | | | | | Percentage Read 4 & 5 times % |
|-------|---|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|--|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| RS | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (4%) | 8 (31%) | 17 (65%) | 25 (96%) |
| RT | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (7%) | 3 (11%) | 4 (15%) | 18 (67%) | 22 (82%) |
| 1A | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 4 (13%) | 26 (87%) | 30 (100%) |
| 1P | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 27 (100%) | 27 (100%) |
| 2B | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (10%) | 25 (90%) | 28 (100%) |
| 2G | 0 (0%) | 1 (4%) | 2 (7%) | 1 (4%) | 3 (11%) | 20 (74%) | 23 (85%) |
| 3B | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 4 (14%) | 21 (86%) | 25 (100%) |
| 3C | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 5 (17%) | 24 (83%) | 29 (100%) |
| 4D | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (3%) | 28 (97%) | 29 (100%) |
| 4S | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 4 (13%) | 3 (10%) | 23 (77%) | 26 (87%) |
| 5B | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (3%) | 28 (97%) | 29 (100%) |
| 5L | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 10 (34%) | 19 (66%) | 29 (100%) |
| 6R | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (3%) | 29 (97%) | 30 (100%) |
| 6S | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (6%) | 28 (94%) | 30 (100%) |
| Total | | | | | | | 97% |



Weekly Attendance

Well done 5B and 6R. Excellent attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 28th February 2022

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Class | 5B & 6R | 3B | 2B | 3C | 4D |
| Attendance | 99.6% | 98.7% | 98.2% | 97.8% | 97.2% |



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