



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

Yesterday I sat down with Miss Butterworth to discuss our plans for the Queen's Jubilee. As well as our special lunch menu on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our Platinum Jubilee Event in the afternoon. Children will be coming to school in Red, White and Blue and we will spend the afternoon celebrating outside (please be sunny!), playing traditional British sports, having a mini picnic courtesy of the LPPA and holding our celebration assembly. It should be great fun.

Having talked about this, I thought it would be useful to share some other key dates for the term as it is a busy one.

Monday 9 May	SATS week Year 6
Wednesday 11 May	Year 1 trip – Barleylands
Tuesday 17 May	BMX Academy Year 5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Freshwater Theatre Company
Tuesday 24 May	Year 4 trip – Gunpowder Mills
Thursday 26 May	EYFS Workshop – Expressive arts & design
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Event
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term
Tuesday 7 June	Bikeability Year 6 this week – Tues/Weds/Thurs & Fri
Wednesday 15 June	Reception trip – Boydells Dairy Farm
Wednesday 15 June	LPPA Quiz night to be confirmed??
Monday 20 June	Bikeability Year 6 – Mon/Tues
Tuesday 21 June	Sports Day - Reception Yr 1 and Yr 2
Wednesday 22 June	Sports Day – Years 3 to 6
Thursday 23 June	Year 3 trip – Colchester Castle
Monday 27 June	Year 6 trip – Mersea Island all week
Thursday 30 June	Year 5 trip – Kentwell Hall
Thursday 7 July	Year 2 Trip Hyde Hall
Thursday 14 July	Sunflower competition closes
Saturday 16 July	LPPA Picnic in Park
Monday 18 July	Celebration evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 19 July	Discos
Wednesday 20 July	Don Rae Workshop Year 6
Thursday 21 July	Last day term

### Key Stage 2 SATs

Next week sees the return of Year 6 SATs. All year 6 children in the country will be taking these again for the first time since 2019. Our children have been working hard and the SATs are just a snapshot of how they are doing in reading, maths and grammar as they move on to secondary school. They also give their new schools an idea of where they are. They are important and the children want to do well and I'm sure they will – their great attitudes and the fantastic teaching



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over the years will ensure that. I know exams and tests can cause children anxiety, but we always tell them to try their best and they will be fine, we are very proud of them all.

## Homework

We have a very simple policy around homework at Larchwood. There are 2 things to do. Read with your child every day and learn number facts or times tables. These things little and often mean children leave Larchwood having mastered the basic skills. Not doing these means they are at a disadvantage. One of the great ways to learn times tables is to use Times Tables Rock Stars. This is used with children from Year 3 and the expectation is that Year 3 to 5 (Year 6 have different things to do) go online and use this 3 times a week. If you can't get online, there are paper copies children can take home, but we do expect them to be doing it.

## Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Predator	Drama	Draft	Foundation	Emerge	Regulate	Indicate



## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Jack in 6S for demonstrating the value of perseverance.



## Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Millie	Markus	Maya	Freya	Elsie-Mae	Aaryan	Anne
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Ralph	Lillie-Mai	Freddie	Amelia	Emilia	Ruby	Mel



## Reading at Home

No reading figures this week as it was a 4 day week.



## Weekly Attendance

Well done 3C excellent attendance this week.

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Tuesday 3rd May 2022

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Class	3C	4D	4S	6S	2B
Attendance	99.2%	98.6%	97.5%	97.1%	96.6%



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