



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

We are now just two weeks away from the end of the school year and there are certain events that always happen at this time of year. We have already had two really successful sports days and just yesterday we had 2 amazing performances of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies by Year 6 to their families and friends. As you will see from the Diary Dates on the next page, there are still lots of things happening right up to the last day of term when we finish with Larchwood's Got Talent – auditions are currently in full swing.

Sunflower Competition

The annual sunflower competition entries need to be in by the end of Thursday 13th July. The competition first took place in 2013 so this is now firmly a Larchwood tradition.

Please send in your entries via twitter or direct to the school email address: office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk The photos should display the sunflower with the height measured from the top of the soil to the top of the plant. The easiest way to do this is to put a tape measure upright next to the image so that we can clearly see the measurements, with the children standing next to the flower. Please also state your child's name and class.

There will be a trophy for the tallest sunflower in each year group and a trophy for the overall winner. The winner will also get their name on the sunflower honours board near the office. You will be able to see this when you come in for the celebration evening on 17th July. There is also a staff competition this year which Mrs Carter is still the firm favourite for.

We are looking forward to seeing your photos from now!

Staff Changes

At the end of the school year we often have to say farewell to some staff as well as some children. Miss Dow, who teaches in Year 5 is moving to another school locally. Miss Dow has been with us for 4 years and has led the development of Art and DT across the school as well as led on our Active travel. We thank her and wish her well in her new role.

Miss Butterworth, who teaches in Year 4, is also moving on, to pursue other opportunities outside of teaching. Miss Butterworth has been our history lead over the last 2 years and has been at the forefront of the excellent changes we have made to make our history curriculum. Good luck in your new role.

Two of our LSAs are moving on. Miss Dyer, who has been with us for 7 years, has taken a job nearer home. She now has a long commute each day and this role suits her and her family.



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She joined us when the current Year 6 joined the school as an LSA in their class, so will have touched the lives of children across the school. Mr Bagwell, who works in Year 4 is also leaving us to focus on his music tuition work. Thank you to both of you for your hard work.

We also have two new teachers joining us in September. Miss Tregunno is an experienced teacher working in Havering and Miss Paxton is an experienced teacher who has worked in outer London and Brentwood. They are both excellent additions to the school and you will be able to meet them both at the celebration evening on 17th July. Welcome both of you.

Sports News

We have once again been awarded the Gold PE mark as a school. This is the 4th year we achieved this for our PE provision. It means we can go for Platinum next year. Well done Miss Pirie and the rest of the team.

In other sports news we have also been successful in our bid to get a new football kit for the girl's team through Premier League School Stars. Well done Mr Collins-Duncan.

Gifts and Hospitality

The Discovery Educational Trust (DET) recently approved a new Gifts and Hospitality Policy for all of its staff which I have been asked by the Trust to highlight to parents. On occasions, parents and children will buy a small gift for their teachers to say thank you for their hard work. I must stress this is never expected, but always appreciated and staff are able to accept these as long as their value is below £25 or if parents join together to buy a gift, this can be more than £25 as long as it works out as no more than £25 per parent. The policy can be found [here](#).

As I said above, a gift is never expected, we do this job because we enjoy it.



Diary Dates

Monday 10 th July	Year 6 Mersea Residential
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 2 trip to Thorndon
Wednesday 12 th July	New Reception transition Morning 9:30-11:30
Thursday 13 th July	Year 5 trip to Colchester Zoo
Friday 14 th July	Reports sent home
Monday 17 th July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday 18 th July	Move up morning
Tuesday 18 th July	New Reception transition Morning 9:30-11:30
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Wednesday 19 th July	End of Year Discos
Friday 21 st July	Larchwood's Got Talent
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Sarah-May in 6R for demonstrating the value of responsibility.



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Reading at Home

No reading numbers this week due to trips and some classes being closed.



Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 3rd July

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	95.5%	97.9%	98.9%	95.1%	98.4%	97.7%	87.2%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95.8%
Attendance	93%	99.2%	91.4%	95.7%	97.2%	95.7%	98%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4B	1A	2BC



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	94.6%	93.8%	95.1%	94.5%	95.4%	96.2%	94.1%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	95.1%
Attendance	96.5%	95.6%	95.3%	94.7%	96.1%	93.9%	95%	

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