



Friday 19th April 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It doesn't feel like we have only been back to school for a week as so much has happened in school in just 5 days. The children have settled back into our routines quickly and they have shared lots of learning that has taken place already.

Exciting news! Firstly, I am sure you will extend your congratulations to Mr Webb, who has shared some fantastic news with us, he and his wife are expecting a baby. The children have been told today and they are all excited for him. If they tell you this news – it is true! We look forward to updating you all in due course.

The second piece of exciting news is that the Trust are running their annual sunflower growing competition. This year will be an inter-school competition. Mr Duff, our CEO, introduced this competition to Larchwood originally eleven years ago and then to Hogarth last year, and we are excited to join this year. We are now entering the competition to grow the tallest sunflower between the schools. I'm sure Kelvedon Hatch will emerge triumphant! On Monday the children will be bringing home a pot containing some soil and two sunflower seeds that will hopefully grow really tall (so we will know if different seeds are used). The pots are fully biodegradable and the soil is peat free. The rules are simple. Grow the tallest sunflower you can and submit photographic evidence of how tall your sunflower is, via the office email address, by the 18th July. There will be a trophy for the tallest sunflower and a trophy for the overall winner across the Trust. There will also be a staff competition which will undoubtedly be equally competitive!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

Monday 22nd April – Sunflower Competition begins

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May – 8am – Year 6 SATS breakfast and SATS week

Wednesday 22nd May – Year 3 School Trip

Thursday 23rd May – Year 2 School Trip

Monday 27th May - 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 4th-7th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

Monday 10th -14th June – Phonics Check Week

Monday 10th -14th June – Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 19th- 21st June – Year 5 Residential

Tuesday 9th July – Sports Day

Thursday 18th July – Reserve Sports Day and Sunflower Competition ends

Tuesday 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of the Summer Term.

Wednesday 24th July –2nd September – Summer Holidays

Tuesday 3rd September – Autumn Term 2024/2025 starts



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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.3%	90.8%	95.3%	93.6%	94.5%	96.8%	95.0%	94.3%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 5	Year 2	Year 6



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Yearly Attendance – from 6th September

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Attendance	94.8%	91.6%	93.5%	90.2%	94.9%	89.4%	91.9%	92.4%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4	Reception	Year 2



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelia	Archie	Maxwell C	Ethan S	Oscar	Teddy F	Lorenzo



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Mary in Year 4 for achieving the Headteacher's Award this week for showing great maturity and kindness in all that she does. Well done, keep up the good work!



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the NHS.

School clubs need to be paid for before attending.

We wish Mrs Fletcher luck in the Marathon this weekend where she is raising money for Saint Catherine's Hospice.

To support her, please follow the link here.



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Learning Links

Year R – This week EYFS started off their ocean topic by reading *The Rainbow Fish*. We have been focusing on sharing and how our friends may feel about our actions. We have also been creating beautiful fish by collaging using tissue paper and shiny scales. In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers within 13, more specifically learning about part-whole models.

Year 1 - Year 1 were basking in the sunshine this Wednesday during Forest School and built a swing, made 'seed bombs' and produced some framed artwork using sticks and twigs. We made popcorn which also allowed us to talk about some aspects of Science. They have just finished measures of mass and volume too and should be able to explain the difference between 'capacity' and 'volume'. We've continued writing poetry and they have written some lovely poems about themselves. We sculpted trees during Art and are hoping to finish these next week.

Year 2 - It is so lovely to have everyone back after the break. Already this week Year 2 have been busy with their new topics. In Maths we have started to look at fractions. This week we have focused on recognising and finding one half of objects and numbers. In History we have started looking at our topic of Monarchs. This will lead us into our school trip to the Tower on London which I know the children are excited for. I would like to remind you that on Wednesday 24th April we will be starting Forest School. Please remember to pack appropriate clothes.

Year 3 – Year 3 have had a great week settling back into the new term. We have started thinking about all of our new topics of the Egyptians in History and Movement and Nutrition in Science. In History we have been looking at what years the Egyptians were around, and we were quite surprised that the Ancient Egyptians fell when the Roman Empire invaded Egypt. We've also been linking the Egyptians to our reading work, through starting to read the book 'The gold in the grave'. Can your child tell you one thing that they have already found out about the Ancient Egyptians?

Year 4 - Year 4 have had a great start to the Summer Term! We have started all of our new topics for the term. In English, we have been looking at letter writing and in Maths we have started learning about decimals. Our favourite lesson this week has been Computing, we were using the micro:bits and laptops for the first time. We used all of our coding knowledge to program the micro:bits to play music, display text and images and other cool functions. Can you tell an adult at home all about it?

Year 5 – I hope you all enjoyed the 2 week Easter break and are feeling recharged! The children have come back to school ready for their last term as Year 5 students (I can't quite believe I am saying that already!) This week, the children have been introduced to lots more new topics, from explanation texts, position and direction, mixing and separating and we looked into our enquiry question in History 'Who should feature on the £10 bank note?' Before starting our research into our question, I would like you to discuss with an adult at home who you think should feature on the £10 bank note and give your reasons why. Maybe an adult can answer too.

Year 6 – The children have all come back settled and ready to learn which has been lovely to see. This week we have been learning the features of a non-chronological report in English. We are continuing with consolidating area, perimeter and volume in Maths. For PSHE this term we are concentrating on 'Being Our Best' and looking how our choices now can impact on our lives in the future. I have been extremely impressed with the children's attitude and maturity during class discussions in PHSE this week. Ask your child to describe the pathway of light that they have learnt about in their new science unit this week.



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