

# LARKSWOOD NEWS

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week at Lime Academy Larkswood this week and are really starting to get into the Christmas spirit as we recorded our Christmas CD today. The children have really enjoyed the entire experience and we have everything crossed for a Christmas number 1!

This week we had a visitor to the school called Geoff Hannan. Geoff is one of the leading providers of strategy-centred training for improving teaching and learning. He visited our classrooms and worked with children and teachers across the school - the feedback from his visit was immensely positive and he left feeling incredibly motivated by our school.

Attendance in our school is really important and needs to improve. Attendance not only means being here every day, but also on-time. Too many of the children are late every day and are missing valuable learning time. The school gates open at 8.30am and must close promptly at 8.50am. Your efforts to be here promptly are greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Brendan Plunkett  
Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE

Week 26<sup>th</sup> – 30th November

Whole school attendance – 96.1%

Whole school target-

100%

## Celebrating Attendance

Best class attendance this week goes to...

2AF 98.31 %

3YI 97.2%

Best class Punctualities this week goes to...

KS1 2AF – 1.25%

KS2 5DO – 0.45%

## EVENTS AND VISITS

Date:	Title:
03/12/18	Parent volunteer Inductions from 3.30-4.30pm
04/12/18	Parent volunteer Inductions 9.00-10.00am
05/12/18	Grow Wild School Trip RPF
05/12/18	Grow Wild School Trip RJB
06/12/18	Grow Wild School Trip RJS
12/12/18	Nasal Spray Vaccination
13/12/18	Whole School Christmas Dinner
14/12/18	School Nurse Drop in 14/12/18 from 9-10am
18/12/18	Reception Nativity 10am Parents Invited
18/12/18	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm Parents invited.
19/12/18	Rock Steady Concert – 1pm Parents invited
25/01/19	Yr 4 The Ragged Museum
28/01/19	Yr 5 Young Voices at the 02
31/01/19	Y4 4 The Ragged Museum

## TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

06/12/18	8.45-10am: KS1 Reading
13/12/18	8.45-10am: KS2 Reading
Under 5s Stay and Play – Monday 9.30-11.00am Drop in with Members of SLT – Tuesday 7.30-9.30am <b>Last session date 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>SPORTS EVENTS</b>	
Year 2 and 3 Winter Games – 04.12.18	
Year 5 and 6 Badminton Festival – 07.12.18	
KS2 Orion Harrier Invitational Cross Country – 08.12.18	

### Nativity Performance

We are excited to announce our Reception Nativity! All children will have either a speaking or singing role in the performance. We will send out this information in the next few weeks. The performance will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.



We are greatly looking forward to seeing you at this event!

Best Wishes  
The Reception Team

Parents please sign in at main reception

### Year 1 Christmas Performance

2.30pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Parents please sign in at main reception



### Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Rock steady performance in the wooden hall at 1pm  
parents will arrive at the office, please sign them in  
and support them in showing to the hall



### Class Parties

Children can look forward to a fun-filled afternoon, and the class teachers will talk to the children nearer the time about snacks they can bring in.

### Christmas Dinner

#### Reminder

**Please send your christmas dinner menu choices back to the office no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

### Thank you....

A huge thank you to the Friends of Larkwood for organising a fantastic book fair in collaboration with 'The Book people'. Thank you to the parents and carers who gave their time to make it such a success. The children really enjoyed browsing, choosing and buying their own books and were very eager to get reading. Through the book fair sales we will also be able to receive some new titles to support our reading curriculum and library- thank you for your support!

### School Games Mark Award 2017/2018

I am very pleased and proud to announce that Larkwood have been awarded the Gold Mark again for the 4th consecutive year. This is an award to celebrate our commitment and dedication to physical education and sport at school, and how we enrich the lives of the children, the parents, the staff and the wider community.

We have an amazing group of children at school who thoroughly enjoy sport, and a group of eager parents to support their child and the school in what we do - thank you to those parents who have dedicated your time in helping us attend various events and competitions last year (and this year) and to the children who participate and proudly represent the school!

As it is our 4th year of Gold, it means that we are able to apply for the Platinum Mark this year - bring it on!



### Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics

With Larkwood being the winners of this exciting competition over the past two years, we were the team to beat, and our children did not disappoint.

Sportshall Athletics is indoor athletics where each team compete in various field events (throwing and jumping) and track events (all relay), so it was vitally important that children were as prepared for this as possible. The squad were so dedicated that training commenced at the start of the year in September, and every Friday, the children attended regularly.

As it is a team event, the children showed outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship towards each other and the other schools. Cheers were called out to everyone and applause was given to all.

In the field events, we had some amazing standing triple jumps, namely two girls who jumped in excess of 6metres, and a gigantic javelin throw of 19.60m.

In the track events, we managed to win 11 out of 12 races in our heat - a very amazing achievement. However, as the competition is split into sessions, and each session has 2-3 heats for each race, no team has any idea how they have performed or where they stand overall. It is now a waiting game as Shona Gordon, our School Games Organiser, inputs the results and works out the scoring for each team in each event. Once this is done, the boys' and girls' results are combined to find out the overall winner! We shall keep our fingers crossed!

Regardless of the result, I am very proud of how the children performed. They really lived up to the school's values and competed to the best of their abilities. Well done to all.

### Policies

All of the school policies are on the website for parents to view. We kindly ask you to please take a read of the 'Dropping off and Collection' policy so that you are fully informed of what our procedures are for the beginning and end of the school day. We have the right to charge parents for any late collections and this policy will be monitored moving forward. The link for the policy is: <http://larkwoodlime.london/useful-information/policies/>

### PE KIT

Please make sure that your child has the appropriate PE Uniform for their PE lessons - please refer to the list below for what our expected PE Uniform should be:

- White academy PE t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Navy, white or grey socks
- Navy academy PE sweatshirt
- Black plimsolls / plain white trainers with non-marking soles
- Navy tracksuit bottoms and long sleeve top in colder weather
- Children who are found to not be wearing the correct PE Uniform will be given a letter to go home, reminding parents of the school's expectation.

### Parent Volunteers

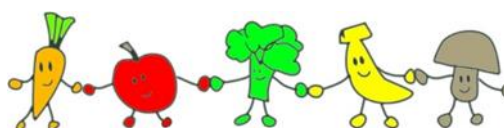
We will be hosting an information session and induction for parent who wish to be considered for volunteering in our school. The details are as follows:

**Monday 3rd December from 3.30-4.30pm & Tuesday 4th December from 9.00-10.00am**

The sessions will be led by Mr Plunkett - Headteacher, Mrs Hua - Assistant Head / Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Collison - HR Director, Lime Trust.

Please come along to either of these sessions to find out more about what it means to be a volunteer in our school.

If you're interested, please let us know which session you would like to attend with your availability by email to Rahana Hussain no later than Wednesday 28th November at [Rahana.hussain@larkwoodlime.london](mailto:Rahana.hussain@larkwoodlime.london)



*Have you had your 5 today?*