

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week at Larkwood. Despite the changeable weather, there have been plenty of opportunities for children to enjoy learning outside.

Year 3 visited Larkwood fields to become 'rock detectives', investigating rocks and soils in the local environment. Their behaviour whilst out in the local community was impeccable and the children were able to apply their science learning to their local context.

Pupils have continued to make excellent use of the new running track on the Key Stage 2 playground and are extremely proud of the improvements they have made to their fitness and stamina already! They have also made good use of the new maths markings on the playground in lessons and at play time.

Staff have been busy planting in the garden area of the Key Stage 1 playground and the children have been enjoying watering the plants and taking care of them. It is pleasing to see them taking such an interest in nature.

Please do encourage your children to take care of our outdoor environment by putting their litter in the rubbish bins provided in the playgrounds.

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Jo Open
Head of School

ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week commencing 18 April 2016

99.7% 3ED Well Done

Classes with over 96% and above:

1ND 2JG 3NB 4CR 6VB and 6RS

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks,

RCW 1LM 1ND 2MW 3ED 4FD 5ND 6RS

EVENTS, TRIPS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

2 May	Bank Holiday
4 May	Tea with the Head
5-6 May	Year 3 & 4 Cuffley Camp
11 May	Year 2 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
8 June	Year 6 Matilda
18 June	School Summer Fair
30 June	Year 6 Prom
Weekly Events....	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 5s stay and play - Mon 9:00-11:00am Drop in with Members of SLT - Tues 7:30-9:30am 	

Summer Uniform

Girls:

Dark blue gingham check dress

Dark Grey shorts, culottes

Short sleeved white collared shirt with school tie

Sensible, school appropriate black flat-soled shoes



Summer Uniform

Boys:

Dark Grey shorts

Short sleeved white collared shirt with school tie

Sensible, school appropriate black flat-soled shoes





IYC have been enjoying a forest themed makeover in their reading area this week.



The Nursery team need a top up of spare knickers / pants / socks tracker suit bottoms / leggings - if anyone has any that they wish to donate we would be grateful.



A star in the making

Rio Hanif in class 3ED is certainly a star in the making! Recently, he represent Essex in the Under 8s Inter-County Tennis Tournament, held at the Batchwood Sports Centre. Rio has progressed through the gradings in tennis and is currently a orange band player. We look forward to and support Rio in the future, and maybe one day, just maybe, we may see Rio Hanif on Centre Court at SW19!

Early morning drop off

Pupil's attending Breakfast Club and other early morning school activities should be accompanied onto the school premises through the pedestrian gate, likewise when leaving the premises following after school activities. Please do not use the vehicle gates as a pedestrian access.



Balance Bike Club

On Wednesday 27th April, Larkswood started their new Balance Bike Club. The children were taught the importance of safety with a cycling helmet, the parts of a balance bike, how to mount and dismount a balance bike and even had a go at *peddling* around the KS1 playground. Next week, the children will have more time and opportunity to use the bikes.



Mini tennis competition - year 3 and 4

12 children participated in the mini tennis competition, and were amazing ambassadors of Larkswood. They played superbly, displaying excellent team work, enthusiasm and sportsmanship! Well done Larkswood!



3JM	10 May @ 2.50pm
3NB	12 May @2.50pm



Road Safety

Please can we ask all parents and carers to be considerate at drop off and pick up times to pedestrians, other road users and our neighbours. The zig zag markings are there for our children's safety and should not be used to park or U turn. Also a reminder to ask you to use the pedestrian gates at all times and **not** the vehicle access gates.