

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Summer term. I hope you had a restful week and the weather wasn't too much of a dampener.

Luckily the sun has decided to appear this week and so can I take this time to remind you to please send your child in with a hat and a water bottle please.

There has been some fantastic trips this week, including: Year 6 and their trip to the theatre to see Matilda and Year 5 and their trip to the Queen Elizabeth hunting lodge. Their behaviour was impeccable and the trips greatly enjoyed by all.

Today we see the start of the UEFA Euro 2016 football tournament. Some of our year 3 and 4 children represented the school in a Waltham Forest Euro 2016 football competition this week, making it through to the quarter final play offs, well done. Good luck to the variety of teams our children across the school are supporting.

Best wishes,

Jo Open
Head of School

ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week commencing 23rd May

1DP 99.0% Well Done

Classes with over 96% and above:

1LM 1JA 1ND 3NB 3ED 4FD 4MW 6JM

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks,

RCW 1ND 2DW 5MC 6VB

Both 3ED and 4FD had no lates

EVENTS, TRIPS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

16 June	2DW William Morris Gallery
18 June	School Summer Fair
23 June	2JG William Morris Gallery
	2MW William Morris Gallery
30 June	Year 6 Prom
4 July	Year 6 Residential

Weekly Events....

Under 5s stay and play - Mon 9:00-11:00am

Drop in with Members of SLT - Tues 7:30-9:30am

Sun Cream

Please can we remind children to apply sun cream before coming to school and also wear a sun hat.



Simple steps to looking after yourself in the sun

- A** Avoid too much exposure to the sun, seek shade
- W** Wear sun protection clothing and a hat
- A** Apply sunscreen generously and often
- R** Regular drink water and stay hydrated
- E** Exposure to too much the sun can be harmful

Playground Safe

Please can we remind everyone that there is no riding allowed in the school playground before or after school.



Thank You for your support

Many thanks to all of you who donated monies at the tea and coffee stand during parent and carers consultation evening.



LEAP Afterschool Club Den Day

On Friday 17th June we are inviting all Afterschool Club children to build dens for Save the Children's Den Day. It's a fun way for our children to raise funds that will change children's lives, while they learn new skills and important lessons about the world around them.

We are asking the children to bring in a £2 donation to take part. The money they raise will help Save the Children make life better for children around the world who do not have a safe place to sleep at night.



Strawberries and Cream

Reception have been working very hard to take care of our plants and we have just harvested our first crop of home grown strawberries! We are looking forward to eating strawberries and cream next week!



Hunting Lodge

Year 5 had a great time at Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge this week. They had a great time being building investigators, as they learnt about how the building was constructed. They also had fun trying on traditional Tudor clothing!



YEAR 3 to 6
WE NEED YOUR HELP

CALLING ALL BUDDING BAKERS

We are looking for cakes to be baked for sale at this years School Summer Fair.

We are going with a Royal theme to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday.

If you are interested you only need to bake 3 cakes each, to be delivered to school on **Friday 17th June.**

TOMBOLA - we are still looking for suitable prizes for the tombola, if you have anything you would like to donate please do drop it into the school office by 15th June.

YEAR 1 & 2
WE NEED YOUR HELP

THEMED SWEET JARS

We are looking for creative sweet jars to be donated for sale at this years School Summer Fair.

We have three themes;
Queens 90th Birthday
Euros 2016
Olympics 2016

If you would like to contribute please drop off at the school reception on **Friday 17th June.**

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From 9.00am – 10.00am on Monday 13th June, there will be a parent drop-in session on how to use iPads effectively at home with your child. This event is being held in the blue hall.

SPORTS news

Year 3 and 4 European Football Championship

Representing Germany at the Waltham Forest Year 3 and 4 European Football Championship, Larkswood played superbly, advancing to the quarter-finals before losing 1-0 in a closely fought match against South Grove, representing Romania. The children all played magnificently under the sweltering sun and blistering heat. The team played a few more friendly matches where they showed great sportsmanship and teamwork to score some amazing goals!

Well done to all of the children who took part!

Year 1 and 2 QuadKids competition

Having watched year 3 and 4 and year 5 and 6 compete in their QuadKids event, it was the turn of the selected children in year 1 and 2. They too had to run a 400m run, a 50m sprint, throw a vortex howler and complete a standing long jump. They performed superbly, and the future is bright with a crop of talented and enthusiastic athletes coming up through the school! However, like the results from the year 3 and 4 and year 5 and 6 competition, we are still waiting for the results!

Larkswood Road to Rio

National Sports Week is taking place this year between Monday 20th June until Friday 24th June. In line with the Rio Olympics, Larkswood will be having our very own Road to Rio. Each class has been allocated a country that they will learn about, and the children are encouraged to dress accordingly for our Sports Week opening ceremony and closing ceremony.

Go-Ride Cycling Training

7 excited children received a train session from Russell Hampton, a British Cycling Go-Ride coach from Lee Valley Velodrome, in preparation for the Waltham Forest Cycle Interschool's Competition.

Russell brought along his fleet of specialist Hoy bikes, developed by the 6 x Olympic Champion, Chris Hoy. The children were taught about their use of gears for acceleration, the use of body positioning for riding (downhill, uphill and for speed) and how to use their brakes effectively.

The children had an amazing time and were beaming afterwards - they cannot wait until the competition on Friday 17th June 2016 at Leyton Jubilee Park!

The itinerary for the week will be as follows:

Monday 20th June	Opening Ceremony (am)
Tuesday 21st June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day (am) Afternoon Nursery Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 22nd June	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (am) Reception Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 23rd June	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day (am)
Friday 24th June	Morning Nursery Sports Day (am) Closing ceremony (pm)

Waltham Forest Mini Basketball Finals

Larkswood had 2 teams in the borough finals, competing against 10 other schools for the coveted spot of representing Waltham Forest at the London Youth Games.

It was a closely contested final group with the Larkswood A team progressing through to the overall final against St. Josephs and the Larkswood B team advancing to the 3rd/4th place playoff. Both matches were extremely tight - the A team were not able to repeat their achievements from last year and finished 2nd in the overall competition, and the B team performed magnificently against Chapel End to finish 3rd in the overall competition. A huge congratulations to all of the children who took part this year - achieving 2nd and 3rd in a borough wide competition with over 60 schools entering multiple teams is a huge accomplishment!