

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been 'Inspirational Maths Week' and pupils across the school have been problem solving, reasoning and investigating in their lessons. They have been learning about the value of mistakes, and to have a growth mindset when tackling challenging maths tasks.

Year 1 really enjoyed their trips to IKEA, where they have been investigating money and materials. The children got a sneak peek behind the scenes, where they learned about new materials being used at IKEA. The children even had a delicious lunch provided for them in the cafe!

We are also really pleased to have been awarded with a Gold TFL travel STARS award, as recognition of our commitment to encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.



Finally, we are extremely proud to have been awarded 'The Waltham Forest Local Organising Committee Special Award for Primary School Sport'. This prestigious award is in recognition of our amazing level of participation, successes and achievements across the school in a range of sports. I am very proud of the children and Mr Hau.

Best wishes,
Clare Reynolds

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Please do not forget to fill in and return your raffle tickets. You never know, you could be the lucky winner of this year's great prizes. Friends of Larkwood will be on the gate collecting in your tickets or selling more if you would like some. They will be there Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings next week.

The big draw will be held at the Christmas Fair on 7th December 2017.

ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week 13th – 17th Nov 2017

Whole school attendance - 96%

5KS 99.3%

Well Done!

Classes with 96% and above:

**RLW / 1MW / 2MC / 2ND / 3DW / 3ED / 3JG /
3MG / 4NB / 5CR / 5KS / 6JW / 6KP / 6BC**

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks:

**KS1 – RLW / 1MW / 2ND
KS2 – 3DW / 4NB / 5KS / 6BC**

EVENTS AND VISITS

30 th Nov	FOL Quiz Night 7.00 – 9.30pm
6 th Dec	YR6 visit to Harry Potter World
7 th Dec	FOL Christmas Fair
8 th Dec	YR1 Festive Sing-A-Long
8 th Dec	YR3 visit to Science Museum
6 th Feb	Year 5 visit to Young Voices
18 th June	Year 6 Residential / Activity week 2018

WEEKLY EVENTS

Under 5s stay and play - Monday 9.30-11.00am

Drop in with Members of SLT - Tuesday 7.30-9.30am

Frosty Mornings

With the change in the weather the playground can be frosty in the mornings so please stay safe and keep off the playscape areas and astro turf.

Wrap up Warm

Please remember to wrap up warm and bring a coat to school every day.

LBWF Feel Good Sports Awards 2017

Due to the success of last year's athletics team at Larkwood, we were nominated for the 'U11 Team of the Year' category in the prestigious Waltham Forest Sports awards. 9 members of the team attended the glitzy awards dinner with Mr Hau last week. We narrowly missed out on the 'U11 Team of the Year' to Henry Maynard's Girls Cross Country Team.

The second award of the evening was 'The Waltham Forest Local Organising Committee Special Award Primary' which is chosen by the School Games Organisers, the Local Organising Committee, made up of Joyce Guthrie, Head of Sports and Leisure in Waltham Forest, Secondary Headteachers and Primary Headteachers.

I am very proud to announce that Larkwood won this award in recognition of our consistent hard work and success. This award is based on our amazing level of participation (both for children and sports' leaders), our successes and achievements and for how far we have come in competitive sport over the past few years.

A very big thank you to all of the children who have taken part in competitions and events over the past years, to the adults within the school who have supported the children, the school office who have been fantastic in liaising between parents and school and also to the parents and carers for enabling your child to take part and often supporting on the day.

What a fantastic team effort and together we can definitely achieve more.

Inter School Cycling Competition

Larkwood attended the Lee Valley VeloPark Inter-School Cycling Competition on a mild Wednesday afternoon. It was hotly contested with 11 schools taking part. The first race was amongst each individual school, allowing the organisers to rank the children for the main races. Once completed the tiered inter schools races were held with points for every position.

Overall, Larkwood finished just outside of the medals, in 4th place. This was a real achievement as two of our children suffered mechanical difficulties in their race, however this did not dampen their mood and they gave it their all to finish their race - truly living up to our school values.

Max in Year 6 displayed amazing sportsmanship by stopping and getting off his bike to check on the welfare of a children from another school who had come off their bike - a true credit to Larkwood!

Individually, Alex in Year 6 finished as the second fastest cyclist of the day, earning himself a silver medal.

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 children who took part!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2017-18

Sign in at main reception - 2.40pm

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
28 th Nov	5JM	30 th Nov	2MC
16 th Jan	5KS	18 th Jan	2CZ
23 rd Jan	4NB		
30 th Jan	4GK		
27 th Feb	4CF	1 st Mar	1MW
6 th Mar	3DW	8 th Mar	1JA
13 th Mar	3JG	15 th Mar	1KJ
20 th Mar	3MG		
24 th Apr	3ED	3 rd May	RLB
1 st May	RLB		
8 th May	RLW	10 th May	RAE
5 th Jun	6BC	7 th Jun	6JM
12 th Jun	6JW	14 th Jun	6KP
NURSERY ASSEMBLIES			
Will be held in the Nursery Unit			
19 th Jun	Nur AM	21 st Jun	Nur PM
	9.05am		12.50pm

Leyton Orient National League Cup

Larkwood entered the Leyton Orient National League Cup Football Tournament on a rainy and dreary Saturday morning at SCORE, Leyton.

The children started positively and won their first 3 games, 2-1, 1-0 and 1-0. In our final group game, we were up against South Grove, who had proven themselves to be the team to beat in our group. The children performed magnificently, scoring early and winning the match 3-0. This meant that we were through to the semi-final where we played Churchfields, who had qualified from a very tight group. Unfortunately, we lost this match 4-0 to the eventual winners of the whole tournament as Churchfields went on to beat Chingford C of E in the final, 2-0.

Well done to the boys for another positive display of football and team spirit.



Thursday 7th December 2017

3.40 – 6.00pm

Our school Christmas Fair is coming up in two weeks. We have a special visitor from Lapland, something happening from each year group, a selection of external stallholders and a fantastic raffle to draw.

Look out for more information next week.

Tombola Prizes

We are collecting your donations for tombola prizes. Some people have kindly dropped some into the school office. Friends of Larkwood will be on the gate taking donations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week. Equally, feel free to continue dropping them into the school office.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2017

Once again we will get into the festive spirit and supporting Save the Children. On Friday 15th December 2017 the children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper / clothes in support of this charity. Suggested Donation £1.00 each.



School Christmas Dinner

Remember to book your school Christmas dinner by Friday 1st December.



Reserve Your Place at Santa's Grotto

We have had a quick word with the elves, and they have confirmed that Santa is definitely able to make the Larkwood Christmas Fair.

Tickets will be available to purchase next week. We will also be offering family slots for those with more than one child. Tickets are £5 per child. Friends of Larkwood will be on the gate selling these on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning next week.



To celebrate all your children's efforts in creating their fantastic artwork, we are busy voting for the best card in each year group. The winner from each year will receive a personalised gift from The Craft Cabin. There will also be one additional prize for 'Best Card' overall and the lucky pupil will receive a Hobbycraft voucher.

Christmas Cards for Purchase

You should now have received your child's Christmas card artwork. This art has been created into Christmas cards, gift tags and wrapping paper available to purchase online.

Just as a reminder, the final deadline for purchasing is **midnight on Monday 27th November**. All orders will then be printed and delivered to school by Tuesday 5th December.