

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very festive week at Larkswood. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Fair on Thursday, thank you to the Friends of Larkswood who put on a wonderful event. Reception presented their Nativity this week, they spoke and sang beautifully, I am sure that you are all very proud of them-I know I am. Year 1s Sing-a-long went well on Friday with again, another well attended event. I particularly liked their rendition of the 12 days of Christmas. We really appreciate your attendance at these events.

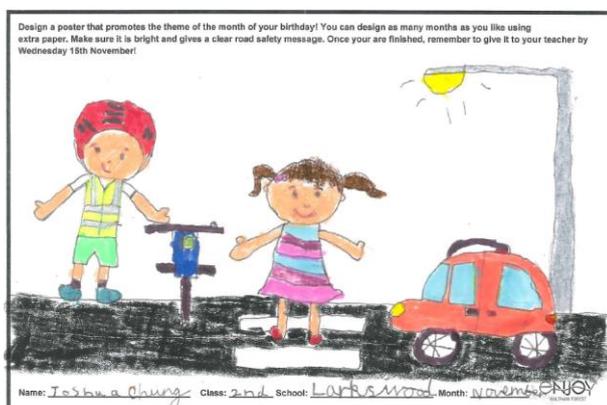
In other news, Year 6 visited Harry Potter World and Year 3 went to the Science Museum this week. Both year groups had a wonderful time and their trips really enhanced the learning taking place in class. They all had a great day.

Next week continues to be exciting as the lead up to the end of term; we have a Panto booked for the children, Christmas lunch on Tuesday and class parties. We may all need a rest by the end of next week!

Best wishes,
Clare Reynolds

Road Safety Winner

Following the recent LBWF Road Safety Calendar Competition we are really pleased to announce that Joshua in YR2 had his entry chosen as one of the winners. Joshua's design will be on the front cover of next year's Road Safety Calendar.



Well done Joshua - your design is brilliant and demonstrates a perfect example of road safety!

ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week 27th – 1st Dec 2017

Whole school attendance – 92.2%

6JW 98.5%

Well Done!

Classes with 96% and above:

1JA / 2MC / 4GK / 5CR / 5JM / 6JW

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks:

KS1 – RLW / 1MW / 2MC

KS2 – 3ED / 4GK / 5JM / 6KP

EVENTS AND VISITS

12 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
13 th Dec	M&M Production Panto
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



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2017

Once again we will be getting 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.



To ensure the children's safety and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, please ensure if you drive to school that you respect the zig zags and give consideration and courtesy to residents when you park your car. Thank You

Fashion Star of the Future

We are very proud to share that one of our children, Jaya in Year 3, has won a national t-shirt design competition for GAP. Jaya entered a competition to design a print depicting 'what kindness meant to her'. She was one of 3 winners, out of over 5,000 entries, and money raised by the sale of the t-shirts will go to the Princess Diana Award to empower children to stand up to bullying.



YR5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

With the Year 5 and 6 Athletics team at Larkswood being the current Borough champions, there was a lot of expectation of the children this year, and they did not disappoint. After weeks of training the team, made up of 15 girls and 12 boys, arrived at Peter May Centre to put down their marker. As the competition is held over 4 different sessions, there was no way of knowing which school had won until all of the performances had been compiled and compared. However, winning every single race, both boys and girls, meant that we were in a strong position, coupled with outstanding performances in the Field Events, meant that we were one of the schools to beat.

After a long tense fortnight of waiting, the results were released, and I am proud to announce that Larkswood are once again the Borough champions - well done to all of the children who took part. We won in the girls' category, boys' category and the combined category - a fantastic achievement by all.

Larkswood are now through to the next round, competing against the winning school from Camden, City of London, Hackney, Haringey, Enfield, Islington, Westminster and Redbridge. This will take place at the Harrow Leisure Centre on Friday 23rd February 2018. Come on Larkswood!

A very proud Mr Hua said "in all my years of running Athletics Clubs, I have never seen a team as united as the one we have, a team where every child is extremely strong at their event and I am impressed by the amount of determination and aspiration shown by the children on a regular basis".

Year 3 and 4 First Step Netball

Larkswood took part in the Year 3 and 4 First Step Netball Competition held at Rushcroft Foundation on Monday 4th December. Two teams played a total of 7 games, winning 6 and narrowly losing their last game 2-0. In fact, the two points conceded in the last game were the only points that the opposition could score during the entire afternoon!

There were some amazing performances by all of the children - outstanding team work being shown, children passing and moving, defending brilliantly, intercepting lots of passes and creating a lot of shooting and scoring opportunities. Overall, a fantastic afternoon by all! Come on Larkswood!



KS1 Sportshall Athletics

Two teams participated in the KS1 Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Peter May Centre. This was an event organised to introduce children into the competitive sports of athletics - children had to compete in a combination of running, throwing, co-ordination and agility events. They performed brilliantly, scoring the highest score of the day on the javelin throw.

Overall, the teams finished in 15th and 23rd place out of 40 teams - a great achievement, considering that many of the children will never have done these events before! Well done Larkswood!

Change of Meal Pattern

The deadline to change your child's meal pattern for the January to February half term period is **15th December 2017.**