

LARKSWOOD NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and what a busy week it has been at Larkwood to kick start our second Spring half term!

Year 1 have become experts in looking after pets and have created a leaflet to teach others. Other year groups have enjoyed getting their teeth into their new whole class text; Year 4 have started reading *Street Child* by Bernie Doherty and Year 6 have started reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne.

In other news, Year 4 visited *The Ragged School Museum* in Mile End to experience the day in the life of a 'poor' or 'ragged' Victorian child in the East End, at the largest free school that was open from 1877 to 1908.

Next week is Book Week and the Scholastic Book Fair has already been delivered! Children will be viewing the quality books with their classes and can purchase them on their allocated day. The book fair will also be open to Year 6 families during their Parents Evening next week, to be held Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March by appointment.

Best wishes,
Clare Reynolds

Year 4 Ragged School Museum

Year 4 had an amazing time at the Ragged School Museum this week. They learnt all about what life would have been like for a poor Victorian family, living in a one roomed Victorian home in East London.

The children were given the opportunity to have a unique, hands on experience at trying out chores that real life Victorian children would have done. They heard about the history of the Ragged School and saw images and artefacts from this era. Not only that, the children travelled back in time and actually became Victorian children in the classroom, taking on the role of a Ragged School Scholar with their self-chosen Victorian name. Miss Perkins was superb as the very strict teacher as she taught them the three Rs; Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic.

The children were wonderfully behaved as they immersed themselves into the experience. We look forward to continuing our Victorian learning through our literacy book study of 'Street Child'.

ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week 5th – 9th Feb 2018

Whole school attendance – 94.4%

6JW 98.9%

Well Done!

Classes with 96% and above:

**RLW / 1KJ / 1MW / 2ND /
4CF / 6JW**

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks:

**KS1 – 2ND/ 1KJ / 1MW
KS2 – 6JW / 4CF / 6BC**

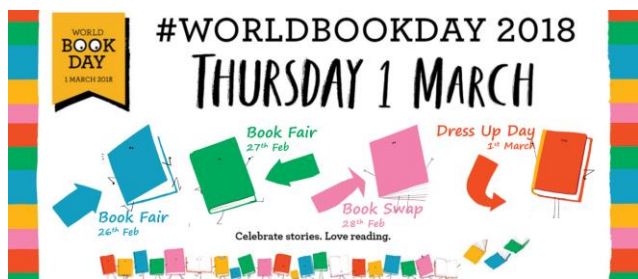
EVENTS AND VISITS

23 rd & 2 nd Mar	Book Week
13 th June	Year 6 visit to Matilda the Musical
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





Year 6 Prom Committee

We are looking for Parent and Carer volunteers to help support with the Year 6 Leavers Prom.

The Prom will be held in July and, in the run up to the main event, we will also need support in arranging fund raising activities and events.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please email;

school@larkwoodlime.london

CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2017-18			
Sign in at main reception - 2.40pm			
TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
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

Attendance Matters

There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment within children. Whatever the reason, the fact is if your child is absent from school they are missing out on learning time.

Our aim is for all children to achieve 100% attendance and arrive on time every day. Children should be lining up with their class by 8.40am, to start learning at 8.45am.

Punctuality

It is important that your child arrives at school on time every day. Arriving late to school can be unsettling for your child and also disrupts the class and their learning. The school gates close at 8.50am, children arriving after this time must go to the school office and will be marked as late.

Reporting Absence

Parents/carers are responsible for informing the school of any absence in advance of the start of the school day. When leaving messages on the absence line please confirm your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

Medical Appointments

Where possible all medical appointments should be made out of school hours.

When this is not possible the school must be informed in advance and evidence must be provided. Please keep the amount of time missed from school to a minimum.

If medical evidence (appointment card / letter) is not provided the school will mark the appointment as unauthorised leave.

Exceptional Leave Request

All requests for leave during school time must be made to the Headteacher in writing. These are rarely authorised, except in exceptional circumstances.

There are 190 days in a school year, leaving 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

