

# LARKSWOOD NEWS

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today it has been amazing to see so many children dressed up as book characters. Thank you for the effort you have put in to this. There have been some very imaginative outfits.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations children have had great fun doing buddy reading today. Older children have shared books with younger children throughout the school and it has been brilliant to see the children come together in partnership. This afternoon children also got the opportunity to listen to a different teacher reading a favourite story as part of a teacher swap!



Thank you for all your support in the last couple of weeks through donations to our book swap and by purchasing books from the book fair. There is a real buzz around the school about books and reading! Please continue to share an interest in books with your children at home and read with them daily. All children have been given a £1 book voucher so that they can purchase a book from a local book store.

Best wishes,  
Clare Reynolds

## Sports Hall Athletics Regional Final

Larkwood's Athletics Team, proudly represented Waltham Forest against 6 other schools from different London Boroughs, for a chance to qualify for the School Games Final to be held at Crystal Palace Athletics centre.

The children got off to a flying start, winning 3 of the first 4 races. Throughout the competition, all of the children showed outstanding sportsmanship, impressive competitive mentality and superb support for all of the individuals who took part.

When the final results were announced, all of our children erupted in celebration as we finished 2nd on the day and now qualify for the School Games Final to be held Thursday 22nd March 2018. An amazing performance for all of the children who took part - come on Larkwood!

## ATTENDANCE CONGRATULATIONS

Week 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Whole school attendance – 88.8%

**4GK 94.4%**

**Well Done!**

Classes with 96% and above:  
Attendance was effected by the  
serve weather conditions

## Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks:

KS1 – RAE / RLB / 1JA / 2ND/

KS2 – 4CF / 5KS / 6KP

## EVENTS AND VISITS

19 <sup>th</sup> March	YR6 Bake Sale – KS2
20 <sup>th</sup> March	YR6 Bake Sale – KS1
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to Lion King the Musical
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Matilda the Musical
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential / Activity week 2018

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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



## Whole School Attendance

One of our key priorities is to improve the whole school attendance.

Attendance really does matter and there is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment within children.

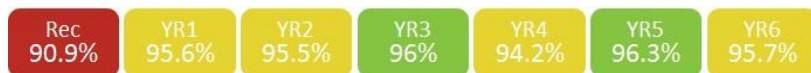
Whatever the reason, the fact is if your child is absent from school they are missing out on learning time.

There are 190 days in a school year, leaving 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things. Our aim is for all children to achieve 100% attendance.

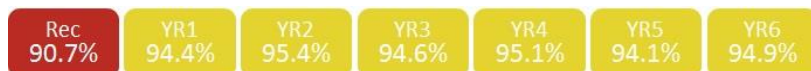
We are engaging in a number of new initiatives to encourage improvement in our whole school attendance. Below is an attendance summary by year group from the start of the academic year and our first challenge to all the children is to help turn their year groups green.



Spring 1 whole school attendance



Autumn Term whole school attendance



We need all children, parents and carers to help us to turn our attendance green throughout the school.



## Quickstick Hockey Competition

Two teams bravely took on the blisteringly cold weather to compete in the Borough Quickstick Hockey Competition. With 41 teams taking part, it was one of the largest competitions organised across Waltham Forest.

With minimal training, the children performed brilliantly, scoring some decisive goals and making some last ditch tackles. We are extremely proud of both teams enthusiasm, performance and team work!

As well as the competition taking place, we also had the chance to meet Emily Defroand, a England international hockey star - she was kind enough to sign a hockey stick for the school.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2017-18			
Sign in at main reception - 2.40pm			
TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
13th Mar	3JG	15th Mar	1KJ
20th Mar	3MG	22nd Mar	1MW
24th Apr	3ED	3rd May	RLB
1st May	RLB		
8th May	RLW	10th May	RAE
5th Jun	6BC	7th Jun	6JM
12th Jun	6JW	14th Jun	6KP
NURSERY ASSEMBLIES			
Will be held in the Nursery Unit			
19th Jun	Nur AM 9.05am	21st Jun	Nur PM 12.50pm