

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fun and productive week with assessments across the school and immersive workshops as part of science week.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: The Nursery children had a wonderful time taking part in Science Week this week. They explored the life cycles of hens, beans, and humans, tried their hand at pond dipping, and even learned how to make butter!

Reception: It has been a great week embracing all things scientific. The children have really developed their skills of enquiry, their scientific language and their ability to sort and classify. This week Reception have also been doing a big write for the story 'The Little Red Hen' and working on composition to 10 in Maths.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have enjoyed the activities for science week taking part in a workshop "floaty boats" where the children put on their science hats and used buoyant materials to save the animals from a flooded zoo by making rafts! We also took a short walk to the local secondary school to take part in a dance festival. The children worked incredibly hard to learn a short routine and perform this to other local schools too. The children were very proud of their achievement and represented the school brilliantly during the event and whilst walking to and from school. Well done Year 1 a fantastic week of learning.

Year 2: Year 2 have been absolute superstars this week, showing incredible resilience and focus during their end-of-term assessments. Beyond their hard work, they've loved exploring the bold world of Georgia O'Keeffe and had a brilliant, messy start to Science Week with Monday's hands-on slime workshop. It's been a perfect blend of determination and creativity!

Year 3: Year 3 showed fantastic resilience during assessment week and worked very hard. In maths, we continued making progress in our unit on capacity and mass. In English, the class worked together to write a brilliant persuasive letter, with some fantastic contributions from everyone. In RE, we discussed the Last Supper, and in PSHE we talked about how to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. We also finished our Scandinavia unit and have been enjoying hockey with Mrs Cook and French with Madam Worthington. Well done for another great week, Year 3!

Year 4: This week, pupils have had a busy week! On Monday, pupils took part in a science workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed. In science, we then explored teeth, learning that they come in different sizes for different roles. Pupils also looked at how different animals have different types of teeth depending on what they eat. They had fun moving around the room identifying the different types of teeth on images of skulls and guessing which animals the skulls belonged to. In English, pupils have been writing their own sets of instructions, and it has been interesting to see the variety of pieces produced, such as *How to Raise Your Own Phoenix*, *How to Win the World Cup*, and *How to Host Your Own Alien Party!*

Year 5: Have been developing their artistic knowledge of oil pastels, learning new techniques that can be applied to their art pieces to add more texture and movement. In English, we have started looking at Acrostic poetry, exploring a poem inspired by a Raven. Year 5 have been really focused and resilient during assessment week, showcasing their excellent knowledge in SPAG, Reading and Maths. Well done Year 5!

Year 6: This week in Art, Year 6 have been studying the work of Claude Monet and experimenting with techniques to imitate his style. They planned and developed ideas for their final piece inspired by Monet and have now begun creating their own artwork based on his work.

Looking Ahead...

Click [here](#) for the full calendar.

- 17th and 18th March—Book Fair (after school)
- 18th March Voice in a Million—Yr 5 and 6 pupils @ Wembley Arena
- 20th March—Yr 1 trip to Amersham Field Centre
- 23rd-27th March Yr 5 Bikeability
- 25th March—Yr 4 releasing trout
- 25th—26th March—Parents' Evening in school.
- 27th March—Spring term ends, school finishes at 2pm
- 15th April—Children return to school. summer term begins.

To do this week ...

- Please report any parking issues on Oakington Avenue using the following link <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> if you include photos then the Police can action it.
- Remember to visit the school book fair next week!

Premier Education update:

Please [click here](#) for the weekly announcement from Premier Education.

Premier also run local holiday clubs—further info can be found by following [this link](#).



Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Ben (Rec), Anna (Yr 1), Pari (Yr 2), Olivia (Yr 3), Aryana-Zainab (Yr 4), Charlie (Yr 5) and Anaya (Yr 6)** who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Travel tracker: We have seen a rise in active journeys this week with Reception reaching the top of the leader board with an impressive 91%. An active journey can be walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride. Active journeys set your child up for a productive and focused day.



Weekly Winners

Year R	91%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	85%
Year 4	83%
Year 5	82%
Year 6	80%
Year 3	79%

Attendance Last Week:

13th Mar

Year 6	99.4%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 5	97.2%
Year R	95.4%
Year 3	94.0%

Whole School: 96.1%

Attendance: Well done to **Year 6** for achieving the best attendance again this week with an excellent 99.4%. Strong attendance is a legal requirement as well as crucial to obtain strong academic and social progress. Thank you to all our families for their assistance in this important matter this week.

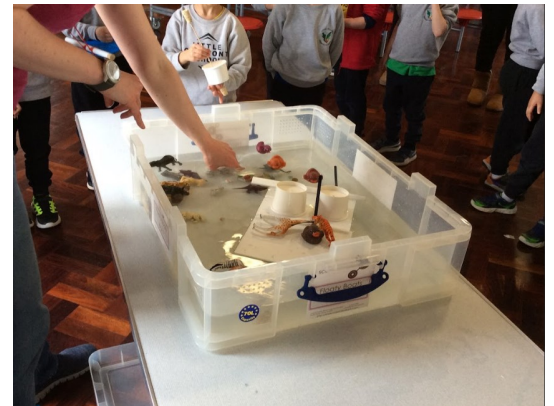
Dojo Points

(house points are awarded at the end of each half term: 1st = 5, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, 4th = 1)

1,696	1,363	1,605	1,578
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

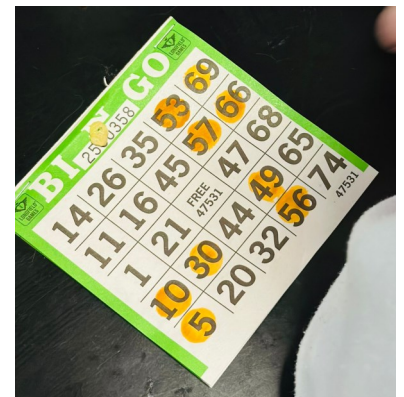
Science Week: Science Week has been an absolute blast this year, with the whole school buzzing with experiments and new discoveries. Children in Years 2–6 had a fantastic time with Sublime Science, getting stuck into some seriously fun (and occasionally messy!) workshops.

Reception and Year 1 were visited by the team from Science Oxford who lead some brilliant hands-on sessions; Reception had a great time building Air Powered Mice, while Year 1 put their engineering skills to the test with Floaty Boats. To top off an already exciting week, Nursery welcomed some very special new arrivals—their duckling eggs have been delivered and are now tucked up in the incubator. We have all been on "hatch watch"!



Usborne Book Fundraising: We have received a very generous donation of £350 towards our Usborne book fund by Lydia Alty, a local resident who is a British YouTuber, Royal Journalist, Campaigner and a member of The D-Day Juniors. She has been featured on ITV News, Greatest Hits Radio and Sky News Radio all for her Anti Bullying work. As well as a Campaigner, Lydia is known for her YouTube channels. If you would like to donate please click [here!](#)

PTA Bingo Night: A big thank you to everyone who joined us for last week's PTA Bingo Night! Between the frantic dabbing and the nail-biting wait for that one final number, it was a fantastic evening of community spirit and friendly competition. We are thrilled to announce that, after all costs were settled, the event raised over £650.



Year 1 Dance Festival: Year 1 had a fantastic time at DCHS for the annual dance festival, learning new dances and sharing performances with other schools.

School Book Fair: Next week we will be hosting a book fair after school on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March. Representatives from the Chorleywood Bookshop will be bringing a large selection of children's books. Pop along and see what's on offer!

Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



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DSL & Headteacher



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Deputy DSL & SENCo



Mrs West
Deputy DSL & AHT

If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 383962
If your concern involves a DSL, contact Chair of Governors, Simon Barrett or the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01296 382070
In danger is imminent, contact the police on 101 (999 for an emergency)



No mobile phones
No photography

Please keep phones out of sight
whilst on school property





LAWFORDS

Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above):

British Science Week www.britishecienceweek.org and there's lots going on in the edible garden which gives us a chance to explore and experience science happenings close up and personal! This week - the magic of seeds and closing the whole circle of a plant lifecycle!

Brilliant beans were brought to life with Nursery and Year 2 in Wednesday's sunny edible garden - looking at the dried up pods picked and saved from last years French "Blue Lake" beans. The children got hands on to break up the crispy pods and find the shiny smooth hard and white bean seeds inside. Are they dry and dead or dormant and almost alive? Are the beans the end or the beginning? How long will they last like that? How can we prepare and eat them? Or what do they need to make them come to life and grow a beanstalk again...and flower...and be pollinated...and grow more beans?



Before the sunlight and carbon dioxide the plants will need, seeds must have warmth, water, soil and oxygen - so we planted them in little pots to go on classroom windowsills, tended by the children until they germinate. Watch out for the little green shoots!



Our new polytunnel got its first taste of class hosting on Thursday, being a great place to keep out of the wind and the rain with flyaway materials, whilst still being "outside" amongst Spring sounds of birdsong, blustery breezes and showers on the canopy.

Year 3 pored over all our saved seeds from last year - so many similarities and differences between their seedheads and seed forms: pellet-like peas, big chunky beans, wrinkly nasturtiums, umbrella-esque carrots, spherical and feathery nigella, lantern physalis, stripy sunflower, thin tagetes and curly calendula and more. We picked out to sow some of our pollinator friendly flowering plants for the year - marigolds, chamomile and nigella - to help attract pollinating insects to the flowers of our edibles, and ensure they will be fertilised by the friendly flying bugs to make fruit and vegetables for harvest. No pollinators, no crops...

Finally Year 1 came to wrap up to take home their autumn planted muscari / grape hyacinth bulb pots, just as the green stems are poking their way up from the earth. They might not look very promising now to the Mums they might find their way to on Sunday, but please do be patient and keep them in a sunny place and they will reward you with some gorgeous blue tabletop flowers in due course! (And if you plant them out in the garden after flowering they will come back year after year until those little children are happily grown too!)



Thank you for your support,

Grateful and undaunted,
Mr Hacking