

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another extraordinary week of enriched learning. Thank you parents for solid attendance and supporting our curriculum adventures!

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: Our focus story this week was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We used this as a fun resource to develop our maths sequencing skills, ordering the caterpillar's snacks by the days of the week. We also enjoyed revisiting our science learning, talking all about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Reception: have completed their writing this week retelling the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. I am so pleased with the focus, resilience and stamina they have shown. They have also been busy planting in the edible garden with Mrs Tate and developing their understanding of the life cycle of the caterpillar.

Year 1: have continued using the familiarising themselves with the story of Pinocchio. We have been busy text mapping the story to help us remember the key events at the beginning, middle and end. The children have also been exploring the history of toys where we have compared toys from older generations to newer more modern types. In science, the children created their own material boards and described the properties of each material. In PE we have been developing our ball control and balance to help us learn the skills we need in Tennis and the children have also enjoyed planting rainbow chard with Mrs Tate in the edible garden. Another super week, Year 1!

Year 2: have been busy drafting wonderful recounts of our recent trip to the Roald Dahl Museum, practicing their use of past tense and time connectives to bring their memories to life. In Maths, we have mastered the difference between unit and non-unit fractions, while in Art, the children showcased fantastic focus and fine motor skills by creating intricate paper weaving patterns. Well done on a week of hard work and creativity, Year 2!

Year 3: have had an exciting week, finishing *Finn Family Moomintroll* and sharing thoughtful reviews of the book. In English, we started writing our own instructions and especially enjoyed the jam sandwich lesson! In PE, the children have been excellent team players while developing their racket and bat skills in tennis and cricket. Madam Worthington has also been very impressed with Year 3's French pronunciation and their growing vocabulary of animal names. Well done on another fantastic week, Year 3!



Year 4: This week in science, pupils explored electrical appliances and how they improve our everyday lives. They then had the exciting opportunity to design and invent their own electrical appliances that could benefit people in the future. I was incredibly impressed by their creativity, as well as their carefully drawn diagrams and detailed annotations explaining how their inventions work. In English, we continued our suspense story topic. As a class, we worked together to write a piece about two children exploring an eerie cave.

Year 5: Have been writing the innovative newspaper on the Battle of Britain, using relative clauses and bias to create a report that boosts British morale. In History, we explored the bombings in Dresden and we investigated the impact of this on Britain and Germany. Year 5 have been doing really well at analysing sources and reaching conclusions based on evidence. Well done on another great week!

Year 6: have been exploring Chapter 3 of *The Girl of Ink and Stars* in Guided Reading, developing their skills in summarising key events and answering a range of comprehension questions. They also focused on a linked grammar task, helping to strengthen their understanding of language choices and how they enhance meaning within the text.

Looking Ahead...

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

- 4th May Bank Holiday—school closed
- 5th May Year 2 Games @DCHS
- 6th May Year 1 Toy Workshop
- 11th May Year 4 Trip to Roman Museum (St Albans)
- 11-14th May—Yr 6 SATs
- 15th May PTA Quiz Night @LCPS
- 18th May Rec Seaside Workshop Day
- 19th May Year 5 Homefront Workshop Day
- 22nd May Half term (usual finish time)
- 2nd—5th June—Yr 6 Residential
- 8-11th June Yr 1 Phonics screening
- 8th June Yr 3/4 Maths challenge
- 11th June Yr 4 athletics @DCHS
- 12th June Class photos
- 16-17th June—Yr 6 production
- 26th June Sports Day
- 3rd July Yr 2 London Eye Trip
- 7th July Yr 6 Transition Day

To do this week ...

- Bank holiday Monday—school closed
- Tuesday—Yr 2 games @ DCHS
- Wednesday—Yr 1 Toy workshop
- Please bring full water bottle and sunhat to school. It would be advisable to take hay fever medication (if applicable) before school and apply sun cream.

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](#).

Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Hacking
DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee
Deputy DSL & SENCO



Mrs West
Deputy DSL & AHT

If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 38966
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



Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to Ansh (Rec), Asli (Yr 1), Syon (Yr 2), Emma and Ojas (Yr 3), Sai (Yr 4), Josh (Yr 5) and Arya (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Weekly Winners

Year R	94%
Year 1	90%
Year 4	86%
Year 2	85%
Year 6	82%
Year 5	81%
Year 3	74%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week. Well done **Reception** for topping the leader board this week with an impressive **94%** of active journeys. An active journey can be walk, scooter, cycle or park and stride. Active journeys set your child up for a productive and focused day.

In addition, we are (still) topping the Buckinghamshire leader board—a great achievement from our families

Attendance: Well done to **Year 6** for achieving the best attendance this week with an excellent **99.7%**. **Let's try and keep up these impressive figures all term if we can!** 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.

Attendance Last Week:

1st May

Year 6	99.7%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 5	95.7%
Year R	94.8%
Year 3	94.7%

Whole School: 96.7%

Dojo Points

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

1148	946	991	1113
2nd= Burton 6 pts	2nd= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 9 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

Walkabout Evening: We will be hosting our Annual Walkabout Evening on **July 15th 3.30pm-5.30pm**. This will be an opportunity to view a showcase of all your children's work over the last year as well as see a short presentation from your child's new class teacher. All parents welcome!

KS2 Annual Music event: We will be hosting our Annual Music extravaganza evening on **Thursday 11th June 4pm-7pm**. This is an annual event where your children can perform a piece of music to the parent audience. It's an event that in previous years has had up to 70 children performing and is a brilliant opportunity for the children to showcase their skills. All levels welcome. A Google form was sent out last Friday from Ms Lomas where you can register your interest. It will be done on a **first come first served basis** and times will then be allocated to your child's performance. There is an expectation that once your child has performed they will join the audience to support the other performers.

Parent Forum: Our termly parent forum meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 20th May at 9am**. All parents welcome to give us useful feedback about some items we wish to discuss. The agenda for the meeting of discussion points [can be found here](#).

Warm-weather safety: Please be aware we have had a number of very warm days recently in school. When it's dry, the children will spend the lunch hour on the school field where there is very little shaded areas (hence the tree planting over the last 8 years). With this in mind, please ensure your child has a **full water bottle, sun hat, sun cream applied** and (if needed) **hay fever relief medication**. We have had a number of children over the last week or two that have found the warm weather uncomfortable/difficult so the above advice should help alleviate this. Please also encourage your child to come home with an empty water bottle to **ensure they are hydrated!** Thank you for your safety assistance.

Health and Safety Audit: This week I'd like to congratulate Mr Ditta. Today we have been audited by the Trust and LEA regarding compliancy. Mr Ditta achieved the school 100% compliancy in all areas related to Health and Safety: this feat is very uncommon amongst Primary Schools so a big well-done to Mr Ditta and Mr Cox for ensuring this achievement, which ultimately, enhances your child's safety when on the school site. Thank you to both of them for putting the health and safety of children (and adults) at the forefront of their priorities.

Change of collection procedure: If there is a change of child collection at the end of the school day, and you are informing us via email, please could you notify us by **2.45pm at the very latest**. Some days the office is extremely busy and emails may not be seen last minute—this will make the collection more efficient and avoid us having to call parents for confirmation. Thank you for your assistance.



LAWFORDS



Edible Garden update (sponsored by our partners above): Absolutely glorious gardening weather in Little Chalfont's premier outdoor learning and green-fingered hotspot this week, and the garden is bursting into life with the input of lots of little helping hands and smiling faces!



Nursery got in on the action early on Monday, planting their "Blue Lake" French beans sown before Easter out into their own triangular bed in their outdoor area. Lots of hands on digging in the soil and looking at roots and shoots in the hope their beanstalks will grow up to the sky! Lots of watering too of their "Casablanca" potatoes which are roaring away in the sunshine outside their front door - **Reception's** similar pots are falling behind in the growing race at the moment!

Year 1 had double crop fun on Monday afternoon, sowing rainbow "Bright Lights" chard and deep indigo-violet "Purple Magnolia" pea seeds into the Edible Garden beds newly cleared by our weekend helpers on the family volunteering day. We're excited about an unusual colour-packed veggie fiesta popping up before too long!



Reception followed up on Wednesday morning sowing colourful red, orange and yellow nasturtium edible flower seeds into the edges of our large beds, where we hope they will spill over the edges and draw pollinators into the courgette flowers that **Year 5** will be planting alongside, so that they get a great food crop! And also an unusual snack of nasturtium flowers for **Reception** to try, as well as a pot to grow on at home! The Year 6 Garden Guardians cleverly helped save the seed from last year's nasturtiums so the bonus is these plants will be free!

And completing the quadruple class planting of the week, **Year 3** came out on Wednesday afternoon to pot on their tagetes marigolds to take home. They had outgrown the little seed trays they started them in before Easter (again using seed saved by the Year 6 Garden Guardians from last years' flowers), to the children have been able to experience, see, smell and touch the whole plant lifecycle of an annual flower, from seed to plant and back again. As well as helping keep damaging sap sucking bugs off our tomatoes and other crops, their marigolds will be blooming in the edible garden by the summer for their class science flower dissection topic.

As well as all this action we have had a fair weather boom in the number of children coming out at break and lunchtime to help with garden tasks - thanks as ever to our **Garden Guardians** who are keeping on top of the watering of pots and beds while we have been getting the drip pipe system repaired and back up and running, and to the children who have been helping Mr Alexander repair and refurbish a bench passed on by Year 6 Phoebe Hehir's family - it's looking fabulous!

Lastly - a shout out for Countryfile on BBC1 this weekend, "The Chalk of the Chilterns", 5:15pm on Saturday or on catch-up www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002wotz Filmed in parts locally a few weeks ago, it covers all sorts of local growers and champions of our wonderful rare chalk countryside and habitats. Do try and catch it, share with your children and be inspired that they are learning about so much of this just on their very own school doorstep!



Grateful and undaunted, Mr Hacking

