

LARKSWOOD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! This time last year we went into lockdown and all schools were shut to most children; I hope 2022 will be a better year in terms of Covid, and I do not expect there to be any school closures. As I said earlier this week, we will make every effort to keep all classes open. Currently we have some staff absent due to Covid, but the number is manageable, and we hope this continues. Thank you for your continued cooperation with the changes we have had to make to normal school operations, it is helping us keep everyone as safe as possible.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week on site, and have been to every class to meet all the children. They have had an exciting return to learning with experience days ranging from Romans to investigating crime scenes.

Prior to coming to Larkswood, I was Headteacher at Earlham Primary school in Newham for 9 years, and have also worked as a school improvement advisor across a number of schools. I am really looking forward to working with the excellent staff team here on the next stage of the school's development, and to working with you to ensure your children make the best possible progress with their learning. As soon as we can, we will reintroduce parent workshops and opportunities for you to be more involved with the school. In the meantime, please do come and talk to me – I will usually be at the gate or in the playground at the start and end of the day.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, despite the weather!

Warm regards,

Laura Hewer
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Term dates can be found by clicking in the below link:

[Term Dates & Calendar
\(limeacademylarkswood.org\)](https://limeacademylarkswood.org)

Date:	Event:
24.01.22	YR2 Work shop - Great Fire of London
25.01.22	YR 5 Trip - National Gallery
25.01.22	Nurse Drop In 8.30am-9.30am
20.06.22- 24-06.22	YR 6 Residential 2022

NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Friday 25 January 2022

8.30am-9.30am



APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

DEADLINE NEXT WEEK 15 JANUARY 2022

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 need to apply through London Borough of Waltham Forest for a reception place by 15th January 2022.

You must apply for a reception place for your child even if they attend a school nursery or have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. If your child currently attends a nursery attached to a school this does not give them any priority for a place in reception class at that school. Please click on the below link for further details

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying->

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Please click on the link below to view our uniform

Policy:

[Uniform \(limeacademylarkswood.org\)](http://limeacademylarkswood.org)



ARBOR PAYMENTS

We are pleased that we have received so much positive feedback from parents that are using our Arbor app.

If you have any enquires regarding your account please email:

Arborpaymentsupport@limeacademylarkswood.org

Please ensure that your childs account is topped up at all times.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL & PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING

Please ensure that your child does not bring in ANY form of food that contains nuts. We have children in the school with nut allergies, please be considerate.

We would also like to remind parents that as a school, we promote healthy eating.



SIGNS OF THE WEEK

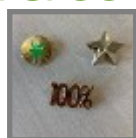
Next week, we will be learning how to say 'My name is ...'. The link below will show you how to sign the alphabet to help your child learn the letter for their name. When signing a name with Makaton, we only use the first letter.

Singing Hands Makaton Alphabet - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OO4VfT-OzI>



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Attendance Matters



We are pleased to announce that this week we have awarded a great number of badges to children for their attendance! Children in Y1 to Y6 have received theirs and next week Reception children will be awarded with their badges.

The award scheme will now run again from the start of this term to the Easter holidays.

How can your child earn a badge?

100 % - your child will be awarded a 100% badge if they have 100% attendance for the Spring term.

Green star – your child will be awarded a green star badge if they have 96% attendance or above during the Autumn term.

Gold star- your child will receive one of these for showing a significant improvement in their attendance during the Autumn term.

ATTENDANCE

13.12.21 – 17.12.21

Class	%	Class	%
RDD	99.2%	3DA	92.4%
RJB	87.5%	3DO	89.3%
RNA	98.8%	3JA	89.2%
1AF	94.3%	4JM	85.3%
1EF	90.9%	4KP	94.2%
1KJ	97.0%	4TS	92.8%
2CZ	87.6%	5DW	80.3%
2JS	91.5%	5GN	90.5%
2MM	82.0%	5KF	85.5%
Highest Class		6MC	95.1%
96 & above		6RH	90.6%
100%		6TD	93.2%

REPORTING YOUR CHILDS

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure you call the school office daily to report your child's absence on 0208 529 4979. Thank you.

Attendance Reminder:

Normal Dentist, GP or Optician appointments should always be booked outside of school hours or during school holidays, unless they are for an emergency.

Hospital appointments will of course be accommodated, please provide the letter to the school office before the day of the appointment.

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THE UK READING ROAD MAP CHALLENGE!

We are delighted to see pupils taking part in the reading challenge for Key Stage 2. Children from Year 3 upwards have been participating in this exciting challenge which incorporates a range of fantastic new and classic titles across a wide spectrum of genres. Each child would have received their own road map which is kept in their Reading Record. To complete the challenge, they will need to follow the road network on the map- choosing titles along the way. The titles are all stored in a lovely new Reading Challenge area in the school library. Each time they read a title they will need to upload a book review on SEESAW- this can be written or a video review. they will then receive a sticker. Half way through the challenge they will receive a certificate and once they have read all of the titles they will be presented with a certificate from Ms Hewer along with a souvenir pin badge. There are 40 books in the Year 3 and 4 challenge and 60 titles in Year 5 and 6. The challenge is a wonderful way to increase the range of genres the children are reading and also introduce them to new authors. Reading 'widely and often' is imperative in developing confident, fluent and engaged readers. We hope to see as many children participate in this new challenge as possible- support at home with this challenge is important too so please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or Miss Dibley for more information.

For more information on the challenge, and to read testimonials of schools and children who have participated, please visit:

[About — The U.K Reading Road Map](#)

READING CHALLENGE SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to the below children!

David 5KF bronze 5 books and Silver 10 books



Left to Right Amelie 4TS silver 10 books

Riley 4JM Silver 10 books

Rosie 4JM bronze 5 books

Ella bronze 4JM 5 books

William 4JM 15 books Gold



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Year 6 Mystery Day

This week, Year 6 became detectives and solved the mystery of the missing lunch! The children were greeted by three Police officers, who explained the crime investigation and possible suspects. The children had to solve a series of clues, using their decoding skills. They then had to arrest the suspect and solve the mystery. This half term, the children will be reading 'High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson. This experience has deepened their understanding of how crimes are solved and has introduced them to the language used in mystery stories.

