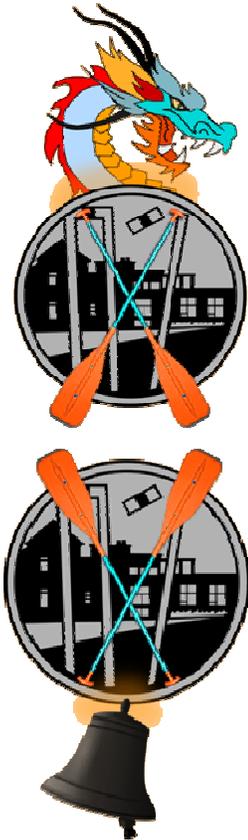


Larwood

LOWDOWN



SUNSHINE, SATS, AND SPLASHING AROUND!

A jam packed term has left us all needing a timely half term break, to recharge and start again in June. SATS have come and gone. As always you will note from this edition and frequent communication between home and school, that our approach remains the same for this event. We prepare our pupils in a proportional way, try to alleviate the anxiety connected to it and encourage all of our Year 6 pupils to try their best. I know many parents have said exactly the same thing. In traditional Larwood School fashion pupils were duly rewarded with some fun activities and a trip to the local Frankie and Benny's restaurant. Well earned, I'm sure you agree.

We have also celebrated some other important events during this half term. A fantastic performance took place whereby pupils from year 4/5 performed to the rest of school and demonstrated what they had been working on as part of our own MAD course (Music, Art and Drama). It was based on a book called Handa's Surprise and there is further information on this later in this edition. It was amazing and all pupils really did exceptionally well, supported by some fantastic staff. This may well become a performance for parents to come and watch in the future?

At the time of writing we are always pleased to have our school participating in the local Stevenage Sporting Futures, Dragon Boat and Bell Boat competitions. Our younger team managed a second place and were beaten by a whisker, having fought off competition from 22 other primary schools. I am sure our older pupils will be just as competitive.

Finally, please note that a recent letter sent to all parents requesting information when circumstances at home change. Please do call/write or email to let us know when these things happen. It makes a huge difference to our day to day practice with your children.

As always, thank you for your continued support and do enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts!

S D Trimble
Headteacher

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ANNUAL DRAGON & BELL BOAT RACE



Another Successful Year For Our Dragon and Bell Boat Teams!

On Wednesday, 24th May, Mr Newman, Mr Osobu and Miss Maranian had the pleasure of taking Sonny, Jake, Trae, James, William, Charlie, Levi, Skye, Mason and Thomas to the annual Bell Boat race at Fairlands Valley Park. 22 other primary schools attended the event and our first timed race started at 11.45am against Fairlands School on Lake 1. As we had some time to fill, the Fairlands team had put on a carousel of activities and we took part in doing some Kayaking on Lake 2. None of our children had done this activity before, but they all got their life jackets and safety helmets on, got into the Kayaks, listened to a short training speech from one of the instructors and off they went. The children loved every second and they managed to control their Kayaks perfectly.



11.15am, we left the Kayaking and headed towards Race Control to register our team for the 11.45am race. All the children were very excited. We arrived at Race Control, the children put on their jackets and then 'lock and loaded' into the Bell Boat. The children started their slow row to the top end of the lake. They took this opportunity to get their oars in sync with each other, their timings for when they had to pick up the pace and before we knew it, they were OFF!



As you can see from the picture, we were more than a Bell Boat ahead and finished with a time of: 1.56.47 and Fairlands came in at: 2.23.34.

We made it into the quarter finals and we were racing against our main competition from previous years, Codicote School! After a short rest, the children were back on the water, this time for a winning position, not a time trial. We beat Codicote School Team 2 and we now faced Graveley School in the semi finals. This race went ahead and the children worked so hard to beat Graveley School and succeeded. We were now in the finals, but we were up against Codicote School Team 1! Mr Osobu, Miss Maranian and myself were so proud and excited for the children, they had guaranteed themselves second place and that is where we came! 2nd out of 22 schools, what an amazing achievement! Codicote 1.32.78 Larwood 1.35.37 that's 2.59 seconds in it! They stuck with Codicote School the entire length of the lake and made them work hard to achieve their 1st place. The Bell boat team achieved 2nd place, they believed in themselves, listened to the



expectations on the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WELL DONE!

Thursday, 25th May ; ENTER THE DRAGONS! It was now time for our Dragon Boat team to compete. Again the same staff had the pleasure of taking: Aiden, Kayson, Harrison, Xander, Chenai, Archie, Kayla, Jasmine, Josie, Tony, Nicholas and Lorenzo to Fairlands to compete in the Dragon boat races at Fairlands Valley Park. The day started off the same as the day before, the children got to take part in an activity on Lake 2, but this time it was in a big row boat. The children were split up in to two groups and both groups were in control of their own boat. This was something new the children hadn't done before and a lot of laughter could be heard across the water.



This activity tired out the children quite a bit, we left Lake 2 and headed back to camp Larwood for a bite to eat and a little down time.



(Well, a bite to eat and some downtime after some more Dragon boat rowing practice from Mr Osobu!) At 11.00am, the entire Fairlands Valley Site held a minutes silence in memory of all those who have lost their lives in the Manchester terror attack. 11.15am, we reported in at Race Control . We were the 10th race of the day out of 12 timed races. We looked at the board at the fastest time was Codicote School with 1.10.69 and we were being timed against Ashtree School. The children got their life jackets on, got themselves into position on the

boat and started the slow row to the top of the lake. During our practice runs on the lake over the last couple of weeks, our fastest time was 1.43.01, the children knew they had some work to do to keep up with the competition and they pulled through! Larwood: 1.16.00 Ahstree School: 1.17.43. We were in the quarter finals, this time facing Mosbury School Team 2. This race was neck and neck all the way down the lake, Walkern and Graveley school were chanting for us 'C'mon Larwood come on, C'mon Larwood! COME ON!', the two boats went over the finish line and the entire area was dead quiet! We didn't know who had won? It went to the adjudicator, who then signaled to the our children they had won and all of a sudden, the silence was broken as the Larwood children cheered out loud! Semi finals next, and we were yet again pitched against Codicote School. The race took place and the children put their hearts and souls into trying to beat Codicote but they were pipped at the post and Codicote went through to the finals, and we were informed that they had a .05 lead on us. What another amazing day! 3rd place out of 22 other primary schools and like the Bell boat team they ticked every box in our tag line at school of Achieve, Believe, Expect and Enjoy! The Dragon boat team achieved 3rd place, they believed in themselves, listened to the expectations on the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Everyone at Larwood is so proud of the children that took part over the two days. I (Mr Newman) received some great feedback from members of the public on how well the children were behaved and how polite they all were. Thank you to the carers, Grandparents, and parents that managed to come down and support us, it was really nice to see you there supporting the children and the school. WELL DONE #teamLARWOOD #ABEE



FINALLY, thank you to this team, for all your hard work over the two day event ----->

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FIRST DAY OF TERM
MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2017

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HALF TERM BREAK:

MONDAY 29TH MAY TO FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

END OF TERM

THURSDAY 20TH JULY 1:00PM



AUTUMN TERM 2017

INSET DAY:

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST

FIRST DAY OF TERM:

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST

HALF TERM BREAK:

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER INC.

LAST DAY OF TERM:

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 1:20



SPRING TERM 2018

FIRST DAY OF TERM:

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY



HALF TERM BREAK:

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY INC.

END OF TERM:

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH AT 2:20PM



SUMMER TERM 2018

FIRST DAY OF TERM:

MONDAY 16TH APRIL

MAY BANK HOLIDAY:

MONDAY 7TH MAY

HALF TERM BREAK:

MONDAY 28TH MAY TO FRIDAY 1ST JUNE INC.

END OF TERM:

FRIDAY 20TH JULY 1:00



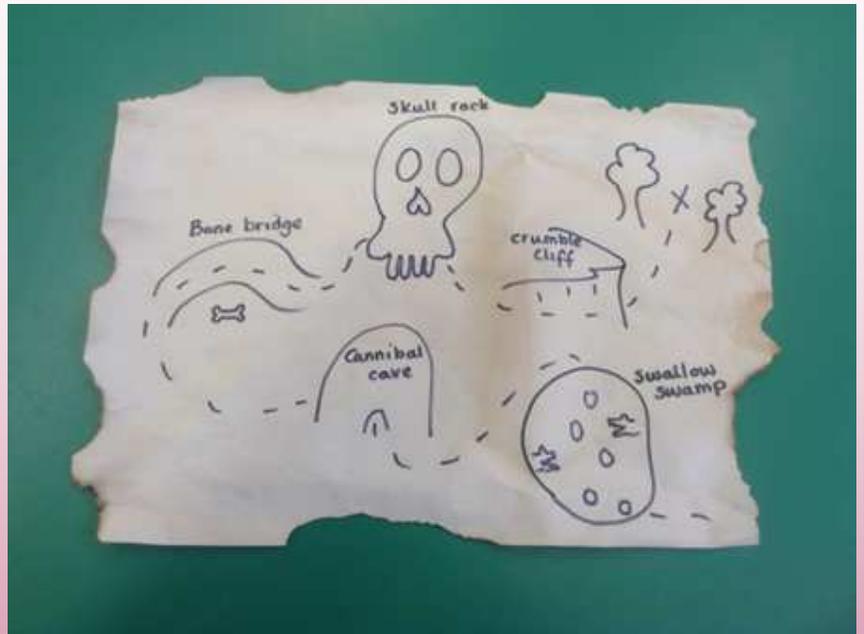
SCHOOL STARTS: 9.00AM

**SCHOOL FINISHES: MONDAY — THURSDAY: 3.20PM
FRIDAY: 2.20PM**

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Miss Gwynne's Class

This half term, Miss Gwynne's class found a riddle which led to a treasure map. We followed the map along a dangerous path where we faced many obstacles including a swamp filled with crocodiles and a rickety bridge made of bones. Although we lost a few class members along the way we worked as a team and managed to locate the treasure.



Dear Diary

Today I woke with a start. Waves were lapping at the ships sides, making it rock back and forth in a sickly fashion. Unfortunately for me I slept in a hammock so I fell out onto the cold hard floor.

Josie

Dear Diary

I felt scared when I saw crocodile in the dirty, smelly swamp. There were dead bodies in the water. I held onto a rope and went across some stepping stones until I arrived at cannibal cave.

Jake



BUSSy



STOP CYBERBULLYING DAY

16th June 2017



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DAY: THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12.00PM

VENUE: BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1 SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK SG7 6DH

OR

DAY: TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2017
TIME: 12.30PM TO 3.00PM

VENUE: LETCHWORTH PARTNERSHIP POD, NORTHFIELDS INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL, BURLEY, LETCHWORTH SG6 4PT



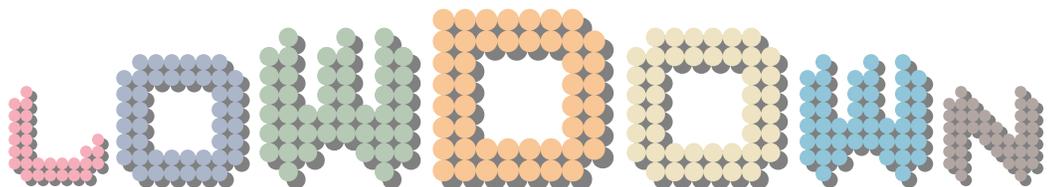
When booking please provide details as indicated below;

PARENT NAME

CHILD NAME

NAME OF SCHOOL AND YEAR GROUP

BRIEF OUTLINE OF WHAT IS TO BE DISCUSSED





MS SCALES' CLASS

BAG OF HAPPINESS

There have been bags of happiness this half term in Mr Scales' class! Following an assembly led by Mr Trimble, who shared his very own 'Bag of Happiness', which consisted of numerous items and an explanation as to why each item was in there and why it made him happy. This inspired an interesting class discussion and we decided we should create our own individual 'Bag of Happiness'. Each member of the class brought in a bag containing five items from home and explained why each of the five items were in the bag and why each item brought them happiness. The presentations were professional, sentimental and a joy to watch. Items included gifts from loved ones past and present, memorabilia from days out, childhood keepsakes and many more. Every child shared different items for different reasons, in addition to this, the genuine interest and questioning that took place was superb, as were the well informed responses by the presenters.



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- Stay feeling in control and make safe choices
- Improve communication
- Know ways to keep themselves feeling safe



We focus on what we can do and we have some fun!

THURSDAYS

11TH MAY - 13TH JULY 2017

9.30AM — 11.30AM

(EXCLUDING HALF TERM WEEK)

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SCHOOL

Miss Trott

The year 6 children worked extremely hard preparing for their SATS over the last half term. The determination and perseverance resulted in a successful SATS week and a wonderful reward trip on Friday to end the week. The children enjoyed a meal at Frankie and Benny's as well as an afternoon spent at 360.



The year 6 children are now focusing their attention on the preparation for their MAPS production of The Lion King in July. The children will be using the skills they have learnt since Autumn term to create a production around Acting, Dance, Drumming, Art and Puppetry. Many of the children have auditioned for speaking roles and have shown great confidence and bravery to audition in front of their peers. We cannot wait to see how all their hard work has paid off.



NEWS FROM FOX CUB



Our topic this Summer term is "birds" and we have enjoyed completing various art pieces with this as our main focus. We decided to be quite brave and have a go at sewing! The children have made an Owl toy. As you can imagine not all of us found this task an easy one, but we persevered and the end results, as I'm sure you would agree, were amazing!

During our weekly cooking sessions we have enjoyed making, and tasting some delicious treats, which included, pizza, cheese straws and cookie pops (Which were a hit with everybody!)

Following on from last term we have continued to focus on our friendships and looking at the qualities we need to be a good friend to others.

Keeping our Children Safe

Larwood School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount. The school takes its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care seriously, and is proactive in ensuring this. Governors, staff and volunteers at Larwood understand the importance of working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies in order to promote children's welfare. We constantly review the way that we work and look to improve upon this whenever we can.

Our DSP; Designated Senior Person for child protection is Mrs Kimpton. Please do contact her if you have any concerns in this area. UP-DATE: From September 2017; Our DSP will be Mrs Osobu—Assistant Headteacher





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HOUSE

During the Easter break some of the rooms in House got a coat of paint just to freshen them up and to make the boarding area more homely and inviting for the boarders.

We had lots of fun playing different games during the term. We played frustration, cards, and the children particularly liked to play twister.

We have played outside as often as possible (weather permitting), and there have been several trips to the town centre and retail park so the children can buy themselves toys with their pocket money.



Miss Kimpton

The years 4/5 have been working on dance and music this term in MAD (Music, Art and Drama). They have been working on dance and music based upon the book Handa's Surprise by Elieen Browne.

In Music the children learned about themes, and looked into different character themes by looking at John Williams - the composer of the Star Wars theme.

With Miss Barrett the children learned to put animal movements to music. They worked towards putting together a production to show the whole school.

On Wednesday 17th May they performed their dance and movement to the whole school. They were fantastic and the performance was amazing!

A huge thank you to Miss Barrett for the hard work she put into the choreography. Next term the children will be making a biography of their favourite musical artist.



SCIENCE - MISS KIMPTON'S CLASS

In science this term we have been looking at the human digestive system. We began with teeth. As a practical exercise we talked about going to the dentist and how important it is to keep our teeth clean. The children all cleaned their teeth and used mouth wash. They discussed the difference in how their teeth felt before and after cleaning. We also discussed how we use our different teeth.

In following lessons we have begun to look further into the digestive system. The class have made a digestive system using tissue paper.

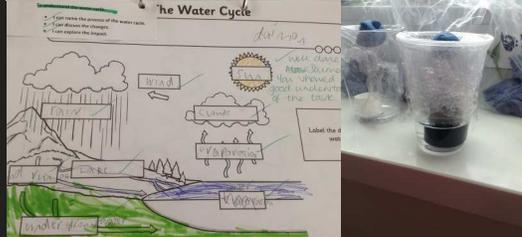




Mrs Williams' Class



Mrs Williams' class have been looking at life cycles. We started off by looking at flowering plants and then beans. We put some water with the beans and we have watched what has happened. It was amazing how quickly they developed roots and leaves. We recorded the results and are looking forward to having beans soon.



SCIENCE



We have been looking at water and the impact it has on the Earth. We studied the Water Cycle and how it works. We then made our own water cycles.

Mrs Poles' Class

SATS has taken a lot of attention since Easter and Mrs Poles and Mr McKechnie are very proud of how hard the children worked leading up to and during the tests. However, we have found time to find out about how animals and plants adapt to different environments in Science. We also thought about which of our characteristics we inherited from our parents and which ones we can control. In Topic, we have started to think about Earth Matters which included the water cycle which we were able to observe with the help of some water-filled containers covered with cling film.

Mrs Kamene's Class

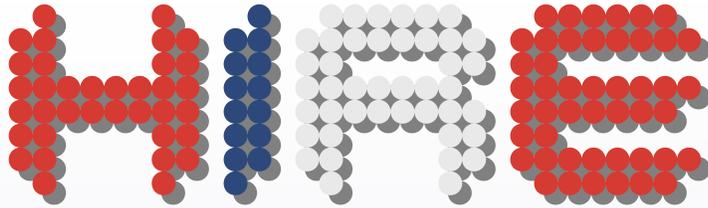
This summer term, the children in Mrs Kamene's class have been learn-

ing about British birds. They explored ideas about Robin, Blue Tit, Blackbird, Collared Dove etc. During their art sessions, the children used paint to communicate experiences and observations about birds. They explore visual elements including colour, pattern and shape. The children also built simple nests out of tissue papers.





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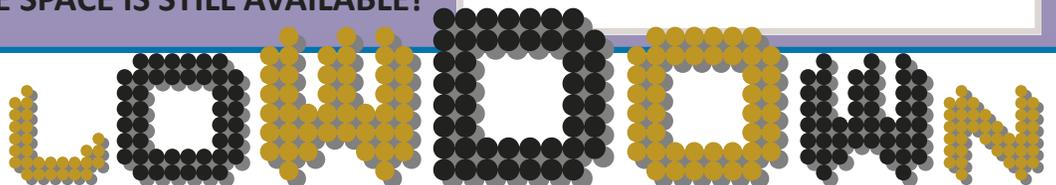
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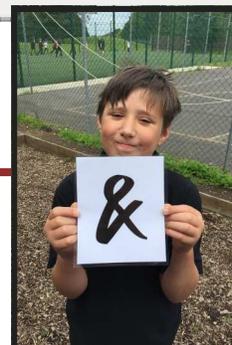
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Back to School:
Monday 5th June 2017

