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OUT THE PARK!

What a great start to the new academic year!

Welcome to the first edition of the Larwood Lowdown for 2017-18. This is now our fifth year of producing a half termly update for parents, pupils and governors about our progress and events as they take place. Thanks to Mr Newman for his continuing hard work in producing such a great piece of work.

We have made one adjustment to staffing during the first half term. Mr Howard left the school for retirement after 19 years of dedicated service. We did of course wish him well and give him an appropriate gift and goodbye. We have a new member of staff starting in November. I am sure Niamh Minster will have a very successful career with us.

Please do have a look at our website for a steady stream of updated events and news items. It will have a range of new information uploaded very soon, reflecting on our progress last year. This includes in relation to teaching and learning, behaviour and attendance, the curriculum, our residential unit, pupil and sports premium. As always, your feedback would be very helpful with this matter. Part of our self-assessment process has enabled me to write a new school development plan. This continues to have three major themes that are:

PROGRESS WELL BEING SUSTAINABILITY

Many of the reports written during the end of last academic year reflect how we believe we have made progress in each of these areas, but also where we think we can make improvements during the rest of this year, and over the course of the next three years.

Finally, and most importantly it has been fantastic to see our pupils return back to school and (for most) engage really well with their learning and behaviour so far this year. This includes our new pupils who have settled into school life really well.

MR S. D. TRIMBLE
HEADTEACHER

BACK TO SCHOOL

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

START TIME 9am

FIRST DAY AFTER HALF TERM
MONDAY
6TH NOVEMBER 2017



AUTUMN TERM 2017

HALF TERM BREAK:
MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM:
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 12:20



SPRING TERM 2018

FIRST DAY OF TERM:
WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY
HALF TERM BREAK:
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
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
END OF TERM:
FRIDAY 20TH JULY 1:00PM

SCHOOL STARTS: 9.00AM
SCHOOL FINISHES:
MONDAY — THURSDAY: 3.20PM
FRIDAY: 2.20PM

www.larwood.herts.sch.uk/termdates
GOOGLE SEARCH BRINGS UP OLD TERM DATES, USE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

ACHIEVE, BELIEVE, EXPECT & ENJOY!

TAG RUGBY: DEVELOPMENT FESTIVAL Y3/4

On the 5th of October 2017, Mr Newman and I; Mr V, took a group children to King Georges Park for a Rugby Festival where they had coaching from Stevenage Sporting Futures with rugby related games.

First station was a 'stuck in the mud' game with the rugby ball where children had to work together to try and get the other team caught, but could only use the ball. So team work was a big factor.

Station number two was bull dog with one catcher then once tagged , they are join the tagger in the middle.

Station number three was try zone where when both teams had to try and get pass the defending teams without getting there tag taken in an attempt to score a try.

Station number four was a game of 'rabbits and foxes', where children had to escape from one another once your animal has be caught, from different positions such as sitting, standing, laying down.

Stations number five was rugby netball where the ball could be passed forwards or backwards in order for the pupils to get into space and move the ball to the end zone.

Station number six was an information station which taught the children the basic rules of the game.

After the stations the children got to practice all skills learnt and take it into the game situation (friendly game) which was enjoyable to watch and enjoyable to play for the children.

The children listened, followed the instructions given to them and represented our school very well. Although there were no winners or losers in the final game. We still won **#friendlymatch**



THE MASONIC FISHING TRIP



Our annual fishing trip to Westmill Lakes was again hosted by the Masonic Fishing Charity; Thank you to Ginette and all of the Masonic Fishing team for a great opportunity. On the day the sun shone and so did our pupils. Mr Van, Miss Hanam and myself; Mr Newman, took Harrison, Liam, Tyler, Jake, Josie, Aiden and Kayson. Some children fished on the coarse fishing lake where the fish were certainly biting on the day with a selection of roach, perch and other small fish being caught. All the fish on the coarse lake are thrown back into the water. The children learnt which colour maggots the fish preferred and how to bait the fish using worms and sweetcorn. What a way to spend a relaxing day in the sunshine. On the trout lake, children got to keep their catch. The hardest part was selecting the right place to cast and selecting the right fly for the line. Some children caught more than one fish while Aiden was so patient all day but so unlucky as he and his fisherman didn't get a bite all day. Josie managed to get the first catch of the day and Tyler even had a go at gutting a fish, ready to cook for later. Things were a little more energetic with the fly casting, then drawing the line back to attract the rainbow trout to the fly. No relaxing time sitting in the sun for them. It was a great day, lunch was excellent too with burgers, sausages or chicken to choose from, and our children got to eat lunch with some of the children that left last year who are now at Brandles School, who also attend this annual event each year. After lunch there was time to return to the fishing for a short while before medals and certificates were awarded. We then settled onto the bus and returned to school with 7 very tired children and a bus full of fish! The children earned a full 20 points and 5 points each for their houses. The children represented the school perfectly, well done!





WORK, WORK, WORK, WORK, WORK!

Miss Kimptons' Class

In topic this half term we have been looking at Dinosaurs. We have made Dino eggs with a balloon and mod roc, looked at fossils and discussed the extinction on the dinosaurs.

When looking at the fossils we made our own fossil using clay, plaster of Paris and a sea shell. We placed some clay into a pot and pushed the sea shell in to it so it made an imprint in the clay. We then added plaster of Paris. The following week we used clay tools to "dig" for our fossil.

We have talked about the different theories of the Dino extinction:
An asteroid 10KM across hitting Mexico
A Super volcano
An ice age
Disease
Gradual extinction



We have even come up with our own theory, the asteroid hit the earth (In Mexico) and shook the earth's core, like a coke bottle which caused the magma to shake and erupt from super volcanos, just like Coke Cola if it is shaken.

We spent some time in the music room putting the idea of an asteroid hitting the earth and killing the dinosaurs to music. James played the drums, Dominic played the symbol, Oscar was on the piano, Carys played wood wind, Louie was on a drum and Amelie played the guitar. It sounded fantastic!! They all enjoyed spending time in the music room.

DINOSAUR FACTS:

The dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago.
Dino's walked the earth for 165 million years.
Dino bones have been found in England along the Jurassic coast.
The T-Rex grew up to 12M long
The Triassic period was 225 - 190 million years ago
The Jurassic period was 190 - 136 million years ago
The Cretaceous period was 136 - 64 million years ago.
Fossils are studied by Palaeontologists
The word Fossil comes from the Latin Fossilis which means "dug up"



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 Osobu: Assistant Headteacher, supported by our other DSP's Mr Sean Trimble: Headteacher & Mrs Sian Ford: Family Support Worker





Busy



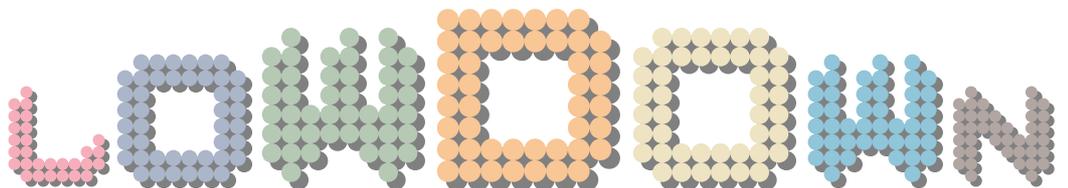
Miss Trott's Class

In Miss Trott's class we have been studying fossils and how they are formed. The children have taken part in two different archaeological digs to discover fossils, while trying to guess which living organism created the fossil.



MR SCALES CLASS

Our first instalment of the Larwood Lowdown as a new class of 2017 – 18 focuses on Literacy. To get the creative juices flowing for a fictional story the class took full advantage of the story tubs we have here at Larwood. These little tubs of inspiration allowed the class to individually take their own story wherever they saw fit, drawing ideas from the figurines inside the tub. Throughout the class we saw story lines ranging from: pirates of the undead pirate ship, food items coming to life, pet companies and everything else in between! The class enjoyed using the tubs to fuel their imagination and create interesting stories that captured the imagination. I hope the ideas keep on coming throughout the year and our writing continues to develop as a result of it.

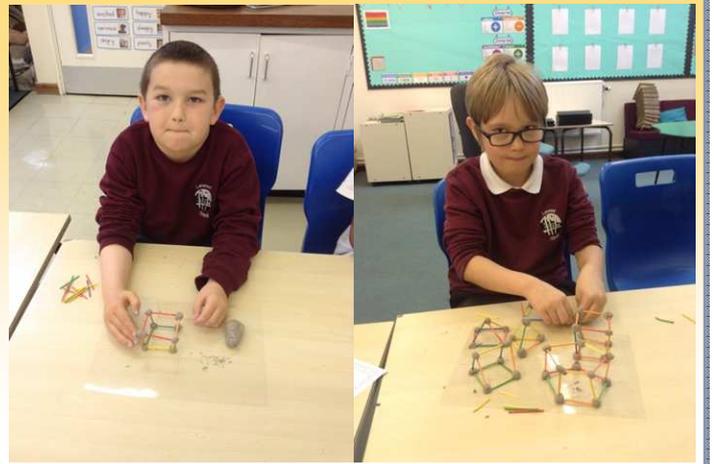
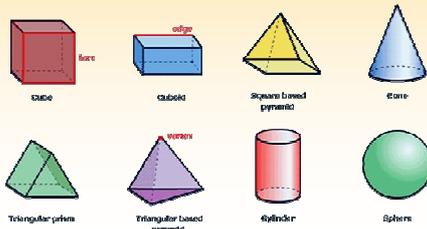




WINTER IS COMING!

MISS GWYNNE'S CLASS

This half term in Miss Gwynne's class the pupils have been working extremely hard across the curriculum. They have also been very creative with their learning. When learning about shape they visualised 3D shapes from 2D drawings. Using clay and sticks they created the 3D shapes.



FOX CUB

During our Cub sessions this half term we have been settling the children back into school life after the summer holidays. To aide this we have been focusing on building friendships, working together, getting to know our class and feeling part of a team.



Our Topic for this term follows that of Mrs Osbornes class which is "Carnival of animals". The children have enjoyed taking part in various art activities to compliment this.

In addition to Topic we have been concentrating on autumn. In one of our sessions we went outside in school grounds to collect leaves that had fallen off the trees. We had to wait for them to dry out before completing various art activities. We had great fun!



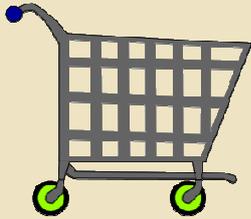
Our cookery sessions are going really well; we hope you've enjoyed some of our creations. During one of our cooking sessions we baked some fairy cakes and decorated them for the Macmillan coffee morning. The children took great pride in the finished result. They looked and tasted amazing!





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**SEPTEMBER 2017
TO
JULY 2018**



*100% pupil attendance could
win you £100 of supermarket
vouchers*

*98% + pupil attendance could
win you £50 of supermarket
vouchers*

*95%+ pupil attendance could
win you £25 of supermarket
vouchers*



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Home

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The Larwood Lowdown

effective
communication



MR JACOBS CLASS

My class has taken a few weeks to reach its current total and I'm very proud of how all the boys have made each other feel welcome. They have settled well into their daily routines and appear to be enjoying their curriculum. Our class reading incentive has helped engage the boys to read two or three times a day and following the recent 'meet the teacher' evening, it was pleasing to hear some of the boys are taken greater interest to read at home. They have taken a lot of enjoyment from our Rainforest Topic and they've been getting very creative making their own mini rainforest models as well as learning about the animal and tribe life across several rainforests in the world. The class have also combined charity work with a numeracy and ICT lesson. To organise the school's recent Harvest collection the boys used their white boards to conduct a tally chart for each food group and then used excel to produce data charts and graphs.



Community School United to Benefit Stevenage



Larwood has joined four Schools across Stevenage to produce a funding application to excite Tesco. We were recently notified that our project to work alongside schools in Stevenage and the elderly community at Jubilee court, will be put in line for funding to finance our proposed project. The project aims to improve the environment across Stevenage with regards to reducing litter pollution, support and help for the homeless community, learn alongside elderly residents to enhance our learning experience whilst enriching the lives of the residents. The project aims to combine pupils from Round Diamond, Giles infant School, and Greenside School to learn alongside each other to improve the gardening areas of each school, whilst educating children on the benefits of growing our own vegetables and how keeping a clean and colourful garden can benefit our wildlife. Further details will be available soon from Tesco on where and how you can vote for our project which will be up against two other projects for the £4,000 top reward. Your children have already begun some of the work through our skills programme, but by securing first prize will enable us to provide our children with a unique learning experience that can benefit so many people.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who made generous contributions to our Harvest Festival this year. The items that we received have been taken to the Stevenage Vineyard Church. The items were taken by Mr Jacobs, and the Thursday Skills Community Group. SVC will distribute our Harvest to the homeless and the elderly.





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to the parents that took part in this years 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning'. So far, Macmillan have raised £9,519,073.00!

Your participation helps Macmillan **achieve** their ambition; There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to be there for them all.

One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we'll ever have to face. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. And because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we're there for friends and family too. We are Macmillan.

A message from Sarah @ Macmillan

"Hi Mrs Ford, thank you so much for having us today at your coffee morning. I would also like to say what a great school you have. The parents and staff we met, were so welcoming. I felt that it wasn't just a school it was a family. Please thank everyone who came to your coffee morning and helped raise some money for us at Macmillan, but my biggest thank you goes to yourself and the children for making us welcome today. My hat goes off to your staff on how they were with the children, you can tell they are all loved, what an amazing place.



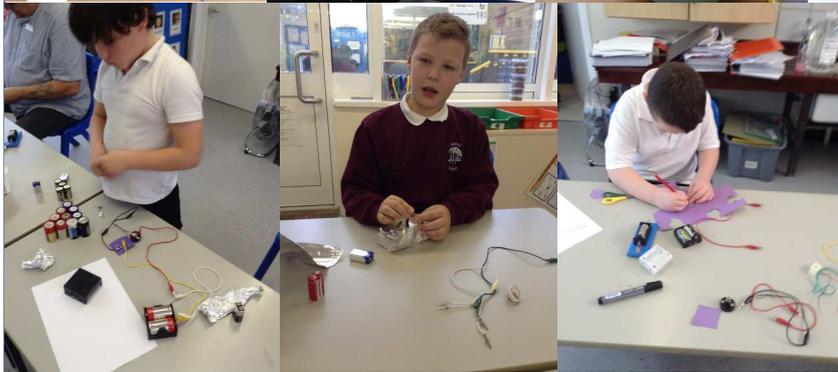


SCHOOL

Mrs Williams' Class

In Class 4/5EW we have been taking part in lots of 'hands on' activities for Science and Maths. In Science we have been looking at Electricity, Circuits and Safety. We have run lights, motors and buzzers. We made our own switches also.

In Maths we have studied lots of areas including shapes and number. We enjoyed making our own shapes and finding their properties.



POD continues to offer pupils a place to develop their independent learning skills by giving a range of practical and online tasks in clean, crisp cubicles. The staff are continually amazed with the ability of children to follow instructions and also to create their own artwork, models and inventions - all by themselves!





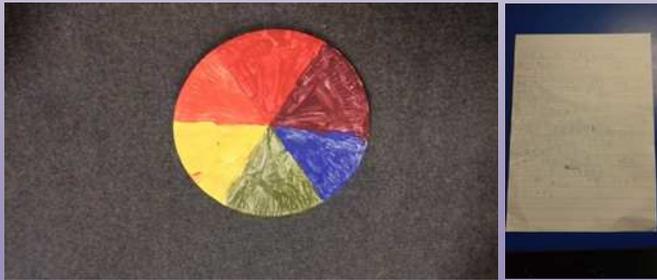
ATTENTION!



Mrs Osbornes Class

Our Topic this term is 'Carnival of the Animals'. Our work in Science has focussed on the differences between animals. In Geography, we have been looking at animals around the world and the different climates they live in. Design

Technology lessons have provided us with the opportunity to create dioramas, showing the habitat of fish. In Art, we have been learning about primary and secondary colours. We have used this knowledge to mix colours to paint our jungle.



In Literacy, we have been looking at improving our writing, using punctuation correctly and using adjectives to make our stories interesting.

BOARDING

By Alice

Boarding is different than the school. You get to play games like badminton, hall games, watch TV, watch movies, art and hour or outside play.

House is when you get split up into two houses, one house is for the little children and the other house is for the older children.

You're not allowed children under seven years old. Children learn life skills like showering, washing, brushing teeth stripping your bed, making your bed, clearing the dishes, money and how to manage money. The limit for pocket money is £10.00

Bedtime is at 19.45 for the little children on Monday and the big children its 20.00 and for the little children on Tuesday it is 20.00 and for the big children its 20.30



The End!



H O U S E R U N S

TRENT	TRAFFORD	HEADINGLY	LORDS
227	230	245	227
3 R D	2 N D	1 S T	3 R D

**WELL DONE TO HOUSE:
HEADINGLY**

Back to School:
Monday, 6th November 2017

