

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun filled week at Larkswood Primary Academy. All of the pupils and staff have been working very hard and our children are making great progress.

Year 4 visited RAF Hendon and had a wonderful time exploring the history and mechanics of the planes there.

We were very excited today when we were visited by Sky News who were filming a piece on Harry Kane, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, who attended Larkswood Primary School until 2004. They spoke to staff in the school and watch Larkswood boys team play their first match at the Premier Tournament at the GOALS football centre. Keep a look out for the link of the finished news article.

Just a reminder that it is the half term holidays next week and we will return to school promptly at 8.45am on Monday 23rd February. I hope that you all have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you when we return.

Lynne Harrowell.

After the half term break.....

Reception: will be exploring the topic of Growing. They cannot wait to learn about the life cycles of plants and animals and will attempt to grow a bean and record the changes they observe over time in their special 'bean diaries'. We are also looking forward to their trip to the farm!

Year 1: Next half during IPC year 1 will be learning about their 'Superhumans' topic. They are looking forward to learning about humans, including exploring how the human brain connects to body parts, medicine and hygiene.

Year 2 will be starting the topic Look and Listen and learning about how sound travels.

Year 3 are looking forward to two great trips after the half term break. A Night at the Museum and a visit to Barking Park Lodge

Year 4 will be enjoying the fantastic novel Sugarcane Juice and focussing on descriptive writing. They will also be making an iMovie trailer for a film based on the story.

Year 5 are looking forward to taking part in a range of exciting experiments as part of their new science topic "Making New Materials".

Year 6 are looking forward to reading an exciting book called 'The London Eye mystery' about a characters mysterious disappearance.

Key Messages

Tuesday was **Safer Internet day** and every year the children took part in an e safety survey in support of this and to raise awareness of how to stay safe online. The children learned a great deal about internet safety and how important it is to be aware of the dangers online.

Late Collections: We would like to remind all parents and carers that when arriving late to school to pick up your child you must go directly to the school office to sign in. For safeguarding purposes it is imperative that all members of the public including parents and carers are signed in at the school office. Thank you all for your co-operation.

Walking Not Talking :The school will be continuing to work hard to implement the Walking Not Talking initiative. 'Walking not Talking' has been introduced to ensure that the children move around the school in a safe, sensible and orderly manner and that they are settled and ready to learn at all times.

This week Year 6's visited every classroom to promote 'Walking not Talking' week (first week back after the half term break). They showed the children the poster's and stickers that they had designed as rewards to children that demonstrate safe walking around the school. It's not just the children who will aim to walk and not talk. All adults must adhere to the 'Walking and not Talking' initiative too. Please see the attached policy that explains the ethos of movement around the school.

Physical Education

Larkswood finished 3rd in their venue finals and I am so proud of how much they have achieved this season.

WELL DONE BOYS!!

Friday 13th February is the Premier League Schools Tournament - we eagerly await the result!

Thursday 12th February, 38 teams from across the borough took part in the borough Quickstick Hockey Competition at the Lee Valley Hockey Centre. This is the same venue which will be used for the European Hockey Championships later this summer!

Watch this space for any forthcoming sporting events and competitions!

Website - Weekly News

Now our website is up and running again don't forget to subscribe to our weekly newsletter by simply typing in your email address on the home page.

Visit our 'Latest News' page for the following stories:

A full report of the Year 5 Young Voices concert at the O2.

Year 6's I-Movie.

Reception act out Superworm.

Year 2's creative surveys

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Menu: W/b Monday, 23rd February

Monday:	Chicken Korma / Spring Garden Pizza
Tuesday:	Cottage Pie / Vegetarian Mince & Pasta Bake
Wednesday:	Roasted Beef & Yorkshire Pudding / Sweetcorn & Pepper Quiche
Thursday:	Lamb Tagine / Vegetarian Bolognaise
Friday:	Fish Fingers / Vegetable & Chick Pea Chow Mein

Attendance: 02/02/2015 - 06/02/2015

RSN: 95.3% 1LM: 96.9 % 2DW: 96.3% 3NB: 99.3%

4DP: 97.9% 5LD: 96.3% 6DH: 97.5%

Let's get to 100% - 3NB your nearly there!

Absent from school?

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the school first thing in the morning.

You can only allow your child to miss school if they are either too ill to attend or you have advance permission from the school in regards to an appointment.

You must bring in an appointment card or letter to the school office as proof of planned absence.

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM— Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th February 2015. Return to school: Monday, 23rd February 2015

Wednesday, 25th February 2015	Class Photos - Don't forget to impress today!
Monday, 2nd & Tuesday, 3rd March 2015	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday, 6th March 2015	Year 3 Night at the Museum
Thursday, 12th March 2015	LPSA Mothers Day Coffee Morning
Tuesday, 24th March and Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3 Barking Park Lodge
Thursday, 26th March 2015	LPSA Quiz Night
Friday, 27th March 2015	School Reports

EASTER HOLIDAY— School finishes at 1:30pm Thursday, 2nd April. Return to school: Monday, 20th April 2015

Monday, 27th April 2015	LPSA Bag to School
Thursday, 30th April 2015	Parent Consultations Evening
Every Thursday, 2:00 - 3:00pm	LPSA Meeting
Every Thursday, 9:00 - 10:00am	Keep Fit Gary - Blue Hall - For parent's & Carer's

Parent Partnerships

Please see the above dates for you diary for up and coming LPSA events including, **LPSA Quiz Night: Thursday, 26th March 7:00 - 9:30pm. £10 – Ticket includes a choice of a chicken or fish supper - Tickets on sale soon.**

Look for further information about the **LPSA Mothers day Coffee** morning after the half term break.

Keep Fit Gary continues his class every Thursday morning in the blue hall for all parents and carers. 9:00 - 10:00am.

If you would like to be part of the **Leading Parent Partnership** group please see Mrs Pipe in year 1. Mrs Pipe will be in the playground on Monday mornings before school to speak with parents if you are interested in joining.

Value of the week: Partnership



Year 6 created news reports on the Moore Oklahoma tornado using iMovie. The children researched the events, created and edited their own scripts, and then filmed in groups and displayed partnership in their work.

Movement Around the School

Walking not Talking

'Walking not Talking' has been introduced to ensure that the children move around the school in a safe, sensible and orderly manner and that they are settled and ready to learn at all times.

At Larkswood Primary we have reviewed how children and staff travel around the school. In order to ensure maximum safety at all times as well as maintaining an excellent environment for learning the following standards must be adhered to at all times:

- Single file and register order
- Walking on the left
- Silence at all times
- Respect for all

Whole classes, small groups of children and adults must travel in silence at all times. Examples of this include:

- Children coming into the school at the start and finish of the school day.
- KS2 teachers leading their class down to the playground at all times
- Going to and from assembly
- Going to a specialist lesson

Please note this policy is non-negotiable and will ensure that all adults can always be heard giving instructions during an emergency or a disaster. It must be included in induction of all new staff, students or volunteers.

Lynne Harrowell
November 2013