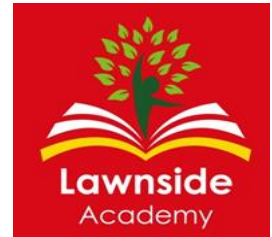


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Dear Parents / Carers,

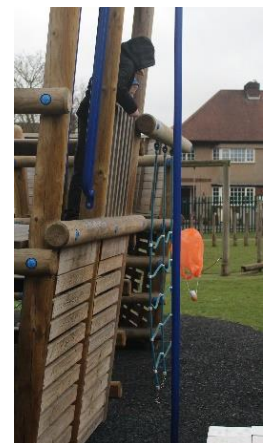
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You may well be aware that a number of schools local to Biggleswade have expressed an interest in changing from a 3-tier (Lower, Middle, Upper) to a 2-tier system of Primary (Year R to Year 6) and Secondary (Year 7 to Year 11, or 13). No decisions have been made formally and so this note is to reassure you that Lawnside Academy retains an open mind and is in discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council, BEST and other local schools. The leadership team and governors of Lawnside Academy will always act in the best interests of, and in consultation with, the families and children of Biggleswade.

We have had a very busy March at Lawnside. The children (and staff) came to school in their pyjamas for World Book Day and enjoyed a superb performance by the Theatre of Widdershins.



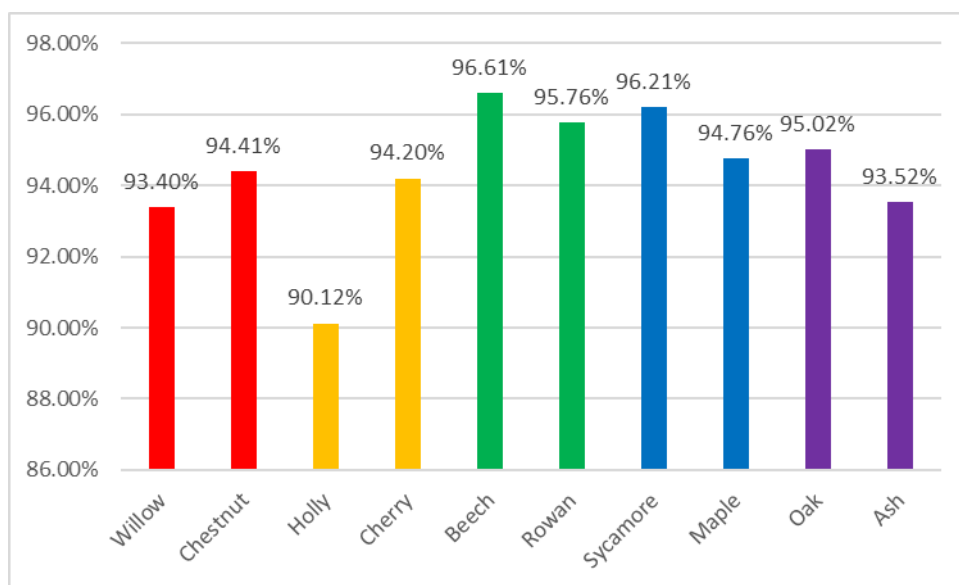
All of the children also took part in Science Week this month where they worked in mixed-age classes to learn about science through a variety of scientific investigations. Activities included making bubbles, chromatography, making and flying paper aeroplanes, making and launching rockets and designing and testing parachutes to keep an egg intact by dropping it from the top of the pirate ship! Other investigations included making lava lamps and searching soil samples for minibeasts.



For Comic Relief, everyone came to school with 'Mad Hair'; raising a fantastic £178.36 - thank you School Council for organising this. And a huge thank you to PALS for organising, and running, a KS2 film night, Mothers' Day sales and the Book Fayre. Following PALS Christmas fair, I am delighted to announce that Maisie in Cherry class won their colouring competition - well done Maisie!

Finally, and to finish the month - thank you and very well done Willow and Chestnut classes for entertaining us with your superb Mothers' Day assembly. Your mum's should all be very proud of you.

The graph below shows each class' attendance for March. Well done Beech and Sycamore classes for the best attendance this month:



Lastly, have you heard of Parent View? Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about Lawnside at any time of the year. We have just set up the link on our website - <https://www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Parent+View&pid=54> and would encourage you to log on and give your views.

Diary Dates for April	
Monday 1 April	Sports Week
Monday 1 April	Year 3 visit to St. Andrews Lower School (Sing Out)
Tuesday 2 April	Year 3 visit to Stibbington
Friday 5 April	Last day of spring term
Friday 5 April	'Hot Dog Friday' - book by 12pm Saturday
Tuesday 23 April	Children return to school following Easter holiday
Thursday 25 April	PTA meeting - 7pm

Yours sincerely and my very best wishes for an enjoyable Easter holiday when it arrives.

Cheryl Johnson
Principal