

# Little Reddings Primary School

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### Writing Day

Wednesday saw the return of our famous Writing Day at Little Reddings! The children arrived at school to find a 'recruitment fair' in the playground with all of the staff dressed as what they wanted to be when they grew up. A fun assembly followed with the children finding out what the teachers wanted to be and why.



All of the classes then went off to spend the day reading, researching, planning and then writing their great pieces of work. Not only are these surprise days exciting and fun - but they get all of the children engrossed in writing and we are very proud of their achievements. Look out for examples of great writing on the website next week.



### LRS Governors

As you are aware, through the LRS weekly newsletter we are having a focus on the work of our hard working governing body. Following on from last week's article, this week we are focussing on the work of the....

### Pupil Progress Committee

Areas of school life that this committee covers includes detailed analysis of the school's results, pupils' attitude to learning and the achievement



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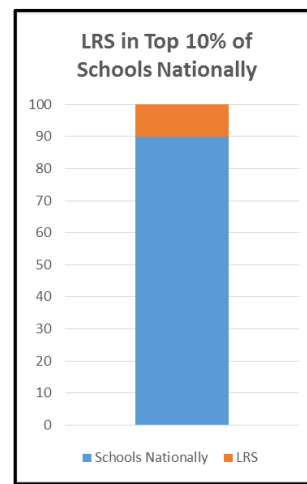
data of our more able, SEN or looked after pupils, as well as the all-important achievement and progress in Maths & English. In addition the committee regularly scrutinises the raising achievement strategies that the school is developing and learns about how student voice is becoming more and more embedded across the LRS community.

In addition the committee regularly scrutinises the areas of school life related to transition attendance, the Simply Behave Policy and Parent Consultation Evenings, as well as reviewing relevant sections of the School Development Plan. They also analyse the relevant sections from results of annual questionnaires.

The committee also reviews and makes recommendations in relation to the following key school policies: the Acceptable Use of ICT, Anti-Bullying, Attendance, Drug Education, Equality, Looked after Children, More Able, Positive Behaviour for Learning and SEN.

Pupil Progress was recognised by the County Inspectors recently in their letter to the school as being outstanding for Key Stage 2 in 2015 (attached to the end of this newsletter) and this reflects how well all the staff and pupils at our wonderful school are doing. It also indicates how important the vital work that the Governors' Pupil Progress Committee does to ensure that all pupils at LRS make excellent progress over time.

### Key Stage 2 Results Place Little Reddings School in the Top 10% of Schools Nationally



It's official!

The following Key Stage 2 results place LRS in the.....

Top 10% of Schools Nationally:

- Percentage of Pupils achieving Level 4 or above in Maths
- Percentage of Pupils making Expected Progress in Reading
- EAL Pupils achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects
- Percentage of PP Pupils achieving Level 4 or above in Maths
- Percentage of High Prior Attainment
- Pupils achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects



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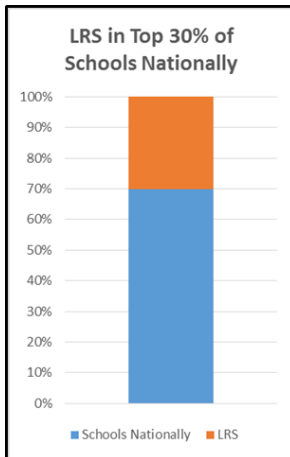
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### Top 30% of Schools Nationally:

- Average Level across all subjects
- Percentage of Middle Prior Attainment Pupils achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects
- Boys Achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects
- Girls Achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects

### Top 30% of Schools that are similar to LRS:

- Percentage of Pupils achieving Level 4 or above across all subjects (for those pupils who have been at LRS since Reception)

The school recently received a detailed report from the Department for Education of the school's Year 6 Key Stage 2 results from 2015. It was analysed at the recent Pupil Progress Committee held on Monday after school and

clearly recognised the superb leadership of the school, very good teaching across the school and the smart intervention strategies that were used last year to support all pupils to achieve their potential in the SATs tests towards the end of the year.

The school is clearly rapidly improving and this important report should make us all feel very proud of what the staff, students, parents and carers and indeed all those involved with the school have recently achieved.

EAL = Pupils who speak English (often fluently) as an Additional Language

PP = Pupil Premium

*Jeremy Turner - Executive Principal*

### Chinese Links

The first primary school of Zhan lan Road is located in Xicheng District in Beijing and was founded in 1955. On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, Little Reddings was thrilled to welcome Ms Zie Zhang, the headmistress and three of her teachers.



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In assembly we had a formal ceremony to sign our sister-school contract, and we exchanged gifts to mark the occasion. We are overjoyed that the Chinese teachers led a Chinese Knotting session for twenty-four children from Key Stage 2.

We look forward to developing this link further in the future. We are particularly excited to welcome the Chinese teachers again in July, along with Chinese students that have become pen pals for our Year 5 pupils! In the upcoming weeks, Year 5 will be writing non-chronological reports on their school to send to their pen pals. Exciting times!



Laura Moses – MFL Leader

### This Week's Attendance

### Word of the Week

The children have enjoyed using the word 'absurd' in their conversations and writing this week. Next week the Word of the Week is 'livid'. Livid means '*furious, angry, raging*'. Please encourage your child to learn the word 'livid' and use it in conversation.



### Show Racism the Red Card

The Year 5 and Year 6 children were given the homework task this week of writing an autobiography of Rosa Parks. The 30 winning children will then go to Vicarage Road to meet Watford FC players and take part in publicity events for them.

Watch this space to find out the winners and how they get on!



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Class	Percentages	Writer of the week
Rosen	84.1	R - Ayush, Amelia
Carle	95.0	1 - Hannah, Nischal
Donaldson	81.4	2 - Harry, Harvey
Ahlberg	88.1	3 - Nojus, Rebekah
Milne	90.7	4 - Nevaeh, Ayah
Browne	91.7	5 - Euan, Djani
Hoffman	94.8	6 - Farayi, Ella
King-Smith	91.2	
Walliams	96.9	
Dahl	97.8	
Simon	88.9	
Morpurgo	89.3	
<b>Horowitz</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Pullman	95.6	
Blackman	91.1	
Rowling	95.4	
<b>Stars of the Week</b>		<b>Dates for your diary - February 2016</b>
		<b>Friends of Little Reddings Valentine Disco's</b>
R - Charlie, Finley		Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 3.15 to 4.15pm
1 - Britney, Tyler J		Year 1, 2 and 3
2 - Massimo, Eesa		Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 3.15 to 4pm
3 - Sky, Nojus		Nursery and Reception
4 - Luca, Cory		Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 3.30 to 5pm
5 - Keira, Rayhan		Year 4, 5 and 6
6 - Krystan, Darius		<b>HALF TERM 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
		<b>MUFTI DAY - Friday February 26<sup>th</sup></b>



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Dear Carly,

Your 2015 Key Stage 2 Results

We are writing to congratulate you, your staff and everyone connected with Little Reddings Primary School, but most of all the children, on the truly outstanding Key Stage 2 progress measures for your school in 2015.

To reach or exceed the national median levels for progress in all three areas of reading, writing and mathematics is a significant achievement and reflects the good and outstanding teaching the children are enjoying in your school.

We never underestimate the significant role that you, as Headteacher of Little Reddings Primary School, play in bringing about such outcomes for the children. We know that schools are complex and dynamic places, but we have no doubt the quality of the leadership of the school is the biggest factor in determining success for the children.

We felt it important to write to you at a time when there are so many external pressures on schools and to thank you for your resilience and determination in ensuring the children in your school receive the very best educational start we can possibly give them.

We wish you continued success in 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Paine  
Managing Director

Patrick McAteer  
Strategic Lead Primary