

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 11th November 2022

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week for Parents Consultation Evenings. It was nice to hear all of the positive comments about our school and the children's progress and learning. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher directly to arrange an appointment via the year group email addresses.

Thank you to the Book Nook who ran a book fair on Monday and Thursday this week. Each class had the opportunity to go and look at some fantastic books and it was great to see so many of our families shopping for books after school.



We observed Armistice Day at school today. During assembly Jack B shared his poem, which you can see below, and a group of children from Year 3 performed a dance about poppies. Mr Blake and Ms Brayne took Graci, Livy, Isla, Henry S, Jackson and Ollie from Year 6 to the Armistice Memorial Service at the Burgess Hill War Memorial. The children laid a wreath and demonstrated our school values of Respect and Community.

The school's new Travel Plan will be shared with all members of the school community today. The children learnt about it in assembly this morning and they will be bringing home additional parking permits for Queens Park Crescent Car Park in the next few days. A separate email will follow regarding the Travel Plan itself.



We will be raising funds for Children in Need next Friday, 18th November. On the day, children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a minimum of £1 donation - if it is their PE day they will still need to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Each child will bring home a colouring competition which they can enter for 50p - entries must be received by their class teacher by next Thursday 17th November.

Congratulations go to this week's "Super Staff" winners - Mrs Stacey, Mr Smith and Miss Parker

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Langtree will be returning to school on Monday and will be at school for mornings only whilst she continues her recovery.

Have a good weekend!

Jake Terrill, Deputy Head teacher

Online Safety



A free online safety guide on what parents need to know about YouTube.

If you haven't done so already, to create your Online Safety account, please follow

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/london-meed-community-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

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London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Melissa G.	6B	For her accurate representation of equivalent fractions through the use of diagrams and the multiplicative relationship between numerators and denominators. Well done, Melissa!
Alice B	6K	For being a wonderful role model for all the children in the school and a perfect example of our school values.
Teddy G	5D	For being a kind member of the class community by assisting his classmates with their learning about division in maths and drawing pictures using shapes in computing.
Zoe B	5S	For showing determination and resilience when editing and improving her diary entry by including figurative language, detailed description and cohesive devices. Well done.
Lukas	4P	For challenging himself in maths and for explaining his reasoning.
Harvey	4O	For developing resilience and improving his attitude towards his work and for working more independently.
Cooper	3M	For persevering when using column subtraction in maths and for being engaged in the week's science experiment on rocks.
Brooke	3C	For carrying out a careful science experiment and being able to say the different properties of the rocks tested.
Milo	2DJ	For showing resilience and determination in Maths, as well as answering comprehension questions well in Guided Reading. Well done!
Miles	2M	For showing curiosity and resilience in all areas of his learning.
Oscar SB	1S	For his resilience in maths this week and for working really hard on number formation when writing subtraction sentences.
Erin	1W	For her resilience and determination in all learning this week. Erin has been working especially hard on her writing. Well done.



Life In War by Jack B, class 6K

Men walking into a booby trap,
Thinking just one week, we will be fine.
Death, Death, Death.

Harpoons piercing through innocent hearts.
Flares lighting up over No Man's Land
Mines scattered amongst the pools of blood.

Flooded trenches.
Friends dying in front of your eyes.
Heads poking over the parapets.
One wrong move and you will be dead too,

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It's done, the lucky men survived,
Were they lucky or were they scared ?
17 million sadly died

Sports events

PE News

We have had a busy sporting week this week in school.

On Monday a group of year 6 children took part in sports crew training at Burgess Hill Academy. They have been learning how to lead play and sporting activities at school and support other children to be more active during lunchtimes. Their first job will be to train up all of the other children in year 6 who would also like to be a sports leader, then they will all be planning and carrying out activities on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds after that.



Tuesday saw our girls football team in action at St Pauls for a Mid Sussex girls tournament. The girls were very excited to take part and we were proud of how they represented our school, coming a respectable 3rd place, with some impressive goals and excellent team work on show. Well done to all that took part.



On Wednesday, the boys A team were in action at their Mid Sussex tournament. The standard of football was high and our boys put in an extremely impressive performance and came out winners of the whole tournament! They displayed some excellent teamwork, perseverance and skill, and we are delighted that this has secured them a place in the next round of the competition, where they will play winners from East Grinstead and Haywards Heath.

Thanks must go to Mr Smith, who has supported all the footballers this week and the sports crew, and to Miss Griffiths for organising these events.



Hedgehogs



On Monday morning, EYFS and Year 1 had a visit from two hedgehogs, Henry and Harry. We learnt about what they eat, why they have spikes and that they are nocturnal. We especially enjoyed seeing them roll up into a ball to protect themselves.



Mr Davey visit

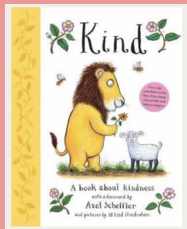
As part of their topic this term on Monday Year 6 children had a visit by Mr Davey, a previous parent at our school. The children were fascinated by Mr Davey's talk - they learnt new and interesting facts about climbing Mount Everest and the skills needed to be a strong mountaineer.

London Meed loves Reading

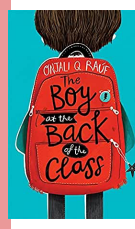
World Kindness Day:

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13th November. On this day, participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations. <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day>

EYFS & KS1:



KS2





Cost of Living Support at your Local Library

Libraries have always been warm and welcoming places that everyone can visit free of charge and with no questions asked. This winter West Sussex Libraries are making an extra effort to support our communities.

Families can drop into any one of the 36 public libraries in West Sussex to access

FREE:

- books for all ages on a range of different topics
- study facilities, computers and wifi
- events and activities for adults and children (jigsaws, puzzles, games and more)
- general information and signposting to a range of partners for help and advice. For example health and wellbeing, or financial advice.

Free Mental Health Support Courses for Children and Young People in West Sussex

Full details are outlined below about two courses to support children and young people and help them face mental health challenges during uncertain times. Both courses are run by Rites for Girls, an organisation that has been supporting children and their parents since 2011.

Online Parenting Through Difficult Times – A three week course designed to help parents and carers of children of all ages achieve a sense of calm and safety and to give their children and young people tools for managing their big feelings (includes private online group and individual support). 10 parents per course.

Girls' Net - A six-week journey for girls equipping them for times of challenge and change. This course is made up of six 1½ hour sessions in a small group of same-age girls guided by a fully trained Girls' Net mentor. In between the sessions, girls will have access to an interactive notebook online to prompt further exploration of each week's topic. Girls' Net is currently held online for girls grouped by age (8-18 years).

By the end of the course, the girls not only have some practical tools for managing their emotions, but they've also had the experience of shared support.

The funding for both these courses runs until March 2023 and we are keen to have as many participants as possible to fill the courses. To access a free place on one of the courses, parents can apply online by emailing ukadmin@ritesforgirls.co.uk or calling 07762 792277. Kim McCabe, the founder and director of Rites for Girls, has an informative website which you may also like to take a look at.

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Forthcoming Trips

The Orchard	25th November	Brighton Toy Museum
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Aspirational Assemblies

At London Meed we are always looking to expand the experiences and aspirations of all of our pupils. Following on from a series of very successful and inspiring talks by members of our school community last year, we are again looking for people to come and talk to the children about what they might want to do with their lives as they get older.

We have a broad curriculum encompassing English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, French, Religious Education, Relationships Sex and Health Education, PE, Art, Design Technology, Music and Computing, and we are keen for our pupils to understand how the skills and knowledge that they acquire will go on to help them in their working life. For many of our children, these talks and assemblies were a real highlight for them last year, and the parents and carers who gave the talks found them to be enjoyable, rewarding experiences. If you are interested in coming and talking to a group of children about your job or career, or you know someone who would like to do so, we would love to hear from you. We can be flexible about dates, times and year groups that you might want to talk to. Please email


office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk if you would like to come in and broaden the horizons of our children.

Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Friday 18th November	The school will be raising funds for Children in Need. See details above.
Monday 21st November	LMA donation day - all children are invited to wear non uniform in exchange for a coloured item for the rainbow tombola.
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu vaccinations for all pupils during the afternoon. A permission form will be emailed to parents in due course.
Thursday 24th November	Open Day Sessions for Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2023. Booking information can be found at www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Week commencing 5th December	Clubs finish for the term.
Monday 12th December and Wednesday 14th December	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm - further info will be sent nearer the time.
Tuesday 13th December	EYFS Christmas Production 2pm - further info will be sent nearer the time.
Thursday 15th December	KS2 Carol Service at St John's Church at 10am- further info will be sent nearer the time. School Christmas Lunch. LMA Disco
Friday 16th December	Christmas Party day - further info will be sent nearer the time.



LMA Fundraising events dates for your diary

Monday 21st November	 <p>LMA donation day - all children are invited to wear non uniform in exchange for a coloured item for the rainbow tombola.</p>
Saturday 26th November 2-5pm	LMA Christmas Fair
Thursday 15th December	LMA Discos for Years 1-6 - information will be sent out nearer the time.

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Monday - the children can wear their PE kit. They will need to bring in a swimsuit (no bikinis)/trunks, goggles and towel). Wednesday is Outdoor PE.
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

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Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

Autumn Term 2022

Last day of term Friday 16th December

Spring term 2023

Starts Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY - Friday 10th February

Half term 13th February to 17th February

Children return Monday 20th February

Last day of term Friday 31st March

Summer term 2023

Starts Monday 17th April

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July



Brass Woodwind Percussion

Affordable music lessons
Performance opportunities

Voluntary, community
music organisation.





BurgessHill
Town Council

Lantern Making Workshops

19 November

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or by calling 01444 247726