

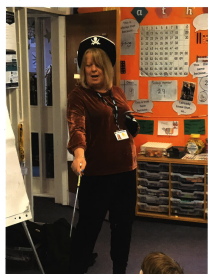
LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 3rd February 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so lucky at London Meed to have such wonderful outdoor space. I spent a very enjoyable afternoon with class 4O during their Forest School lesson on Wednesday. The collaboration between the children as they worked together to build dens really impressed me. Seth's outdoor kitchen was particularly noteworthy! In order for the children to benefit from the full experience, Mr Blake is asking for volunteers to help on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you or someone you know has the time to spare please email Mr Blake via premises@londonmeedprimary.co.uk



As I was walking down the corridor on Monday, I noticed a "Wanted" poster outside Year 1 asking for a strong, brave person to join their pirate crew. The photo on the left shows what happened next.

We were pleased to welcome Mr Paul Jones, a National Leader in Education, to our school on Tuesday afternoon for a monitoring visit to see how much progress is being made against our school priorities. Our children were delightful and showed excellent behaviour for learning. They were so keen to talk to our visitor about their work and what they felt they had done well and what they wanted to achieve next. I always love showing off our school to visitors.



As part of our Community value, on Thursday afternoon; Mr Terrill, Mrs Geer and Ms Brayne took fourteen children from Year 5 to a local care home, Marten House. The children met residents and chatted to them about their lives. The staff commented about how beautifully our children represented the school. They showed plenty of "Curiosity" asking lots of thoughtful questions. All children in Year 5 will experience a visit between now and the end of the year.

Jane Davey, our Vice Chair of Governors, recently left our Governing Body as she is now Chair of Governors at The Burgess Hill Academy. She dedicated so much of her free time to our school over many years including those after her own children had moved onto secondary school. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Jane and wish her all the very best in her new role. We know that we will see her as we strive to develop strong links between the two schools.

School breaks up for children next Thursday, 9th February and reopens on Monday 20th February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree

Head teacher

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Name of Child	Class	Reason
Alfie M.	6B	For completing accurate work in maths when describing the position on the first coordinate grid. Keep it up, Alfie!
Michael	6K	For some fantastic World War II era dancing during our workshop with Mr Blake this week!
Liz	5D	For challenging herself when producing a persuasive advert using persuasive and emotive language. Well Done!
Martha J	5S	For showing resilience and determination when publishing her newspaper report and for showing creativity producing some fantastic independent creative writing.
Daisy W	4P	For writing a detailed and informative fact sheet about sloths.
Leighton	4O	For always being ready to learn and great teamwork in Forest School.
Zac	3M	For writing a fantastic letter to the Emperor with persuasion and facts about powerful women in history. You have been engaged and resilient when learning with a broken arm. Well done!
Indy	3C	For carefully sketching the Chinese willow pattern using different drawing techniques.
Sienna	2DJ	For challenging herself with her learning this week and showing resilience when it has been tricky. Well done!
Ryan	2M	For using varied sentence starters to make his writing interesting to read.
Ollie G	1S	For super subtracting! Ollie has been able to make links between his learning and reason about LOTS of different areas of maths.
Cindy-Lou	1W	For dazzling Mrs Potts with her subtraction using counters on a 20 frame and for really trying her absolute best when writing this week.
Pippa	Apple	For creating an imaginative and exciting story map for a new Supertato story.
Marley	Cherry	For trying very hard to do the right thing.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. In the UK, we celebrate by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

A wealth of guides and resources can found by clicking on the link [Safer Internet Guide and resources](#)

Mr Terrill, will be speaking to the children in assembly about general rules about protecting themselves online (not sharing personal info, blocking people) and will be reiterating to the children about speaking to an adult on their safety network if they have concerns.

London Meed Loves Reading

World Book Day Announcement: - Thursday 2nd March

Announcement: The Book Nook will be holding book fairs in school to coincide with Parents' Evenings on 13th and 16th March. Be sure to come and look at their fabulous selection of books on offer. This will also benefit our school community!

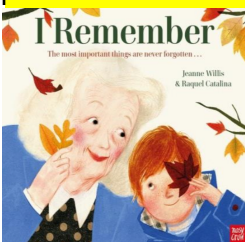
What else will be happening:

Children will be invited to come to school in pyjamas so they can enjoy a bedtime story in our library. Everyone will be invited to decorate an item of their choice to showcase their favourite book. They could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, poster.

Children will be asked to recommend a book to their class that they think is brilliant.

There will be our famous 'shelfie' competition.

The winner of the West Sussex 'Picture Books To Shout About' award will be announced.



George and his grandmother, Kathleen, are spending the day together. Kathleen has dementia and sometimes struggles to do everyday things, like fastening the buttons on her coat. As their simple day together progresses the reader sees that, regardless of age, compassion, kindness and patience can be practised by everyone to support those in need.

A moving and poignant story about an intergenerational relationship between grandson and grandmother. Young readers will be able to relate to George's

natural empathy and learn from the confident way in which he supports and comforts his grandmother throughout the day.

The deadline to vote for your favourite picture book is Wednesday February 8th. Make sure you cast your vote.

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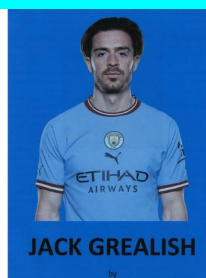
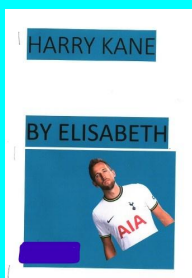
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Year 6 Dance and Music workshop

As part of our topic WW2, we had a Dance and Music workshop delivered by Mr Blake. We learnt how music included encouraging messages for people to stay positive and how dance has developed over time. Our favourite activity was dancing 'swing' and practising the correct steps. We thanked Mr Blake for his time and enthusiasm.



Year 3 budding Reporters

Elisabeth and Tom from 3C used their own initiative to write an informative booklet. They worked very hard at home and demonstrated our school value "Curiosity" to research about their favourite footballers, Jack Grealish and Harry Kane. Well done Elisabeth and Tom!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 7th February	No Dance Mats club.
Thursday 9th February	No French club
Friday 10th February	INSET Day
Monday 13th - Friday 17th Feb	School closed for half term.
Monday 20th February	School reopens
Thursday 23rd February	Year 3 visit to the Royal Pavilion.
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day further information to follow.
Tuesday 7th March	Y6 SATS Parents meeting in the large hall at 2.30pm - full details to be sent to parents in due course.
Wednesday 8th March	Y2 visit to the British Wildlife Centre
Monday 13th March and Thursday 16th March	Parent Consultation evenings and Book Nook Book Fairs
Week commencing 20th March	Clubs finish for the term
Friday 31st March	Last day of the Spring term

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West Sussex [Single Point of Access](#)

The West Sussex Single Point of Access (SPoA) is a dedicated service which provides a simplified single route to access specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health support. The SPoA helps direct you to the right service, eliminating the need to refer to multiple services. Led by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, the service is delivered in partnership with West Sussex County Council's Youth Emotional Support Service (YES) and YMCA Dialogue. E-wellbeing is the digital front door for West Sussex SPoA. [Visit the e-wellbeing website](#) for more information.

SPoA accepts referrals for children and young people from the age of four up to a young person's 18th birthday. The young person must also be registered with a West Sussex GP (please note. YES will accept referrals for young people who live in West Sussex or go to a West Sussex school). To make a referral please visit their website [Single Point of Access](#)

Anyone can make a referral including: **children, young people, parents, carers, families, GPs and other professionals.** All Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and ADHD (neurodevelopmental) referrals need to continue via the [current referral pathways](#). If there is a mental health or emotional wellbeing concern separate to this, the young person can be referred to SPoA.

Referrals for young people with eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa, need to continue directly to [Sussex Family Eating Disorder Service \(SFEDS\)](#).

West Sussex Household Support Fund

The Government has announced the continuation of the Household Support Fund, to provide support between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023. The fund is intended to cover a wide range of low-income households in need. Any households who believe they meet the criteria can apply. Household Support Funds will be available through a range of different methods including via district and borough councils, direct support through applications via the Community Hub and distributed in partnership with other organisations including Citizens Advice and food and fuel banks.

We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for our residents who are experiencing financial hardship. The Household Support Fund is available to provide one off short-term support to meet immediate needs and help those who are struggling to access the essentials. Due to the limited amount of funds available, we will prioritise items necessary for day-to-day living such as food, energy and water.

Food and household essentials vouchers

Successful applicants will be awarded the below supermarket voucher values depending on the size of their household.

Households with one or more adults: £25

Households with one child: £50

Households with two or more children: £75

Energy support

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship with no alternative option available and are concerned that your energy supply may be at risk of disconnection, please complete an application for support.

Local support

Help can also be provided by district and borough councils including support and advice about housing and rent payments.

Apply for support

You will need to provide evidence of hardship with your application form and our team will assess your circumstances against the eligibility criteria. You will need documentation supporting your application, such as: proof of ID, photographic or official letter, a recent bill or official letter as proof of address and residence in West Sussex, evidence of benefits, including any discounts or reductions, other relevant evidence of your household's current hardship. Please be aware, we may not be able to process your application without the supporting documentation. Use the West Sussex County Council online form [Application or request for support](#)

If your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food within the next two days, please phone 033 022 27980. Lines are open between 9.00am-5.00pm seven days a week, including bank holidays.

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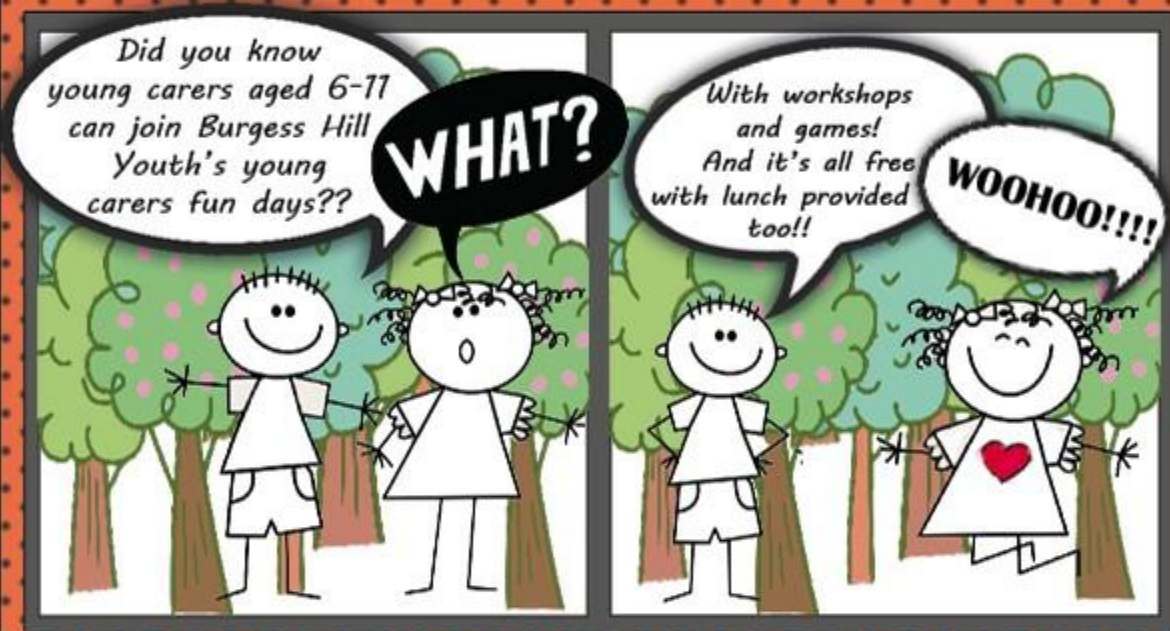


Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

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



YOUNG CARERS FUN DAYS



UPCOMING DATE:

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10AM-2.30PM

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTERN ROAD

SIGN UP AT:

WWW.BURGESSHILL.GOV.UK/TOWN-COMMUNITY/YOUNG-CARERS/

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Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.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.

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

Bank Holidays - Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July

Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2023

INSET DAY - Friday 1st September

Starts Monday 4th September

INSET DAY - Friday 20th October

Half term 23rd - 27th October

Children return Monday 30th October

Last day of term Friday 15th December

Spring term 2024

Starts Tuesday 2nd January

Half term 12th February to 16th February

INSET DAY - Monday 19th February

Children return Tuesday 20th February

Last day of term Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March to 12th April

Summer term 2024

Starts Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - 6th May

INSET DAY - Friday 24th May

Half term 27th May to 31st May

INSET DAY Monday 3rd June

Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July