

# London Meed Primary School

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

NEWSLETTER: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and I cannot believe that we are into March already.

One of my favourite things about being a Headteacher is walking around school and seeing the wonderful learning taking place. In our Staff Meeting this week we focused on looking at children's written work across different subjects. The progress they have made since September is very evident and we look forward to sharing their books with you during the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evenings.

Our very first Grandparents Afternoon was a huge success and it was wonderful to see the older generation interacting with their grandchildren and sharing memories. Items they brought in included books, photos and precious teddies. One child in Year 2 told me that their grandparent wouldn't be coming but it was okay as they were going to borrow someone else's! A huge thank you to Mr King for coming up with the idea and making the arrangements for one hundred and thirty-six grandparents to attend. Let's do it again next year.



I was so impressed with Tariq, Koray and Samira from Year 6, who gave an informative presentation on Ramadan during our Celebration Assembly. They spoke clearly and confidently and answered lots of questions.

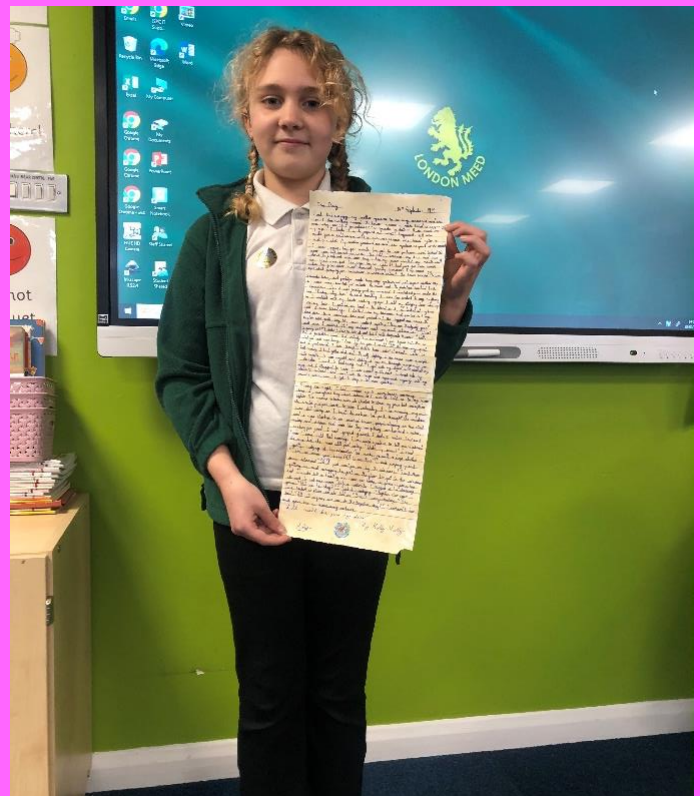
Have a super weekend.  
Natalie Langtree,  
Head teacher

## Year 1 Pirate Day



Year 1 enjoyed their Pirate Day this week and engaged in many fun, pirate themed activities. Well done everyone

## Year 6 WW2



Feeling inspired by our current topic - WW2 - Molly M in 6B, wrote a very detailed and emotional diary entry. Every day after school, for about two weeks, Molly spent time working on her self-initiated writing.

It was a pleasure listening to you reading your diary entry to us, Molly - thank you

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## Grandparents Afternoon



On Wednesday, we welcomed well over 100 grandparents into our classrooms to share a memory or an object with their grandchild. It was lovely to see such energy and excitement in classrooms so a big thank you to all that could attend as it was something the children were really looking forward to. Items brought in ranged from a one hundred-year-old cricket bat, photos, books and teddies! We hope to invite grandparents back into classrooms again.

Mr King, Community Lead.

## London Meed Hero Awards

Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award: please note it is one child per class for all year groups.

Name of child	Class	Reason
Tariq C.	6B	For showing his passion for reading, by writing a selection of book reviews this week. Well done, Tariq!
Liz	6H	For impeccable behaviour at all times and for always displaying an excellent attitude to learning. Well done Liz!
Fred C.	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience when developing his comprehension skills in guided reading, where he has been able to independently apply the VIPERS skills when answering a range of different questions. Keep up all your hard work, Fred!
James G	5 S	For showing curiosity and enthusiasm when building a strong, waterproof structure in D.T, modifying and improving your design. Well done!
Connall	40	For resilience in being willing to stretch himself and take on new challenges and for showing curiosity in all areas of the curriculum
Evie R	4P	For always demonstrating school values and being a super role model in class.
Emily S	3M	For writing a superb persuasive leaflet for the Royal Pavilion. You showed creativity and resilience when using a variety of expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questions in your writing. Well done!

## LMA Tuckshop – STARTS TODAY MARCH 1st

**THE LMA PRESENTS...**

**TUCK SHOP FRIDAY**

**OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE AFTER SCHOOL**

cakes      crisps      sweets

pick and mix

fruit kebabs      chocolate

ice lollies      doughnuts

Items will vary each week. Prices range from 20p - £1.00  
Event is weather dependant. From Friday 1st March 2024!



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Aden	3C	For showing curiosity and resilience, when working independently to understand fractions of a number.
Merlin	2M	For showing curiosity when learning about properties of 3D shapes. Great work Merlin!
Ollie	2K	For an improved attitude in lessons this week. You have been far more focused in your learning. Keep it up!
Luca	1M	For making good choices which have helped him to learn well.
Shrey	1S	For showing bravery by sharing his ideas with the class. Well done Shrey!
Minnie	Apples	For her enthusiastic attitude to learning and her improved resilience when things get tricky! Well done.
Mia	Cherries	For being a shining example of all our school values. Well done Mia.

## World Book Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

London Meed will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Please see details below.

**Shelfie competition** - take a photo of your child reading a book in an unusual place. There will be a prize for the most interesting location! You can either bring the photo to school or email it to your year group email.

Please can you decorate an item so that it links to a book of your choice? You could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt or poster. There will be a competition with a prize for the best item per key stage.

### Reading with our Community

We would like to invite parents/grandparents to join their child's class to our "Reading with our Community session", on the 8th March from 2.30-3.15pm, to read stories to the children. If you would like to participate please complete the Google form by Friday 23rd February. World Book Day book vouchers will be sent home via the children on Friday 8th March so please do look out for them! [Reading with our Community session](#)

## Parking

Over the half term break we had our parking areas repainted. This now includes designated disabled bays; these bays are to support those families who have a disabled family member. To make sure that only appropriate families are using these spaces, we are asking that blue badge holders ensure that they always have their badge displayed when parked. After Easter we will be checking that cars parked in our disabled spaces are entitled to park there, and moving those that are not.



## Netball

Wow! What a fantastic performance of sportsmanship, skill and all-round fantastic attitude from our London Meed netball team on Wednesday.

Participating in a tournament at Downlands for local schools, our team took to the court for 5 matches in wet and cold conditions, but their resilience shone through and they played with heart the entire tournament.

Myself and Mrs Cooper were beyond impressed with the huge improvement seen on the court in terms of their knowledge, footwork and ball skills, most importantly – they played as a team.

Coming up against some very talented and experienced players, our girls displayed consistency and resilience going on to come 4th in their group, a performance to be proud of. Ms Leaney

## Musical Achievements

We would like to congratulate the following children who have piano lessons with Mrs Dudding:

Milo 3C, Thea 3M, Olivia 3M, Clara 4O. These children have all worked hard to complete John Thompson's Piano course, level 1.

Congratulations also to Elliot in 4O for completing John Thompson's Piano course, level 2.

Sami and Oscar in 6H, who have been learning with Mrs Dudding for just over a year, will be taking their grade one piano exam this half term. Good luck to both of you.

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## West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent Haywards Heath that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance.

They can help you with: finding childcare, applying for free childcare entitlement, finding local activities and support services, pregnancy and early child development, Parenting and health advice for you and your family, how to access local housing services crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities, personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to. For further information please click on the link in the title.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK.

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the Study Bugs App If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Friday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

## Mental Health Concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in crisis please contact the "Sussex Mental Health Helpline" for free on 0800 0309 500 or via 111 (Option 2). This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year.

If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229900** or email [wscchildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wscchildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk). IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk. Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.

## Term Dates 2023-24

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

**Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including**

### INSET Days

#### Spring term 2024

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

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Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year 2024/2025 as I know this helps with planning any holidays:

Monday 2nd September 2024  
Friday 25th October 2024  
Friday 14th February 2025  
Friday 23rd May 2025  
Monday 2nd June 2025

Here is the link to the WSCC term dates

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

## Forthcoming events

To view forthcoming diary dates please visit our Online calendar which can be accessed via our website [www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk](http://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk)



## BURGESS HILL CRICKET CLUB



# YOUTH SOFTBALL TRAINING

## TUESDAYS 6 - 7.30 PM

**STARTS 6TH FEBRUARY**

plus...

**13/20/27 FEB**

**5/12/19/26 MARCH**

**2/9 APRIL**

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO EXAMS

### GYMNASIUM

6PM - 6.45 PM  
**Y2 - Y4 GIRLS**

6.45PM - 7.30 PM  
**Y5-Y6 GIRLS**

### MAIN SPORTS HALL

6PM - 7.30 PM  
**Y2-Y5 BOYS**

ALL AT THE BURGESS HILL ACADEMY - NO COST TO ATTEND

**NEW PLAYERS VERY WELCOME**

EMAIL : [BURGESSHILLCC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BURGESSHILLCC@GMAIL.COM)

## CREST SWIM SCHOOL

# SPECIAL OFFER

First come first served,  
Limited availability as spaces last,  
availability at all pools.

Group Lessons  
£10 per lesson  
until Easter  
holidays

01825790896  
[hello@crestswimschool.co.uk](mailto:hello@crestswimschool.co.uk)

offer expires 8th March 2024

available on selected classes only,  
available to new swimmer or current  
swimmers in additional sessions

Private Lessons  
1-1 £20 per lesson  
2-1 £25 per lesson  
until Easter  
holidays

## Swimming Intensive Holiday Courses - Booking Now Open

01825 790896 [hello@crestswimschool.co.uk](mailto:hello@crestswimschool.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/crestswimschool](http://www.facebook.com/crestswimschool)

2nd - 5th April  
Woodlands Meed  
School, Burgess Hill  
from 8.30am

8th - 12th April  
Great Walstead  
School, Lindfield.  
from 8.30am

28th - 31st May  
Great Walstead  
School, Lindfield  
from 8.30am

*Coming  
Soon*  
Summer Holiday  
Intensive Course  
Dates



4 day courses:  
Group class - £50.00  
Private lessons -  
£132.00

5 day courses:  
Group class - £62.50  
Private lessons -  
£165.00

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