

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 6th January 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely break and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have had a successful return to school and I have loved listening to children talk enthusiastically about their learning and new topics. Do remember that a termly overview for each year group can be found on our website under the "children" section.

On Thursday, we had a monitoring visit from an Advisor focusing on our school priority of Reading and Phonics. The progress we have made since our 2019 Ofsted visit is very evident and it is clear that reading has a high priority in our school.

We are currently reviewing children's attendance, our aim is to achieve an overall school attendance of at least 95%. Parents and Carers will be contacted if a child's attendance is low without good reason. Our intention is to support families to ensure good attendance. Please remember that our gates shut at 8.45am and children who are not in class for the register will be marked late.

Clubs will resume next week. Mrs Ann Dudding will be offering more places at Choir on a Thursday morning, before school. Please see further details below on how to sign up.

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our Open Days last term. Just a quick reminder that the deadline for applying for a school place for children starting school in September 2023 is Sunday 15th January.

The Inset days for this academic year and the 2023-2024 year can be found below. Please note that in May 2023 there is an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May to mark the King's Coronation. This impacts the Year 6 SATs tests, which will now take place from Tuesday 9th May till Friday 12th May.

Natalie Langtree

Head teacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd January	Children return to school
Week commencing 9th January	Clubs restart
Monday 16th January	Jenny McLachlan Author Event
Friday 10th February	INSET Day
Monday 13th - Friday 17th Feb	School closed for half term.
Monday 20th February	School reopens
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day

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Tuesday 7th March	Y6 SATS Parents meeting in the large hall at 2.30pm - full details to be sent to parents in due course.
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

London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Louie G.	6B	For having a secure understanding of reading scales accurately and converting between units of measure and for always completing mathematical challenges. Well done, Louie!
Joshua Sm	6K	For working so hard on your reading recently and moving up a book band!
Teddy W.	5D	For consistently challenging himself in class and showing curiosity in class when learning about the Vikings as part of our new topic, particularly when comparing the Norse Gods to the Greek Gods.
Zahra B	5S	For showing enthusiasm for learning and sharing her knowledge about Vikings with the class.
Elsie V	4P	For having a focused approach to her learning.
Aaron	4O	For excellent reasoning skills in mathematics and finding efficient ways of working.
Nancy	3M	For making fantastic progress in Maths by using different methods to solve multiplication problems. Your reading has also significantly improved.
Alex	3C	For challenging himself when solving multiplication number sentences using related facts.
Lara	2DJ	For showing community by being so kind to others and helping to keep our classroom tidy.
Lucas	2M	For showing curiosity and resilience in his approach to learning and sharing this with his class.
Ivy	1S	For showing a lot of resilience and curiosity when learning about place value in numbers beyond 20.
The whole class	1W	For making Mrs Murphy feel so welcome in the London Meed Community and for dazzling her with their learning.
Elliot	Apple	For a brilliant attitude to learning and trying really hard with his writing.
Noah	Cherry	For making fantastic effort with reading and writing in phonics.



London Meed Loves Reading - Jenny McLachlan Author Event

We are delighted to welcome bestselling author Jenny McLachlan to London Meed Primary School on Monday 16th January. Jenny will be discussing her latest book **Dead Good Detectives** and **The Land of Roar** series, which is full of fantasy, adventure, dragons and a creepy scarecrow! She will also be sharing her passion for reading and writing and revealing the magical worlds waiting to be discovered when children open a book, pick up a pen, or simply start to imagine.



A super funny and exciting pirate adventure by the author of the bestselling **Land of Roar** series. Perfect for fans of BBC's Ghosts! Sid Jones loves hanging out in the graveyard with her best friend Zen - they are desperate to see a real-life ghost! But when Sid accidentally summons a 300-year-old pirate from the dead, it opens the door to the HALFWAY HOUSE - a magical inn FULL of lost souls from across the ages, all trapped there by a sinister landlord. There are more ghosts than Sid could ever have imagined - and they're all sure Sid is there to save them! (Sid's sure there's been some kind of mistake.) But someone else is watching, and they're not happy about Sid helping the ghosts.



.. Another epic adventure series from the author of the Land of Roar, with magic, peril, pirates, lots of laughs and LOADS of ghosts!

Jenny will be signing books for the students on the 16th January. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity for your child to get a book signed, then please pre-order books here

<https://booknookuk.com/jenny-mclachlan-school-event/>

Please add your child's name and class in the notes section in the pay page and select local pickup for shipping, as your books will be delivered to the school. Alternatively, books will be available at the school on the day. All books purchased will go towards new books for the school. Thank you for your support.

Event organised by your local award winning children's independent bookshop. First Avenue, Hove, BN3 2FJ. Tel: 01273 911988

www.booknookuk.com

THE BOOK NOOK



COME AND JOIN
THE LONDON MEED
**KS2 POP
CHOIR**

WHEN & WHERE
THURSDAY BEFORE SCHOOL
- 8:15 UNTIL 8:45AM
IN THE LARGE SCHOOL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN - NO AUDITION NEEDED!

For more information please see Mrs Dudding

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To book a place for your child please complete the Google form by clicking on the link - [2023 Spring Term Choir club](#)

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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

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

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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