



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

16th September 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week we had last week!

Year 6 had the most incredible residential. They demonstrated ALL of our London Meed Values, especially bravery and resilience. The staff were so proud of all of them for being fantastic ambassadors for the school with their impeccable behaviour and manners. Despite the very cold weather, rain and a bit of thunder, the children loved it. They tried canoeing, climbing, abseiling, archery, zip wiring, fencing and problem solving. See next week's newsletter for more highlights from the trip but I just wanted to say thank you to them all as well. I spent the first day with them and they were all amazing.

Our new Reception children came into school by themselves last week, initially only half the class each day, and by Friday all the children came in and stayed for lunch. They all looked so smart in their new uniforms and all had big smiles throughout the day. Today, is their first full day and we know they are going to have an amazing time.

A huge thank you to Ms Leaney for getting our library ready for everyone to use this week. It looks amazing. The children have been enjoying visiting the library in their classes this week and it has been lovely to hear them reading stories to each other.

Reminders:

Meet the Teachers - these are running this week. We have:

Today - Year 1 at 2.50pm

Tomorrow - Year 3 at 2.50pm

Wednesday - Year 4 at 2.50pm

Thursday - Year 2 at 2.50pm

Friday - Year 5 at 2.50pm

Tuesday 24th - Year 6 at 2.50pm

Census - Our Census day is Thursday 3rd October. This is an important day as we get funded for the next financial year based on data given to the local authority on this day. One area of funding that is really important is the infant universal free school meals. Every infant child (Reception to Year 2) can have a hot school meal. However, these have to be booked through ParentPay two weeks before. If you want your child to have a hot school meal at any point this year, especially the Christmas lunch, you **MUST** book for them to have a hot school meal on Thursday 3rd October. If you don't book a meal on this day, then choose to have a hot meal later on in the term, the school pays for it out of our extremely tight budget rather than the local authority.

Waterproof coat - The weather likes to go from one extreme to the other each day, so please can you make sure your child brings a coat in with them each day. This does need to be a waterproof coat.



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Biscuit & Banter - it is my first 'biscuit and banter' session this week on Wednesday afternoon (18th) at 2.15pm. This will be in the small hall. This is a chance to come and meet me and have a chat. If you have any questions you want to discuss, please feel free to, but remember, I may not have all the answers! I look forward to meeting you. These will be once a month.

KS2 Playground - just a reminder that parents/carers are not permitted to enter the KS2 playground in the mornings. Our Senior Leadership team is happy to pass on any urgent messages or you can visit the school office. You can contact your child's class teacher via their year group email address or you can arrange an appointment via the school office. **All visitors entering the school have to sign in at the School Office.**

Curriculum overviews - This term's curriculum overviews can be found on our school website

Individual photos - Our School Photographer will be visiting our school on Tuesday 1st October 2024. Individual and siblings (in school) photos will be taken during the day. Proofs will be sent home via your child in due course.



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Sports Mark Award 2023-2024



We are delighted to announce that we, London Meed Primary School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year, which is our fifth gold mark award in a row!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils and staff for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2025!





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Congratulations

London Meed CP School, West Sussex

for successfully gaining a
Young Carers in Schools Award.

Valid from June 30th 2024 to June 30th 2027

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Young Carers Award

We are thrilled to announce that London Meed has won a prestigious award for its work supporting young carers with their education!

The school was presented with the Young Carers in Schools award on the 30th June 2024.

The award is part of the Young Carers in School programme run by charities The Children's Society and Carers Trust. The programme provides primary and secondary schools across England with step-by-step guidance for teachers, leaders and non-teaching staff to gain the practical tools they need to help young carers.

Young carers are children under 18 who are responsible for the care of a family member with whom, due to illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction, can't cope without their support.

Our Young Carers team are: Ms Palethorpe - Young Carers Lead, Miss Dowley - Operational Lead and Ms Brayne - Pastoral team member.

If you think your child is a Young Carer please email senco@londonmeedprimary.co.uk



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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
All of Year 6 children	6B	For upholding all the school values while on the residential and showing great enthusiasm, motivation and teamwork. Keep it up, Year 6!
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Iyla W	5D	For her hard work and curiosity when learning about place value in maths as well as formality, the subjunctive form and passive voice in English. You are always focused on your work and are such a supportive learning partner. Keep it up, Iyla!
Lacey G	5A	For showing inner strength and resilience during your 1st swimming lesson in Year 5. You persevere when you found it tough. Well done Lacey!
Rhys	4S	For showing bravery when performing a poem using actions to engage an audience, well done!
Dhatri	4N	For demonstrating resilience and perseverance in maths. Dhatri is learning about place value and I am very impressed with the way she asks for support when needed, she simply never gives up. She is going from strength to strength!
Iona	3T	Showing a high level of curiosity in Geography and producing some fantastic written work that lesson.
Akshaj	3M	For always showing respect inside and out of the classroom. You are always on task and you show resilience when faced with unfamiliar questions. Well done, Akshaj!
Bobbie	2S	For showing the school values of respect and resilience in class. Bobbie has been working so hard in Year 2. Well done!
Rose	2O	For excellent attitudes to learning and for always doing the right thing. What a great role model.
Ethan	1C	For using his phonics and sounds to write his sentences coherently.
Teddy	1M	For always following all of the golden rules. Teddy always does his best in whatever he is choosing to do. He is curious, kind and respectful. What a lucky community Year 1 is to have you Teddy!



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New Reception starters September 2025:

We will be offering tours to any parents and their children who are starting school in September 2025. These will be in the morning from 9.00 - 10.15am on the following dates:

- Wednesday 23rd October
- Thursday 24th October
- Tuesday 19th November
- Wednesday 20th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Thursday 9th January

Online booking forms are now available on our website www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Clubs

We will be emailing this term's clubs timetable, tomorrow at 6pm. Clubs led by our staff will start week commencing the 23rd September and will finish week commencing 2nd December.

There are limited spaces for each of the internal clubs, if you are unable to sign your child up for a club this means the club has reached its limit. **If you would like to put your child onto a waiting list please email clubs@londonmeedprimary.co.uk**

We have a policy that if a child does not attend a club for more than two weeks (unless there are extenuating circumstances) they will be removed from the club register and the place offered to another child from the waiting list.



4N: English starter activity

We drew a timeline of the history of the earth across the playground! We then highlighted the tiny part where humans have been present. The rain would not deter us! Quotes from the children: *"Have we really only been around this long?"* *"What came before us?"* *"How did we evolve?"*



Brownie Camp

Clara, Freya and Maia from 5A had their first ever Brownie sleepover at Tilgate Park. They all had a great time, and displayed all of the school values including plenty of resilience!



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
16th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 1 from 2.50-3.10pm
16th Sept	Meeting about the Y6 2025 residential in the large hall from 3.20pm for parents of children in current Y5.
17th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 3 from 2.50-3.10pm
18th Sept	Book school meals for Census Day
18th Sept	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.15pm
18th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 4 from 2.50-3.10pm
19th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 2 from 2.50-3.10pm
20th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 5 from 2.50-3.10pm
24th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 6 from 2.50-3.10pm
25th Sept	Year 2 visiting Arundel Castle
1st Oct	School Photographer in school for the day to take individual and sibling (current pupils) photos.
3rd Oct	Census Day
4th Oct	Y1 visit to Wakehurst
15th Oct	EYFS visit to the library (details to follow)
16th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
16th Oct	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.15pm
17th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
18th Oct	Y4 visit to the National History Museum (details to follow)
25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
11th Nov	Mastering Number session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. Details to follow.
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings- details to follow



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Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

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

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd September

Starts Tuesday 3rd September

INSET DAY - Friday 25th October

Half term 28th October - 1st November

Children return Monday 4th November

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April

Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May

INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July

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.



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

Apples - Mon, Thurs

Cherries - Tues, Fri

Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Tuesday Friday

Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday

Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yr6 - Monday and Thursday

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.

We have staff 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 below

www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/find-a-family-hub/mid-sussex-family-hub/



Burgess Hill Rugby Club is hosting its annual "Bring a Buddy" day on Sunday 22 Sept to introduce new players to the club. Year 1-5 start at 9am Year 6 start at 10 am. More information is available on the website: <https://www.bhrfc.co.uk/calendar/event/bring-a-buddy-day-600980>



FREE TASTER SESSION

Mid Sussex Netball Club are excited to invite new players who are currently in **Year 8** (Sep 24) to join us for a **FREE TASTER SESSION** with our awesome U8 training group!
ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!!

Come meet our fab coaches and start your netball journey. Master new skills, build your confidence and learn to play as a team - all while keeping fit, having fun and making new friends!

For more information or to request a place please fill out our **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM** below and we'll be in contact very soon!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XAVBTXJcuZ5_QiwRGk-YwL_qGaJMNLsPzzgHcHOTHvY/edit

