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Where has the sun gone today? We have been having such lovely weather, we forget that we are only in March and it can still be cold. On Monday, Mr Dalgleish took some Year 5 children to a Handball festival. They had a great time and enjoyed playing against other teams. Year 2 had an amazing time at the British Wildlife Centre on Tuesday and got to meet so many different types of British animals - foxes and otters were their favourites. Both of our Netball teams went to Downlands for a tournament - they did a brilliant job. The A team came 9th and the B team came 2nd. They were brilliant ambassadors for our school. We had our termly visit from our School Advisor and she spent the morning looking at how we teach Maths across the school. Our Maths team went around with her dropping into all the classes. She was very impressed with the children's learning - they were amazing as always.

This week, we have 'Animazing' in Year 4 tomorrow. They are bringing in different reptiles for the children to explore linked to their topic of the Rainforest. Year 3 has a beekeeper visiting tomorrow as part of their Science topic. We also have two phonics workshops this week for Year 1 parents and carers - tomorrow morning at 9.00am or Thursday afternoon at 2.40pm. These are really useful in supporting your child with the phonics screening in June. Some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children are attending a cricket festival at the Triangle on Thursday afternoon.

Friday 21st March is Comic Relief and we will be inviting children to wear their own clothes on this day for a donation.

Easter Raffle:

We will be running an Easter Egg raffle on Thursday 3rd April. Raffle tickets cost £1 a ticket - you can either buy them at the office or we will be selling them on the gate after school each day starting from Thursday 20th March. We are looking for donations of eggs for the raffle - any size or flavour is accepted however please ensure they are nut free. Please send these into the office ready for Thursday 3rd April. Thanks so much for your help.



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Year 2 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited the British Wildlife Centre to

explore the habitats and discover all about British Wildlife. They developed their knowledge of food chains. The children were all fantastic ambassadors for London Meed and showed all our school values throughout the



day. They enjoyed spotting foxes, badgers and finding out all about tawny owls and hedgehogs. We even managed to spot some pine martins and a wild cat. Thank you to all of the helpers who attended.

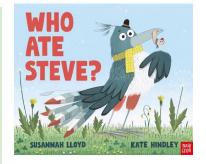
Book Week

Last Friday, London Meed celebrated World Book Day. The winner of the West Sussex Book Awards was announced and we were delighted that it was the book we voted for as a school.

All the children created an item in class to celebrate the book they are reading. These were shared in assembly and we were even treated to a book in a rap by Bonnie and Amber in Year 4! We rounded the day off with lots of parents visiting to read with the children. This was a lovely community event and thank you to those who were able to support us.









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In addition, congratulations to the winners of the competitions:















































On Wednesday we had the pleasure of accompanying the netball squad comprising 2 teams to Downlands School via the train for a netball tournament against other local primary schools. We were delighted with the behaviour both teams exhibited throughout. Our more experienced team came 2nd showcasing the skills and progression that we have seen throughout the season in training, our

development team made a huge effort in every match and we can not wait to build on this experience. Once again, you have made us proud

Ms Leaney and Mrs Cooper





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The following children from London Meed performed in Mrs Dudding's Spring Concert on Sunday the 16th March at the Adastra Hall in Hassocks. All children gave amazing performances, and we are very proud of them all – well done!



Aiden 1C, Marlowe 1C, Martha 2O, Evie 2S, Louis 2O, Luke 4N, Abigail 4S, Olivia 4S, Oscar 6B, Lola 6B, Eva 6B, Bruce 4S, Rafael 3M, Zach 3M, Sam 3M, Cadi 5D, Avitaj 3T.

A big thank you to all who have donated school uniform to us over the last couple of years - this has been an amazing support to the school community, along with being an eco-friendly choice. Unfortunately due to the large amount of stock we currently hold we are unable to accept any more for the time being. We will be confirming in due course the next uniform sale that we will be holding.



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

Name of child	Class	Reason
Oscar P.	6B	For his accurate answers in Maths when learning to interpret information from pie charts, involving fractions and percentages. Well done, Oscar, for your resilience and great attitude to learning!
Lucy	6Н	For always demonstrating our London Meed Values and Golden Rules both in class and around the school. You are an excellent role model for our school community Lucy. Well done!
Amelia B	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience with her work in maths this week, where she has been learning about translating shapes on a coordinate grid as well as reflecting shapes and patterns using lines of symmetry. Keep up all your hard work, Amelia!



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Elsie	5A	For demonstrating curiosity and creativity in PE lessons when preparing and performing linked movement sequences on low apparatus, mats and floor.
Isaac C	4S	Showing respect and bravery when encouraging others within his team during P.E. Well done for being supportive and having a good attitude to learning.
Frankie	4N	Frankie has had a great week! He has demonstrated our values of resilience in English and Maths, and curiosity in guided reading. We are so proud of him! Well done, Frankie!
Dotty-Mae	3M	For showing resilience when writing a fantastic persuasive leaflet about the Royal Pavilion. You are also a lovely member of our class community and we are all very proud of how much progress you are making. Well done, Dotty!
Aizah	3T	Being resilient and showing great persistence when creating some persuasive writing about the Royal Pavilion. You wrote some fantastic detailed paragraphs and included lots of the facts and features we've learned about over the past few weeks. Well done!
Рорру	20	Demonstrating enthusiasm and curiosity during our school trip and for being so excited to see an otter! Also for being an excellent teacher helper during our maths lesson.
Charlie	2S	For always being ready to learn. Charlie demonstrates the school value of respect every day by following instructions, listening to others and taking turns to share his ideas. Well done Charlie!
Alaska	1 C	For an absolutely excellent recount about our pirate day. You clearly explained what you did using time connectives and extending each sentence using 'and' and 'because'.
Grace H	1M	Always doing the right thing. She is a real ambassador for the class. Grace tries very hard in everything she does and shows great resilience when she finds things a bit more tricky -which isn't that often! Well done Grace
Indie	Apples	Fabulous independent writing to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk! Indie wrote in full sentences, used capital letters and full stops and was ambitious with her vocabulary choices. Well done.
Devannsh	Cherries	A fantastic piece of independent writing.

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Reminders

If you have any issues or questions in the first instance please email your child's class teacher via their year group email address or alternatively email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk who will then forward your email onto the relevant member of staff. Please do not send emails to individual members of staff as, if they are not in school, the email will not be read.

theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	The Orchard
year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 1
year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 2
year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 3
year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 4
year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 5
year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 6

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

Apples - Monday and Thursday

Cherries - Tuesday and Friday

Y1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Y2 - Tuesday and Friday

Y3 - Wednesday and Friday

Y4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Y5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 - Monday and Thursday

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child. Please also ensure you order through the list as this will then remove the item so it is not purchased again.

EYFS https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm

Year 1 https://amzn.eu/9mK2jpx

Year 2 https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv

Year 3 https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp

Year 4 https://amzn.eu/84lbWMy

Year 5 https://amzn.eu/dYucRra

Year 6 https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo

SEN Support https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH

London Meed New Nurture Room and Sensory room https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi



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School Community News

New Mental Health and Well-being Website via West Sussex County Council: West Sussex County Council have launched a new website to help children, families and schools with mental health and well-being. The link is below so please do have a look to see if there is anything that you might find supportive. https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childrens-mental-health-and-emotional-wellbeing/

E Safety Seminar: The local police are running E-Safety webinars, for parents and carers. To join the webinars please visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/online-safety-for-parents-3386699

London Meed KS2 Girls Free Cricket Taster Sessions

with Keymer & Hassocks CC

Tuesday 1st April*

(*WEATHER PERMITTING – no indoor space is available this week.

If wet on 1st, we will run Thurs 3rd April* instead, *weather permitting.)

Thursday 24th April &

Thursday 1st May

(These sessions will run indoors if raining.)

3.20-4.20pm at London Meed School

KHCC Girls' training starts Friday 25th April, 5.30-6.15, Adastra Park, Hassocks, BN6 8QH.

Girls Cricket Taster Session on Tuesday 1st April Girls Cricket Taster Session on Thursday 24th April Girls Cricket Taster Session on Thursday 1st May

Clubs:

Internal clubs will be running next week as usual, there will be no clubs during the last week of term.



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Young Carers

As a school we are committed to ensuring that all pupils get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential. We know that for some pupils, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. We think in every class there could be as many as two pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these young carers. Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons.

They might be providing physical support to a parent with a physical illness such as fibromyalgia or ME, such as cooking, fetching things or helping with things like putting shoes on or doing the shopping

They might be helping a parent with a disability who needs help with more personal tasks such as getting dressed, bathing or changing dressings Or it could be more emotional support – like being there if their autistic sibling is upset, taking responsibility for young siblings whilst parents attend health appointments, or checking that a parent with depression/anxiety is ok. Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but all are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other pupils.

There is lots of support available for young carers and their families should they ever need it – both inside and outside of school.

How to Join Young Carers

In the meanwhile, if you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young carer then please email pastorallead@londonmeedprimary.co.uk for the attention of Ms Brayne, who is the Operational Lead. Even if you feel your child or family are doing really well and don't need any support, we find that it's better for us to be aware and have them on our radar as potential young carers, in case the situation suddenly changes and they (or you) do need support. A copy of our Young Carers Policy can be found on our website.

https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/web/young_carers_policy_january_2024/678710

and further information about Young Carers can be found under the Statutory information section https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/web/young carers /678712



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Referral to Healthy Child Programme 5-19 School Nursing Service

The School Nursing team can be contacted by parents directly for a variety of issues as listed below:

☐ Continence issues e.g., soiling, day, or night-time wetting

☐ Sleep issues

☐ Support for school staff when they need to produce individual health care plans for pupils

☐ Poor school attendance related to health issues

☐ Sexual health advice ☐ Lifestyle concerns including weight, smoking, drugs, or alcohol

☐ Health needs assessment following safeguarding meetings

☐ Emotional health and wellbeing support, such as low self-esteem, low mood, low level anxiety

Parents can contact the School Nurse team via the HCP 5-19 duty line 0300 303 1137, option 1.or by texting Parentline on 07312 277011. Parents and young people can also access their websites, Health for Kids and Health for Teens.



Parent Support Group Spring Term 2025

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please oin us at one of our local support groups or rom the comfort of your own home



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham) 14th Jan / 4th Feb / 4th Mar / 1st Apr

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs) 22nd Jan / 12th Feb / 12th Mar / 2nd Apr

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am **Durrington Community Centre** 21st Jan / 11th Feb / 18th Mar

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am Horsham Family Hub 15th Jan / 26th Feb / 19th Mar

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am Donnington Parish Hall 30th Jan / 27th Feb / 27th Mar

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am The Cherry Tree Centre 28th Jan / 25th Feb / 25th Mar

13th Mar

3rd Apr

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

7.30 pm - 9 pm

Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk







0300 303 1137

If you need urgent dental help and cannot find a dentist, the Dental Helpline can book you an urgent appointment with an NHS dentist.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

For up to-date-information and support on getting urgent dental care, contact:



Alternatively, email: kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net for more information.





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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 18th & 20th March	EYFS and KS1 Phonics and Fluency Work shop
Tuesday 18th March	Y3 Bee talk and Y4 Reptile visit
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Week commencing 24th March	Y6 Bikeability week.
Wednesday 26th March	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley.
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Raffle - details to follow.
Friday 4th April	Last day of the Spring term.
Monday 7th - 21st April	School closed for the Easter holidays. School reopens Tuesday 22nd April.

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 Spring term 2025

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 <u>on the first day before 9.20am</u> 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 <u>Study Bugs App</u>

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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Treat for Carers day If you are an unpaid adult carer in Burgess Hill, who supports an ill, frail, or disabled family member, friend or partner who is unable to manage without support, then register FREE to attend the Treat Day for Carers, on Thursday 6th March! Held at Burgess Hill Girls from 10.15am until 2pm, there will be pamper treatments, as well as activities to get involved with and information services to talk to. The school will be providing a lovely lunch to all attendees, with musical entertainment and a free raffle, including prizes from Jupps fish & chip shop and Plumpton Racecourse. Joining us with information will be Carers Support, West Sussex Fire and Rescue, and West Sussex Young Carers, to name a few! For this year's event we will be trialling advanced appointment bookings, to ensure fairness. During the booking process you will be asked your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices, with a view to everyone being booked into 2 of the 3 preferred choices. We please ask that you choose three different appointment types to ensure we can accommodate your request. You will then be informed of your bookings and timings when you arrive at the event. To book please call 01444 247726 or visit The Help Point at 96 Church

Walk. You are welcome to bring the person you care for along to the event if they are an adult, unfortunately children cannot be accommodated at this event. For further information contact communityteam@burgesshill.gov.uk This event is co-organised by Burgess Hill Girls and Burgess Hill Town Council, with sponsorship from Carer Support West Sussex

<u>Preston Nomads Junior Cricket Camps</u>

The camps are aimed at boys and girls aged 7-12, school years 2-8. All kit is provided, and all coaches are DBS checked. The dates are all Monday to Wednesday 09:00 - 14:45. £125 for all three days, £50 per day.

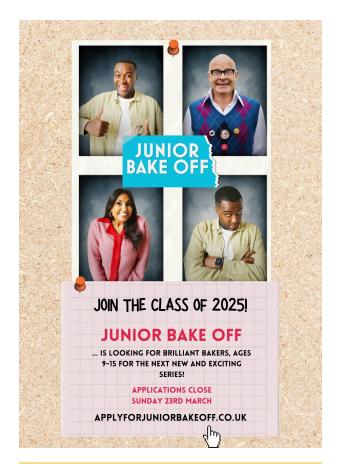
- April 14, 15, 16.
- May 26, 27, 28.
- August 4, 5, 6.
- August 18, 19, 20.

Please email pncccricketcamp@gmail.com or contact 07956776682 for more details.



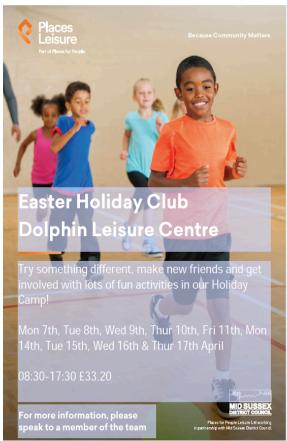


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