



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely first week back we have had. The children have made the most of the sunny weather and enjoyed the opportunities to learn outside.



The big news that caused exclamations of surprise from staff and pupils on Monday morning was the creation of our stunning library space. We are absolutely delighted with how it is looking and are busy planning the next phase - fitting furniture and stocking it with books.

We aim to have this completed and ready for September. Mr Blake and Mrs Stalker have worked incredibly hard over the Easter holidays co-ordinating the building works. A huge thank you to John and Nicola Underwood from Nicholson and Underwood and to David Western from WSCC Area Building School Surveyor for making sure this project could happen in the Easter holidays.



Learning began with stunning starts to the new topics this term. Year 3 dressed up as Egyptians, mummies and archaeologists and took part in numerous activities throughout the day.



Year 4 celebrated the start of their topic by arriving at school dressed as dinosaurs, including Mr Dalglish!

There has been some fabulous DT work happening in Year 6 and

they have designed and created their own coral reefs.

Year 6 children have also been busy this week taking part in Bikeability and have enjoyed being outside learning how to keep safe on the roads.

I have been taking assemblies in the small hall with one year group at a time and this week. The focus has been "words". Our older children have learned about William Shakespeare and our KS1 pupils have considered how the words they use can make other people feel.

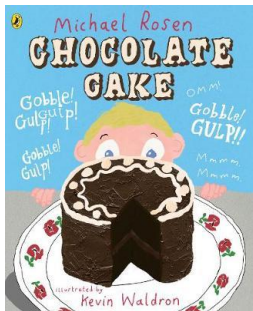
**Natalie Langtree, Head teacher**

#### Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!

Henley ,Apples	For excellent maths work representing numbers to 20 in a variety of ways.
Gunta,Apples	For trying hard with his phonics and reading this week.
Hugo,Cherries	For finding different ways to make numbers between 10 and 15.
Abigail, Cherries	For fantastic maths work, counting in 10's and understanding different ways to make 2 digit numbers.
Levi, 1 Donaldson	For being brave when writing independently.
Oliver K,1 Donaldson	For demonstrating curiosity when learning facts about creatures under the sea.
Noah, 1 Hendra	Showing great enthusiasm in our new topic and pride in his written work.
Evie, 1 Hendra	For showing motivation and hard work completing her independent activities.
Charlie, 2 Blackman	For always being a positive and kind friend, and helping his class community.
Ben,2 Blackman	For showing bravery and resilience in his work on fractions.
Thomas, 2 Riddell	For helping his class community to learn and always trying his best.
Lewis , 2 Riddell	For showing curiosity in his learning and sharing this with his class.
Sam H, 3 Zephaniah	For displaying interest, enthusiasm, knowledge and curiosity during our learning about the Ancient Egyptians.
Sabreen, 3 Rosen	For showing bravery by reading aloud to the class with a confident, clear voice.
Angus, 4 Thomson	For being independent and challenging himself all week when learning about explanation texts in English.
Ellis,4 Hardy	For his enthusiastic input and work when introducing our electricity topic in Science. Well done!
Finn, 5 Leonard	For working so hard to make improvements in his learning.
Finley, 5 Kipling	For using technical language in this week's Geography lesson and for your enthusiastic contributions to discussions.
Calum .6 Rundell	For designing a detailed and effective coral reef, using a variety of materials and techniques. Well done, Calum!
Amelie,6 Davies	For being curious and inspired during our project on coral reefs and for excellent research to support her design.



## Encouraging a Love of Reading



### Author of the week –3 Rosen

Who is Michael Rosen?

Michael Wayne Rosen (born 7 May 1946) is a British children's author and poet who has written 140 books. He served as Children's Laureate from June 2007 to June 2009. He has also been a TV presenter and a political columnist.

(Quick Let's Get Out of Here)

This hilarious book is filled with lots of short narrative poems from Michael Rosen's childhood.

We have used Michael Rosen's brilliant online videos to help us with reading aloud. He is a master of intonation, volume, pitch and tone. The class has some favourite poems in the book including Eddie and the Nappy, Washing Up and Mr Alfonso's favourite, Chocolate Cake! His Sense of humour resonates with the 3R and they said some things below.

Grace S: "I like Chocolate Cake the most because there is loads of suspense and he does a really good performance we watched in class."

Zoe: "The poems are interesting to me because he bases them on his real life."

Oliver: "I can relate to some of his stories with my little brother."

Mr Alfonso, 3 Rosen Class Teacher

experimenting with different materials and deciding which combination to use. We loved this project because it was different from our usual art lessons; we got to plan our ideas and test them out. Also, we got to express our imagination and most importantly, we all tried our hardest.



### Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

We are taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition which is a great chance for your children to get creative and reflect on the

strange times we have been going through. The theme for the stamp competition is 'Heroes' - aiming to honour the heroes of the pandemic.

Children shall be completing this in school time but please read the attached information relating to your children's information and how it will be used. There are several potential prizes to be won, in the form of High Street vouchers for the winning children and cash prizes for their school, with the top prizes to the value of £1,000.

I look forward to seeing their great entries!

Mr Davies-Jones, Art Lead

### Fidget Toys

Just a quick reminder that Fidget toys are not allowed to be brought into school. If you feel that your child needs one please contact Mr Viinikka directly via [assistanthead@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:assistanthead@londonmeedprimary.co.uk)

### Year 6 - Odious Oceans



As part of our topic, Odious Oceans, we designed coral reefs to decorate our classrooms. We started by researching information about corals and looking at their shapes, colours and patterns. Then, we spent time

### LMA Sunflower Competition

As your sunflowers grow you can post photos to the LMA Facebook page or email

[Ima@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:Ima@londonmeedprimary.co.uk). There will be a prize for the tallest one on the last day of the Summer term. Children could also enter their sunflower into the tallest sunflower competition as part of Burgess Hill in Bloom <http://www.burgesshillinbloom.co.uk/>

### 60 Second Lunchbox Hacks.

As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch.

To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF - please see attached.



#### Children's Commissioner launches a National Survey

The DfE announced that A National survey of children, The Big Ask, has been launched this week.

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched The Big Ask <http://thebigask.uk/> – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to complete this survey

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>  
A range of teaching resources have also been produced, including lesson plans and activity packs, to help teachers incorporate this into their lessons.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey via <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/> to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Should your child develop COVID symptoms and receive a positive test result over a weekend, please continue to email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) as we will need to take immediate action.

#### Email addresses to contact teachers

Please only contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below.

The Orchard	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

#### Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf)

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Bank holiday: - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Inset Days: - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June			

#### Term Dates 2021-2022

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/school-term-dates-202122/>

#### Inset days 2021-2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 22nd October 2021
Spring Term	Friday 18th February 2022
Summer Term	Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022

#### PE Days

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

Monday	Year 3 The Orchard
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 2

#### Contact Details

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

#### Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence by 9.20am **every day** via Studybugs

<https://studybugs.com/signin> or via our absence voicemail on 01444 232336.