

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 21st April 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting start to the summer term it has been! The children have been introduced to their new topics in various inspiring ways, please have a look on our website for the curriculum maps for this term -

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/curriculum/56211> Year 6 children took part in Bikeability this week, embodying our values of bravery, resilience and respect. The WSCC instructors were very complimentary about the childrens' attitudes and efforts.

On Wednesday, we practised our "lockdown" procedures. The children were impeccably behaved and followed instructions from adults. We ensured that staff and children were fully aware of the difference between a fire drill and a lockdown drill prior to the practice and the procedures to follow. Lockdown procedures are a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in the school. They could be activated in response to any number of situations, which may include: a reported incident/civil disturbance in the local community (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils in the school); an intruder on the school site (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils); a warning being received regarding a risk locally, of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.) or chemical, biological or radiological contaminants; a major fire in the vicinity of the school; the close proximity of a dangerous dog/animal roaming loose. You may have seen in the news this week that a school in Birmingham had to activate their lockdown procedure due to a danger in the school grounds, illustrating just how important it is to practise these procedures.

Can I remind you that as a parent, it's important that you know that all social media platforms and messaging apps have age appropriate limits. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities made up of people much older than your child. For example, the TIK TOK app has a minimum age of 13 years old for users. For further information about the minimum on top social media platforms please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone of our School Uniform policy. School shoes should be black and of a design your child can fasten. These can include trainers, but they must be entirely black. On PE days children are welcome to wear a School logo green hoodie or green jumper or fleece. Non logo hoodies are not part of our policy. Our School Uniform policy can be viewed on our website [School Uniform Policy](#)

As always the summer term promises to be a very busy one with lots of exciting activities and trips. With the upcoming Coronation, the children will be designing a new Royal stamp and these will be used to decorate the school. Please check the dates at the end of this newsletter for other upcoming events.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

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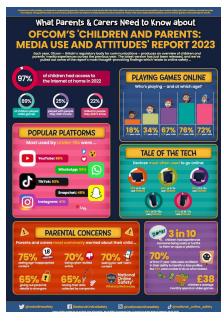
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Do you love the outdoors? Mr Blake, our Forest School Lead is still looking for parent/carers volunteers to help out at Forest School. If you or a relative are interested please email Mr Blake via premises@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Josh W.	6B	For writing exciting and imaginative stories when practising the use of varied prepositions, determiners and verb tenses. Keep it up, Josh!
Caitlin	6K	For demonstrating brilliant resilience this week when completing your bikeability sessions.
Bea F	5D	For working hard all week in every area of the curriculum and showing curiosity when learning about Native Americans as part of our new Summer Term topic, Storytellers.
Carys	5S	Showing resilience by being an independent learner and always striving to do her best in everything she does. Well done!
Kieran	4P	For working hard in all classroom activities and becoming a valued member of the class.
Pasha	4O	For a much improved start to the term. You have been ready for learning and quick to start and showed improved listening.
Clara	3M	For writing a fantastic setting and character description. You have also challenged yourself in maths this week!
Evelyn	3C	For showing respect and community when sharing her knowledge and understanding with her peers.
Theodore	2DJ	For working well in maths when exploring commutativity and the inverse.
Emily	2M	For coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning in all lessons and using her neatest handwriting all week!
James T	1S	For giving a brilliant response when listening carefully to a piece of music that "sounded like soldiers were walking to it". (The piece of music was Radetzky March.)
Lewie	1W	For his reasoning in Maths.
Joshua R	Apple	Joshua for fantastic engagement in phonics lessons and trying really hard with his letters.
Toby	Cherry	Toby for an excellent attitude to learning and always trying his best in everything he does.



National Online Safety

Please find attached a free online safety guide on OFCOM's Children & Parents: Media Use & Attitudes Report 2023.

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report provides a comprehensive picture of how young people used and interacted with the internet in the preceding year. It's a fascinating snapshot of what games and apps young people are currently favouring, how long they spend online and how tastes change at certain ages.

While some of Ofcom's latest findings will probably come as scant surprise (YouTube being by far the most popular platform among under-18s, for instance), other conclusions may raise an eyebrow or two. This week's special #WakeUpWednesday guide presents some of the report's

most eye-catching facts and figures in an accessible infographic format. Please see the attached guide in which you'll find statistics and trends such as the current most popular platforms for young people and the proportion of children in each age group who play online games.

London Meed Loves Reading

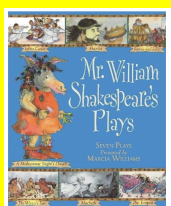
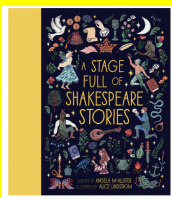
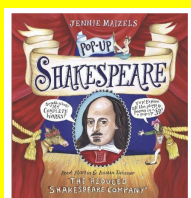
Shakespeare Day:

Celebrate the birth of arguably England's greatest playwright on 23rd April 2023.

Although the actual birth date of William Shakespeare remains unknown, it is most commonly thought to be 23rd April 1564.

Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and died on 23rd April 1616 at the age of 52.

From modern-English retellings to comic-book versions of the plays, there are wonderful books available to help you introduce Shakespeare's timeless stories to your primary-school child. Will you read *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *Hamlet* together at bedtime tonight?



Alternatively sit back and relax as you listen to author and illustrator, Marcia Williams, retell Shakespeare's story of *The Tempest*:

<https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/kids-zone/storytime-marcia-williams/>



Y6 Bikeability



This week, in Bikeability, we have been learning how to ride on the road safely; how to turn on junctions; how long to indicate and the right of ways. We really enjoyed doing the u turns. This course is very useful for when cycling to school next year.

Y3 Roman Day



On Monday, Year 3 was taken over by 56 fierce Roman centurions and soldiers. They made Roman crowns and played Roman board games which they thoroughly enjoyed! We watched the Horrible Histories movie which gave us an insight into the impact of the Roman army and also introduced us to the Celts. After lunch, we explored the requirements to join the Roman army and then we

went outside to take part in a Roman Army Bootcamp. We had a fantastic day and we are all very excited to learn more about the Romans.

Year 4 Hockey Festival



Eight children from Year 4 took part in a hockey festival on Wednesday 19th April at Downlands School. They enjoyed having a go at a variety of hockey activities where they could learn and practise different skills, as well as having the opportunity to take part in some competitive activities. Well done to all

who took part!

Baton Twirling Brooke



Over the Easter weekend, Brooke from 3C went to Bournemouth for a four day international baton twirling competition. Brooke entered in four solo events and won 2nd and 3rd place for them. Brooke also took part in four team events with her little team and they won all of them. Brooke had a great competition and she is very proud of her achievements as are we! Brooke showed all of our school values.

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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
- 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.

Summer term dates for your diary

Week commencing 17th April	Clubs restart
Mon 1st May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tues 2nd May	Trunk Theatre visiting Y2
Mon 8th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tues 16th May	Y6 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Thurs 18th May	Y3 trip to Fishbourne
Mon 22nd May	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers photos
Tues 23rd May	Y2 visit to Burgess Hill Library Y4 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Wed 24th May	Y3 visit to Burgess Hill Library
Thurs 25th May	Y1 visit to Burgess Hill Library Parents/Carers will be invited to a School Picnic from 1.30-3.30pm - details to follow
Fri 26th May	INSET day - school closed
29th May - 2nd June	Half term holidays - school closed
Mon 5th June	INSET day - school closed

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Tues 6th June	Children return to school after the half term break
Thurs 8th June	Y1 to the Sealife Centre
Sat 10th June	LMA Colour Run/Summer Fair - details to follow
Wed 14th - Fri 16th June	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 19th June	New Parents Evening for children starting school in Sept 2023.
Sun 25th June	Burgess Hill Children's Parade - details to follow
Wed 28th June	Your Space Parent/Carer Workshop in the small hall 1.20-2.50pm. The workshop is called Overcoming Overwhelm. Further details to follow.
Thurs 29th - Fri 30th June	Y4 Residential
Tues 4th July	EYFS to Drusillas
Wed 5th July	Transition Day. Children will meet their new teachers. Details to follow.
Thurs 6th July	Y6 to Tea Thyme for Pizza
Fri 7th July	Annual reports sent to parents.
Week commencing 10th July	All clubs finish for the term. Y6 Life Skills week.
Tues 11th July	Current Y5 parent meeting about September Y6 residential
Wed 12th July	A chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher and say goodbye to their existing teacher. Details to follow.
Fri 14th July	Sports Day from 1.10pm - full details to follow
Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm. Details to follow in due course.
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm.
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents will be invited to the Goodbye Assembly.

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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 and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday



Term Dates 2022-2023

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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.

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

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