

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

NEWSLETTER: 5th January 2024

Happy New Year!

What a wonderful (although very wet) start to our new term. It was the first time in all my years of teaching that we have started back so early after Christmas. Despite this, the children have come back eager and curious to learn about their new topics and this is very evident in this week's London Meed Hero Awards. To view this term's topics for each year group please visit the [Curriculum](#) section on our school website.

The clubs timetable for this term is attached to this email. A separate email will follow on Monday, at 6pm, with links for signing up. **Please note that clubs do not restart until week beginning the 15th January.**

This morning our Apples and Cherries joined us for London Meed Hero assembly. I was tickled to hear that there had been some misconceptions about this and I can assure you that no capes were worn! The children sat beautifully and enjoyed being part of our whole school celebration assembly.

Can I politely remind everyone that our gates close at 8.45am and children are expected to be in class for the register no later than 8.45am. Children who arrive late can become upset when they walk into a classroom where the other children have already begun the first activity of the day.

Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year 2024/2025 as I know this helps with planning any holidays:

Monday 2nd September 2024, Friday 25th October 2024, Friday 14th February 2025, Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 2nd June 2025. Here is the link to the WSCC term dates

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

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Natalie Langtree, Headteacher

London Meed Hero Awards

Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award please note it is one child per class for all year groups

| <i>Name of child</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>Reason</i> |
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| Amelia S. | 6B | For showing resilience and determination when working with units of measure and drawing a conversion graph for miles and kilometres. Keep it up, Amelia! |
| Theo | 6H | For demonstrating exceptional curiosity about our topic of World War 2 by asking thoughtful questions. Well done Theo! |
| Kieran | 5D | For showing resilience and curiosity when learning about subtracting mixed number fractions with different denominators. Keep up all your hard work, Kieran! |
| Edward | 5S | For showing determination and focus when subtracting mixed and improper fractions. |
| Indy | 4P | For resilience and perseverance in Maths when calculating the perimeter correctly. |
| Zachary | 4O | For showing community and respect in the classroom helping with jobs and for a fantastic start to the term with a great attitude to learning |
| Henley | 3M | For showing curiosity when learning about the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. You also showed resilience when using scaling to multiply larger numbers. Well done! |
| Sienna | 3C | For showing resilience and bravery when playing with lots of different peers in the playground this week. |

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| Alice | 2K | For showing good curiosity with our new topic and asking good questions. |
| Alisha | 2M | For setting herself high standards in every lesson and always being curious about her learning. Great work Alisha! |
| Indy | 1S | For showing community and respect by trying really hard to follow instructions. Well done Indy! |
| Jacob | 1M | For aiming high and showing what he can do in all areas of learning. It has been a pleasure to share Jacob's curiosity and listen to his understanding of concepts he has been taught. Well done Jacob! |
| Grace H | Apple | For always being a kind and thoughtful friend and a shining example of our school values! |
| Henry | Cherry | For showing bravery and having a positive start to every day. |

Exciting news - Jump Start Jonny visit!

We are really excited to inform you that the one and only 'Jump Start Jonny' will be visiting our school on Wednesday 17th January 2024!

He will be doing a selection of live, 'get involved', dance shows with all the children, which will involve lots of high energy dancing for everyone! (Even the teachers won't escape!)

After this he will be visiting children in their classrooms to come and say hi and get a photo.

Who is Jump Start Jonny? Check out some of his dances... <https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk>

Jump start Jonny is a familiar figure to most of our children as we are subscribed to his site and use his dances for brain breaks, in PE lessons and for clubs.

All children will need to come into school wearing PE kit on this day please.

Parking

Please note the disabled bays are for holders of Blue Badges only. Also, please remember that if the cones in front of staff cars have been removed because of the weather this does not mean it is okay for you to park.

Date for your diary – 28th February

On the 28th February we will be inviting the Grandparents of our children into classrooms from 2:45pm for the last 30 minutes of the afternoon. More information will be shared with you in the coming weeks but we wanted to provide you with the date for your diaries now.

Online Safety

99% of current children will own a smartphone before they reach 18 📱👤. With phones and other devices offering an increasing number of ways to pass the time, it can prove difficult for young people to set them aside. As a gateway to messaging services, games, television, music and more, digital devices can become borderline indispensable items in a young person's life.

Studies have shown, however, that *managing* a child's screen time can have positive impacts on their cognitive development. This week, the National Online College #WakeUpWednesday guide attached provides you with some simple but effective tips to help you bring your family's screen time down to a healthier level, while suggesting alternative activities that are far less reliant on technology.

Mental Health concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in **crisis** please contact the "**Sussex Mental Health Helpline**" for free on **0800 0309 500** or via **111 (Option 2)**. This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year. If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229900** or email **wschildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk**. IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk. Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.

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| Year Group/Class | PE days |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Apples | Wednesday and Thursday |
| Cherries | Monday and Wednesday |
| Year 1 | Wednesday and Thursday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday and Friday |
| Year 3 | Wednesday and Friday |
| Year 4 | Monday and Friday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Year 6 | 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.

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 in the title.

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.

Forthcoming events

To view forthcoming diary dates please visit our [Online calendar](#) which can be accessed via our website www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Term Dates 2023-2024

For WSCC term dates please visit

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Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

Spring term 2024

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

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MONDAY 7.00PM
THURSDAY 7.00PM
SATURDAY 8.30AM

PARKFIT

LONDON MEED SCHOOL, CHANCTONBURY ROAD, BURGESS HILL

