

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 10th November 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Consultation evenings this week and I hope that you found them useful and informative. We received so many positive comments about our school and staff and it is lovely to hear parents recognising the progress their children have made since the start of this academic year. I would like to thank our teachers for the extra effort they have made this week and hope they all have a relaxing weekend.

We always say that our school values apply to adults in our community as well as pupils, so we are delighted to see that the majority of our parents/carers have completed the Safer Parking Promise Agreement. It has certainly had an impact on the beginning and end of the school day, and it is good to know that children can enter and leave the school site safely. We will be in touch with parents and carers who have notified us that they are blue badge holders.

We are starting to get ready for the school fair which is always a big fundraising event in our calendar. Please look out for the email regarding forthcoming donation days. The LMA also needs volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear up after the event. If you are able to help, even for half an hour, please email them directly via lma@londonmeedprimary.co.uk Thank you to those parents/carers and staff who have already signed up to help!

I would like to remind you that we will be raising money for **Children in Need on Friday 17th November**. All children are invited to wear their home clothes for a £1 donation next week.

Have a really lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

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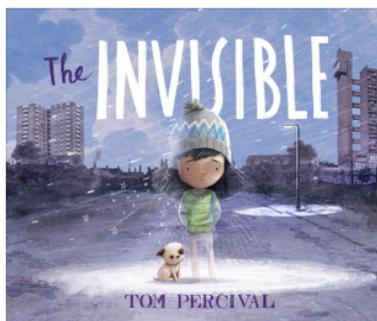
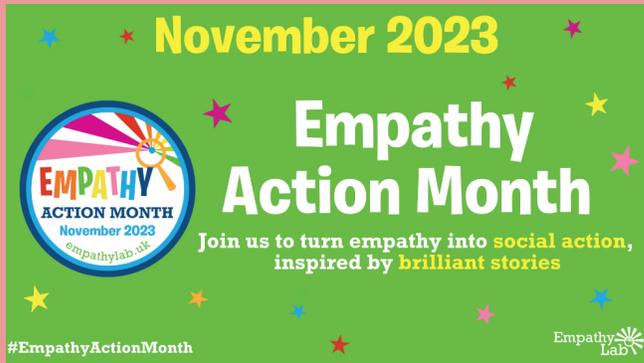


Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Hero award winners!

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Reuben B.	6B	For showing resilience and determination when writing a free verse poem about the beauty and the dangers of Antarctica. Keep it up, Reuben!
Teddy W	6H	For showing exceptional curiosity and asking enquiring questions when learning about Sir Ernest Shackleton in History. Fantastic Teddy!
Lukas C	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience when learning about and utilising the formal method of long multiplication. Keep up all your hard work, Lukas!
Harvey	5S	For showing resilience and determination to be an independent learner. Keep up the good work.
Tom H	4P	For showing curiosity in all subjects and for sharing his knowledge in class discussions.
Mia	4O	For showing community spirit and cheering up her friends when they are sad.
Bonnie	3M	For always showing resilience in maths. Your hard work is paying off and you have a great understanding of the column method. Well done!
Joshua	3C	For showing determination to write exciting sentences using time adverbials.
Finley	2K	For creativity and curiosity when designing a dragon eye out of clay.
Brooke	2M	For showing curiosity in her approach to learning particularly when learning about money in maths. Great work Brooke!
Leo	1S	For showing the school value of resilience when writing his letter to the witch from Hansel and Gretel.
Reggie	1M	For achieving a London Meed Hero award for making good choices that have helped him to learn well. He has really been trying his best and I am super proud.



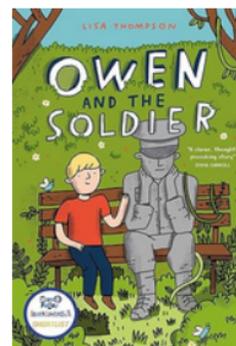
Empathy



The Invisible, Tom Percival
Isobel inspires her community to improve their local environment (S&S)



The Day War Came, Nicola Davies
A young boy finds an inventive way to make room for a refugee child in their school (Walker)



Owen and the Soldier, Lisa Thompson
Owen finds a way to speak up, and saves his town's Remembrance statue. (Barrington Stoke)



Futsal Tournament

On Saturday, Elisabeth, and the Burgess Hill Football Team she represents, took part in a Futsal tournament, a faster, smaller and more intense game of football! Nine teams took part from towns around Sussex in the under 10's division (a year above where they should be), and they only went and won! As a result, Burgess Hill Town Girls will be the team representing Sussex in the national tournament to be played in London in April 2024! Everyone is so proud as they have only been playing it this term. Not to mention the unbeaten sheet these girls have with normal football in the year above. Elisabeth is known as 'safe hands' amongst her teammates and by her coach!!



Lindfield Bonfire



On Saturday night, some London Meed children marched with Burgess Hill Marching Youth in the Lindfield Bonfire procession.

Oscar and Henry P are Cadets and Koray did his first ever performance, and he has just been promoted from Cadets to Main Band! He played his clarinet and did a fabulous job. We were a bit wet and soggy by the end!! Mrs Stacey.

LMA Forthcoming events

The LMA has set up a Patchwork page where they will be sharing upcoming events, notices, links for uniforms and donate buttons. To view the page click the link [London Meed Association Patchwork page](#)

LMA second hand uniform shop

The LMA are really pleased to report that the first load of second hand uniform stock is ready and on sale in its new location at Once Upon A Boutique, 34 The Martlets.

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.



Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.**

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details. If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

CAMHS
Parent Participation
Event

With Larissa Caines
from the CAMHS Participation Team

Wednesday 29th November
Online via Microsoft Teams
10:00 - 11:30am
18:30 - 20:00pm

West Sussex
Parent Carer Forum

CAMHS
PARTICIPATION



WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

FREE TO ANY PARENT/CARER LIVING IN SUSSEX

- 19TH OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8TH NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)



SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars#/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)



Burgess Hill Market
&
Burgess Hill Community
Crafters Market

FESTIVE MARKET

Saturday, 2 December | 10am-3pm
**Church Walk & The Kiln (30-32 The
Martlets), Burgess Hill**

- A variety of stalls, including Handmade crafts & Gifts, Pastries, Barista Coffee & Mulled Wine, Christmas Trees, Artwork & more!
- Live music from the Rock Choir
11am, 12pm & 1pm
- FREE Children's Face Painting
11am-2pm
- Supported by Mid Sussex Radio

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. - these are the new days from 4th September 2023

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

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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.

Forthcoming events

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

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Term Dates 2023-2024

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.pdf

Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2023

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