

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 7th July 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

Three particular things have made me very proud recently. On Friday 23rd June, a group of Year 5 pupils attended a Mid Sussex Science Week event at the Kings Church in Burgess Hill. There were lots of schools in attendance showing the results of the projects they completed with the help of a Science ambassador. One of the Scientists at the event told me that our pupils were the most polite, respectful and engaged. Well done Year 5 for upholding our school values.

The second instance occurred yesterday when our Year 6 pupils and staff visited Tea Thyme in Hassocks for a pizza lunch. When we arrived back at school, Emma from Tea Thyme, had emailed the school office to say "the children are all so well behaved and all our customers have said some very complimentary things. And most of all everyone seems to be happily tucking in!" Here are a few of our pupils' comments. Josh said "Great service", Ollie stated "The crusts were perfect", Evie said "The staff were very welcoming", Annabelle commented "Good Pizza with amazing crusts" and Mason said "The cheese was very stringy." Thank you to Tea Thyme for hosting the event for the third year running and the LMA for contributing to the cost.

The third thing that has pleased me is the publication of an article called "The Power of Music" in [The Primary Music Magazine](#) by our very own Claire Stacey. Music in our school has had a raised profile since she became our Music Subject Leader in September 2022 and the children are enjoying singing assemblies and learning to play musical instruments. Thank you Mrs Stacey!

I would like to politely remind you all that children should only have water in the water bottles that they use in their classrooms. Squash is not allowed unless there is a specific medical or dietary requirement that has been confirmed by a medical professional. It is really important that the children stay hydrated throughout the day and they are all given plenty of opportunities and encouragement to drink water and refill their bottles where necessary. We appreciate that some children would prefer to drink squash but this is a preference and water has many health benefits. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Forest School Plea!

Do you have any large rocks/stones(ornamental type), bricks (ideally fire bricks) to use at Forest School? Thank you, Mr Blake
Forest School Lead.



Year 1 Plea for dressing up clothes!

Do you have any dressing up clothes that you no longer need? Year 1 would like some dressing up clothes for September - ages 4-8 would be great. Many thanks. Mrs Murphy and Mrs Stacey

Sports Day - 14th July

Just a quick reminder that Sports Day is on Friday 14th July from 1.15-3pm. An order of the afternoon and map will be sent to you prior to the event. A decision will be made whether to cancel the event, if necessary, on Thursday 13th July and you will be informed by email.

The KS2 playground gates will open for Parents/Carers just after 1pm for them to enter the field. Parents/carers are welcome to bring a picnic rug or chair to sit on. **We ask that there is no parking within the school grounds and that you park considerably in the roads surrounding the school. All children will be taken back to their classes to be dismissed at the end of the day.**

Please could children in the Reception classes wear their normal PE kit.

Please could children in Years 1-6 wear their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colours:

Bramber- **Green** Lewes- **Blue** Hastings- **Yellow** Arundel - **Red**

Second Hand uniform

Do you have any second hand school uniform that your child has grown out of? Any donations can be left outside the main school office in between the double doors. The School Office will run a second hand school uniform shop, on Monday 17th July, in the area outside the school office from 2.45-3.30pm. Items will be between 50p and a couple of pounds, so please ensure that you bring plenty of change as we do not hold a lot of cash on site.



Year 4 Bread making

Year 4 have made some delicious bread this week, learning food hygiene, and kneading and folding skills. They loved tasting and evaluating. We have some potential fabulous bakers!



Year 4 Residential Trip to Adur



Year 4 had a fabulous overnight trip on the 29th and 30th of June. They challenged themselves and showed resilience when trying new things, and displayed excellent community spirit in supporting each other. They enjoyed the barbecue and campfire singing and games.

Here are some pupil comments: 'My favourite activity was kayaking - it was really fun.' Caragh,

'I liked splashing the other teams on the kayak with water -especially Miss Oliver!' Aaron

'I loved mountain biking through the woods.' Seth

'Bushcraft was really fun. We got to make our own shelters.' Kitty

'We loved singing around the campfire- especially the worm song!'

Reid- 'I enjoyed eating the burgers - I had two!'

'I enjoyed having fun with my friends in the tents.' Harvey



EYFS Trip to Drusillas

The children in EYFS enjoyed a trip to Drusillas on Tuesday. They saw, and learnt about, a whole host of interesting animals, and took part in a workshop on the Maasai people. The children also got a ride on the train and enjoyed playing in the playground. All of the children were very well behaved, showing our school values of Curiosity and Respect. A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to help.

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London Meed Loves Reading - Summer Reading Challenge - Ready, Set, Read!

We found out about this year's Summer Reading Challenge and how you can take part. Join Alesha, Blaze, Bruno and their friends as they complete a summer obstacle course collecting golden book stickers along the way. There is also a frisbee to collect along the way! You may borrow any library books you like – stories, picture books, information books, comic books or audiobooks/Playaways on any topic, not just games and activities. You choose!

During the challenge you just need to try and read or share six books of your choice and make three visits to the library.

Visit [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website for ideas on what to read, using their [book sorter](#)

The challenge starts on Saturday 8th July and finishes on Saturday 9th September. Sign up to the reading challenge here!

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

London Band Week



Jack B and Ollie S in 6K performed at the ExCeL in London on Saturday and then Hampton Court on Sunday with the Burgess Hill Marching Youth. They played in a display with the BHMV and also as part of a 600 string cast along with the Royal Marines Band. It was the first time the boys have performed at such a large event.



Letter from The King

One of our childminders, Karen B sent letters to King Charles on behalf of some of our children she looks after, here is the Royal response.

London Meed Hero Awards

on Twitter  @london_meed1

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Name of Child	Class	Reason
Annabelle B.	6B	For quickly and accurately memorising your lines and delivering them with confidence and enthusiasm. What a beautiful performance in our end of Year 6 production, Annabelle!
Rufus	6K	For being a truly kind, considerate and selfless friend for the entire year.
Oscar	5D	For always trying hard in every aspect of his learning and being a kind and supportive talk partner and friend, who always brings the best out in everyone.
Charlie D	5S	For writing using emotive language in an informal letter about Rosa Parks and The Bus Boycotts.
Class 4P	4P	For all the children who came on the residential trip for showing all of our school values.
Class 4O	4O	To all the children who came on the residential trip . Well done for challenging yourselves and being resilient and showing such community spirit
The whole class	3M	For showing our school values of community and respect when removing stereotypes from our classroom. Well done!
Robin	3C	For always being a kind, patient and understanding talk partner.
Milo	2DJ	For trying his best with everything he does and doing so with a smile and positive attitude. Well done!
Miles	2M	For challenging himself to add extra detail to create a fabulous map of our school which included a very clear key.
Benjamin	1S	For achieving a London Meed Hero award for always working hard and for demonstrating the school values all year. You've had a very successful Year 1, well done!
Eva	1W	For her home learning. This week Eva has made an orchestra of instruments for her home learning and added the instructions of how to make them using her knowledge from last week's English lessons. Well Done Eva!
Eli Elora	Apple	Eli for <i>Always being a kind and thoughtful friend and a shining example of our school values!</i> Elora for <i>fabulous independent writing about our trip to Drusillas.</i>
Faris Louis	Cherry	For being a good role model on our trip to Drusillas. For working hard on a personal challenge.

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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 Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

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.



Ultimate Summer Camps near Handcross & Haywards Heath

Handcross Park School, London Road, Handcross, West Sussex, RH17 6HF <https://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/>

Our Ultimate school holiday camps are running this summer in Haywards Heath. Kids can enjoy a range of over 40 sports, games and craft activities each week, led by our inspiring staff in superb facilities. Take the stress out of childcare and join our outstanding school holiday club at Handcross Park School!

One of the leading Preparatory Schools in Sussex, Handcross Park is set right in the middle of Haywards Heath, Horsham and Crawley, within 50 acres of stunning parkland with extensive playing fields. The grounds are truly wonderful and offer the space, facilities and environment for a first-class activity camp! Visit [Handcross Park School website](#).

For your reassurance, our staff, safeguarding practices, facilities and activities meet Ofsted rigorous standards, which achieved 'Good' in our latest inspection. This Camp location is registered under EY486445



Pied Piper Activities...

...creating wonderful childhood memories

EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

For 4-13 year olds at

Burgess Hill Girls School

- Roller racers & pedal go karts
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Swimming/water slides
- Forest school activities
- Challenge Room
- Zorb Football/Tag Archery
- Camp Film
- Mini Olympics
- Art & Crafts

Lots of active fun with friends, boosting their physical and mental well-being, as well as personal development and confidence

www.PiedPiperActivities.co.uk

'I just wanted to say how much they had enjoyed themselves. It was their third year of spending a week at Pied Piper and it gets better every year.'



Summer term dates for your diary

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Week commencing 10th July	Final week for clubs. 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
Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm..
Mon 17th July	Second Hand uniform sale 2.45-3.30pm outside the school office
Wed 19th July	The Orchard Fabulous Finish 2pm - details to follow.
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm. (amended time)
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents are invited to the Goodbye Assembly.

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Term Dates 2022-2023

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

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