



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

14th October 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Another fantastic week here at London Meed. We had two sporting events last week - Key Stage One Multi-skills and then a Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby Festival. As ever, our children were so well behaved and were brilliant Ambassadors for our school - Go Team London Meed!

Chartwells came and held workshops for Year 3 and Year 5 last week. They talked about healthy eating and then they tried some of the food. This week, Year 4 and Year 6 will be attending the workshops.

Thank you to all the children who came in wearing yellow on Thursday for World Mental Health Day. It was so energising to see a school filled with yellow. We managed to raise a whopping £315 for the Young Minds charity, which supports children's mental health. Well done everyone.

This week, we have already kick-started the week with Liz from The Pantry coming in for our Harvest Assembly. She talked about the amazing work the pantry does and the children loved finding out more. She enjoyed the two Harvest songs that we sang. Thank you for all your harvest donations, which she packed her car to the brim with.

I have my monthly 'Biscuit and Banter' this week, on Wednesday in the small hall at 2.30pm. It is a chance to grab a cuppa and a biscuit and have a chat with me.

EYFS (The Orchards) have their '6 Weeks In' meetings this week for parents on Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October, both at 9.00am.

Year 4 have a really exciting trip to the Natural History Museum in London on Friday. They are going by train and tube, and will be spending the day finding out about earthquakes and volcanoes through a workshop and the exhibitions in the museum.

Some of Year 5 are going to Marten House on Friday. This is such a lovely event where our children get to meet some of the residents of Marten House retirement home, have a chat and play games with them. We know how much the residents of Marten House value these social opportunities with our young people.

Our Reception children have an exciting 'Tiger who came to Tea' tea party on Friday after school. Thank you to the LMA for organising this event and we look forward to welcoming many of our Reception children to this. If your child wants to come but hasn't got a ticket yet, please email the LMA at LMA@londonmeedprimary.co.uk.



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Reminders:

Football Kits - we are happy for children to wear their football kits on non uniform days and on their birthdays. However, we are aware that there have been some issues with children getting into arguments over teams. If this did ever become an issue, then we would need to reconsider allowing football kits.

Coats - we have noticed that some children are coming into school each day without coats. As our British weather is so unpredictable and we go from sun to rain and back again in one morning, they do need coats.

Parking - we have noticed that there are still cars trying to pull up and drop off outside the school gates despite the parking boards asking people not to do this. We also have people parking across the staff and disabled parking bays outside the front of the school, thereby blocking other people in. We know parking is really tricky around the school but please help us to keep children safe - the last thing we would want is a child hurt due to thoughtless parking, or emergency services being unable to access the school.

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this. Even more parcels have turned up to school this week, and it really is so gorgeous seeing the class's faces light up when a parcel arrives, especially for the child who bought it. Thank you for also putting a clear message inside for which class and who it is from - this really helps.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child.

EYFS

<https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm>

Year 1

<https://amzn.eu/9mK2jpx>

Year 2

<https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv>

Year 3

<https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp>

Year 4

<https://amzn.eu/84lbWMy>



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Year 5

<https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6

<https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

SEN Support

<https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>

London Meed

<https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>

Anti-Bullying Week - we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week this year, from Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November. On Tuesday 12th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks day. On this day, your child can come to school in odd socks (and school uniform) - this is to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week, the children will be looking at definitions of what bullying is, entering a poster competition for how to help children being bullied and many other activities in support of anti-bullying.

The Anti-Bullying call to action is:

'From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?'

School Community News:

Harvest:

This year we are collecting for The Pantry food bank in Burgess Hill. Liz from The Pantry came in today for a Harvest Assembly with the school. She spoke about how The Pantry supports the local community, and how the food collected today contributes to this. Later in the year, members of Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit The Pantry, learn how it works, and help with organising food. A huge thank you everyone who donated food to The Pantry today.





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Parent Reps - we now have Parent Reps for Year 1 but still need a Parent Rep for each of the other year groups. If you are interested, please do come and speak to either myself or Mr Terrill. There will be perks for undertaking this role, so please do try and volunteer.

Lukas C (6H) raced for London Meed in the National Schools Indoor Ski Championships at Hemel Hempstead last week. He had quite a wait for his turn as he was bib 78 - but kept calm and put down two really good runs, finishing in 8th place in the U12 category.



Sporting events:

It has been a busy week filled with fantastic sporting events.

KS1 multiskills:

Last Monday, a group of children from Years 1 and 2 attended a multiskills session at Burgess Hill Academy. They took part in activities involving running, throwing and jumping. They were well behaved throughout, showing respect, resilience and bravery.





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Year 5 and 6 Rugby festival:

On Thursday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children went to a rugby festival at Haywards Heath Rugby Club. They took part in a few drills and exercises to practise their throwing, catching and marking skills. They all showed great resilience and community values, even when they got a little bit muddy!



Year 3 and 4 Netball festival:

Some Year 3 and 4 children went to a netball festival at Downlands last week and they all had a great time. They practised their throwing, catching, marking and shooting skills and then took part in a few games to end the session. They all showed bravery and resilience when learning about a new sport and I was extremely proud of them all.



Year 1 Monster Best Friends

Year 1 would like to say a HUGE thank you to the LMA for our puppets which we have turned into our very own monster best friends from our story The Deep Dark Wood..

We have had a GREAT time learning the story and this has made it extra special!

Thank you LMA.





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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Josh N.	6B	For showing resilience when multiplying multi-digit numbers and for using his imagination when writing a narrative. What a star!
Jake	6H	For a fantastic attitude to learning in maths this week. You have demonstrated our school value of resilience when using the formal method of multiplication. Well done Jake!
Susie-Mai B	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience in all areas of her learning as well as contributing her ideas during maths and English, where she has been gathering ideas for a descriptive recount about 'The Storm by Kathy Henderson'. Keep up all your hard work, Susie-Mai!
Pavit	5A	For demonstrating bravery with swimming. He has been respectful of our swimming teacher by listening carefully (community) and persevered when he found it tough. We are so proud of the progress you have made. Well done Pavit!
Lucas	4S	For showing resilience to understand and calculate area and using reasoning skills to explain your working out. Keep up the hard work Lucas!
Taylor	4N	For demonstrating bravery and answering challenging questions, even when she is unsure. She always makes good choices and helps others whenever she can. Congratulations, Taylor!
Abby	3M	For always trying your best and showing resilience when adding 3-digit numbers. Your independence is growing and you are showing bravery throughout the school day. Well done, Abby!



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Lillie	3T	Always being curious and brave to put your hand up, especially in English and Maths. Your ideas are very important to the class!
Myles	2O	For working really hard in reading and maths and showing resilience and determination to improve. Well done!
Jacob	2S	For showing the school value of curiosity and challenging himself in maths. Jacob has worked systematically in maths and has shown good reasoning skills when explaining his thinking. Well done Jacob!
The whole class	1C	For being absolutely brilliantly behaved whilst on our trip to Wakehurst. You showed curiosity, respect and resilience throughout the whole day. We are so proud of you.
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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.



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
15th Oct	EYFS visit to the library (details to follow)
16th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
16th Oct	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
17th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
18th Oct	Y4 visit to the National History Museum (details to follow)
18th Oct	Some of Year 5 to Marten House
18th Oct	The Orchard has a 'Tiger who came to Tea' tea party from 3.15 in the small hall
24th Oct	Disco 3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2 4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4 5.15 - 6.00 - Year 5 and Year 6
25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
8th Nov	Non Uniform day - Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
11th Nov	Mastering Numbers session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. Details to follow.
11th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
12th Nov	Odd Socks Day
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings- details to follow
15th Nov	Children In Need - non uniform day
20th Nov	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
22nd Nov	Non uniform day - donations for Rainbow tombola at Christmas fair
29th Nov	EYFS to Toy Museum



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29th Nov	Non Uniform day - Bottle donations for Christmas Fair
30th Nov	Christmas Fair at school from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
11th Dec	Reception Nativity
12th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
13th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
13th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
18th Dec	Christmas Party Day & Christmas lunch
18th Dec - Cancelled	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
19th Dec	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
20th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

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

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd September

Starts Tuesday 3rd September

INSET DAY - Friday 25th October

Half term 28th October - 1st November

Children return Monday 4th November

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April

Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May



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INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July



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

PE days

Apples - Monday and Thursday

Cherries - Tuesday and Friday

Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Tuesday and Friday

Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday

Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yr6 - Monday and Thursday



London Meed Association

Our LMA has got some great events coming. Please save the following dates:

Disco:

Thursday 24th October 2025

3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2

4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4

5.15 - 6.00 Year 5 and Year 6

Bookings via PTA Events will be available soon

Christmas Fair:

Saturday 30th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

In preparation for the Christmas Fair we will have the following donation days all of which are non-uniform:

Friday 8th November - chocolate donations

Friday 22nd November - Rainbow tombola donations

Friday 29th November - bottles donations

