

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 6th October 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, our school values are at the heart of everything we do. This week I was delighted to receive a letter from Ella and Rory in Year 6:

"Dear Mrs Langtree,

Rory and I were thinking of planting an apple tree as we found an apple seed and we were wondering if we could plant it on the mound as there is already a pear tree.

We were thinking of using it for people who do not have snacks at playtime.

from Ella and Rory P.S No worries if not!"

This truly embodies our values of community and respect. They even enclosed the seed.

Suzanne Baxter, who has been working at our school since 2015 as our Midday Meals supervisor and more recently, as part of the Reception team, will be leaving us at Half Term to take up a new position in a nursery.

Rachel Julian will also be leaving us this Half Term. She has worked at London Meed as a Learning Support Assistant since 2007 and now wishes to spend more time with her family.

I want to thank both of these staff members for the valuable contribution they have made to our school and wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Thank you to the following parents who have very kindly volunteered to be a class representative: Apples - Tiago R (parent of Liam), Cherries - Kim J (Jessica), 1S - Kelly H (Emily), 1M - Charlotte I (Frankie), 2K - Tereca T (Faith), 3C - Claire K (Max), 5D - Marrie H (Bonnie), 6B Guy and Heba J (Finn), 6H Inger P (Oscar). We are really looking forward to this partnership between home and school. Mr Terrill will be in contact with the class representatives shortly. We still require class representatives for the following classes: 2M, 3M, 4O, 4P, and 5S. If you are interested please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

We are delighted to welcome two student teachers to our school. Anna Jayaram has joined 5D and Vaishnav Lallchand is with Apples class. (Mrs Hair taught him when he was a small boy at Birchwood Grove!) We hope that they feel very welcome and will enjoy spending their teaching practice with us.

Is your child starting school for the first time in September 2024? The online application form is now open. Please ensure that you apply for a place for your child by Monday 15th January 2023. We will be holding our Open Day on Thursday 16th November for parents/carers, for further details and to book a place please go to [London Meed Primary website](#)

Have a really lovely weekend everyone.

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Kindest regards, Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

World Mental Health Day 10th October - Wear something yellow.

World Mental Health Day is on Tuesday 10th October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to [talk about mental health](#), how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling. **As part of the #HelloYellow ITV campaign to Get Britain Talking to mark World Mental Health Day we are asking all pupils and staff to wear something yellow (PE T Shirt) with their school uniform/PE kit for a minimum donation of £1.**

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

| <i>Name of child</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>Reason</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Molly M | 6B | For a detailed description using effective expanded noun phrases and repetition. Keep it up, Molly! |
| Sam H | 6H | For sharing his knowledge and asking interesting questions about the circulatory system in Science. Wonderful curiosity Sam! |
| Layton-John B | 5D | For showing curiosity in all areas of the curriculum and for being a helpful member of the class and school community. Well done, Layton-John! |
| Eva | 5S | For showing perseverance when tackling addition and subtraction multi-step word problems. Well done Eva, keep it up. |
| Elisabeth B | 4P | For consistently working hard and completing tasks to the best of her ability and supporting other children with their learning in class. |
| Pavit | 4O | For kindness and thoughtfulness when looking after a new member of the class. You have tried hard to communicate using French words. Well done. |
| Miles | 3M | For writing fantastic metaphors, similes and alliteration to use in your free-verse autumn poem. You are always engaged and participating in every lesson. Well done! |
| Amy | 3C | For attending assembly everyday this week. |
| Faith | 2K | For showing resilience and bravery this first half term and showing a really positive attitude to school recently. |
| Ridley | 2M | For having an amazing attitude to learning and working hard in all areas of learning. Great work Ridley! |
| Emily H | 1S | For always being polite and respectful when speaking to adults and children, and for respecting school property by tidying up. Well done Emily! |
| Evie | 1M | For joining London Meed with such confidence. You have really shown that you belong to our community. Evie has also been a fabulous friend looking out for others this week. |

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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2024

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 2 October 2023.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Year 3 Cooking



On Thursday this week, Year 3 cooked with seasonal fruit. We made a delicious plum crumble that we enjoyed outside with some ice cream. We also made some pizza as tomatoes are currently in season. All of the children showed bravery when practising their chopping skills and they showed community values when working together as a team. Well done Year 3.

Mrs Cobham and Miss McConnell



Sussex school football trials

Finn, Charlie K and Harry, from Year 6, were nominated to take part in the Sussex schools football trials on Saturday. They took part in four different drills and played a few matches. There were over 100 boys from all over Sussex county and it was a very competitive event. Well done boys for the amazing accomplishment and representing London Meed. You showed great resilience and bravery throughout the day.

Birchwood Grove vs London Meed



On Monday, our netball squad were invited to Birchwood Grove for our first match of the season. Ms Leaney and Mrs Cooper could not have been more proud of the entire squad; from start to finish our players demonstrated all our school values and played some amazing netball. This was a fantastic opportunity for our players to gain match experience and we can not wait to get back into training and prepare for the next game. All of

our players took to the court over the course of two matches, demonstrating real versatility in their positions. Although Birchwood Grove took both wins with an amazing couple of shooters on their team, our girls fought for every ball and defended brilliantly with confident landing and control of the ball. We hope to arrange a match here at London Meed in the near future and would love for some London Meed supporters to come along and watch our players in action. *Ms Leaney & Mrs Cooper*



Thank you!

A huge thank you from our Lego club to Eve C, who is one of our Governors, who very kindly donated all her children's and grandchildren's Lego to the club. It is all beautifully organised and there is more than enough for children to create their own models or to follow the instructions to make a camper van or castle for example.

Jack W 3M has had a very special week!



Last Sunday at Burgess Hill Rugby Club, Under 8s, Jack was recognised for making lots of effort and progress, having only joined four weeks previously, and was awarded rugby player of the week. Then on Wednesday at Burgess Hill Boys Brigade, anchor level, he was recognised as anchor of the month.

Bonnie helps the Bonfire Society



Bonnie H from 5D showed many of our school values last weekend helping to set up the field and building the big bonfire ahead of the Bonfire Procession on Saturday. She also performed with her dance troop for some of the parade and the most important part (according to Bonnie); she helped to carry the sheet for the charity collection, encouraging everyone to throw in their pennies. On Sunday, she showed real resilience in helping count the charity collection and clean up, as maths and patience are not her favourite activities!



LMA Forthcoming events

The LMA has set up a Patchwork page where they will be sharing upcoming events (including the upcoming Disco on the 19th October), notices, links for uniforms and donate buttons. To view the page click the link

[London Meed Association Patchwork page](https://patchworkit.com/47860/londonmeed)

After School
DISCO

Yr 1 & 2 3.15pm – 4pm
Yr 3 & 4 4.15pm – 5pm
Yr 5 & 6 5.15pm – 6pm

**Thursday
October 19, 2023**

Tickets available here

<https://patchworkit.com/47860/londonmeed>



ENJOY 2X FREE TRAINING SESSIONS
YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND:
**AGE GRADE (6 - 18)
RUGBY TRAINING**
AT BURGESS HILL RUGBY CLUB
VISIT WWW.BHRFC.CO.UK FOR INFO



RUGBY TRAINING INVITATION

REGISTRATION/CONTACT FORM:

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DOB: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S MOB: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO RUGBY TRAINING AT BHRFC
FILL OUT THIS FORM, BRING IT ALONG WITH YOU AND YOU'LL RECEIVE 2X FREE TRAINING SESSIONS!
SIGN-UP, AND YOU'LL GET A PAIR OF BHRFC SOCKS.



Burgess Hill RFC are inviting under 9s (year 4) to bring a buddy day this Sunday (8th October) at the Rugby Club, Poveys Close, from 10am to 11:15. Use the flyer and get a free hot dog.

Other ages are welcome to but please see the website for details:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/burgesshillrfc/a/preview-66173.html>



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>



Burgess Hill Youth Marching Band

GO ON, give it a try and be part of something amazing! We have had some London Meed children join us recently.

Click the link below or scan the QR code to leave us your details, and one of our team will be in touch shortly.

Give it a try and
be part of something
amazing!



- First 4 weeks are FREE
- Open to anyone aged 7+
- Instrument & uniform provided
- No experience necessary
- Performance opportunities

Providing affordable music tuition in West Sussex.



**More
Information**

bandmaster@bhmy.org
www.bhmy.org



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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 |
| 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.

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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 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

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