

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 10th March 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we had to close the school at late notice yesterday due to the power cut. We had to make the decision to close due to the fact that we were unable to provide food and we had no phones, fire alarm, heating or lighting. Our children, as always, behaved impeccably despite the disruption. We really do appreciate the lengths parents and carers went to in order for children to be collected so promptly. Our thanks go to Chartwells kitchen staff who very kindly made sandwiches for those children who did not have a packed lunch and our staff who looked after the children so well. A special thank you goes to Mr Terrill who ensured that communications and directions were clear despite the challenging circumstances. We really do have an exceptional staff team at London Meed.

Although reading is a huge focus at our school, we are proud of our whole curriculum. This week, Mrs Balan gave a presentation to our governing body on how we teach mathematics. Modern methods have changed considerably over the last few years. Do follow the link to our [Calculation Policy](#) which details how calculation methods for the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) are taught. We are looking forward to welcoming EYFS parents along to the Marvellous Maths workshop on Monday and will be providing dates for workshops in other year groups in the near future. Also, look out after the Easter break for a questionnaire to complete with your child asking you where you use mathematics in your daily lives.



Today we had a visit from the Burgess Hill Academy Concert Band who treated us to renditions of Don't Stop Believing, Star Wars, James Bond and the Jungle Book. It was wonderful to see some of our past pupils performing and inspiring our current learners.

Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Monday 20th March from 3.30-6.30pm and on Thursday 23rd March 3.30-6pm. **An online booking system, through our website host ESchools, will be available to view and open to book your appointment on Friday 10th March from 6pm and it will close on Thursday 16th March at 7pm.** To log in please visit our website, [London Meed Primary School - Home](#) and click on the "login" button in the top right hand corner. You will be able to select which available appointment you would like to book and then generate a printable report if you wish to print confirmation of your booking.

Due to Parent Consultation evenings, all internal clubs will finish for this term next week. All external clubs will finish the following week. The club timetable for the summer term will be emailed to parents and carers the week of the 20th March.

Have a good weekend.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

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London Meed Hero Awards

| Name of Child | Class | Reason |
|-----------------|--------|---|
| Angus H. | 6B | For his ambitious attitude to learning and for always completing the tasks to the best of his ability. Keep it up, Angus! |
| Lucy | 6K | For fantastic problem solving and mathematical thinking when tackling algebra questions in maths this week. |
| Jake E | 5D | For displaying curiosity and resilience when showing his understanding of statistics as well as always having a great attitude towards his learning. |
| Dawid | 5S | For showing curiosity by asking interesting historical questions about The Vikings. |
| Summer | 4P | For her positive attitude and determination to succeed in all her work. |
| Isla W | 4O | For resilience and great skipping skills during our workshop and for being curious and engaged in her learning |
| Erina | 3M | For writing a fantastic persuasive leaflet about the royal pavilion and showing progress in our violin lessons. Well done! |
| Reyansh | 3C | For showing resilience and making progress in the skipping workshop. |
| Lani | 2DJ | For a great start at London Meed and helping to keep our school environment tidy. Well done! |
| Isaac E | 2M | For showing curiosity and keeping a positive attitude whilst on our trip to The British Wildlife Centre. This really helped his class community! |
| Amelia | 1S | For working really hard and always doing the right thing. She follows the golden rules and displays our London Meed values throughout her learning. Well Done Amelia! |
| Rafael | 1W | For the outstanding way he learned, practised and performed our pirate poems. Rafael also went onto write these out by choice from memory - what fantastic learning! |
| Martha Indy | Apple | Martha for making super progress in her reading and always being a happy and excited learner in everything she does. Indy for creating a fabulous map of Burgess Hill. |
| Duna Cameron | Cherry | Duna: drawing a detailed map of Burgess Hill. Well done! Cameron: working very hard on his reading and writing in phonics. |



National Online Safety - what Parents and Carers need to know about I-Pads



When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains. The attached guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.

London Meed Loves Reading

10-19 March
British
Science
Week
2023



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.

This year's theme - connections!

Here are some books that the teachers at London Meed would like to recommend to you in order to inspire your curiosity about

science:

KS1:



KS2:



Follow this link if you would like to learn more: <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>

London Meed will be celebrating the world of science as part of the West Sussex science week. Watch here for more information.



THE BOOK NOOK
Voted Children's Bookseller of the Year 2018

Book Fair

London Meed Primary School

Thurs/Fri 23rd & 24th March

Please support this event as all
sales go towards new books for your school!

The Book Nook Book Fair,
THE BOOK NOOK
First Avenue, Hove. BN3 2FJ. www.booknookuk.com

A.I.M Higher Writing day

On Wednesday, six Year 3 students went to a writing workshop with the author Stephen Davies and children from 4 other schools. We had the opportunity to spend all day writing the start of an amazing story. We spent a long time developing ideas for our characters, settings and storyline. It was really fun! We even got to design our own monsters! At the end of the day, we had time to share our stories to the whole group. It was a great experience that we would love to do again!

Year 2 trip to the Wildlife Centre:



On Wednesday we went to the British Wildlife Centre. It was FREEZING because it was snowing there! First we went on the coach and finally we got there. Next we saw the foxes and some of these were funny! After that we saw the Muntjac deer. We were supposed to see Red Squirrels but it was too cold so they stayed in their drays. Then we moved on to snack time and the heaters saved me and my freezing toes! After that we went to see more animals and they were adorable. We also saw Yoda the Tawny Owl and other owls in their pens. They were really well camouflaged. Finally we went to hold deer antlers before we got back on the coach to return to London Meed School. We had loads of fun at the British Wildlife Centre. By Isaac E, 2M



Music at London Meed

Burgess Hill District Lions Club recently voted to donate a large sum of money to our school in order to pay for a new, electric piano for the hall. Lion President Alan Ranger visited on Wednesday to see the lovely new addition and to meet some of the children that have piano lessons with our resident piano and woodwind teacher, Mrs Dudding. Alan was amazed to see so many children learning the piano and was even treated to a rendition of The Entertainer by Zoe B.

After the photos were taken, Alan visited the newly refurbished Music Room where he saw the old piano in situ ready for piano lessons. He was also lucky enough to see a drum lesson taking place with our new drum teacher Mr Fell.

At London Meed, we are very lucky to have a vast array of instrument lessons on offer. We currently have children learning: Piano, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Trombone and Drums.



Zoo Keeper for the day



For a surprise present for my birthday I was very lucky to be one of the Zoo Keepers for the day at Drusillas. First, we went to the Meerkats and we cleared out their house and fed them. Next, we visited the armadillos where we got a bucket of locusts and put them in their enclosure. We got to feed the beavers vegetables and fruit for the tamarind. For the limas we had to put food around in the trees for them to find. I was very brave and held some snakes. My favourite part of the day was "all of it!"

By Edward F, 40

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Poetry Club

Here are three poems written by some of our pupils that attend, Poetry club at lunchtimes. The girls said they thoroughly enjoyed writing poems inspired by The Store full of Magical Things.

The Store Full of Magical Things

by Martha J

I met a magical unicorn
In a store of magical things
Smiling mysteriously at me beating her
magical wings.

“Why are you here?” he neighed softly then
told me what to buy.

“There is a clock that can go back in time,
A pen that can help you write any word
A never ending book
or medicine to stop you being ill”

So many things in a magical store.

But once I looked at it I knew what to take
home with me,
Something to take everywhere.

What I am sending you now
A pot of hope
A pot of hope
To help you fly.

The Store of Magical Things by Isla P

I met a mystical man once

In a store full of magical things,

Feeding the animals of many

With two cyclopes in the shape of two
rings.

“What are you looking for, young, sweet
girl?”

He said with a smile shining like a pearl.

There is a dragon who only flies backward,

A flower that doesn't need water or soil,

A snowflake tasting like a chocolate flake,

Or a litter picker picking up litter, especially
tin foil.

So many things to choose from in a store
full of magical things.

But once I looked in the window

I knew what I would bring home

I hope it will reach you soon

It's the ability to save endangered biomes.

The ability to save endangered biomes.

The Store of Magical Things by Grace M

I met a magical witch once

In a store of magical things.

Stirring her cauldron while she watched me,
Her birds nest on her head.

“What are you buying today?” she asked in
a cackley, croaky voice.

A crayon that will draw amazing things,

A never ending hot dog

Or a family that will never fade away.

So much to choose from

In a store of magical things.

But once I looked at it I knew what I would
take home with me.

What I would take with me everywhere,

What I am sending to you,

A jar of love,

A jar of love.

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Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Week commencing 13th March | Internal clubs finish for the term. |
| 13th March | EYFS Maths Workshops 8.50-9.50am or 10.15am to 11.15am. Please see a separate email to book a place at one of the sessions. |
| Monday 20th March and Thursday 23rd March | Parent Consultation evenings |
| Thursday 23rd March and Friday 24th March | Book Nook Book Fairs |
| Week commencing 20th March | External clubs finish for the term. |
| Wednesday 29th March | Y4 Reptylers visit in school Y6 visit to Newhaven Fort |
| Friday 31st March | Last day of the Spring term |

West Sussex [Single Point of Access](#)

The West Sussex Single Point of Access (SPoA) is a dedicated service which provides a simplified single route to access specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health support. The SPoA helps direct you to the right service, eliminating the need to refer to multiple services. Led by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, the service is delivered in partnership with West Sussex County Council's Youth Emotional Support Service (YES) and YMCA Dialogue. E-wellbeing is the digital front door for West Sussex SPoA. [Visit the e-wellbeing website](#) for more information.

SPoA accepts referrals for children and young people from the age of four up to a young person's 18th birthday. The young person must also be registered with a West Sussex GP (please note. YES will accept referrals for young people who live in West Sussex or go to a West Sussex school). To make a referral please visit their website [Single Point of Access](#)

Anyone can make a referral including: **children, young people, parents, carers, families, GPs and other professionals**. All Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and ADHD (neurodevelopmental) referrals need to continue via the [current referral pathways](#). If there is a mental health or emotional wellbeing concern separate to this, the young person can be referred to SPoA. Referrals for young people with eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa, need to continue directly to [Sussex Family Eating Disorder Service \(SFEDS\)](#).

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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 Wednesday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday and Friday |
| Year 3 | Wednesday and Friday |
| Year 4 | Monday and Friday |
| Year 5 | Monday - the children can wear their PE kit. They will need to bring in a swimsuit (no bikinis)/trunks, goggles and towel).Wednesday is Outdoor PE. |
| Year 6 | Monday and Thursday |

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.

Spring term 2023

Starts Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY - Friday 10th February

Half term 13th February to 17th February

Children return Monday 20th February

Last day of term Friday 31st March

Summer term 2023

Starts Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays - Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

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

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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

JUNIOR CRICKET CAMPS

Kit provided
All coaches DBS checked

7 to 12 years of age-
Boys and Girls

£120 for 3 days or
£45 per day

CAMP 1:
April 10th + 11th + 12th

CAMP 2:
May 29th + 30th + 31st

CAMP 3:
July 31st + August 1st + 2nd

CAMP 4:
August 14th + 15th + 16th

Open to on-Nomads players!

ALL - 9am-2.45pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Location:
Preston Nomads Cricket Club
Spencer Memorial Ground
Clappers Lane, Fulking
BN5 9ND

pncricketcamp@gmail.com
07956776682

SHED-LOADS OF FUN

Techy stuff for kids
Saturday March 25th 11am - 4pm

An open day for kids and families

science, techy stuff, arts, crafts and making things

£3 at the door, families £5 to cover expenses, under 7s free

The Kiln, Martlets Burgess Hill RH15 9NN
For details - www.bhshed.org.uk

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Indoor Craft Market

Handmade crafts, gifts & artisan foods

Shop locally this Mother's Day!

Handmade Crafts | Jams & Preserves
Artwork | Preloved Clothing
Prints | Fairtrade Items | & More!

11th March 2023
10am - 2pm

Burgess Hill Town Council will reimburse up to 2 hours parking when you attend the Indoor Market (cash given upon entry - receipt must be shown)

01444 247726
Help Point, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AS
www.burgesshillmarket.co.uk



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Dear Parents

Here at Russell Martin Academy, we are running our very popular Easter Break holiday camps and we hope you can join us!

Our Camp days are running as follows:

Russell Martin Early Finishers Easter Camp @ Hove Park 3G

Monday 27th March - 9am to 2pm

Tuesday 28th March – 9am to 2pm

Wednesday 29th March – 9am to 2pm

ONLY £20 per day if you book before 3rd March (£30 per day from 4th March)

Russell Martin February Camp @ Hove Park 3G

Week 1

Monday 3rd April – 10am to 3pm

Tuesday 4th April – 10am to 3pm

Wednesday 5th April – 10am to 3pm

Thursday 6th April – 10am to 3pm

Week 2

Tuesday 11th April – 10am to 3pm

Wednesday 12th April – 10am to 3pm

Thursday 13th April – 10am to 3pm

Friday 14th April – 10am to 3pm

ONLY £20 per day if you book before 3rd March (£30 per day from 4th March)

Russell Martin February Camp @ Old Barn Way (Grass Pitch) - Southwick

Monday 3rd April – 10am to 3pm

Tuesday 4th April – 10am to 3pm

£20 per day (£5 Discount to partner clubs Mile Oak/Southwick/Burgess Hill Via Code)

Russell Martin GIRLS ONLY Academy Day @ Hove Park 3G

Thursday 6th February – 10am to 3pm

Friday 14th February – 10am to 3pm

£30 per day

Bookings can be made direct at www.russellmartinfoundation.co.uk.

Office Phone Number: 01273 591364

Thanks

RMA Team