

London Meed Primary School

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NEWSLETTER: Friday 12th January 2024

Another week has flown by! There is a real buzz around the school as children discuss the clubs they are planning on joining. All clubs (except for Y5 and Y6 invite only Football club) will start next week.



On Wednesday, Gordon Borer, from Ken James Tae Kwon Do Academy, came in to speak to the children about the new after school Taekwondo club. He was ably assisted by Sebastian from Year 6, who has been learning Taekwondo for several years. If your child who would like to take part in the club, which will take place after school on Wednesdays, please email gordonborer@me.com. Attached to this newsletter is an updated timetable. Any requests to go on waiting lists have been honored and we will be in touch if a place becomes available.

Yesterday, myself, Ms Brayne and Ms Palethorpe met with Emma Capon from West Sussex Young Carers Family Service to talk about the work that they do and how our school can identify and support children who are young carers. "A young carer is a young person under the age of 18 whose life is affected by the care needs of another person, who may have any disability or long-term illness. This could be anybody with a physical or learning disability, mental health problem, long term chronic health condition, someone who misuses drugs or alcohol, or is elderly and frail. Young carers provide, or help to provide, a level of care and support to that person and take on a level of responsibility usually associated with an adult. The person they care for is usually someone they live with and could be a parent, sibling, grandparent or other relative."

Over the coming months we will be working with our school community to deepen our understanding of what it is to be a young carer.

The weather has certainly become much colder this week. Please ensure your child's hat and gloves are named and they have a warm waterproof coat with them every day.

In the event of disruptive weather please see our [Snow and bad weather policy](#) which can be found on our school website. This details the procedures we follow.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Natalie Langtree, Headteacher

London Meed Hero Awards

Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award please note it is one child per class for all year groups.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Dawid	6B	For improved participation during class discussion and for completing an impressive amount of work in Maths and writing. Keep it up, Dawid!
Dimitri	6H	For showing determination and resilience when converting units of measure during Maths. Keep it up Dimitri!
Elsie	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience when learning about fractions and when creating a free-verse poem about the ocean. Well done, Elsie!
Kitty	5S	For using figurative language when planning an exciting, descriptive, sea poem and being a proactive learner by seeking and offering support to others.
Noah	4P	For showing resilience and perseverance during lessons even

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		when he was feeling under the weather!
Bethany	4O	For showing resilience every day and having a super attitude to learning. You always listen extremely well and work to the best of your ability.
Michael	3M	For showing a great attitude to learning and showing respect to other members of the class. You have also shown resilience when writing a diary entry and dividing 2-digit numbers, well done!
Luke	3C	Luke has shown community spirit when encouraging his peers to follow our classroom rules. Also, for showing curiosity when learning about Ancient China.
Johan	2K	For showing resilience during phonics lessons this week.
Alessio	2M	For working really hard to improve his handwriting. Well done for showing resilience in your approach to work Alessio.
Cameron	1S	For writing all the numbers to 100 correctly. It took a lot of resilience, but I think you enjoyed it. Well done!
Matthew	1M	For his amazing dedication to learning. He has been working so hard with phonics and I have had the pleasure of listening to him use these sounds now as he reads and writes. Matthew has shown bravery in beginning to do things with greater independence too! Well done Matthew!
Tate	Apple	For incredible independent writing, to write a speech bubble for a character from our story, Lost and Found.

Alex	Cherry	For showing resilience in phonics and trying his best.
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Postponed - Jump Start Jonny

Dear Jumpsters!

We hope you all had a fabulous start to the new year! WHOOPA!!

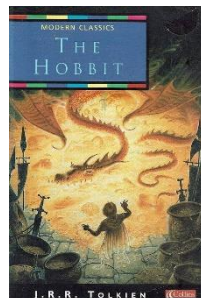
While Jump Start Jonny is super excited to see you all soon – sadly, it won't be as soon as he has hoped! This is due to a foot injury Jonny sustained while rehearsing for the fun-packed, super-energetic show!

We've filmed the following video to explain the situation to the children...

<http://tinyurl.com/3ybvhwvs>

However, there is no need to despair, as while Jump Start Jonny's foot is on the mend, we will be in touch to reschedule your super special visit!

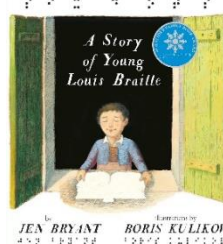
Until then, stay amazing and keep jumping!!!



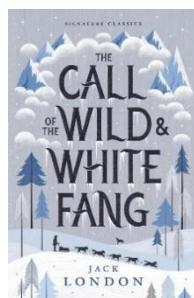
London Meed Loves Reading

Last week, on the 3rd January was J.R.R. Tolkien's birthday. The author of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit was born on this day in 1892

SIX DOTS



The 4th January was Louis Braille's birthday, the Inventor of braille, now used and adapted into almost every language was born on this day in 1809



Today is Jack London's birthday. He was born on this date in 1876.

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Year 6 WW2



In Year 6, we are currently learning about WW2. This week, Elle, Oliver and Amelia brought in WW2 artefacts and showed them to the class. They described clearly and confidently the experiences and achievements of their family members involved in WW2. What informative and interesting presentations- thank you!

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to be visited by one of our amazing Governors, Mrs Eastley. She told us many interesting facts about her mother's experience as an evacuee during World War Two. We all enjoyed her fascinating visit. Thank you, Mrs Eastley.

By Alex and Lila on behalf of Year 6 children and staff.

Parking

Please note the disabled bays are for holders of Blue Badges only. Also, please remember that if the cones in front of staff cars have been removed because of the weather this does not mean it is okay for you to park.

The Big Ambition Survey

Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, The Big Ambition, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old. I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my [website](#). Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

Click here to start

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

Who are Reaching Families?

Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity that supports parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex. We do this through a number of services including the delivery of information, training and peer support. You can find out more about us and details of all of our services on our website here - Reaching Families.

We have recently increased our training delivery and support groups and have a wide range of free workshops, courses and groups that some of your families may find helpful. I have attached our current flyers but I wanted to let you know about our Umbrellas parent/carers support group in Shoreham.

What is Umbrellas?

Support from fellow parent-carers is one of the most effective ways in which parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities build resilience and emotional wellbeing. Parents also tell us their most valuable source of information, support and advice is other parent-carers.

To help parents build networks of mutual support we currently run seven parent support groups in Shoreham, Burgess Hill, Horsham, Littlehampton, Chichester, Worthing, and online via Zoom. Known as Umbrellas, our groups provide an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgmental environment within which parents can swap life experiences, share hints and tips, seek advice and share information and resources.

Here is a link to a short animation explaining everything we offer: <https://youtu.be/xuZkTgsRr5U>

Mental Health Concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in crisis please contact the "Sussex Mental Health Helpline" for free on 0800 0309 500 or via 111 (Option 2). This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year.

If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229900** or email wschildrengservices@westsussex.gov.uk. IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk. Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.

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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.

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.

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/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including

INSET Days

Spring term 2024

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

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Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year 2024/2025 as I know this helps with planning any holidays:

Monday 2nd September 2024, Friday 25th October 2024, Friday 14th February 2025, Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 2nd June 2025. Here is the link to the WSCC term dates <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

Ski Sunday



Lukas C. (5D) was excited to be featured on last week's BBC Ski Sunday programme. It's the third consecutive year that

Lukas has appeared on the show!

MONDAY 7.00PM
THURSDAY 7.00PM
SATURDAY 8.30AM

PARKFIT

LONDON MEED SCHOOL, CHANCTONBURY ROAD, BURGESS HILL



BASKETBALL 3-7 YEAR OLDS

THESE SESSIONS PROVIDE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL WHILE FOCUSING ON ESSENTIAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

3-4 YEAR OLDS & RECEPTION - SATURDAY -
9:45AM-10:30AM @ THE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

RECEPTION & NOVICE YR 1 - SATURDAY -
9:00AM-9:45AM @ THE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

EXPERIENCED YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 - SATURDAY -
9:00AM-10:00AM @ THE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL



SIGN UP FOR A TASTER SESSION HERE:

WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM/BABY-BALLERS

EMAIL: KARL@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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NEW BEGINNER SWIMMING LESSONS

SPECIAL OFFER

SPECIAL OFFER AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING CLASSES - WHILE SPACES LAST - £10 PER LESSON UNTIL FEB HALF TERM

CHAILEY HERITAGE SCHOOL - THURSDAY 5.30PM
GREAT WALSTEAD SCHOOL - SUNDAY 10AM AND 10.30AM

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