

London Meed Primary School

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

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On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Newhaven Fort as part of their learning around World War Two.



I was really impressed with the level of curiosity, as lots of thoughtful questions were asked; Theo U from 6H left the adults speechless with his knowledge of Dad's Army! All of the children were brilliantly behaved (even in the scary tunnels!) and respectful throughout the trip.

This week, I've really enjoyed seeing so many children enjoying poetry. Benjamin M, Charlie S, Jessica R and Ruby B have all been up to perform poems to me, and Pippa S, Iona T and Ivy K were brave enough to stand up and recite their poem in front of the whole school. It was lovely to see the children so enthused and keen to share their learning.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of a couple of things:

Chew, or fidget, toys should not be brought in from home. If you feel that your child needs this type of toy to support them in school, this needs to be arranged with a member of the SEND team, and the school will provide the toys.

We have had a number of children, particularly in Year 5, bringing mobile phones into school. Pupils in Year 6 are allowed to bring their phones into school, with pupils in Year 5 only allowed to bring their phones if they are walking home without adult supervision. All phones brought into school must be handed to the child's class teacher, and they should not be used on school grounds.

Miss Leaney, from our office, is one of our London Meed netball coaches. She has recently won Player



of the Season for her netball club, demonstrating a great attitude; showing many of our school values. I am sure this will inspire our squad at school.

Congratulations! Thank you for your support and I hope you all

have a great half term.

Jake Terrill

Acting Head teacher

Grandparents invitation – 28th February

We would like to invite grandparents of our children into their grandchildren's classrooms from 2:45pm, on Wednesday 28th February, for the last 30 minutes of the afternoon.

Full details will follow after half term. If you are a grandparent and would like to attend please complete the Google form below to register your interest.

[Grandparents booking form 28th February 2024](#)

Reading Raffle winners

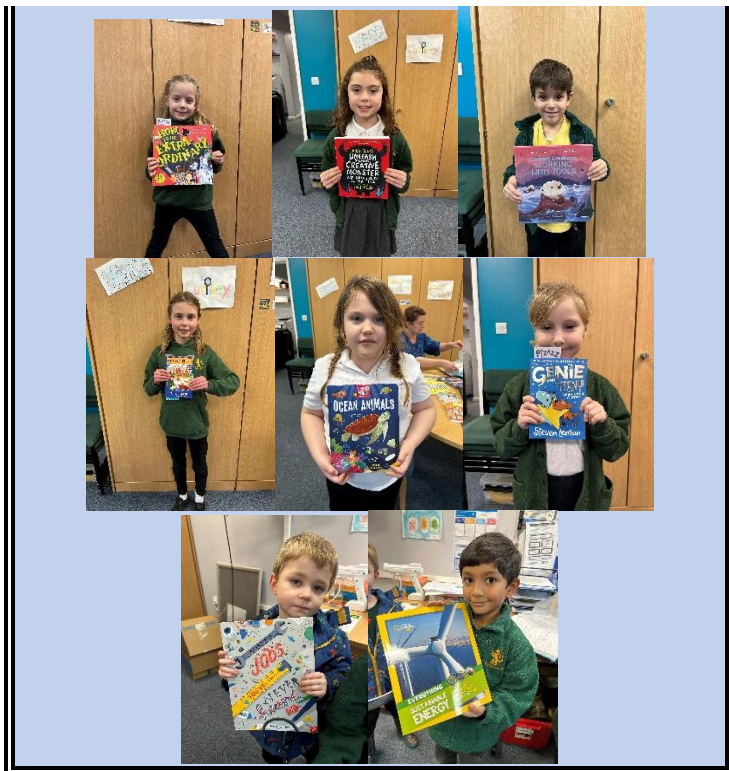
Many congratulations to this half term's Reading Raffle winners: Saad – Apples, Ben- Cherries, Rosie- 1S, Erlil- 1M, Rafael- 2m, Lillie-2K, Jack – 3M, Amy – 3C, Xaviera-4P, Charlie-4O. Summer-5D, Fernando-5S, Millabella-6H, Martha-6B.



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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.

Name of child	Class	Reason
Oliver H.	6B	For his thirst for learning and ability to complete the most difficult mathematical challenges efficiently and accurately. Well done, Oliver!
Millie	6H	For determination and resilience when calculating missing angles in a triangle. Fantastic effort Millie!
Hugh M	5D	For showing a sense of community by helping his classmates construct paper cranes when learning about Sadako Sasaki and what happened in Nagasaki. Well done, Hugh!
Luke	5S	For showing resilience when learning the new topic of percentages and helping his peers.

Robin	4P	For showing excellent observational skills when painting in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.
Isla	4O	For resilience and perseverance in understanding division of 3 digit by 1 and for setting a great example with her polite and caring attitude.
Leon	3M	For settling into 3M really well and for showing resilience when working with unit and non-unit fractions. Well done!
Frankie	3C	For showing pride and consideration when completing his work independently.
Baxter	2K	For showing great resilience in improving your handwriting over the last few weeks.
Norman	2M	For challenging yourself in every lesson and always showing curiosity in your learning. Great work Norman!
Elliot	1S	For doing his best piece of handwriting ever! You were really resilient, well done Elliot.
Joshua	1M	For making good choices and beginning to do things with greater independence especially using phonics when writing.
Monty	Apple	For working really hard on his sending and receiving skills with a ball in PE lessons.
Caitlin	Cherry	For working super hard in phonics which has in turn improved her reading.

Parking

Over the half term break we will have our parking areas repainted. This will include the designated disabled bays; these bays are to support those families who have a disabled family member. To

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make sure that only appropriate families are using these spaces, we are asking that blue badge holders ensure that they always have their badge displayed when parked. After half term we will be checking that cars parked in our disabled spaces are entitled to park there, and moving those that are not.

Plea from The Orchard!

Do you have or your business have any spare top soil? If you are able to help The Orchard please email them via theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Many thanks.

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Denham and Mrs Hair

Under 11 Chess winner – Lola F!



On Sunday 4th February, Lola F travelled to Horsham to take part in the Under 11 Minors Sussex Chess Match. Lola played six matches, winning five and drawing one. It came down to the final match, which was a real nail biter, but Lola won and was named the Under 11

winner. Congratulations Lola!

Year 6 Trip to Newhaven Fort



On the 7th February, Year 6 pupils went to Newhaven Fort. We did lots of activities including: an air raid simulator, visiting a scary room with mannequins showing what happened after an air raid, looking at lots of artefacts including gas masks and guns. We also climbed down some steep stairs and visited the tunnels. Creepily, there were 'shadows' and 'voices' and lots of screaming so we all ran down the thin corridor. We particularly enjoyed trying on helmets, holding the guns and experiencing the air raid.

Mia and Dimitri - Year 6

Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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- 26TH MARCH MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR
- 16TH APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15TH MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13TH JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY

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<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1206#/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Free CAHMS parent/carer webinars There are a series of upcoming webinars, organised by our Sussex Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), which are open to ALL parents and carers of children and young people in Sussex.

To book a webinar please visit

Sussex CAMHS Parent/Carer Webinars | TICKETLAB

All previous webinars that have been delivered are available to watch back here - [Workshops for parents and carers :: Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sussexcamhs.nhs.uk\)](#) and cover ADHD, Anxiety, Autism & Challenging Behaviour, Building Self-Esteem & Resilience, Depression, Eating Disorders, Managing Self Harm & Suicidal Thoughts, and Sleep.

Forthcoming events

To view forthcoming diary dates please visit our Online calendar which can be accessed via our website www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk

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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

wschildrenservices@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.

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.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Thursday (starting from Tuesday 20/2)
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

Term Dates 2023-24

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
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/>



Shape Detectives - Kids Trail

Saturday 10th February to Sunday 17th March 10am-5pm

This winter become a Shape Detective and see the world through new eyes! Embark on an exciting adventure, uncovering a multitude of captivating shapes and patterns within our Garden - there are so many waiting to be discovered in the most unexpected places.

Along the way, enjoy nature-inspired crafts and games, while searching for hidden logs to help decode the name of a spring flower and to win a prize.

£4 per trail, plus admission to include a prize. Free to Members*

*Family Membership (for up to 3 children) starts from just £9 per month by Direct Debit and includes all 6 of our school holiday trails, worth up to £24 per child. See website for details.

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4-11 year olds OFSTED REGISTERED

Join us for our **OUT OF THIS WORLD ACTIVITY CAMP**

Daily choice of Space Themed Sports, Challenges, Arts & Performance Activities!

February Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

MANOR FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL BURGESS HILL*

ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BURGESS HILL

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NHS west sussex county council

Ensuring your child has their vaccinations at the right time gives them the best protection, but it's not too late to catch up on any vaccinations they've missed.

Vaccines are one of the most effective ways to protect your child against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases.

If you are not sure whether your child has had all their vaccines for their age:

- look in your RED BOOK
- ask your Health Visitor
- contact your GP practice

www.westsussex.gov.uk/childhood-immunisations

PROTECT YOUR CHILD VACCINES GIVE THEM THE POWER TO FIGHT PREVENTABLE CHILDHOOD DISEASES

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PARENT/CARER COFFEE AFTERNOON

A support drop-in for families of young people with SEND in West Sussex

Guest speaker from Woodlands Meed on the topic of

De-escalation

practical techniques for diffusing conflict

New
time!

Thursday 22nd Feb

1.00 - 2.30pm

Cuckfield Room, Kings Centre,
Burgess Hill RH15 9LR



www.woodlandsmeed.co.uk/msa



THE BOOK NOOK

Please book online - www.booknookuk.com/events

THE BOOK NOOK BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!!
February 17th, All Saints Church, Hove

10-11am DRAW OFF!! with Nick Sharrett, Steven Lenton, Sophy Henn & Adam Stower.	1-2pm Supertato LIVE! with Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet.
4-5pm EXPLORING FANTASY WORLDS! with Laura Ellen Anderson, Vashli Hardy & Jenny McLachlan.	7-8:30pm An evening of poetry, drawing & conversation with CHRIS RIDDELL!



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