

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 24th February 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term. Judging by the amount of house points awarded this week, children have made a very positive return to learning. House points are accumulated through the weeks and the house with the most house points at the end of each half term gets an extra playtime.

One of the ways that children demonstrate bravery, resilience and curiosity is through their desire to sing or play an instrument in front of their peers during Friday assembly. We have been fortunate enough to receive the funding for a new piano from Burgess Hill Lions. The old piano has been relocated to the music room and will still be used but it will be wonderful to have the new piano in our large hall for whole school singing assemblies, choir and future productions.

I accompanied Year 3 on their trip to the Brighton Pavilion yesterday and was so proud of the children's behaviour and attitude to learning throughout the day. Their exemplary behaviour was commented on by members of the public on the train, the staff from the Brighton Pavilion and the museum where we had lunch. The housekeeper remarked that not many schools left the lunch room as tidy as us! It is fantastic to see the children observing our values beyond the school.

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day, next Thursday 2nd March and staff have planned many exciting reading related activities. Please remember to send your child dressed in their pyjamas and with their representation of their favourite story. Further information can be found below.

I just want to remind you that Parent Consultation evenings are now taking place on Monday 20th March and Thursday 23rd March. Details on how to book a slot will be sent the week commencing the 13th March via an email.



Melissa G, came to see me this morning to show me the scarf she has been knitting since Christmas. I was very impressed by her neat stitches and fluffy pompoms. Well done, Melissa, for showing resilience and creativity when learning a new skill.

Have a good weekend.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

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London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Joseph H-C	6B	For his detailed and accurate answers in our Guided Reading sessions and for identifying efficient ways of calculating the missing information in pie charts with percentages. Keep it up, Joseph!
Joshua Smith	6K	For a fantastic effort with your reading test this week, your hard work is paying off!
Eddie K	5D	For showing curiosity and resilience when writing a rhyming ballad poem about the fight between beowulf and Grendel. Well done, Eddie.
Molly T	5S	For showing resilience by working hard to produce a narrative ballad this week and always putting 100% effort into everything she does.
Aoife W	4P	For using super effective language in her rainforest description.
Fernando	4O	For being so kind and caring and welcoming to our new pupil. You set an example to all with your community spirit.
The whole class	3M	For being fantastic representations of London Meed during our trip to the Pavilion. You all listened to instructions, showed respect and responsibility, especially on the train. Well done!
The whole class	3C	For being impeccably behaved travelling to, from and during our visit to the Brighton Royal Pavilion and museum.
Jake	2DJ	For working hard in English by writing present progressive sentences about what a character is doing. Well done!
Mahum	2M	For challenging herself to use interesting language when describing how a character from the book we are reading would be feeling.
Charlie S	1S	For his dedication to reading which has helped him to make progress with his reading in school and at home. Well done Charlie!
Elisabeth	1W	For listening to adults well and making good choices which has had a positive impact upon her learning. Well done Elisabeth!
Shrey	Apple	For reading and joining in enthusiastically with whole class learning.
Maya	Cherry	For showing all of our school values on our trip to Waitrose.

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

From Ariana Grande to Dua Lipa, Katy Perry to Justin Timberlake, even the most mainstream and conventional artists in pop aren't averse to releasing the odd track which contains swearing or explicit lyrics. Although that's not especially Earth-shattering in itself, of course, it could prove an upsetting experience for a young person who stumbles across such songs on Spotify.

That's before we even take into account the multitude of other age-inappropriate lyrics in genres like hip hop (a profanity every 47 words, according to one recent study) or towards the harder end of the rock spectrum. Please view the attached guide about what Parents and Carers need to know about Spotify.

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London Meed Loves Reading



World Book Day Announcement: - Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day is almost here so home learning this weekend will centre around preparing for this exciting event. What you can expect:

- Children will be invited to come to school in pyjamas so they can enjoy a bedtime story in our library.

- Everyone will be invited to decorate an item of their choice

to showcase their favourite book. You could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, poster.

- Children will be asked to recommend a book to their class that they think is brilliant. They will be sharing these in class. There will be our famous 'shelfie' competition. Bring a photo of you reading a book in an unusual location - there will be a prize for the best entry.
- The winner of the West Sussex 'Picture Books To Shout About' award will be announced.
- Have you signed up to attend our 'Reading in our Community Session'? Parents and / or Grandparents will be invited to their children's classroom to share a book with their child. This will run between 2.30 and 3.15pm on Thursday 2nd March - please see the sign up sheet sent out by the office if you would like to attend.
- **New Date:** The Book Nook will be holding book fairs in school to coincide with the week of Parents' Evenings. These will be Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March so be sure to come and look at their fabulous selection of books on offer. This will also benefit our school community!



Dentist visit to EYFS

The Orchard was visited by a dental nurse from Burgess Hill Dental practice on Thursday 9th February. We learnt how to look after our teeth by carefully brushing for two minutes, twice a day and the importance of eating healthy food to help look after our teeth.

EYFS Trip to Waitrose



The Orchard children enjoyed a trip to Waitrose on Wednesday morning, where, having written some shopping lists to make pancakes, they went to buy the ingredients they needed to make them. A special mention goes to Poppy's Nan, who works at Waitrose, and who helped us at the checkout and was really patient while we took it in turns to hand over our coins to pay.



Year 2 Marvellous Middle



Year 2 enjoyed their Marvellous Middle in school on Monday and we had a fantastic selection of polar animals, explorers and even scientists! We had a great time completing a series of challenges including how to melt ice quickly in order to rescue frozen penguins, testing to see if blubber really does keep you warm in icy conditions, building vehicles to move around in polar regions and thinking about what food and equipment you would take when travelling to The North or South Pole. Well done to everyone for making such a great effort to dress up.

Year 3 Trip to the Brighton Pavilion



Yesterday, our Year 3 pupils took the train down to Brighton to visit the Royal Pavilion. The children learnt about the building's history, and had fun looking at how the Pavilion had been decorated. After lunch, both classes had the opportunity to explore Brighton Museum, and learn about how Brighton has changed over time. The children were all very well behaved, and embodied our school values of respect, curiosity and community.

"I liked seeing Queen Victoria's room." - Sophia

"It was fun looking for George the cat in every room." - Nancy

"I enjoyed the kitchen and seeing where they made the food." - Aria

LMA Disco



Thank you to our LMA for hosting the discos at the end of last half term. They were very well attended and the children (and Mrs Murphy!) thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in their finest and dancing to their favourite songs.



Reading Raffle Winners

Many congratulations to this half term's Reading Raffle winners: Finn J, Emma L, Caelan C, Ivy K, Millie M, Thomas K, Hugo D, Vikhyat D, Xaviera D, Ole E, Josh N, Bobby, Lacey G and Josh E.



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Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	Y6 SATS Parents meeting in the large hall at 2.30pm - full details sent by email to parents.
Wednesday 8th March	Y2 visit to the British Wildlife Centre
Friday 10th March	Y5 Viking Day in school
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 separate email to book a place at one of the sessions.
Monday 20th March and Thursday 23rd March	Parent Consultation evenings
Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd 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 \(SFEDS\)](#).



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

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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

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