

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 16th September 2022

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school. Our children are looking so smart in their uniform. We have had an overwhelming uptake for school clubs and are looking forward to these starting next Tuesday. If your child did not get a place this time please be assured that they are on a waiting list.

Behaviour around the school continues to be good with children upholding school values and following our golden rules. Year 6 have impressed us so much with their maturity and willingness to take on new responsibilities such as operating the projector in the hall, ringing the bell at the end of break and lunchtimes. Mr Blake was particularly pleased with the children who assisted him to put up new classroom display boards this morning.

In response to requests from pupils we have begun a "Super Staff" award. This involves children nominating a staff member for the award which is announced in Friday assembly. Congratulations to Ms Fleming and Miss Parker for being our first winners!

Our new Apples and Cherries are settling in well and have had opportunities to tour the school and meet our school community. From next Tuesday they will be staying all day.

We have begun to collate drawings, poems and memories by children about Queen Elizabeth to put in II a book of remembrance which will be displayed in the library. School will be closed on Monday 19th September as this is a Bank Holiday to mark our late Queen's funeral.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Mrs Langtree

Head teacher

National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. We have recently seen an increase in inappropriate online use by children in our school.

We are therefore delighted to announce that at London Meed we have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety - providing a wealth of resources for all parents and carers. As per the email sent yesterday there is an expectation that all parents and carers sign up to National Online Safety, as we will be using it to share information and resources throughout the year. We will be contacting families who have not signed up by 30th September. Please contact the school office if you need any support with signing up.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/london-meed-community-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

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MG Leonard visit

We have a new date for the author MG Leonard visit, Tuesday 4th October. The Book Nook will be selling her books before school. If you would like to pre-order a book for signing please click the link below:

<https://booknookuk.com/m-g-leonard-school-events/>

Parking

You **must not** park in the London Meed staff parking bays or across them. Our Learning Support Assistants start work at 8:30am and have been unable to find spaces as they have been taken up by parents and carers. All parents and carers are able to park free of charge from 8:30 in the Queen's Road car park. Please show consideration to our staff so that they are here to do their jobs on time. We will be checking cars to ensure they have a staff parking permit and asking parents to move on.

London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Freddie	1S	For showing resilience and perseverance in phonics and writing.
Brooke	1W	For her effort and thoughtfulness in her maths challenges this week.
Jaxon	2DJ	For consistently trying his best and challenging himself in all areas of his learning. Well done!
Bhavnish	2M	For showing bravery and resilience in his first week at London Meed.
Aria	3M	For trying her best in every lesson this week, especially in maths. Keep up the great work ethic!
Susie-Mai	3C	For being conscientious with all of her work and being a supportive talk partner.
Edward	4O	For super attitudes to learning and for some excellent ideas in writing using figurative language.
Riley	4P	For consistently working hard, across all subjects. His creative flair and vocabulary choices have shone this week. Well done, Riley!
Charlie D	5S	For creating exciting descriptive writing using figurative Language.
Oscar	5D	For showing his sense of community when assisting his peers to create a model solar system in science. Well done, Oscar!
Sapphire	6B	For applying maximum effort to all subjects and for sharing your ideas with the class. Keep it up, Sapphire!
Jack	6K	For showing bravery and flexibility when faced with unexpected challenges.

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Well done, Jack!

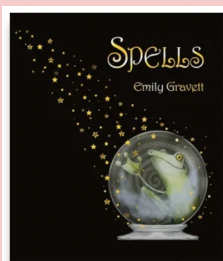
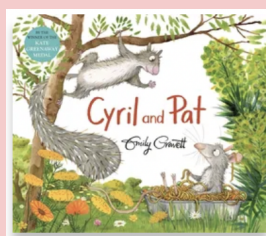
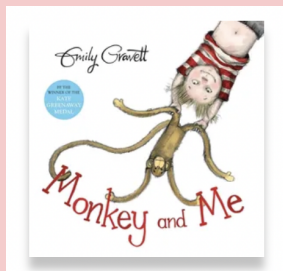
NEW - London Meed celebrates reading



Summer Reading Challenge winners were announced in assembly today - well done to children in 3C who had the most participants.

2M have been reading a selection of books by our class author 'Emily Gravett'. Emily is well renowned for creating funny and exceptional books for children. She has won two CILIP Kate Greenaway Medals for her brilliant books.

Here is a selection of our favourite titles so far:



We particularly loved reading 'Again'!

Cedric the dragon is ready for bed, but before he can go to sleep, he needs his mum to reread his favourite story! Sound familiar? This book reminded us of how we love to hear the same story again and again and the bright, bold illustrations of mischievous Cedric – a little dragon who'll do anything to delay bedtime were spectacular. The whole class thought this book was really funny and there was a surprise waiting for us at the end which was brilliant!

Book Recommendations

Please take a look at the book recommendations list for each year group on our website via the following link [Book recommendation lists](#)

Coming to a classroom near you: Reading Buddies!

Reading buddies are returning to London Meed! This is a wonderful opportunity for the older members of our school community to work with and get to know the younger members, whilst supporting each other to develop their reading skills. An incredibly popular part of our reading opportunities at London Meed!

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EYFS Apples Griffiths	EYFS Cherries Denham/ Hair	Year 1 Percival Winkley	Year 1 Donaldson Stacey	Year 2 Henn Davies- Jones	Year 2 Gravett Maddock	Year 3 Cowell Cobham
Year 6 Rundell Balan	Year 6 Hardy King	Year 3 Rauf McConnell	Year 4 Pichon Pritchard	Year 5 Tompson Dagleish	Year 4 McLachlan Oliver	Year 5 Lenoard Smith

Forthcoming Trips

Year 2	28th September	Arundel Castle
Year 4	28th September	Lewes Railway Land Project
Year 3	4th October	Bushcraft
Year 1	7th October	Wakehurst Place

Home learning

Home learning for Years 1-6 will begin today. The work will be posted on your child's Google Classroom page and they will be given a Home Learning book to complete any written parts of it in. Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and the book returned by the following Thursday.

Teachers are currently hard at work assessing the children's reading, and new reading books will be sent home next week. Please make sure that your child always has their reading book and Reading Record with them at school.

Clubs

The clubs timetable for this term and information on how to book has been sent home via email this week. Many of the clubs are now full. There are still limited spaces at Poetry, Computing, Choir, Board Games, Athletics, Comic Book club and Tag Rugby club. If you are unable to sign your child up for a club this means the club has reached its limit. **If you would like to put your child onto a waiting list please email clubs@londonmeedprimary.co.uk**

We have a policy that if a child does not attend a club for more than two weeks (unless there are extenuating circumstances) they will be removed from the club register and the place offered to another child from the waiting list.

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child or teenager? Do you just want some hints and tips on parenting?

MindEd for Families has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself. MindEd for Families is written

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by a team of specialists and parents, working together. For more information please visit

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Meet the Teacher

The week commencing 19th September our teachers are opening up their classrooms to parents/carers for a brief meeting where they will introduce themselves and outline plans for the year ahead. Gates will be open for parents to access the classrooms. Please see the dates below.

Year group	Date
Year 2 Year 6	19th Sept 2.40pm - 3pm - postponed to 26th September 2.40pm - 3pm 19th Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm - postponed to 3rd October 2.55-3.15pm
Year 5	20th Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Year 1	21st Sept 2.40pm-3pm
Years 3 & 4	22nd Sept 2.55-3.15pm

PE Days

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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Bring a Buddy Intro to Rugby Day - Sunday 18th September

For years Reception to Year 3 please come along to the 9-10am session and for Years 4-6 please come along from 10-11am



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Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.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.

Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY -Thursday 1st September

Children return Friday 2nd September

INSET DAY - Friday 21st October

Half term 24th October to Friday 28th October

Children return Monday 31st October

Last day of term Friday 16th December

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

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July

Contact Details

Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

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**

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- *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>