



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to be writing my first newsletter as your newly appointed, permanent Head teacher. I am really looking forward to continuing the improvements we have started to make and a letter sharing some of these is attached.

We are a fantastic community at London Meed and I have felt the support from our wonderful staff team and our families over the last few months.

We are very excited about having all our pupils back on Monday and I have attached the arrangement letter again.

Thank you to all of you who have been supporting your children's learning at home. We think you are all stars!

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

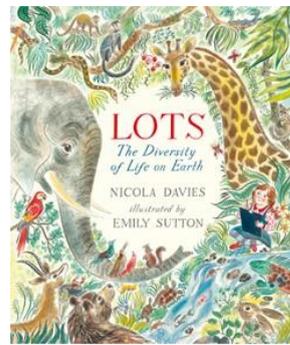


Encouraging a Love of Reading

Author of the week – 6 Davies



I decided to name our class author after Nicola Davies after



being lucky enough to hear her talk. She is incredibly passionate and knowledgeable about animals and our planet. She has travelled all over the world. Many of her books are based on the theme of nature. I was impressed by the range of styles that she has written; she has written

picture books, poetry, fiction for younger and older children and non-fiction.

Nicola is inspiring because she carefully considers her choice of words and the sound they make, combining them with beautiful illustrations. She often combines facts with a lyrical narrative.

She was delighted to be named as our class author and has been in regular contact. We were invited to join her live launch of the animation of her book "The Promise" and we enjoyed comparing this with the book itself. Most recently, the children have written questions to her and she sent a video reply, which is now on our class stream. We have a large collection of her books and have shared them during story time.

Miss Oliver 6 Davies Class teacher

PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1
Thursday	The Orchard Year 4
Friday	Year 2



4th March 2021 World Book Day

London Meed celebrated World Book Day in style this year. It was lovely to see so many children, both in school and at home, dressed up as their favourite book character.



As well as numerous stories being read, we had raging 'book battles', book themed scavenger hunts, story based riddles, Where's Wally? picture quiz, and stories being written collaboratively by children in school and at home.

Our thanks go to parents and carers who supported their children with joining in from home, and the great efforts that clearly went into making some of the costumes. World Book Day tokens will be distributed to children on the 8th March. For further details please visit





Year 4

Over the last 2 weeks, Year 4 have been researching, designing and making their own Roman shields (its proper name is a scutum). After lots of



hard work painting, gluing, cutting and sticking, our scutums were finally complete! To celebrate, the children at school took their scutums out onto the playground and practised some battle formations the

Romans would have used against their enemies including: The Testudo (also known as the turtle), the wedge and the orb.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

NHS guidance on Head lice

Please treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you: wash hair with ordinary shampoo, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do), comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends.

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day.

Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.



Contact Details

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

Email addresses to contact teachers

Please only contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below.

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Year 4	year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 5	year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 6	year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2021	Monday 4 th Jan	w/c 15 th Feb	Thursday 1 st April
	Inset Day:- Friday 12th February Thursday 4th March – World Book Day		
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 th April	w/c 31 st May	Friday 23 rd July
	Bank holiday: - Monday 3rd May Inset Days: - Friday 28th May Monday 7th June		