



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

3rd February 2025

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

We had a lovely week last week with the children enjoying all their new learning. I saw some amazing learning in Reception where they are looking at Supertato. They were deciding on some of their own adventures Supertato could go on and they all seemed very excited, especially climbing Marshmallow Mountain!



Last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Hedley and Ms Brayne went with nine of our Year 6 children to a Basketball event at Haywards Heath College. After a good warm up, the children were taught a number of basketball skills including dribbling and shooting baskets. Mrs Hedley and Ms Brayne were very impressed with the children's behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done to Kieran, Bonnie, Thomas, Kitty, Isla, Bobby, Sophie, Henry and Lucy for their excellent attitude and representing our school amazingly!

Reception children are in for a real treat all week. They have got some extremely special visitors this week - the RNLI, the fire service hopefully with a fire engine, a police officer along with their police car and a paramedic with their ambulance. The children are so excited and cannot wait to meet them all.

Make up and Jewellery:

Please can we remind you that children are not allowed to wear make up, nail varnish, temporary tattoos or hair glitter to school. We do understand that sometimes they may have had some of these (nail varnish or hair glitter) on over the weekend and getting them off for Monday is tricky but we do have make up and nail varnish remover at school they can use. If not, a member of staff will ask for them to be removed for the next school day.

We have also noticed some children wearing ring/hoop style earrings. Our uniform policy clearly states that children can only wear studs and these must be removed on days they have PE. If they are within 6 weeks of having their ears pierced then they may wear surgical tape over them - please do not use masking tape as this then sticks to the children's hair and makes getting it off really painful.

Nut free school:

We have a number of children with a severe nut allergy. Please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any items of food that contain nuts. This includes pick-up chocolate bars and chocolate croissants. Thank you.



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Author MG Leonard visit - Monday 10th February

The award winning author MG Leonard will be visiting our school on Monday 10th February - for full details see leaflet below. To pre order a book for signing please click on the link below.

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

THE BOOK NOOK

HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN SCARAB Tour: MG Leonard Author Event



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to announce, as part of an exclusive schools tour, students will be meeting award winning and bestselling author **M. G. Leonard** on **Monday 10th February**.

During her fun and interactive assembly, she will be talking about her inspirations for her latest book *Hunt for the Golden Scarab*, a thrilling time-travelling adventure book set in Ancient Egypt. Perfect for children of 8 to 12 and fans of *Adventures on Trains*, *Beetle Boy* and *Twitch*.

Children taking part in the tour will also be amongst the first to have the opportunity to buy this highly anticipated book and get books signed by MG Leonard.

If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity for your child, please pre-order books below, using the discount code 'SCARAB' for discounted books:



[BOOK HERE](#)



Please add your child's name and class in the notes section on the pay page and select local pickup for shipping, as your books will be delivered to the school for the event. Books will also be available to purchase before school on the day of the event.

Thank you for your support.
Best wishes,

THE BOOK NOOK

Event organised by your local award winning children's independent book shop.
First Avenue, Hove, BN3 2FJ. Tel: 01273 911988 www.booknookuk.com



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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Aaron S.	6B	For an incredibly successful week during which he has written an emotional letter as an evacuee, a summary of events using his inner voice and has learnt to calculate missing angles by using the most efficient methods. What a star! Keep it up, Aaron.
Aoife	6H	For demonstrating perseverance and resilience during lessons this week, particularly when practising the times tables. Your attitude to learning and your determination is outstanding. Well done Aoife!
Evie R	5D	For displaying resilience when calculating perimeter of rectilinear shapes, especially when working out the perimeter of rectilinear shapes with missing sides. Keep up your excellent attitude, Evie!
Faith	5A	For demonstrating increased resilience and perseverance in all of her learning this week.
Harry	4S	For showing a good attitude to learning and asking for help when you find things tricky. You are always polite and appreciative. Keep up the good work!
Bonnie	4N	For providing some of the most insightful answers I have ever heard in guided reading lessons! Bonnie links themes and character motives together to demonstrate deep understanding of texts. She is respectful, kind and resilient. We are very proud of the progress she has made. Keep it up, Bonnie – Well done!
Poppy	3M	For showing resilience when working independently to create fantastic expanded noun phrases in English. Well done, Poppy!
Freddie	3T	Being resilient when you have found some parts of Maths and English tricky this week. You always try your hardest, because you are a fantastic student. Well done also on keeping your handwriting a good size.
Eloise	2O	For sharing good thinking and reasoning in maths and for finding different ways to make £1. You have shown curiosity and community spirit.
Elora	2S	For beautiful handwriting and presentation in all of her work. Elora takes great pride in doing her best work every lesson. Well done, Elora!
Ben	1C	For Showing resilience and perseverance while writing your own version of 'Lost and Found'. I am so proud you used a capital letter, finger spaces and your phonics sounds. Very well done, Ben!
Theo	1M	For always putting a smile on my face! Whether it be by helping me tidy up, using his manners, saying lovely things to me and others or dazzling me with his newly developed phonics skills I can always rely on Theo to make me proud to be his teacher. Well done, Theo



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Edie	Cherries	For working hard in phonics to write sentences independently.
Hazal	Apples	For always trying her best, approaching every challenge with enthusiasm, and making super progress in her reading and writing because of this!
Hayley	Apples	For her wonderful writing during independent learning times and wanting to challenge herself. Well done!

REMINDERS:

If you have any issues or questions in the first instance please email your child's class teacher via their year group email address or alternatively email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk who will then forward your email onto the relevant member of staff. **Please do not send emails to individual members of staff as, if they are not in school, the email will not be read.**

theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	The Orchard
year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 1
year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 2
year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 3
year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 4
year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 5
year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 6

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

- Apples - Monday and Thursday
- Cherries - Tuesday and Friday
- Y1 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Y2 - Tuesday and Friday
- Y3 - Wednesday and Friday
- Y4 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Y5 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Y6 - Monday and Thursday



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Plea from Mr Blake

Mr Blake has been up to inspect our Forest school and unfortunately, due to the weather, a number of items need replacing. Does anyone have a metal fire pit they no longer require? Thank you so much for your kind donations of tea lights. Any donations relating to Forest school would be gratefully received in the school office.

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child. Please also ensure you order through the list as this will then remove the item so it is not purchased again.

EYFS <https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm>

Year 1 <https://amzn.eu/9mK2jpx>

Year 2 <https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv>

Year 3 <https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp>

Year 4 <https://amzn.eu/84lbWMy>

Year 5 <https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6 <https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

SEN Support <https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>

London Meed New Nurture Room and Sensory room <https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>

School Community News:

New Mental Health and Well-being Website via West Sussex County Council: West Sussex County Council have launched a new website to help children, families and schools with mental health and well-being. The link is below so please do have a look to see if there is anything that you might find supportive. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childrens-mental-health-and-emotional-wellbeing/>

E Safety Seminar: The local police are running E-Safety webinars, for parents and carers. To join the webinar please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/online-safety-for-parents-3386699>



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#WakeupWednesday



As we grow up, we're inevitably exposed to new and challenging feelings – whether it's sadness, fear or rage. These emotions can be tough to handle when we're still learning about the world – and even once we've passed into adulthood – which is why emotional literacy is a vital life skill. Of course, when emotions are running high, it can be tricky to help young people process these feelings in a healthy way, but it's incredibly important that we do so as parents and educators. The free guide attached provides you with expert tips on teaching children to recognise their own emotions and deal with them in a mature manner.

Referral to Healthy Child Programme 5-19 School Nursing Service



The School Nursing team can be contacted by parents directly for a variety of issues as listed below:

- Contenance issues e.g., soiling, day, or night-time wetting
- Sleep issues
- Support for school staff when they need to produce individual health care plans for pupils
- Poor school attendance related to health issues
- Sexual health advice
- Lifestyle concerns including weight, smoking, drugs, or alcohol
- Health needs assessment following safeguarding meetings
- Emotional health and wellbeing support, such as low self-esteem, low mood, low level anxiety

Parents can contact the School Nurse team via the HCP 5-19 duty line 0300 303 1137, option 1. or by texting Parentline on 07312 277011. Parents and young people can also access their websites, Health for Kids and Health for Teens.



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
Monday 10th February	MG Leonard Author visit
Thursday 13th February	LMA Discos. Further details to follow
Friday 14th February	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils.
17th - 21st February	HALF TERM - school closed.
Monday 24th February	School reopens after half term.
Wednesday 26th February	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley
Thursday 27th February	Y3 visit to the Pavilion.
Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March	Parent Consultation evenings. Further details to follow.
Friday 5th March	Y6 trip to Newhaven.
Tuesday 11th March	Y2 trip to the British Wildlife Centre.
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief.
Wednesday 26th March	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley.
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Raffle - details to follow.
Friday 4th April	Last day of the Spring term.
Monday 7th - 21st April	School closed for the Easter holidays. School reopens Tuesday 22nd April.

Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Spring term 2025

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April



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Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May

INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July

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.

If you need any support in regard to children experiencing anxiety we are offering a down-to-earth webinar with lots of practical strategies to emotionally support overwhelming feelings.

The webinar is 'Anxiety Toolkit' and is on 25th January at 10am. For tickets please follow this link [Anxiety Toolkit Tickets](#)

Many thanks and best wishes, Your Space Therapies Limited

Gym Competition



A number of our pupils took part in their first Gymnastics and Dance Academy - Floor and Vault competition at the weekend. Well done to Evie R, Brooke P, Chloe B and Isla A, Arabella and Rafael on their amazing achievements!



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Burgess Hill Town Council

February Half Term Fun!

Join the FREE exciting activities in Burgess Hill this February half term!

Craft Sessions

On Monday 17th February, join us and the Burgess Hill Creative Community for crafts at the Kiln. Sessions will run at 10am, 11am or 12pm, with crafts aimed at ages 5-11. It is free to attend but advanced booking is required from 3rd February, by calling 01444 247726 or by visiting [our website](#).

Please note that families are asked to only book one session and the 12pm is a session for those with SEND (Special educational needs and disabilities) and their siblings. Parent/carer interaction is required and children must be accompanied.

The nearest car park for The Kiln, (30-32 The Martlets, RH15 9NN) is the multi-storey car park (off of Civic Way). This is a pay and display car park.

Young Carers Fun Days

The next Fun Day will be on Tuesday 18th February, 10am-2.30pm at Fairfield Community Centre. Run by Burgess Hill Youth, young carers are invited to attend free of charge, with lunch included. There will be games and activities, for ages 6-11 years old. Places must be registered in advance, by 9am on Friday 14th February, [via our dedicated young carers webpage](#).

What is a young carer?



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Trouble falling asleep, night waking, early rising causing everyone to be tired

Helping children & teens enjoy the restful and contented sleep they need

07903 905480

thecontentedsleeper@outlook.com

Free 20 minute phone call to discuss your needs

Ultimate Activity Camps are running a holiday camp at Handcross Park School again this Easter and Summer holidays. Please find the link to all the information about our Holiday Camp below. <https://docsend.com/view/s/fps54x928icc85ym>



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HOLIDAY HQ GAME ZONE

PIONEER CHILDCARE

17th - 21st February 2025

...plus much more!

West Sussex Holiday Camps

Scan to secure your spot or book online at www.pioneerchildcare.co.uk



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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

FOOTBALL CAMP

BOYS & GIRLS 5-12 YEARS OLD
HOVE PARK 3G | 10AM-3PM
9AM EARLY DROP OFF -£3

MONDAY 17TH
TUESDAY 18TH
WEDNESDAY 19TH
THURSDAY 20TH
FRIDAY 21ST

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