



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

4th November 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

I hope you all had a good half term holiday and are ready for the busy half term in the lead up to Christmas. We have so much going on this half term, so please keep an eye out for any communication from us.

Excitingly, we are in the process of creating a Nurture and Sensory Room. The Owl Room, which is opposite 5A, has been cleared out and is now our new Nurture Room. It is intended to be a calming space for those children that need it, with activities that will help them to regulate, such as sensory circuits. It will have comfy seating as well as tables and chairs, and a range of different play equipment such as construction, role play and arts and crafts. Within the Owl Room, there is a separate small room where we intend to create our own Sensory Room. This will be a dark room which contains soft seating, fairy lights and then a range of lighting such as string lights, bubble tubes, lava lamps, soft calming music; we hope to get a projector lamp that can show different calming pictures and videos such as under the sea, clouds etc. Both spaces will be available to any child who needs it, such as those who might require a softer start to the school day, some time away from the busy classroom and time to complete work in a less structured way. In the afternoons, Mr Connor will be running his nurture groups in the Owl Room. In order to get both rooms up and running, we will require some help. Therefore, we are setting up a Sensory Room wish list on Amazon <https://amzn.eu/1o5DYB3> We are also asking for donations of toys such as garages, cars and vehicles, train sets, hot wheels, lego and duplo, dolls houses, dolls, small world items, dressing up clothes, any construction toys, jigsaws, puzzles and games.

This Friday, it is a non-school uniform day in return for chocolate donations for our Christmas Fair. These can be dropped straight to the Small Hall or children can bring them into class and take them down.

On Monday 11th November, we will be taking part in Remembrance Day by holding our own Remembrance Assembly and observing two minutes of silence at 11.00am. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been invited to attend the ceremony at the War Memorial in town. Please remember to send a donation (cash only please) so that your child can buy a poppy this week.

On Tuesday 12th November, we will be having Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Your child will need to wear their school uniform as normal but can come wearing odd socks - as crazy and colourful as they like.





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Reminders:

Make up, Nail varnish and earrings - please can we remind you that the children, especially those in Year 6, are not allowed to wear make-up to school. This includes lipstick, mascara, eye shadow and nail varnish. We also ask that your child only wears stud earrings if they have their ears pierced, and not any hooped or dangly earrings for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this.

Punctuality and Lateness - please remember that school officially starts at 8.45am every morning. We understand that there are those occasions where you may be late and we completely understand. However, we do have a few children who are persistently late. If you do have a problem getting to school on time, then please arrange to speak to either Ms Brayne or Miss Dowley.

Internal clubs - please remember that due to Parent Consultation Evenings there will be no clubs next week commencing 11th November.

Parent Consultation Evenings- 12th and 14th November

Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12th November from 3.30-6pm and on Thursday 14th November 3.30-6.30pm. An online booking system, through our website host ESchools, will be visible and open to book your appointment today at 6pm and it will close on Thursday 7th November at 7pm. To log in please visit www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk and click on the "login" button in the top right hand corner. You will be able to select which available appointment you would like to book and then generate a printable report if you wish to print confirmation of your booking. We do expect separated parents to attend together, because this is in your child's best interests. Please allow a ten-minute gap between appointments if you have more than one child in our school. If you have any queries please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Parent Governor:

Currently we have one Parent Governor vacancy. An online ballot paper has been sent via email today. Please ensure you vote by midday on Monday 11th November. The new Parent Governor will be announced on Monday 18th November.



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THE BOOK NOOK

Dear parents, grandparents and carers,

You are invited to our Book Fair

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November

London Meed Primary School would like to invite you to The Book Nook Book Fair where you will find an extensive and exhilarating range of latest releases and well-loved classics to get your child excited about reading.

With prices starting at £6.99, there will be books for all interests and reading abilities and we are sure there will be a book for you and your child to enjoy. Also, all sales go towards FREE books for our school!

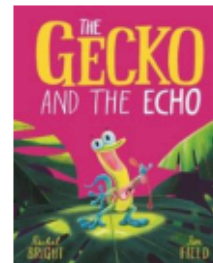
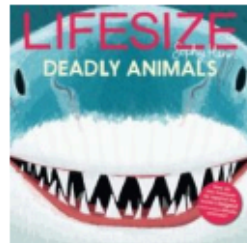
When: Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November

Where: In the hall.

Payment: Cash or Card

Thank you for your support.
Kind regards,

Book Fair Organiser



The Book Nook Book Fair,

THE BOOK NOOK

First Avenue, Hove. BN3 2FJ. www.booknookuk.com



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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.

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/84IbWMy>

Year 5

<https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6

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

SEN Support

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

London Meed

<https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>



Poppies- some of our very kind Year 6 children will be selling poppies outside the main school gate from Tuesday 4th November - Friday 7th November for a minimum donation of £1 (cash only please).



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Anti-Bullying Week - we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week this year, from Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November. On Tuesday 12th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks day. On this day, your child can come to school in odd socks (and school uniform) - this is to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week, the children will be looking at definitions of what bullying is, entering a poster competition for how to help children being bullied and many other activities in support of anti-bullying.

School Community News:

Parent Reps - we now have Parent Reps for Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 but still need a Parent Rep for each of Years 2 and 5. If you are interested, please do come and speak to either myself or Mr Terrill. There will be perks for undertaking this role, so please do try and volunteer.



Twirling competition

During half term, Brooke went to Ireland with her twirling group for an International British baton twirling competition. This was Brooke's first one in the age group 10-12 and she was amazing and came away with three 1st places and two 2nd places in her solo events, and 1st and 2nds in her team events. Brooke was so pleased with her achievements and wants to share them with her school. Well done Brooke!



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London Meed Association

A HUGE thank you to our LMA for the end of term discos on Thursday 24th October. These were really well attended and the children had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with all the discos. Our next LMA event is our Christmas Fair on **Saturday 30th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm**. In order to help us with this, please see the following key dates for donations, all of which are non-uniform:

Friday 8th November - chocolate donations

Friday 22nd November - Rainbow tombola donations

Friday 29th November - bottles donations

Please see the following posters for our Christmas Fair:





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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
8th Nov	Non Uniform day - Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
11th Nov	Mastering Numbers session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. 9-10am. A sign-up sheet has been emailed today.
11th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
11th Nov	Remembrance Day - Assembly at 11.00am
12th Nov	Odd Socks Day - wear uniform (PE kit if PE day) with odd socks.
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings Tuesday 12th Nov 3.30-6pm Thursday 14th Nov - 3.30-6.30pm Book Nook Book Fairs
15th Nov	Children In Need - non uniform day
20th Nov	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
22nd Nov	Non uniform day - donations for Rainbow tombola at Christmas fair
29th Nov	EYFS to Toy Museum
29th Nov	Non Uniform day - Bottle donations for Christmas Fair
30th Nov	Christmas Fair at school from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
11th Dec	Reception Nativity to parents and carers at 10am
12th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) to parents and carers at 2pm
13th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) to parents and carers at 10am
13th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
18th Dec	Christmas Party Day & Christmas lunch
18th Dec - Cancelled	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
19th Dec	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at 10am
20th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm



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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

Autumn Term 2024

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

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

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.

Please see a flyer below from Your Space Therapies. On the 25th of January 2025, Your Space Therapies are offering a practical and down-to-earth 'Anxiety Toolbox' webinar for parents and carers to support



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their children with anxiety and mental health. All the details and a QR code for ease of booking are on the flyer. We look forward to offering parents and carers in your school community kindness and empowerment to support their children.



ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:





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Please see the poster below for a Christmas Concert that some of our children will be performing in.

BURGESS HILL

MARCHING YOUTH
www.bhmj.org

Christmas Concert

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

St John's Church, Lower Church Road
Burgess Hill, RH15 9AA

Join us for an evening of Christmas festivities and music performed by the Burgess Hill Marching Youth.

Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are available online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnsechurch
or in person at The Town Help Point.