



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

11th November 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

What another busy week with so much lovely learning happening around the school. Reception had 'woodlands learning' for the first time and especially loved playing in the huge piles of leaves. We had a health and safety audit carried out by West Sussex County Council and Mr Blake and Mrs Stalker are doing an amazing job at keeping us safe, here at London Meed.

On Friday we had our half termly Reading Raffle. There were so many books to choose from and 12 of our lucky children came down to choose a new book to take home. If you want your child to have a chance to get a raffle ticket, they need to be reading at home four times a week and have this recorded in their reading diaries. The lucky winners were Aizah S, Amelie R, Arabella B, Caelan C, Clara J, Emma L, Erlil M, Flo W, Jake B, Lucy H, Oscar P and Veda S.



Last Wednesday, Ms Brayne took two of our Year 6 pupils, who are our Burgess Hill Youth Counsellors, to plant poppies as part of Burgess Hill's Remembrance commemorations. Haywards Heath Council kindly donated 300 recycled (artificial) poppies from their D Day commemoration earlier this year, which our children helped "plant" on the land on Cyprus Road next to the Cyprus Hall.



Sophie and Summer also got to march in the Burgess Hill Remembrance parade in pride of place with the Town Councillors. They stood in the VIP area for the ceremony. Both girls looked very smart and represented our school extremely well.



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This morning, five of our Junior Governors walked to the War Memorial in town for the Remembrance Day service. They laid a wreath on the memorial and listened to prayers. Then they laid a poppy for all the animals lost in service too. It was a really special service and our children made us proud as always - thank you Junior Governors.



At school we took part in Remembrance Day by holding our own Remembrance Assembly and observing two minutes of silence at 11.00am.

This morning, Mrs Balan and Mrs Denham held a Mastering Number workshop for parents and children from The Orchard. Thank you to those parents for their valued support.



Tomorrow, we will be having Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Your child will need to wear their school uniform (or PE kit if it is their PE day) as normal but can come wearing odd socks - as crazy and colourful as they like.





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Reminders:

Internal clubs - please remember that, due to Parent Consultation Evenings, there will be no clubs this 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.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

This Friday, children are invited to wear home clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

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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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>
Grace H.	6B	For showing resilience when using describing words and phrases to portray the beauty and the dangers of Antarctica. What fantastic work, Grace! Keep it up.
Toby	6H	For demonstrating our school value of curiosity while sketching the natural landscape in the artistic style of Frances Hatch. Fantastic effort Toby!
Beau H	5D	For showing a strong sense of community by helping his learning partners during maths lessons and including all members of the class during P.E. lessons. Well done, Beau!
Erina	5A	For demonstrating bravery during Maths when ordering and comparing fractions greater than one. She persevered when she found it tough. We are so proud of the progress you have made. Well done Erina. Keep it up!
Lua	4S	For showing bravery when settling into a new school, making friends and sharing ideas. We are glad you've joined our school community.
Spencer	4N	For demonstrating great resilience and perseverance when writing his explanation text. He worked so hard to include scientific words and phrases from his research around earthquakes. Well done, Spencer!
Pip	3T	For always trying hard at everything you do. You showed resilience and curiosity this week, particularly in Maths when you challenged yourself to do column subtraction independently. Well done!
Melissa	3M	For always trying your best and being a great role model. You have also shown resilience when adding and subtracting three digit numbers. Very well done, Melissa.
Maya	2S	For always doing her bst, even when things are tricky. When writing a description including adjectives and a common, Maya persevered until she understood. Well done Maya!
Arthur	2O	For showing resilience when improving his handwriting and for an excellent description of a dragon using commas in a list.



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Marlowe	1C	For showing creativity, curiosity and perseverance when learning and reading a fantastic T.S Elliot poem to the class. Very well done Marlowe.
Annabelle	1M	For always going above and beyond with her learning. Annie has taken the learning from the classroom and continued to explore this at home too. What a great role model to our class Annie. Well done!



On Tuesday before half term, Year 3 experienced a cooking day as part of their DT curriculum. They have been learning about seasonal produce and the impact of importing

non-seasonal food on the environment. Our Year 3 students made plum crumble and margherita pizzas with traditional and seasonal ingredients. A lot of fun was had, a little mess was made, and everyone's belly was full!



Last Thursday, our year 5 & 6 girls hosted a team from St Wilfrid's for a friendly football match. The girls showed so much enthusiasm and determination running around the pitch. We won comfortably, 6-0, but the girls remained very respectful in their victory and it was a great experience for them.



Well done Faith!

Faith F attended the British championships on November 3rd in Bristol. She got a silver medal for her 10 kick combo and a bronze medal for her hand drills. Many congratulations Faith, we are very proud of you!



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Well done Maia!

Maia wanted to share with the school community that she took part in the remembrance day parade on Sunday with her Brownie Guide group. She also had the privilege of carrying her Brownie Unit flag and she got to be part of the Church service at St John's Church marching in and out with the flag. She demonstrated a number of the school values; Bravery, Community and Respect during the parade and service. Well done Maia we are very proud of you!

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 New Nurture Room and Sensory room

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



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School Community News:

Parent Reps - we now have Parent Reps for all year groups, except Year 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.

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/>

London Meed Association

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 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
11th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
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 from 2.45 until 4.15pm
15th Nov	Children In Need - non uniform day. Children are invited to wear home clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.
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.



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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 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:





Christmas HAMPER PROJECT

This Christmas local organisations and churches are working together to provide and distribute Christmas hampers to people in need.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES TO GET INVOLVED...

1

Set up a collection point in your place of work and encourage colleagues to collect the items listed overleaf. Deliver your donations to The King's Centre the morning of Wednesday 04 December

2

Buy some of the items listed on the flyer and drop them into one of our collection points listed overleaf.

3

If you would like to make a financial donation (online) this will go directly to Burgess Hill Community Food bank. Search for 'Burgess Hill Community Food bank' on peoplesfundraising.com





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Christmas HAMPER PROJECT

This is a great way to support our local community over Christmas and with your help we hope to bless dozens of individuals and families.

THOSE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT ARE...

Burgess Hill District Lions Club • Burgess Hill Foodbank • Burgess Hill Town Council
Burgess Hill Youth • The King's Church

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD ITEMS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION POINTS:

Town Council Help Point, Burgess Hill • The King's Church, Burgess Hill

Food List

- Sugar
- Tea bags/Instant coffee
- Tinned vegetables - carrots/peas/sweetcorn
- Pasta sauces
- Meat/meatballs (tinned)
- Fruit (tinned)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned custard
- Angel Delight
- Jelly packet
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Biscuits
- Jam
- UHT Milk
- Cereal
- Chocolate selection box
- Tinned fish
- Baked beans
- Tinned soup
- Pasta
- Mince pies

Please **DO NOT** add other items to the box; we want them all to be similar. Please buy products that are of a nice quality and do not buy value items.

For more information please contact communityteam@burgesshill.gov.uk