

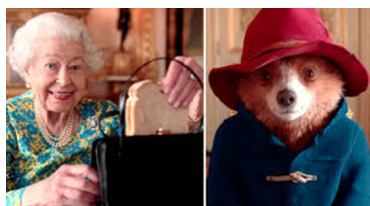
LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 9th September 2022

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very successful first full week back and it is wonderful to see children enjoying getting to know their new teachers and Learning Support Assistants. A number of new children have joined us this year and they are settling in well. We can't wait for our new Apples and Cherries to be in all together next week. Our new staff, Ms Pritchard, Miss McConnell and Mrs Harrison have been made to feel very welcome and are relishing being part of the London Meed Community.



Following the sad news of the Queen's passing, I spent some time talking to the children in assembly this morning about her life and reign. I was so impressed with how much they already knew and understood. Staff are aware that for some children this will be a difficult time as it brings back memories of losses they may have experienced.

Our school has been awarded a Gold Sports Mark which is an achievement that we are very proud of. A huge thank you goes to Ms Griffiths, our P.E. subject leader, for all the hard work she puts in to ensure that children are taught high quality P.E. and have many opportunities to take part in a wide range of sporting activities and events.

Do remember that your child is able to wear home clothes on their birthday so that we all recognise their special day. If their birthday falls at a weekend, holiday or P.E. day, then they can wear home clothes on the next convenient day.

I hope you like the new format of the newsletter. We have listened to feedback from members of the school community and the newsletter should now be even easier to read on phones and tablets.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Mrs Langtree

Head teacher

Parking

You **must not** park in the London Meed staff parking bays. 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.

Clubs

The clubs timetable for this term and information on how to book will be sent home via email late afternoon on Monday 12th September. There are limited spaces for each of the internal clubs, 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.

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London Meed Hero Awards

| Name of Child | Class | Reason |
|---------------|-------|--|
| Avyukt | 1S | For settling beautifully into his new class. |
| Alisha | 1W | For a fantastic start to year 1, and for doing some beautiful questions about the woods. |
| Amy | 2DJ | For a really positive start to Year 2. Well done! |
| Veda | 2M | For showing bravery and resilience in her first week at London Meed. |
| Isla | 3M | For trying her best at all times and challenging herself in every lesson. Very well done! |
| Iyla W | 3C | For using previous knowledge and concrete resources to solve maths problems independently. |
| Jude | 4O | For showing curiosity in his learning and for challenging himself in maths and a positive start to Year 4. |
| Lucy | 4P | For being an incredibly thoughtful, supportive and caring talk partner for Dima, making him feel settled and happy. |
| Reuben | 5S | For showing bravery and pride when challenging himself during Maths lessons this week. |
| Rory | 5D | For an excellent start to Year 5 where he has fully engaged with all areas of the Year 5 curriculum. Well done, Rory! |
| Jackson B. | 6B | For using the correct punctuation in his speech writing and for reading it confidently to the class. What a fantastic start to Year 6, Jackson! |
| Caitlin B. | 6K | For showing curiosity in the class discussion of Shackleton and showing creativity in her descriptive writing. |



Snacks

Children in the Orchard and Years 1 & 2 receive a portion of fruit or vegetable each day. Children in Years 3-6 may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break.



NEW - London Meed celebrates reading

This is a new section of our newsletter that is aimed at celebrating the key events in the reading calendar and recommending new and noteworthy books that you and your child may like to read.

If you are looking for exciting ideas for different types of books, your children will be bringing home

recommended reading lists for each year group and a list of books that make up the spine of books that have been selected for each year group. These spines contain a wide range of quality books and the aim is for these books to be read regularly so the children become familiar with them.

Furthermore, new books will be featured in this section of the newsletter.

Happy reading!

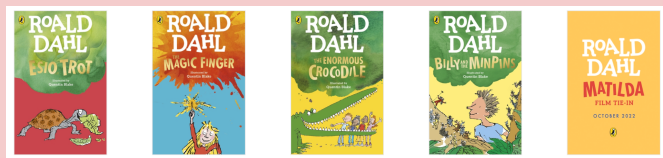
Happy Roald Dahl Day for Tuesday 13th September.

Roald Dahl was one of the best children's authors of all time. Which is your favourite Roald Dahl book?

To commemorate him and his achievements, Roald Dahl Day happens every year on his birthday - September 13th - celebrating the magic that he brought and continues to bring to children everywhere. During his lifetime, he wrote 20 children's books and published 48 books altogether.

Here is a quote of his: *"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."*

Roald Dahl



Why not celebrate this weekend by reading one of his books, watching a movie, drawing a picture of your favourite character from one of his books or even doing some Roald Dahl themed baking.



Congratulations go to Daisy H in 1W who recently passed her dance exam.

Forthcoming Trips

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|--------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |

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Home learning

Home learning for Years 1-6 will begin on Friday 16th September. 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.

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 19th Sept 2.55pm - 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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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.

Email addresses to contact teachers

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

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



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***
- ***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>