

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 23rd June 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

We held our New Parents Evening on Monday evening and really enjoyed getting to know so many new families. This year has flown by and our current Reception children have blossomed and are looking ready to move up, as are all of our pupils.

On Tuesday, we hosted the "Big Sing". This singing event was attended by three other local primary school choirs as well as our own. The children sang together, performed in front of each other and had a joyous time. Thank you to our Music Lead, Mrs Stacey, for organising the event.

Transition Day had originally been planned for Wednesday 5th July; this date is arranged with secondary schools so that our current Year 6 are out at their new schools for the day. You may have heard that there are planned strikes for Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. This obviously has an impact on Transition Day. The Burgess Hill Academy and Downlands Secondary School have confirmed that their Transition Day will now take place on Tuesday 4th July. You will be receiving communication from them and other secondary schools soon. We will be having our Transition Day then as well. All children will get the opportunity to see their new classroom and meet their new class teacher and support staff. We are aware that EYFS are out at Drusillas that day, and a staff member in Key Stage One will be absent from school that day, so we have arranged for EYFS and Year 1 children to have their Transition Day on Wednesday 5th July. All parents will be informed of class destinations and the staffing structure during the afternoon of Tuesday 4th July.

As with previous strikes, we will keep you informed via email of any class closures. Staff are not obliged to tell us of their intention to strike until the day.

There have been a number of accidents and incidents of poor behaviour on the KS2 playground at the end of the day during the period after KS1 children have been dismissed and before KS2 siblings have come out. I want to remind you that KS1 children and preschoolers are the responsibility of parents/carers and must not go on the equipment or play in the bushes. This is to avoid injuries and incidents.

Mrs Jones, who has been a Learning Support Assistant at our school since 2001 will be sadly leaving us at the end of this term. She has been a very valued member of staff during this time and although we will miss her we know that she has new adventures planned.

Two members of our staff have been very busy in their free time raising money for worthy causes. Mrs Herlihy raised over £600 for Dementia by completing a sponsored walk during the month of May. Ms Leaney raised £630 for Macmillan by completing a marathon across the South Downs on a very hot day earlier this month. Well done, both of you!

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

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Library books returned to school

Please could you ensure that your child returns their school library book **by Friday 30th June** in order for us to do a stock take before the end of term.

Sports Day - 14th July

Just a quick reminder that Sports Day is on Friday 14th July from 1.15-3pm. An order of the afternoon and map will be sent to you prior to the event.

The KS2 playground gates will open for Parents/Carers just after 1pm for them to enter the field. Parents/carers are welcome to bring a picnic rug or chair to sit on. **We ask that there is no parking within the school grounds and that you park considerably in the roads surrounding the school. All children will be taken back to their classes to be dismissed at the end of the day.**

Please could children in the Reception classes wear their normal PE kit.

Please could children in Years 1-6 wear their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colours:

Bramber- **Green** Lewes- **Blue** Hastings- **Yellow** Arundel - **Red**

Life Skills week - we need you!

Can you: Fix a flat tyre on a bike? Prepare and cook a meal? Manage a budget? Paint nails? Program a computer? Give a talk to an audience? Lay a brick wall? Sew? If the answer is yes, or if you have any other skills to pass on, then we need you!

We are in desperate need of volunteers to come in and work with our Year 6 children during Life Skills Week, the week beginning 10th July. For many of our Year 6 pupils last year, this was a real highlight for them and we look forward to giving our current Year 6 pupils some fabulous experiences.

If you have any skills or hobbies that you would like to teach to our Year 6 pupils then we would love to hear from you. These skills do not need to be related to your job - they just need to be something that you are passionate about and can teach to others.

We can fit around you in terms of times and group sizes, and we can provide materials to support you as necessary. If you are interested in helping to prepare our Year Six pupils for the world, or would like to find out more, please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with 'Life Skills Week' in the subject line.

Forest School Plea!

Do you have any large rocks/stones(ornamental type), bricks (ideally fire bricks) to use at Forest School?

Thank you, Mr Blake Forest School Lead.

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LMA Colour Run

The LMA Colour Run on Saturday 10th June was a huge success. The children and adults loved the multi colours they finished the event in! Many thanks to the LMA, staff helpers and volunteers for their help on the day.



London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Melissa G.	6B	For accurately drawing the Golden Spiral derived from the Fibonacci Sequence and for making a detailed treasure map for our end of Year 6 production. Well done, Melissa!
Amelia	6K	For being a total star during our performance rehearsals this week!
Mia G	5D	For making a massive effort in every aspect of her learning; especially in English where she independently drafted and edited a free verse poem about Harriet Tubman and her escape from slavery.
Sabreen	5S	Showing perseverance and creating a fantastic free verse poem based on Harriet Tubman's journey from slavery to freedom called, ' <u>This WAS my life</u> '.
Toby	4P	For writing a super leaflet about Greece using effective and engaging language
Om	4O	For working hard to draft, edit and publish his persuasive leaflet choosing excellent vocabulary.
Emilia	3M	For showing resilience in maths when making 3D shapes and for creating a superb egg drop container!
Chloe	3C	For writing an engaging first paragraph for her newspaper.
Spencer	2DJ	For working well when learning about different measures and their units in maths. Well done!
Isaac C	2M	For using his phonics knowledge to improve his spelling. Well done Isaac!
Harry	1S	For writing a fabulous non-fiction poster on sharks and for always being polite and respectful.
Lula	1W	For showing such bravery when joining a new school. You have come in every day with a huge smile, ready to learn. What a fabulous start Lula!
Tylam Zachary	Apple	For coming into school brilliantly the last few weeks and for sharing his expert knowledge about sea creatures. For super independent writing about dinosaurs.
Oliver Myles	Cherry	For excellent group work in P.E and maths. For working hard to improve his phonics and reading.



Reading Raffle winners

Congratulations to the last half term's Reading Raffle winners: Billy H, Iyla W, Evie R, Lucy H, Junior T, Benjamin M, Sam K, Maya W, Alfie B, Joshua S, Sabreen R, Sami M, Edward F and Nancy D.



Year 6 Residential



Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic three day residential at Grosvenor Hall in Kent last week. They took part in activities such as raft building, abseiling, laser tag and zip wire. The children embodied all of our school values and were very well behaved throughout. A big thank you to the staff who attended the trip and ensured that the children had a good time.



Mid Sussex Athletics

Children from years 3,4 and 5 attended the Burgess Hill Area Sports event on Wednesday 14th June, where they took part in a variety of field and track athletics events against 6 other schools from Burgess Hill. There were some exciting races with close finishes and some fabulous field events. We are so proud of all the children that took part and we saw great resilience, bravery, respect and teamwork at play throughout the event. Well done to all the children who took part.



A down-to-earth course for parents!

Your Space Therapies is a counselling and play therapy service that work holistically with schools, parents and professionals supporting vulnerable children. We help children and their communities to have good mental health, resilience to learn and be the best they can be.

Overcoming Overwhelm



Supporting your Child with Worries and Anxiety

This course explains what happens to children's brains and bodies when they experience extreme overwhelm. We explore ways to support parents and carers manage their own anxieties in order to help their children and creative ways to listen and communicate well with children who are struggling with big feelings.

Examples of therapeutic games, activities and strategies that will help calm, soothe and overcome anxiety are provided for children age 2-10.

Your Space Parent Workshop - 28th June

We have organised for Your Space Therapies to run a Parent workshop "Supporting your Child with Worries and Anxiety" on Wednesday 28th June from 1.20-2.50pm in the small hall. Spaces are limited. If you would like to attend the workshop please complete the [Your Space Workshop Booking form](#) by 9am Monday 26th June

Course Details:

At London Meed Community Primary School.

Wednesday 28th June, 1.20- 2.50pm.

About the trainer: Emma Connor is a Child Psychotherapist, MA, UKCP, Director, Consultant and Trainer for Your Space Therapies. Emma is a senior lecturer at the Institute for Arts and Therapy in Education as well as working in various schools providing therapy for children and therapeutic support for families.

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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 and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent Haywards Heath that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance.

They can help you with:

- finding childcare
- applying for free childcare entitlement
- finding local activities and support services
- pregnancy and early child development
- Parenting and health advice for you and your family
- how to access local housing services
- crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities, personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to.

For further information please click on the link in the title.



**ENTRY
£10
PER PERSON**

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SEND FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES EVENT

SATURDAY 8TH JULY, 6PM - 8PM

**WE ARE HOLDING AN EXCLUSIVE OPEN ACTIVITY EVENT
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS
AND DISABILITIES. FAMILIES AND SIBLINGS WELCOME.**

**COME AND ENJOY ADVENTURE GOLF, ADVENTURE NETS,
BOWLING, CLIP 'N CLIMB AND SOFT PLAY**

**CAFÉ OPEN FOR HOT AND COLD FOOD, SNACKS, DRINKS,
ICE CREAMS, FRUIT SMOOTHIES AND MORE!**



**SCAN THE CODE TO BOOK ONLINE
OR BOOK IN CENTRE TODAY**



VISIT WWW.OUT-OF-BOUNDS.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION. TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY.

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Summer term dates for your diary

Sun 25th June	Burgess Hill Children's Parade
Wed 28th June	Your Space Parent/Carer Workshop in the small hall 1.20-2.50pm. The workshop is called Overcoming Overwhelm. To book a place please complete the Your Space Workshop Booking form by Friday 16th June.
Thurs 29th - Fri 30th June	Y4 Residential
Tues 4th July	EYFS to Drusillas Transition Day for Years 2-6 Children will meet their new teachers. Parents will receive an email with class destination and staff structure for next year during the afternoon.
Wed 5th July	Transition Day for EYFS and Year 1 pupils.
Thurs 6th July	Y6 to Tea Thyme for Pizza
Fri 7th July	Annual reports sent to parents.
Week commencing 10th July	All clubs finish for the term. Y6 Life Skills week.
Tues 11th July	Current Y5 parent meeting about September Y6 residential
Wed 12th July	A chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher and say goodbye to their existing teacher. Details to follow.
Fri 14th July	Sports Day from 1.10pm - full details to follow
Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm. Details to follow in due course.
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm.
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents will be invited to the Goodbye Assembly.

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Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.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.

Summer term 2023

Last day of term Friday 21st July

Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2023

INSET DAY - Friday 1st September

Starts Monday 4th September

INSET DAY - Friday 20th October

Half term 23rd - 27th October

Children return Monday 30th October

Last day of term Friday 15th December

Spring term 2024

Starts Tuesday 2nd January

Half term 12th February to 16th February

INSET DAY - Monday 19th February

Children return Tuesday 20th February

Last day of term Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March to 12th April

Summer term 2024

Starts Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - 6th May

INSET DAY - Friday 24th May

Half term 27th May to 31st May

INSET DAY Monday 3rd June

Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July