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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you to Alix C who delivered a number of cakes and biscuits to our staff on Tuesday from parents and carers. We are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support and generosity.



Well done Lukas in Year 2 who spent some of his Half Term break litter picking at Lancing Beach and then did an impromptu litter pick at St Johns Park recently. He has demonstrated our value of respect by showing such care for the local environment.

Also, well done to Finley K in Year 5 who wrote a beautiful letter to me suggesting we replace plastic rulers with ones made from bamboo and asking if he could do some litter picking in the school grounds. This shows his respect for our school environment and awareness of his ability to make a change.

Next week the DFE will be issuing guidance to schools about the roadmap out of the current restrictions. We are looking forward to the announcements and will keep you updated about changes to our current COVID risk assessments. We are very much looking forward to a time when children of different year groups can mix outdoors and take part in assemblies together.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Parent Governors to help London Meed's journey towards Good and Outstanding.

Parents are a valuable part of our school community. Please take time to vote for our next two Parent Governors via the Google Ballot paper <https://forms.gle/fBIMxaaPUIZXawUr5> by midday on Monday 10th May. Many thanks.

Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!

Sienna	Cherries	For carefully considering her phonics when writing.
Thea	Cherries	For orally rehearsing her sentences and looking on the sound mat for the correct sounds.
Elsie Rose	Apples	For her enthusiastic attitude to all learning this week.
Jaxon	Apples	For always trying to challenge himself in his learning and working well independently.

Anya K	1H	For always showing respect to other members of the classroom and always being a supportive friend.
Robin A	1H	For making his descriptive writing exciting to read and showing resilience to improve his handwriting.
Zachary B	1D	For a superb piece of independent writing about our imaginary trip to the Sea Life Centre.
Freya S	1D	For understanding rhythm, note lengths and how to show them with symbols in music.
Isla W	2B	For showing bravery and curiosity through always participating in class discussions.
Harvey	2B	For doing amazingly in fractions this week and challenging himself in his work.
Elsie	2R	For showing curiosity in her learning and always being ready to do her best.
Noah	2R	For respecting his right to learn by setting himself high standards in his work.
Fin M	3Z	For detailed explanations when answering problems about length. Excellent work this week!
Molly T	3R	For solving problems independently and as part of a group within maths.
Harvey B-B	4H	For showing resilience this week when learning how to use the formal written method for subtraction with exchanges.
Sapphire	4T	For showing curiosity when writing an engaging and interesting explanation text about how earthquakes happen, which was full of technical vocabulary and clearly explained the scientific process.
Annabelle	5K	For always applying 100% effort and determination, particularly in this week's PE lesson.
Lily	5L	For being a valuable member of the class and for always working to the best of her ability.
Fern	6R	For being extremely determined to complete challenging questions in Maths and for knowing how to effectively include the description of feelings in her writing. Keep it up, Fern!
Daniel	6D	For working hard to develop his vocabulary choices and for writing his best piece of writing yet in our journey to the bottom of the ocean.



Encouraging a Love of Reading

Author of the week – 6 Rundell



We are 6 Rundell!

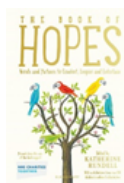
Katherine Rundell is an award-winner children's writer and academic. Born in Kent, in 1987, Rundell grew up in Zimbabwe - Africa, where her dad was a diplomat. At the age of 14, her family moved to Brussels – Belgium. Later on, she described this experience as a culture shock, adding that:

"In Zimbabwe, school ended every day at 1 o'clock. I didn't wear shoes, and there was none of the teenage culture that exists in Europe. My friends and I were still climbing trees and having swimming competitions".



Rundell started her writing career at the age of 21, when she published The Girl Savage, a book inspired by her experience of life in Africa. Her second book, Rooftoppers – a novel influenced by her own hobby of clambering on Oxford's college roofs, whilst studying for her masters –

made her the winner of The Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2014. She followed this with The Wolf Wilder, The Explorer, which won the Costa Book Award, One Christmas Wish, Into the Jungle and The Good Thieves.



On the 27th April 2020, during our national lockdown, Rundell launched The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown, which is available to read for free online at:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

We enjoyed watching videos of Katherine Rundell during World Book Day, on 4th March 2021.

Mrs Balan, 6 Rundell Class Teacher



Free KS2 second hand books

Due to current COVID restrictions we have decided that it will be safer to put the free second hand books out after the 21st June. We will let you know the new date in due course.

London Meed Community Primary School has started a lottery through Your School Lottery.



This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can

support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

The first draw will take place on the 29th May 2021.

The below link should take you direct to our page

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/london-meed-community-primary>

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely

The London Meed Association

Ultimate Activity Camps

Ofsted-registered (and Covid-Safe!) activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays, where the children's welfare and fun are at the heart of all they do! Children will enjoy a fantastic range of sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Summer at Handcross Park School from Monday 12th July to Friday 20th August 2021 as well as our Ultimate Survival Camps that will run from Monday 26th July to Friday 20th August.

Book by Tuesday 8th June to save up £25 a week on all summer dates!

W: <http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF>

T: 0330 111 7077

E: help@ultimateactivity.co.uk

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/UltimateActivityCamps>



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

Monday	Year 3 The Orchard
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 2

Inset days 2021-2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 22nd October 2021
Spring Term	Friday 18th February 2022
Summer Term	Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022

Contact Details

Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence by 9.20am **every day** via Studybugs <https://studybugs.com/signin> or via our absence voicemail on 01444 232336.

Should your child develop COVID symptoms and receive a positive test result over a weekend, please continue to email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk as we will need to take immediate action.

Email addresses to contact teachers

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

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

Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 th April	w/c 31 st May	Friday 23 rd July
	Bank holiday: - Monday 3rd May Inset Days: - Friday 28th May Monday 7th June		

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<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/school-term-dates-202122/>