



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

23rd September 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

What a period of fantastic learning last week. Mr Blake started Forest Schools with 3M. They enjoyed exploring the woodlands area, making dens, climbing trees and generally having a great time. They even got to light the fire. Fingers crossed for this week as we are predicted thunderstorms.

Reception completed their first full week in school and had so much fun. They loved exploring their new environments including having lunch in the hall and joining Year 1 and Year 2 for lunchtime play.

Year 4 have been making the most amazing volcano poems using alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphors, similes and personification. Some of the children came and shared these with me in my office. Year 6 have been making persuasive recounts about their Residential trip to read to the Year 5 children this week.

Year 5 had their second swimming session and are loving these.

I held my first 'Biscuit and Banter' this week. Thank you to the five parents who attended and for the feedback they gave. Their feedback was mainly around concerns with children with SEND needs. My next session is on Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm in the small hall. Please come along, have a cuppa and a biscuit and a chat.

Most year groups had their 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We really hope these were useful for you as parents and carers, to know what the expectations are for each year group.

We have changed how lunchtimes work slightly, after feedback from the children. Year 6 have now got a new privilege where they will eat in the small hall from 12.10pm to 12.30pm, with Mrs Cooper supervising. They are so excited and Mrs Cooper has even started a playlist for them. By doing this, it gives the rest of the school more time to eat in the hall, especially Key Stage 1 and EYFS who now have a lot longer.

This week, Year 2 are going on an exciting visit to Arundel castle as part of their 'Turrets and Tiaras' topic. We hope the weather holds for this trip. We know they will have such an exciting time.

Year 6 have their 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday at 2.50pm. Please remember to come along and find out what is happening over the year.

Clubs start this week. We offer over 30 different clubs which is so fantastic. I haven't worked in another school that offers so many opportunities to their children. Please make sure your child signs up to a club as soon as possible.

Some of our Year 3s and Year 4s are off to a football festival on Wednesday with Miss McConnell. We wish them the best of luck at this.



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Reminders:

Year 5 residential trip - please make sure you have signed up for this by this Thursday (19.09.24). This year, we had some children who didn't sign up, wanting to go at the last minute, which we were not able to accommodate. We understand it is almost a year before they are going on this trip but we do ask that you do sign your child up for this. They had such a great time this year and it was hard for those that hadn't signed up and then wanted to go, to hear all about what they had missed out on.

Young Voices - this is being opened up to Year 6 today at 7.00pm for the additional places and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis so get in quick if your child wants to go.



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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>
Alex R.	6B	For settling in so well and showing your enthusiastic attitude to learning. Keep it up, Alex!
Aden	6H	For writing a fantastic recount of the residential. You have used effective vocabulary to persuade others to visit Windmill Hill.
Noah R	5D	For showing curiosity and working hard in all aspects of his learning, particularly English where he has mastered passive voice and is starting to use it independently in his work. Keep up all your hard work, Noah!
Aria L	5A	For being resilient and showing determination when ordering and comparing numbers in Maths. You persevered when you found it tough. Well done Aria!
Isaac E	4S	showing resilience to make his writing interesting and exciting for a reader by including a range of figurative language. Keep up the hard work, Isaac!
Theodore M	4N	What a great week Theodore has had! He demonstrated great bravery and resilience in gymnastics, performing some of the trickiest moves possible with his friend. In English, he wrote some beautiful sentences for his poem, using similes and metaphors! Well done, Theodore!
Avitaj	3T	Showing respect for your right to learn by always challenging yourself to do more in ever subject, particularly Maths and Geography.
Brooke	3M	For always being on task and completing her learning to a high level. You have shown resilience when working with 3-digit numbers this week. Well done, Brooke!
Molly T	2S	Molly has been demonstrating the school value of bravery by coming into school in the mornings and getting on with the morning tasks. Well done Molly!
Zack	2O	For resilience and perseverance to try his very best in all his work. What super attitudes to learning!
Murphy	1C	For reading with purpose, expression and enthusiasm. You have shown our school values of resilience, bravery and curiosity, during guided reading sessions this week.

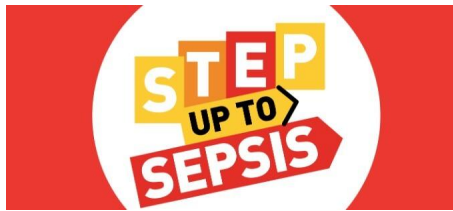


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Ollie	1M	<p>For trying really hard with his phonics. He is now using all of the sounds that he knows to read and write words with greater independence.</p> <p>He has blown Mrs Charker and Mrs Murphy way with his amazing attitude towards phonics</p> <p>Well done Ollie!</p>
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Sepsis: Know the Signs, Save a Life

As part of Sepsis Awareness Month this September, we are highlighting the importance of recognising the symptoms of sepsis.

In the UK alone, there are at least 245,000 cases and up to 48,000 deaths of sepsis every year. That's more deaths than breast, bowel and prostate cancer combined.

There is no single sign or diagnostic test, and sepsis is indiscriminate: while it primarily affects very young children, older adults, and people with underlying health conditions, it can sometimes be triggered in those who are otherwise fit and healthy.

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition.

How to spot sepsis in adults:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured

A child may have sepsis if they:

- Are breathing very fast
- Have a 'fit' or convulsion
- Look mottled, bluish, or pale – on darker pigmented skin, colour changes may show on the inside of the forearms or palms
- Have a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Are very lethargic or difficult to wake



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- Feel abnormally cold to touch

A child under 5 may have sepsis if they:

- Are not feeding
- Are vomiting repeatedly
- Have not passed urine for 12 hours

If you or another adult or child develop any of these signs, it is important to seek urgent medical attention.

Call 111 or contact your GP if you are worried about an infection.

Call 999 or visit A&E if you or another adult or child has one of the sepsis symptoms.

Just Ask: *Could it be Sepsis?*

For further information on sepsis please click on this link: [FAQs – The UK Sepsis Trust](#)

Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
24th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 6 from 2.50-3.10pm
25th Sept	Year 2 visiting Arundel Castle
1st Oct	School Photographer in school for the day to take individual and sibling (current pupils) photos.
3rd Oct	Census Day
4th Oct	Y1 visit to Wakehurst
15th Oct	EYFS visit to the library (details to follow)
16th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
16th Oct	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.15pm
17th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
18th Oct	Y4 visit to the National History Museum (details to follow)



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25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
11th Nov	Mastering Number session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. Details to follow.
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings- details to follow

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

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd September

Starts Tuesday 3rd September

INSET DAY - Friday 25th October

Half term 28th October - 1st November

Children return Monday 4th November

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

PE days

Apples - Mon, Thurs

Cherries - Tues, Fri

Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Tuesday Friday

Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday

Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yr6 - Monday and Thursday