



# London Meed Primary School Newsletter

7th October 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

What a difference the weather made last week. We had some absolutely glorious sunshine days where the children were able to play outside without their coats on!

Last week, Year 1 ended the week with a fantastic trip to Wakehurst as part of their 'In the deep, dark woods' topic. The weather was amazing with such beautiful sunshine that highlighted the fabulous colours of Autumn across the whole place. The children were impeccably behaved and represented the school so well. They got to make some Andy Goldsworthy art, potted sunflower seeds, went on a sensory trail and played in the huge paddock at lunchtime.

Our new Junior Governors were elected last week by our Governing Body. They had so many applications to choose from, so a big thank you to all the children who applied for this very important role. Congratulations to Dotty-Mae O, James T, Abigail G, Bruce J, Isobel W, Freya S, Reyansh P, Summer D, Sophie M, Oli J and James G. One of their first tasks is to look at which charities we will be supporting as a school over the year. Thank you to all the suggestions of charities we could support; we are listing a few fundraising ideas below.

This week, we have some of Year 1 and Year 2 going to Burgess Hill Academy for a multi-skills event.

On Thursday (10th), we have 'Yellow' Day where we are asking all the children to come in wearing something yellow in support of World Mental Health Day. We ask that they bring in a donation of a £1 which will go towards YoungMinds. Please follow this link for more information on this. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

## Reminders:

**Coats** - we have noticed that some children are coming into school each day without coats. As our British weather is so unpredictable and we go from sun to rain and back again in one morning, they do need coats.

**Parking** - we have noticed that there are still cars trying to pull up and drop off outside the school gates despite the parking boards asking people not to do this. We also have people parking across the staff and disabled parking bays outside the front of the school, thereby blocking other people in. We know parking is really tricky around the school but please help us to keep children safe - the last thing we would want is a child hurt due to thoughtless parking, or emergency services being unable to access the school.

**Amazon Wish Lists** - Thank you to the parents who have bought from our Wish lists already. The classes have loved their boxes arriving and seeing what is in them. Thank you for also putting a clear message inside for which class and who it is from - this really helps.

**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.**



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## 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/84lbWMy>

## Year 5

<https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

## Year 6

<https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

## SEN Support

<https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>

## London Meed

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

**Anti-Bullying Week** - we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week this year, from Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November. On Tuesday 12th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks day. On this day, your child can come to school in odd socks (and school uniform) - this is to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week, the children will be looking at definitions of what bullying is, entering a poster competition for how to help children being bullied and many other activities in support of anti-bullying.

The Anti-Bullying call to action is:

'From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.'



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This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?'

## Harvest:

This year we are collecting for The Pantry food bank in Burgess Hill. They are coming in on Monday 14th October for a Harvest Assembly with the school. Please can Harvest donations come in on this day. They would like:

- Biscuits
- Tinned soup, tomatoes and fruit i.e. all tinned!
- Pasta Sauces
- Ketchup
- Jam and marmalade
- Lunchbox snacks
- Small packets of tea bags
- Hot chocolate
- Squash
- Cereal

## School Community News:

**Parent Reps** - Parent Reps have been used successfully in other schools and we would love to see this working here at London Meed. A Parent Rep is the person who represents the year group with ideas and issues and alerts them via WhatsApp of any messages needing to be sent from the school. An example of when this is used effectively is for reminders for events such as dress up days. The Parent Rep may text in the morning to remind their year group parents that it is a dress up day for a donation. We have used it for coaches being late back from a trip and days when the school is closed unexpectedly, or having to close unexpectedly, on top of the messages the school may send out. In order to set this up effectively, we would need at least one parent from each year group to become the Parent Rep. If there is no WhatsApp for that year group, we would ask that they set it up and are responsible for sending messages out. If this is something you are interested in, please come and talk to either myself, or to Mr Terrill.



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## Fundraising ideas:

Emma T in Year 6 and her friend Tyler are going to be walking ON TOP of the i360 in Brighton to fundraise for her younger brother Jack. Below is a QR code to their Just Giving page.

Jack is Emma's brother, and Tyler's friend who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Jack's Roar is aiming to raise enough money to give Jack the holiday of a lifetime while he still can. For more information please check out our Facebook Page Jack's Roar. Or follow the QR Code



**Oscar's Wish Foundation** - this charity was set up to support families through the devastating loss of a baby before, during or shortly after childbirth. Baby Loss Awareness week is a globally recognised week running every year from 9th - 15th of October with a Wave of Light happening on the last day (15th) at 7pm. This is where people are invited to light a candle and leave it burning for 1 hour in memory of all the babies who have sadly died too soon. If you would like to donate to this charity, please do so using the link below and clicking on the donate button. <https://www.oscarswishfoundation.co.uk/about>

## 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>
Oli J.	6B	For being a proactive learner and always challenging himself, especially in our Maths and English lessons. Keep it up, Oli!
Sophie	6H	For showing bravery when playing the piano in our whole school assembly. Well done Sophie, you played beautifully!
Evelyn C	5D	For showing curiosity when learning about Earth being a spherical body in science and always sharing and contributing her ideas in every area of the curriculum. Keep up all your hard work, Evelyn!
Clara	5A	For her bravery when reading out loud her 'Monster Slayer' story map. Always showing curiosity in her learning, across all subjects.
Thomas	4S	showing resilience to make his writing exciting using first person to describe senses.



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		Great work, Thomas!
Isobel	4N	For using expressive intonation and body language when share-reading with her peers.
Lewie	3M	For showing great community values and bravery during forest school. You have also shown resilience when adding and subtracting from 3-digit numbers. Well done, Lewie
Ollie	3T	For being Resilient and not being distracted by others when doing his work.
Leo	2O	For demonstrating Community by being helpful around the classroom, tidying up and his brilliant attitude to learning.
Pippa	2S	For being a fabulous role model to her peers. Pippa is always ready to listen, learn and work hard. You are a star Pippa, well done.



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## Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
7th Oct	Multi Skills for some Year 1 and Year 2 children pm
10th Oct	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
14th Oct	Harvest donations for The Pantry
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 2.30pm
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)
24th Oct	Disco 3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2 4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4 5.15 - 6.00 - Year 5 and Year 6



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25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
8th Nov	Non Uniform day - Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
11th Nov	Mastering Numbers session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. Details to follow.
11th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
12th Nov	Odd Socks Day
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings- details to follow
15th Nov	Children In Need - non uniform day
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
12th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
13th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
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
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

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

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

**PE days**

**Apples - Monday and Thursday**

**Cherries - Tuesday and Friday**

**Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday**

**Yr2 - Tuesday and Friday**

**Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday**

**Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday**

**Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Yr6 - Monday and Thursday**



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## London Meed Association



Our LMA has got some great events coming. Please save the following dates:

### Disco:

**Thursday 24th October 2025**

3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2

4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4

5.15 - 6.00 Year 5 and Year 6

Bookings via PTA Events will be available soon

### Christmas Fair:

**Saturday 30th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

In preparation for the Christmas Fair we will have the following donation days all of which are non-uniform:

Friday 8th November - chocolate donations

Friday 22nd November - Rainbow tombola donations

Friday 29th November - bottles donations

### 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.