



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of a very busy half term as next Friday is an INSET day where staff will be engaging in Team Teach and Forest School training.

This week we had a visit from Local Authority Advisers who visited classrooms and talked to staff and children. They confirmed they are happy with the progress we are making towards the priorities raised by Ofsted in 2019. There has been a real buzz in school during recent weeks and children are engaged in their learning and producing high quality work.

Some of our Year 6 pupils have attended Sports Crew training this week at The Burgess Hill Academy. This means that they will wear a special t-shirt at break times and will be on hand to lead games and activities. The children were awarded certificates in assembly today.

Our assemblies this week have focused on Internet Safety. The key messages are knowing that people you have only met online are not friends, what to do if you receive inappropriate messages or content and how to keep your identity safe. Do make sure you talk to your children about how to keep themselves safe online. Our website has a wealth of resources to support you. Please look at the online safety guidance on our website:

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/online-safety/517013>

Also on the website

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/children/56211> you will find a recommended book list for each year group. These are suggestions that are both varied and high quality and would be ideal reading material for children particularly if they are stuck for ideas or new authors. If you have any questions or further recommendations please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

There will be face to face parent consultations on the 14th and 17th March. A link to book an appointment for your child will be sent after half term.

Have a super weekend.

Natalie Langtree  
Head teacher

### London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Jasper H.	6B Rundell	For his sensible and mature contributions to our RSHE lesson, when discussing the problems in the world and how to tackle them. Well done, Jasper!
April O'D	6D Thomson	For her writing in R.E where she described her dream to make the world a less toxic place by stopping pollution and toxic waste. Keep up all your hard work, April!
Junaid	5P Haig	For a descriptive and entertaining non-fiction page about his dragon.
Jackson. B	5 S Leonard	For being an excellent role-model to all and being a supportive member of the classroom.
Mollie	4A Corbett	For a huge improvement in your presentation and being a superstar mathematician this week!
Amelie	3WZ	For being a cheerful and kind member of our school community.
Lukas	3C Dahl	For showing determination to do your best in each lesson.
Isla A	2DJ	For showing resilience and challenging herself with her descriptive writing, as well as taking on board feedback to improve her work.
Daniel	2M	For showing bravery when starting a new school and a curious approach to learning a new language.
Markas	4OD	For developing independence when working and for confidence in answering in class.
Jack	1S	For a fantastic start at London Meed and for also doing some brilliant, independent writing.
Theo	1DH	For having a fantastic attitude to learning and always trying hard in phonics.
Poppy	Apple	For working really hard on her independent writing. Well done.
Avitaj	Cherry	For being resilient in her phonics and working really hard at sounding out her words.



#### **Author visit - Thursday 17th February**

We are looking forward to author, Sophy Henn, visiting the school on Thursday 17th February. Sophie will be conducting an assembly for Years 2 to 6. All year groups will be given the opportunity to purchase one of her books and get it signed. You can still pre order a book at a 15% discount by clicking on the link below

<https://booknookuk.com/sophy-henn-school-events/>

#### **Y5/6 Indoor Athletics**

Miss Parker, Mr Smith and Ms Fleming took fifteen KS2 pupils to Haywards Heath College on Thursday morning. The children really enjoyed experiencing a variety of sporting activities.

#### **World Book Day Thursday 3rd March**

World Book Day is rapidly approaching so we wanted to take the opportunity to give you an idea of the key activities that will be happening during the week at London Meed.

- Rather than dressing up, this year all members of the London Meed school community will be asked to decorate an item to bring into school, showing an aspect of their favourite book or story. For example they could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, or poster, decorating it with characters, themes, or parts of the story itself - the more imaginative the better! We will then have a competition with a prize for the best item per year group.
- There will be a Book Fair during the day and after school on Thursday 17th March. This will be run by the Book Nook (a fantastic children's book shop in Hove). Further details regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.
- Each class will conduct book battles during guided reading lessons starting during the week of World Book Day. The best battle for each class will be shown in key stage assemblies on the following Thursday. Children will be set this for home learning in advance to prepare for.
- A 'Shelfie' competition will be held with the winning entries being put on display in the entrance foyer. A 'shelfie' is a photo taken of a child with their favourite books from their book shelf. The books can be arranged in imaginative ways, or the photo can be taken in an unusual place. The last time we ran this competition we had photos ranging from children sitting on thrones made of books to a child in their bathtub, bathing in books. Again, the more imaginative the better!
- Each class will visit the library for a story time during the day.
- During the day of 3rd March all learning will focus around book talk and learning linking to one particular book.
- We will send out reminders about these events nearer the time, but please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

#### **The Orchard - Dental visit**

On Monday 7th February, The Orchard was visited by Lucy, a Dental Nurse from Burgess Hill Dental. She came in to teach us all about how to look after our teeth. We had a story about a trip to a dentist, learnt how to brush our teeth properly and for how long and talked about foods that are healthy or not healthy for our



teeth.

We were also given goodie bags to help us look after our teeth and teach other people in our family how to look after theirs.

We all learnt lots and are incredibly grateful to Lucy (who gave up her own time to come and talk to us) and Burgess Hill Dental who supplied the goodie bags.

#### **Year 6 Letter**

Lucy from 6B wrote a letter to her Great Grandmother asking her about her experiences of WW2 which she read to her class. Her Great Grandmother wrote "I was 8 years old in 1939 and lived near Manchester. I didn't really understand the horrors of war, the first thing was food rationing and



ration coupons, no sweets, no chocolate, or exotic fruit. You had to grow your own vegetables and if you were lucky you could buy a few eggs from people with hens." The children got quite emotional listening to her Great Grandmother's experiences.

#### **Congratulations Darcy!**

Many congratulations to Darcy 1DH who achieved a Distinction in her first ballet exam! Well done!





#### Under 7's Rugby

Jack (not pictured), Kobe and Riley from Year 2 all attended an under 7s rugby tournament representing Burgess Hill Rugby Club at Horsham on Sunday.

All 3 boys played excellent rugby and demonstrated great teamwork and skills during their matches, which thankfully stayed dry although a little

blustery at times. They also demonstrated the school value of resilience, playing 5 matches which was not only physically tiring but also required them to keep going and not give up. Well done boys.!

#### School Nursing Team Parentline text service

Launch of Parentline text service - 07312 277011

We have recently launched Parentline, a confidential text service which parents can use to contact the service about problems with their children's health, such as: sleep issues, continence, poor school attendance, emotional health, low self-esteem, low mood, low level anxiety, and lifestyle concerns such as weight loss or gain.

If you have any questions, or need help booking, please contact the West Sussex Mind Training Team on 07468 516818 or email [training@westsussexmind.org](mailto:training@westsussexmind.org)



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♪ NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ♪  
♪ JUST £2.50 PER WEEK ♪  
♪ INSTRUMENT AND UNIFORM PROVIDED ♪  
♪ ALL INSTRUCTORS DBS CHECKED ♪



## Understanding Young People's Mental Health

West Sussex Mind are also offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers. In this workshop, MIND explore the common issues that young people face, and difficulties around talking about mental health and emotional wellbeing. This workshop is designed to support those with children aged between 11 and 18. [Check spring and summer dates.](#)

How do I book my place?

Please book a ticket via the direct links enclosed or on the West Sussex Mind Eventbrite page:

[www.westsussexmind.eventbrite.com](http://www.westsussexmind.eventbrite.com)

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. Please note there has been a change in days for Apples and Cherries.

Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3W Zephaniah	Monday and Friday
Year 3C Dahl	Tuesday and Friday



Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

#### Contact Details

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.

The Orchard	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

#### Key dates

For up and coming key dates for this academic year please visit our website

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

**Term Dates 2021-2022** For WSCC term dates please visit [https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf)

Spring term 2022	<p>INSET DAY - Friday 18th February</p> <p><b>Half term 21st February to 25th February</b></p> <p>Children return Monday 28th February</p> <p>Last day of term Friday 8th April</p>
Summer term	<p>Starts Monday 25th April</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 27th May</p> <p><b>Half term 30th May to 3rd June</b></p> <p>INSET DAY Monday 6th June</p> <p>Last day of term Thursday 21st July</p>

#### 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