



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a lovely week and the children are really engaging with their learning and rising to the challenges of a new school year.



A highlight for many staff was the return to singing assembly on Tuesday. Mrs Walker was in fine voice and the piano is still in tune after it's long rest. We were so moved to hear children's voices filling our school. As part of her new role, Ms Palethorpe taught the children how to use Makaton signs to accompany the lyrics (an inadvertent scratching of her head caused much laughter).



It was an absolute pleasure to welcome our new families to our London Meed Community. The Orchard staff visited parents and children at home and hosted Stay and Play sessions. Lots of our older children were excited that their little brothers and sisters were coming to school for the first time. Once our new starters have settled in we will arrange a time for big brothers and sisters to visit their siblings. We cannot wait to see our Apples and Cherries again next week.



We have been lucky this week with the weather and have taken full advantage of our outside space. As we move into Autumn, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school everyday as they will still be going outside even if it is raining. Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Meet the Teacher

The week commencing 20th September our teachers are opening up their classrooms to parents/carers for a brief meeting where they will introduce themselves and outline plans for the year ahead. Gates will be open for parents to access the classrooms. Please see the dates below.

Year group	Date
Year 2 Year 6	20th Sept 2.40pm - 3pm 20th Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Year 5	21st Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Year 1	22nd Sept 2.40pm-3pm
Years 3 & 4	23rd Sept 2.55-3.15pm

London Meed Hero Award

Our first London Meed Hero award assemblies were held today. These replace the old yellow certificates. Many congratulations to our winners below.

Name	Class	Reason
Freya M.	6B	For a brilliant start to Year 6, by displaying an impeccable and motivated attitude to learning. Well done, Freya!
Sophie C	6D	For an incredible start to Year 6, displaying great enthusiasm for all aspects of the curriculum and showing curiosity with her learning.
Jack B	5P	For an excellent start to Year 5 and for showing enthusiasm in his learning.
Isla. C	5S	For overcoming her nerves and bravely performing in front of the class.
Tommy N	4O	For settling really well and for having a super attitude to learning showing resilience and curiosity
Sami M	4A	For having a stunning first week by challenging himself in Maths lessons.
Isla.P	3Z	For making an excellent start to Year 3 and showing curiosity in all she does.
Dexter	3C	For making an excellent start to Year 3 and showing resilience in all he does.
Tabitha	2M	For making such a great first impression in her first week and helping her class community to learn.
Molly-Rose	2DJ	For having a great start to her learning journey at London Meed and already displaying all of our values.
Guntaj	1DH	For showing curiosity in art when mixing colours to make different shades of green.
Arthur	1S	For showing bravery whilst speaking in front of his peers when asking questions on the carpet.

Snacks



Children in the Orchard and Years 1 & 2 receive a portion of fruit or vegetable each day. Children in Years 3-6 may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break.



Home learning

Home learning for Years 1-6 will begin on Friday 17th September. The work will be posted on your child's Google Classroom page and they will be given a Home Learning book to complete any written parts of it in. Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and the book returned by the following Thursday.

Teachers are currently hard at work assessing the children's reading, and new reading books will be sent home next week. Please make sure that your child always has their reading book and Reading Record with them at school.

Encouraging a Love of Reading

Welcome to our new Library



Our library refurbishment is nearly complete. Preparations are underway for our Library opening - watch this space!



Plea for Lego

We are running two Lego clubs this term. If you have any spare lego we would really welcome any donations via the School Office. **Many thanks.**

Year 4 Stunning Start



Year 4 had their stunning start on Monday. They were surprised to find a visitor had 'trashed' their class leaving destruction in its wake. Loud roaring gave another clue. Mr Alfonso bravely entered the classroom and chased it off. There was much speculation about what would leave such a mess and make such a noise. However, our visitor left a message asking the children to become palaeontologists and discover more about dinosaurs. Various activities followed which the children enjoyed.

Year 6 Stunning Start

As part of our topic ***On the Edge!*** The children



discovered frozen photos of Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition. They discussed the photos and made predictions about what the topic is going to be about.

They enjoyed the activity because:

It was fun finding photos in the ice cubes.

It was different from other types of lessons.

I could hold the ice cube.

There was a rock and a picture of Shackleton's journey/expedition inside my ice cube.



Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.**

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

Free Mental Health Support Courses for Children and Young People in West Sussex

Funding has been secured for courses to support children and young people and help them face mental health challenges during uncertain times. Please see the two leaflets attached for further information.

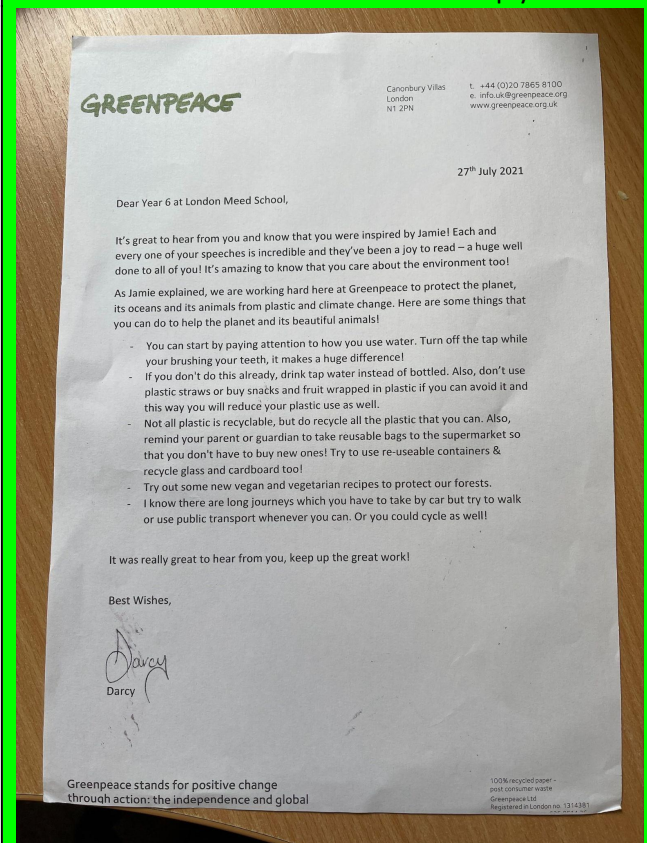
PE Days

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

Apples	Monday and Thursday
Cherries	Tuesday and Friday
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

Year 6 GREENPEACE

Last year, Jamie from GREENPEACE kindly took part in a virtual talk with our Year 6 children. The children were inspired by Jamie to write their own speeches which we went onto GREENPEACE - here is their reply.





FREE Gardening Equipment for your school!

Become a Morrisons Growing School and get FREE gardening equipment for your school!

At Morrisons we want to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food is grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

That's why we've created It's Good to Grow, a collector scheme where you can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for your school.

For more information visit
<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

Contact Details

Please email 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	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

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

Autumn Term 2021	<p>Thursday 2nd September(INSET DAY)</p> <p>Children return Friday 3rd September</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 22nd October</p> <p>Half term 25th October to Friday 29th October</p> <p>Children return Monday 1st November</p> <p>Last day of term Friday 17th December</p>
Spring term 2022	<p>Starts Tuesday 4th January</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 18th February</p> <p>Half term 21st February to 25th February</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>Half term 30th May to 3rd June</p> <p>INSET DAY Monday 6th June</p> <p>Last day of term Thursday 21st July</p>