

# LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **What has happened in school this week?**

### **Year 3 Drumming**

This week, both Year 3 classes started their djembe drums lesson with Stephen Morley which will be taking place every Monday this term. The children enjoyed copying rhythmic patterns. Parents will be given the opportunity towards the end of term to listen to what the children have been doing – details to follow in due course.

### **Author visit – E.R Reilly**



On Tuesday we had a visit from the author E.R Reilly. The children enjoyed an assembly during which he talked about his books and gave the children ideas to start their own

stories. The children have been inspired to read lots of his books.

Noah K said, "The way he discussed the book really intrigued me. He made me want to read and find out."

Imogen P said, "He was very descriptive of the character's thoughts and their actions. It helped me really imagine them."

Phoebe B said, "He inspired me. I have some new ideas for writing a story dilemmas."

### **Primary Engineer Programmes.... the first step**

Mrs Stacey and Mr Dagleish attended a funded course on Structures and Mechanisms run by Primary Engineer at Gatwick Airport. The teachers worked with an aircraft engineer to develop skills to create a remote control car. A KS2 Stem club will be starting after half term and as part of the club children will be asked to design their own remote control car. This will be then be entered into a STEM competition.

### **Chartwells visit to the Orchard**



On Wednesday afternoon Chartwells visited the Orchard to do a "Hungry Caterpillar" workshop. The children discovered through the story which foods are healthy and

which are non-healthy. They learned what a portion of veg or fruit looks like and what they should be having every day and the importance of a colourful rainbow diet.

### **Healthy Eating**

This week the children learnt in a Healthy Eating assembly about the amount of hidden sugars in food. They discovered that a 4-6 year old should have no more than 5 cubes of sugar a day and for over 7 years old it is 6 cubes. Please do read food labels with your child to show them the hidden sugars.

### **Get Active assemblies**



This week Miss Griffiths held Get Active assemblies for children in KS1 and KS2. The children enjoyed the opportunity to get active for 15 minutes.

### **Year 4 Indoor Athletics event at Warden Park**



19 children from Year 4 took part in an indoor athletics event at Warden Park Secondary Academy and competed against 200 other children from 9 other local schools.

Everyone took part in at least three track and field events and we ended up coming 7th.

Everyone tried their hardest and made sure everyone felt supported by cheering them on. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed themselves!

Thanks to our parents/carers who kindly transported the children to the event. Mr Dagleish

### **Attendance in the month of May**

National and internal assessments take place during the month of May. It is vital that ALL children, regardless of year group should have full attendance during that month. Please bear this in mind when booking any appointments or holidays.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement? Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Mrs Langtree's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Natalie Langtree Acting Head teacher

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## Other News

### Radio 2 500 Words competition 2020

"The UK's largest story writing competition for children aged 5-13 years old is back for its tenth year. For full information about the competition and details of how to submit your story online by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm please visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

### What are the prizes?

As well attending a spectacular 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, six amazing illustrators: Tony Ross, Fiona Lumbers, David McKee, Sue Cheung, David Roberts, and Margaret Sturton – will each be set the task of illustrating one the winning stories.

The winners in each age category will also receive:  
Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for their school.

Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books.

Bronze Winners - Their own height in books.

There is also a BRAND NEW Prize for 2020 and it doesn't matter how good your story is just that you enter one. One entrant will be selected at random to receive a fabulous book bundle and an invite to the final (for child plus a parent or guardian). They will also win 500 books for their school – so the more pupils a school has that has entered the more chances they have of winning a brand new library.

This year's 500 Words Final will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 2 from Buckingham Palace, on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, on Friday 12th June.

### Getting started

500 Words is an open invitation to the wide world of imagination, so it's time to get those creative cogs turning! To help you get started, our website is packed full of helpful hints and terrific tips to bust through the writer's block. Download a learning pack from the LEARN section, where you can also find advice from our celebrity judges Frank Cottrell Boyce and Charlie Higson in the 500 Words Live Lesson.

Pop over to the 500 Words Blog to discover top tips to create terrific tales written by previous winners, amazing authors and a few of the 500 Words elves."

## Social Media Platforms – Online safety

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



In school we work closely with the children about online safety in assemblies and in the classroom. We strongly encourage parents to visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> and talk to their child about online safety and in particular which apps are suitable for the age of their child.

### Safer Internet Day – 11<sup>th</sup> February

In support of Safer Internet Day, which takes place on Tuesday 11 February 2020, WSCC are running free 'Digital online safety awareness' sessions for parents/carers across the county. For more information please see the attached information.

### Is your child getting enough sleep?

Sleep is essential for cognitive performance and learning in our classrooms.

Below are the approximate hours of sleep needed by children of different ages, as recommended by the Millpond Children's Sleep Clinic.

4 years	11 hours 30 minutes
5 years	11 hours
6 years	10 hours 45 minutes
7 years	10 hours 30 minutes
8 years	10 hours 15 minutes
9 years	10 hours
10 years	9 hours 45 minutes
11 years	9 hours 30 minutes

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21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	2D parent consultations 3.10pm-6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	2D parent consultations 3.10pm-6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	LMA meeting in school 7.30pm – 9pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Online booking system opens at 8am for parent consultations and family learning conferences.
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Online booking system opens at 5pm for parent consultations and family learning conferences.
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	LMA Disco KS1 and EYFS 3-4pm KS2 4.30-5.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Orchard- Year 2 parent consultations from 3.10-5.30pm Year 3 & Year 4 parent consultations from 3.30-5.30pm Year 5 & 6 Family Learning conferences from 1-5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Orchard- Year 2 parent consultations from 3.10-6.30pm Year 3 & Year 4 parent consultations from 3.30-6.30pm Year 5 & 6 Family Learning conferences from 6-6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 Marvellous middle – performance to parents at 2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of this half term LMA Quiz night at 7.30pm in the large hall
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – details to follow shortly

## Term Dates 2019-2020

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2020	Mon 6th Jan 2020	w/c 17th Feb 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
	<b>Inset Day:- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>		
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20th April 2020	w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Mon 20th July 2020
	<b>Bank holiday: - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Inset Days: - Monday 1st June 2020</b> <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>		

## Dates for your Diary

Please visit our website and view key dates for the forthcoming academic year under the calendar tab at <https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

Please click on this link to see school events coming up.  
Ms K Brayne, Data & Communications Manager

## Inset Days 2020-2021

We would like to inform you of our Inset Days for the next academic year 2020-2021.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2020, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. For the term dates for academic year 2020-2021 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)