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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

Class teachers worked really hard to provide you with information on the progress made by your son or daughter. We had overwhelmingly positive feedback after the evenings, but if you feel differently, please get in touch with me via the school office.

Governors’ Staff Survey

This survey is carried out annually by governors. 100% of staff – teachers, learning support assistants and administrative staff - agreed with statements:

- I am proud to be a member of this school
- I enjoy working at this school
- Pupil behaviour is at least good at this school

The School Council

The School Council have recently made (and shown to KS2) a movie about ‘anti bullying’ at London Meed which you can see on our website under ‘latest news’.

I am working currently with a group of pupils on a leaflet on the subject for parents and carers. Watch this space!

Welcome to New Mid-Day Meals Staff

We had a recruitment drive and have inducted a number of new staff; Sarah N, Maria H, Nirmaladeui and Jo R. They have been introduced and have had their first training session, which was on Safeguarding – keeping children safe - as well behaviour management strategies. Parents are familiar with this because it’s our ‘traffic light’ system, or the ‘sun and the clouds’, we only rarely have to use blue or lilac slips. Our behaviour management policy is available on our website.

Packed Lunches

At London Meed, we encourage children to follow a healthy lifestyle and the following is advice from Change4Life and NHS England. As far as a balanced lunch box goes, it could contain:

1. a savoury sandwich on wholemeal bread,
2. a drink of low sugar squash, or water,
3. two portions of fruit/veg at least (prepared fruit – or cut veg - is easier for children to manage)
4. a low sugar yoghurt with a spoon/or a hot cross bun/ or a piece of malt loaf are good alternatives to a sugary biscuit-based snack.

A piece of cheese, or a mini pot of hummus with carrot batons, a home-made pasta or rice salad might ring changes.

We encourage children to take everything home that they do not eat – this includes all packaging – just so you can see what has been eaten.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece’s attention and I’ll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Candida Reece, Head teacher

Other News

Pancake Races



Our fantastic LMA team organised pancake races for the whole school last Friday, 8th March (their work schedules did not permit this on Shrove Tuesday). The excitement was immense! Another fabulously well-run event, thanks to the team. Everyone enjoyed it.

Evacuee



On Monday, Nigel Heaton kindly gave up his time to talk to our pupils in Y5 about his experiences as an Evacuee. The children were so inspired and used the opportunity to ask Mr Heaton many questions.

Thank you Mr Heaton and to Mr Smith for bringing him in.

Author Visit – Ash Dickinson

Poet, Ash Dickinson, visited our school on Monday as part of our Book Week. There was an assembly for the whole school followed by workshops for years 1-6.

Here are some comments from our Y6 pupils;

“I really liked it, Ash is imaginative”

“I enjoyed writing our poems, especially the Shadorma”

“I enjoyed writing our own poems; I learnt different types of poems”



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“Ash is creative and imaginative; he combines strange ideas and plays with language”

“He understands why he writes poems- feelings, experiences, reflections on life”

Bee keeper visits

Apiculturists visited Y1 and Y2 this week to give a talk about bees as part of their topic this term: Biscuit, Bears and Bees.

Year 1 children had the opportunity to look at the Queen Bee and her workers in a fully sealed portable glass hive. They learnt that bees work hard although one bee only makes about a teaspoon of honey in their whole lifetime and many other interesting facts.



Year 2 had Mr Pollard in to teach them about bee keeping. He showed them real honeycomb that had come out of his beehives at home and let them look at



all of the equipment he used to keep himself safe when he was working with the bees. The children played a game where they pretended to be bees going out

collecting pollen and nectar.

Thanks go to Heather McNiven and Piers Pollard.

Blind Veteran

Y5 and Y6 were inspired by a visit from a visually impaired veteran, Alan Walker, who explained the importance of resilience and perseverance. They were accompanied by Rachel Chitty and Rupert Meredith Jones, who are fundraisers at @blindveteransuk, and gave pupils an insight into visual impairment.

Afterwards, Rupert commented: “We all enjoyed the visit and the kids all got involved and were attentive.”



Bikeability for Year Five Children – see flyer attached

Bikeability is for children who ride a bicycle competently, but who need instruction on riding on the road in safety. The course is held in high regard and teaches children a good deal about road safety and is essential if you want your child to ride their bike on

the road (the police say it is an offence to ride on the pavement).

The road safety team will once again be offering Free Bikeability courses during the Easter and Summer holidays at various locations across the county (please see attached flyer). The courses are for children aged 10 years and over and places are booked strictly on a first come first served basis.

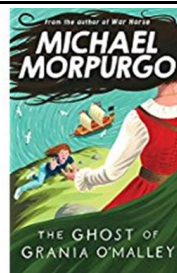
Important note: If your children will be undertaking Bikeability at school this year then they should not attend a holiday course. This applies to our Year Six pupils, but do please ensure your Year Six, son or daughter is totally confident on the bike you intend them to use for the Bikeability course in the summer term.

Plea for helpers

We have received some trees from The Woodlands Trust and desperately need some parent helpers or grandparents to assist with planting. If you or you know someone that is able to help please email your/their name and availability to office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Book Review

The Ghost of Grania O'Malley



by Michael Morpurgo

This book is about a girl called Jessie, who meets a ghost. On Clare Island lies a hill called the Big Hill. Jessie climbs up it and gets to the top, but then she hears a strange noise talking to her. This is my

favourite part because it makes me feel intrigued to read more. Word has been spread that in the grounds of this big hill is a huge amount of gold, which everyone wants to get their hands on to get rich. Jessie and her family protest against this idea. She is worried what is going to happen to the Big Hill, but can the Ghost of Grania O'Malley be her only hope to save it? I recommend this book to confident readers, aged 9 years and above.

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Spring Term dates for your Diary

29 th March	The Orchard Fabulous Finish at 2pm. Letter to follow with more information but parents/carers are invited.
4 th April	Choir Concert at 5pm in the large hall – further details to follow.
5 th April	Y5 & 6 Residential Trips final balance deadline Last day of the Spring term
8 th April to 22 nd April	Easter holidays
23 rd April	Children return to school