

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today we supported **JEANS FOR GENES DAY** in school. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Most importantly, the campaign brings together the genetic condition community in order to make a loud noise about the issues that matter to them, shines a light on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals, and celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic condition. I started this week talking to the children about what genes are and sharing the stories of some children who are affected. Thank you for your support.

As part of the national '**LEARN TO PLAY**' event run by 'Music for All', **MK MUSIC CO-OP** will be hosting instrument trial sessions jointly with the Milton Keynes Music Centre on Saturday 7th October. This event will provide a free opportunity for children to go and have a play on a range of musical instruments guided by their team of teachers and for their families to then be able to discuss possible lessons should they be interested in finding out more. Please find their flyer further on in this newsletter.

Now that the school year is in full swing, I would like to remind parents / carers of the **IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE**. This of course includes attending school on time. As a reminder, our school opens its internal doors at 8.40am. The register is taken (opens) at 8.50am and closes (shuts) at 8.55am. This means that if your child is in class when the register starts they are present, if they enter between 8.50am and 8.55am they will be marked late and if they enter the classroom after 8.55am they will be marked absent for that session. This of course can all affect their attendance levels. Our full policy can be found on our school website [HERE](#).

As part of our development of **PLAY** across our school, we are starting to look for **DONATIONS OF LOOSE PARTS** for the children to use when playing. Loose parts lend themselves to a blurring of distinctions between learning and playing, allowing children to experiment, enjoy and find out things for themselves. We are looking for items such as logs, pebbles, barrels, bark, tarpaulins, crates, buckets and much, much more. Please see the more comprehensive list further on in this newsletter. If you can help, please bring these in to the school office.

This year we will also be supporting our **LOCAL COMMUNITY**. Firstly, the **LONG MEADOW LARDER** is open again, containing lots of items for families of our school who may be struggling with essentials. If you think you could add to this, have a look at the type things we have and feel free to donate — it really makes a difference to some of our families. Then we will also be supporting **MK FOOD BANK** with their **HARVEST APPEAL**. From 2nd – 20th October we will be collecting donations of tinned food, rice, cereals, soup and even loo rolls. The full list can be found further on in the newsletter. Thanks in advance for supporting this great cause.

Finally this week, **RISING STARS** (our wraparound care provider) are looking for a new manager to start with them at LMS after half term. If you are interested or know someone who is, please see the details further on in this newsletter.

Have a great weekend all and see you bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday.

Mr Gray



Our weekly attendance trophy winners were...

EYFS/KSI

Minnows

who achieved

100%

KS2

Ferns

who achieved

100%



Our **HOME LEARNING** email address is:

homework@longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Kyan for being kind, caring, confident & curious

Minnows – Zoe for being a complete superstar demonstrating problem solving

Pondskaters – Leo for excellent participation in his learning this week

Sticklebacks – Esme for being amazing!

Newts – Elsie for always following the golden rules

Frogs – Arnold for being the ‘master baker’ of Frogs class

Bracken – Mufaro for being excited about being in school and learning

Hogweed – Harsimran for being a fantastic role model

Foxgloves – Violet for fantastic research in history

Hawthorn – Will for his fabulous newspaper report

Ferns – Sehaj for amazing peer support and independence

Thistles – Hannah for always showing kindness and being considerate

Brambles – Hannah for being a fantastic role model

Teasels – Holly for her effort and perseverance in maths

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a

Doodle streak this week:

Eva G for achieving her 365 day maths streak and Mervin K for achieving his 500 day maths streak.

Well done!

Sports Person of the Week

Grace O has made a brilliant start to Year 1 with super listening, engaging in all her learning and doing everything with a huge smile on her face. She is setting a great example to others in the class.

#PROUD

LMS Well-being

It's always choose-day. Here are some positive choices that you can start making, right now...

- * Choose progress over perfection.
- * Choose courage over fear.
- * Choose responding positively over reacting negatively.
- * Choose losing and learning over winning and celebrating.
- * Choose optimism over pessimism.
- * Choose you over trying to be someone else.
- * Choose acceptance over judgement.
- * Choose hard work over coasting.
- * Choose doing what's right over doing what's easiest.
- * Choose botheredness over can't-be-botheredness.
- * Choose kindness over meanness.
- * Choose Mondays over Fridays.
- * Choose giving it a go over giving up.
- * Choose personal responsibility over blaming others.
- * Choose opening your eyes rather than rolling your eyes.
- * But most of all, choose LOVE over anything else.

LMS Safeguarding

Filtering and monitoring

Our school filtering and monitoring systems help to keep pupils safe online.

What is filtering and monitoring?

Filtering systems block access to harmful websites and content.

Monitoring systems:

- Identify when someone searches for or accesses certain types of harmful online content on school devices
- Identify who is searching for or accessing the harmful content
- Alerts the school about it so we can intervene and respond
- **Don't** block access to harmful content

We're all responsible for filtering and monitoring

No filtering and monitoring software is perfect:

- It might not be aware of all the websites that contain inappropriate content
- Abbreviations or misspellings in a search engine may slip past the software
- Inappropriate content may be found on websites considered 'safe'

We help to make sure the internet is used appropriately by:

- Monitoring what pupils are accessing on devices during school hours (e.g. by looking at their screens when using computers during lessons)
- Alerting the designated staff members if we become aware that content is not being filtered

Inappropriate content includes:

Illegal content (e.g. child sexual abuse) / Discriminatory content (e.g. sexist, racist or homophobic content) / Sites that promote drugs or substance abuse / Extremist content (e.g. the promotion of terrorism) / Gambling sites / Malware and/or hacking software / Pornography / Pirated material (copyright theft) / Sites that promote self-harm, suicide and/or eating disorders / Violent material

What systems do we use?

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 states that all schools should have appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place.

- We use a filtering and monitoring software – this means that certain websites or search terms will be blocked, and an alert will go to our external IT support who then inform school
- school will respond to any filtering and monitoring alerts on a case by case basis depending on what was searched and by whom

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

School Term and Bank Holiday Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session of:
Autumn Term 2023	Monday 4 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
	Monday 30 October 2023	Thursday 21 December 2023
Spring Term 2024	Tuesday 9 January 2024	Friday 16 February 2024
	Monday 26 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Summer Term 2024	Tuesday 16 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Monday 3 June 2024	Friday 19 July 2024

Training days agreed to date: (on these days children do not come to school but staff do)

Friday 1 September 2023 / Friday 22 December 2023 / Monday 8 January 2024 / Monday 15 April 2024 / Monday 22 July 2024

Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday: Monday 1 April 2024

May Day: Monday 6 May 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 22 September	Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 6 October	Year 3 Holdenby House
w/c Monday 16 October	Year 6 mock SATs
Monday 16 October	Parent consultations
Tuesday 17 October	Year 4 Fitzwilliam museum
Thursday 19 October	PALs Bag2School
Friday 20 October	PALs Cookie Day
Monday 23 - Friday 27 October	Half Term
Monday 30 October - 1 November	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 1 November	Biscuits & Books
Thursday 2 November	Individual School Photos
Friday 3 November	Year 4 Learning Fair
Tuesday 7 November	Year 1 MK Museum
Tuesday 7 November	Year 6 Viking visitor
Thursday 9 November	PALs Disco
Monday 13 November	Robin Hood Panto
Thursday 16 November	Year 6 City Discovery Centre
Friday 17 November	Children in Need
Monday 27 November	Flu vaccinations
Friday 1 December	PALs Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 December	KS1 & EYs Awards Assembly
Wednesday 13 December	KS2 Awards Assembly
Wednesday 13 December	PALs Movies & Munchies
Friday 15 December	Year 6 Learning Fair
Monday 18 December	Santa Run
Wednesday 20 December	EYFS Performance
Wednesday 20 December	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert
Thursday 21 December	Party Day
Friday 22 December	INSET Day

Tried and tested loose parts



Natural

- Wooden pennies (slices of wood about three inches thick)
- Logs of different heights and widths
- A variety of lengths of wood
- Willow or hazel rods at least 1.5m long
- Sticks – various lengths
- Stones, pebbles, cobbles.

Manufactured wood

- Whisky barrel planters for mixing and collecting
- Pieces of decking.

Surfaces and features

- Planted willow tunnels, dens and hedges
- Water supplied from an outside tap, a barrel pump, water butt or jerry cans with taps
- Sand (and resources for sand play and maintenance – including sieves, buckets, spades, trowels, long handled sturdy brooms, brushes, rakes etc.)
- Pebbles, pea gravel or other small stones
- Bark chips
- Mud
- Long grass
- Trees – plant now for future generations of children
- Fire pit (temporary or permanent).



More temporary

- Chalk
- Straw bales
- Cardboard boxes and tubes – various sizes and shapes
- Leaves, feathers, shells, pine cones
- Air drying modelling clay
- Tree brashings
- Leaves
- Cones and seed pods
- Seaweed
- Plastic bottles and containers.



Man-made

- Quick drying materials such as organza, fleece blankets and shower curtains
- Tarpaulins (various sizes, types and colours)
- Milk and bread crates
- Wooden pallets – tough ones in good condition
- Tough buckets
- Cable drums or reels
- Tubes, guttering and funnels, hosepipe, bore pipes and other pipes
- Ramps and lengths of plastics and other materials such as corrugated transparent plastic
- Nets
- Tyres – bicycle, motorbike, go-kart and car tyres
- Large shallow tray
- Trolley to aid tidying up
- Wheelbarrow
- Old suitcases or wheeled shopping bags
- Baskets for collecting and transporting
- Steering wheels
- Computer keyboards
- Old clothes for dressing up, for example, jacket suits, waistcoats and handbags
- Portable seats and things to sit on: aluminium bubble-wrap, camping mats and gardening mats.



Useful little bits

(some may be kept by adults in pockets or bags)

- Velcro straps
- Fence clamps and hooks
- String, paracord and high visibility guy ropes
- Karabiners (from climbing or camping shops)
- Pegs of different sorts, including tent pegs
- Duct tape and masking tape.



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Shopping List

- ✓ Tinned Meat
- ✓ Tinned Fish
- ✓ Tinned Pulses
- ✓ Tinned Fruit
- ✓ Tinned Tomatoes
- ✓ Long Life Milk
- ✓ Juice or Squash
- ✓ Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter
- ✓ Tea
- ✓ Tinned Pasta
- ✓ Tinned Veg
- ✓ Pasta Sauce
- ✓ Dried Rice – 500g or 1kg packets
- ✓ Rice Pudding/Custard
- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Biscuits
- ✓ Soup
- ✓ Loo Roll



From 2nd October – 20th October

LEARN TO PLAY

7 OCTOBER '23

**Music
FOR ALL**
MAKING MUSIC CHANGES LIVES

When? Saturday 7th October 9.30-12.00

Where? Shenley Brook End School, Walbank
Grove, Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT



What? An opportunity to come along and try out some instruments and find out more about having lessons - (part of the national 'Learn to Play' day organized by 'Music for All')

Who is it for? Children who attend a Milton Keynes school (ideally aged 7 upwards)

How? There is no need to book, just turn up and one of our teachers will assist you in trying out any instruments that you are interested in!

Hosted by? The Milton Keynes Music Co-operative
and Milton Keynes Music Hub



MK Music Co-operative:
Email: mkmusiccoop@gmail.com
Web: www.mkmusiccoop.com

MK Music Hub:
Email: music@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Web: miltonkeynesmusicclub.co.uk





Rising Stars Wrap Around Clubs provide Breakfast
After-School Clubs at Longmeadow Primary
We are looking to fulfil the following job roles:

Manager/Settings Leader

The ideal candidate will have level 2/3
childcare qualifications and be experienced
in management.

Playworkers

The ideal candidate will enjoy working with
children and be energetic and enthusiastic.
Ideal for people who are thinking of applying
to train as a teacher or Childcare practitioner
or just enjoy working with children!

Successful applicants will need an
enhanced DBS (paid for by us)

JOIN OUR TEAM

**Breakfast Clubs ,
After-school Clubs &
Holiday Courses**

SEND YOUR CV TO

info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk

Westcroft

COMMUNITY LARDER



Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe
Parish Council

Fridays
10am - 1pm

Westcroft Pavilion
Cranborne Avenue
Milton Keynes
MK4 4GB

What is a community larder?

A membership programme
that provides:

- Access to surplus food
- Local business discounts
- Little larder club
- Access to other services and support
- Meet new people in a friendly environment

Who can join?

Anyone who wants to prevent
food waste and save money.
It is not means tested.

Where does the food come from?

A Didcot based charity, providing surplus
food, training and opportunities to young
people and organisations.

One Off
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P/WEEK

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Are you concerned about a pupil?



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

You do not need to wait until you have proof there is a safeguarding concern to step in. If you have a concern, please raise it as this could be the first step to protecting a child.

Staying silent because you do not have proof
may leave a child exposed to danger.

Remember it is not up to you to decide whether a child has been abused **BUT** it is up to you to report concerns so that appropriate action can be taken.

You must share your concerns without delay.

**Concerns are to be reported to the
Designated Safeguarding Leads:**



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Philip Gray - Head Teacher



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Emma Kidd - Deputy Head Teacher



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Kerrie Evans - Assistant Head Teacher

Working Together to Safeguard Children

Apply online from
1 September 2023 to 15 January 2024

You must apply by
15 January 2024
or you will
have limited choice

Starting school for the first time in September 2024?

For children born between
1 September 2019 and
31 August 2020

To access support with making an application, face to face drop-in sessions are available at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates between 10.00am - 2.00pm

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| • 20 September | • 27 September |
| • 11 October | • 18 October |
| • 25 October | • 6 December |
| • 13 December | • 10 January |

Following dates will start from 11.30am

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| • 4 October | • 3 January |
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Find out more at:

Starting primary or junior/middle school in September 2024 |
Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Apply here



MK Milton Keynes
City Council

1419281 - August 2023

Maximise your chance of getting a preferred reception class place

Apply on time

- The closing date is 15 January 2024
- Any applications received after this will be processed after national offer day
- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on 16 April 2024 (unless your application is late)

Use all four preferences

- You can apply for up to four schools. The schools will not know in which order you have placed the preferences
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preferences is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered
- It's best to include your catchment school as one of your preferences, it does not need to be your first preference
- A Guide for Parents and Carers is available on our website for further guidance

Apply online

- You can only apply online at Citizen Portal - Sign in (milton-keynes.gov.uk) between 1 September 2023 and 15 January 2024
- You will be able to view, update and submit your application through the portal
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure
- You will be able to log on from 16 April 2024 to view the school that has been allocated

Choose wisely

- Ensure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- Give consideration to your secondary school liaison group, is your preferred school linked to the secondary school within your area?
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school
- Consider how you will access your school place

Admissions information for all schools is available on our website.

Starting primary or junior/middle school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Apply online from
1 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

You must apply by
31 October 2023
or you will
have limited choice

Moving up to secondary school in September 2024

As your child is now in Year 6 it is time for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024.

You can apply online and find out more information on the council's website at **Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council** (milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Please read carefully the **Guide for Parents and Carers** on our website. To help you understand the likelihood of securing a place at one of your preferred schools, you should make particular note of the 'key facts' section for each school which tells you the cut off point for places offered last year.

Make sure you read the oversubscription criteria for each school that you want to apply for as many schools are over-subscribed each year.

Details of open events for all secondary schools in Milton Keynes are also included in the guide.

Parents and carers can express a preference for four schools.

If you pay your council tax to Milton Keynes Council, apply on our website. If you pay your council tax to another local authority you must apply through that local authority even if you want to apply for a Milton Keynes school.

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- 4 October

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Apply here



MK Milton Keynes
City Council

MKS23 - August 2023

Maximise your chance of getting your preferred secondary school place

Apply on time

- The closing date is **31 October 2023**
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- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places allocated will be made on **1 March 2024** (unless your application is late)

Use all four preferences

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- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preference is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered
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Apply online

- You can only apply online at **Citizen Portal - Sign in** (milton-keynes.gov.uk) up until midnight on **31 October 2023**
- You will be able to view, update, and submit your application throughout the application window
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure
- You will be able to log on from **1 March 2024** to view the school that has been allocated

Choose wisely

- Make sure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a primary school within the area of the secondary school
- Consider how you will access your school place

Admissions information for all schools is available on our website.

Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | **Milton Keynes City Council** (milton-keynes.gov.uk)



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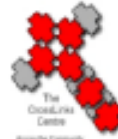


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