

LMS Matters

Tel No: 01908 508678

Email address: office@longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk

www.longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Issue: 04

Date: 29.09.23



Dear Parents and Carers

Today's newsletter arrives for you on **NATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT DAY**— we showed our appreciation with a sweet treat for those staff which included all support staff, including the site and office team. We really appreciate them and the huge impact they make on the children of the school but also its smooth running. We would all be totally lost without them, so **THANK YOU** to every single one of them.

This week I would like to highlight to you our **MOBILE PHONE POLICY**. It aims to promote, and set an example for, safe and responsible phone use, set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils, staff, parents and volunteers and to support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour. It also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as: risks to child protection, data protection issues, potential for lesson disruption and risk of theft, loss, or damage. Please may all parents have a read, particularly regarding the sections covering **USE OF MOBILE PHONES BY PUPILS** and **USE OF MOBILE PHONES BY PARENTS AND VISITORS**. We do not allow parents to be using their phones on the school site. This is both for safeguarding purposes and also to ensure your children have your full attention at all times. You can find the full policy [HERE](#).

As you know, last week we supported **JEANS FOR GENES DAY** in school. I am pleased to announce that this event raised £176.75; this will go directly to the charity to support their ambition that every individual, and their families, can access the right support at times when it's needed most. Thank you for your support of this event.

Please don't forget that 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. Thank you to the parents who have already dropped some off.

Unfortunately we have some parents who are choosing to use the two **DISABLED PARKING BAYS** at the front of the school when they do not need them or are not displaying a valid permit. Whilst the car park is not our land, as a school we do not expect our community to misuse these bays and also not to verbally abuse others when they are challenged regarding their use. We have a number of parents / carers who **NEED** these bays. Please respect this in the future.

Please don't forget, from Monday we are supporting the **MK FOOD BANK** with their **HARVEST APPEAL**. 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. Please leave these in the main foyer.

Finally this week, if you are looking for something to do over the Xmas/New Year period, you won't go wrong in going to see **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTOMIME** at the Venue MK, Walton High. If you look closely you may also see some of our parents performing! Please see the flyer further on in this newsletter.

Have a smashing weekend and enjoy your family time together.

Mr Gray



Our weekly attendance trophy winners were...

EYFS/KSI

Minnows

who achieved

100%

KS2

**Hogweed
and Bracken**

who achieved

99.3%



**Our HOME
LEARNING
email address
is:**

**homework@
longmeadow.
milton-
keynes.sch.uk**



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Nina for impressing us all with her confidence

Minnows – Riley for using fantastic vocabulary to explain his codes in drawing club

Pondskaters – Awadhya for coming in beautifully this week

Sticklebacks – Aadvik for amazing focus in all his learning

Newts – Isaac for building a relationship with the Year 2 team

Frogs – Eden for excellent focus in maths

Bracken – Tilly for improved focus and attention to her presentation

Hogweed – Grace for fantastic perseverance and effort

Foxgloves – Alice for being on fire this week!

Hawthorn – Amy for always putting 100% effort into her learning

Ferns – Adnan for an amazing and confident start to LMS

Thistles – Luca for showing increased resilience

Brambles – Ife for producing some excellent work this week

Teasels – Jonathan for always giving 100% in all of his learning

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a

Doodle streak this week:

Diana M for her 50 day maths streak; Nathaniel G for his 250 day maths streak; Naidhrua M for her 365 English streak; Hrishikesh D, Ife B & Nevaeh H for their 500 day maths; Nevaeh H for her 500 day English and Hal T & Isla-Rose H for their 750 day maths streak!

Well done!

Sports Person of the Week

Logan S for being helpful, listening well and always being ready to learn

#PROUD

LMS Well-being

Mental health and well-being hub

Milton Keynes Council have launched an excellent web page with some amazing resources across a wide range of mental health and well-being issues. It covers children, parents and adults so follow the link below and take a look.

<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/health-conditions-and-disabilities/mental-health-and-wellbeing-hub>

LMS Safeguarding

Countering Sextortion - National Cyber Security Centre

Over the past few years there has been an evolution in online scamming. This relatively novel phenomena involves attempting to extort internet users by claiming to possess compromising recordings of said user. The user will be threatened with the release of alleged indecent material, which will only be avoided through paying a ransom via bitcoin. The emails can be highly convincing, written in language designed to convince the recipient that the perpetrator has an advanced command of computers, persuading the recipient of the credibility of the threat. This form of scamming can be highly successful, relative to other more easily detected scams. To find out more on what to do to prevent yourself becoming targeted, please follow the link below for advice from the National Cyber Security Centre on what to do.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/sextortion-scams-how-to-protect-yourself>



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 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.



mkfoodbank.org.uk

office@mkfoodbank.org.uk

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



MK★OS

Milton Keynes Amateur Operatic Society

Presents
A Dreams & Wishes
Production

JACK and the Beanstalk



The Venue MK,
Walton High

22nd Dec 2023 -
7th Jan 2024

Book online
www.mkaos.co.uk

Or telephone
01908 972 372

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
£10
Joining Fee



INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERSHIP
FROM
£3.50
P/WEEK

FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP
FROM
£7
P/WEEK

An **individual membership** provides up to 10 items of food per
week, plus a selection of fruit and vegetables. (family
membership is double that)

Want free food and a
bunch of other benefits?

Sign up today!
www.sofea.uk.com

Registered Charity Number 1155783





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



360 SEND Sessions

1st Wednesday
of every month
from 3rd May

£8.95 per child
all adults free

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

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

Following dates will start from 11.30am

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| • 4 October | • 3 January |
|-------------|-------------|

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.

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:

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

Following date will start from 11.30am

- 4 October

Find out more at:

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

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**
- 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 allocated will be made on **1 March 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 preference 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

Apply online

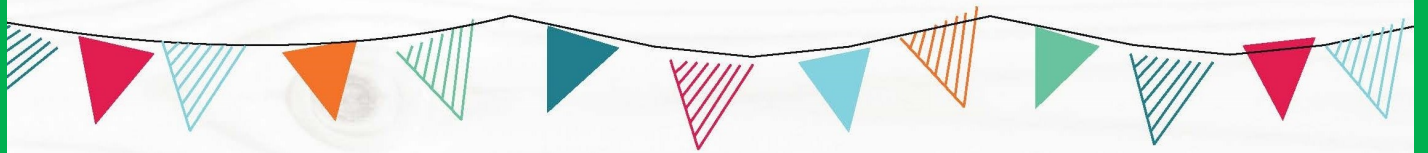
- You can only apply online at **Citizen Portal - Sign in** (milton-keynes.gov.uk) up until midnight on **31 October 2023**
- You will be able to view, update, and submit your application throughout the application window
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure
-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



WESTCROFT

COMMUNITY

FRIDGE

A simple solution to wasting less through the sharing of good-quality food.

Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm
Westcroft Pavilion
Cranbourne Avenue
Westcroft
MK4 4GB

For more details, call Karen on
07891 818 259 / 01908 521538 or email
karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk



Mobile Top Up Shop

EVERY FRIDAY!
10 - 11.30AM

MKCC Car Park, Strudwick Drive,
Oldbrook, MK6 2TG

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



Mobile Top Up Shop

Every Thursday!
10:00 - 11:30am

Sir Herbert Leon Academy
Car Park, Fern Grove, Bletchley,
MK2 3HQ

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



Mobile Top Up Shop

Every Thursday!!
13:00 - 14:30pm

Rowans Family Centre Car Park,
Fullers Slade, MK11 2BD

Call our Helpline for details: **0300 303 4933**



mk moneylifeline

Free, confidential, impartial debt advice...

- Struggling to pay bills?
- Under pressure from creditors?
- Paying the minimum balance on your credit cards?

WE CAN HELP!



0300 123 5198



office@mkmoneylifeline.org.uk



www.mkmoneylifeline.org.uk

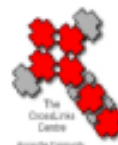
Working in association with:

cma
Freedom from debt
Hope for the future
Community Money Advice



SHENLEY
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
A BAPTIST CHURCH IN MILTON KEYNES

St Mary's
Bletchley



Tel: 0300 123 5198 / 01908 550630 • office@mkmoneylifeline.org.uk • www.mkmoneylifeline.org.uk
Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority No. 618802 • MK Money Lifeline is a company limited
by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 07917713. Registered charity No 1146001