

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. The National Service of Remembrance, held at The Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday, provides the nation with a physical reminder of all those who have served and sacrificed, with British and Commonwealth soldiers, sailors, airmen and women represented, together with members of the emergency services and civilians, ensuring that no-one is forgotten. As a school we have recognised this event through assemblies this week, whilst also being mindful of our families who are currently being affected by conflict around the world.

As part of **NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK NEXT WEEK**, we will be having an **ODD SOCKS DAY** on **MONDAY**. It's as simple as it seems, no money needed, just wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique! Monday also sees our annual **PANTOMIME** day for the children when they will be watching a performance of **ROBIN HOOD**. As ever, if the children wish to dress up/wear something green they can, but it's also fine to wear their school uniform. For all those children who find dressing up days difficult, or just don't want to, I will be supporting their choice by not dressing up either. Please do not buy costumes specially – they are not needed.

Today has been a quieter day than usual following the **PALS DISCO** last night. We have some tired children (and staff) in school! As ever, a huge thank you to both **PALS** and the school staff who organised and attended the discos, we could not run these and make the much needed money without you all. It's also so lovely seeing all the children in a different context enjoying themselves. There's lots more to come from **PALS** with **MOVIES AND MUNCHIES** and the **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** all on the horizon. **PALS** are always looking for help (no matter how small) so please let them know if you can get involved!

Don't forget that we will also be supporting the **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL** again this year. In exchange for the children wearing their own clothes we would be grateful for donations of £1 - £2. We have set up an online donation page through ParentPay to avoid parents having to search for change on the day, simply visit <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11562> to give what you can. The added benefit of making your donation online is that you can add Gift Aid, making your money go even further!

CAN YOU HELP? As part of our outdoor learning and play project this year we need your help. Do you have any old **BROKEN CLAY POTS**, **BROKEN BRICKS** or **BAGS OF HARDWARE**? We need these to help our new regulation planters around the school drain properly. If you do, please bring them in ASAP. We are also on the look out to borrow a **WOODCHIPPER** so we don't have to hire one. This chops all the branches that have come down from our new KS1 woodland play area and will be chipped to become the flooring. Again, if you can help or know someone that can, please let the school office know.

WORLD SCIENCE DAY is being celebrated at LMS on Friday 24th November 2023. The theme for this year is 'Global Science for Global Well-being'. The main purpose is to understand the role of science and technology in society and how it can be used to benefit communities in all parts of the world.

Have you seen our advert for **MIDDAY SUPERVISORS**? We are on the look out for some extra supervisors to support our children at lunchtimes. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application pack and please feel free to pass the information on to anyone that may be interested.

Finally this week, following applications, I have held interviews for our **JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**. Our new **HEAD STUDENTS** (formally Head Boy and Head Girl) and their **DEPUTIES** have been voted on by our school staff. Look out for the formal announcement next week.

I hope that the horrid black (and yes, grey) 'slug' on my top lip has not frightened any children this week, but I can confirm I am supporting **MOVEMBER** this year, all to raise awareness and funds for men's health - specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

Mr Gray



Our weekly attendance trophy winners were...

EYFS/KSI

Minnows

who achieved

100%

KS2

Foxgloves

who achieved

98%



Don't forget we are on the lookout for loose parts for our new area. Please see the list further on in this newsletter.



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Daisy for always trying your hardest in RWI & all other lessons

Minnows – Bobby for being a superstar mathematician

Pondskaters – Robyn for fantastic science learning

Sticklebacks – Bertie for fantastic answers during our history trip

Newts – Najib for having lots of enthusiasm in science

Frogs – Siddharth for fantastic focus in all lessons

Bracken – Jessica for consistently improving her choices this week

Hogweed – Emily for becoming more independent with her learning

Foxgloves – Lacey for showing resilience learning times tables

Hawthorn – Max for his wonderful persuasive advert

Ferns – Emaan for always putting great effort into her home learning

Thistles – Poppy for pitching her 'zoo project' with so much flair & confidence!

Brambles – Ibrahim for being such a considerate and helpful student

Teasels – Cerys for showing great perseverance in maths

Sports Person of the Week

Alex S (Thistles) for having super focus in this week's lesson to work on his block tackle in hockey and perform in small sided games

#PROUD



Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Aadvik P, Ivy A, Daksh H, Dheer J,
Wayne T, Maaria C, Jacob C, Leon B and
Todd T for their 50 day English streak;
Krystine A, Dheer J, Wayne T, Krystal A,
Maaria C, Oliver B and Todd T for their
50 day maths streak and Isla-Rose H for
her 365 English streak

Well done

 doodle

LMS Safeguarding

Did you know that our highest safeguarding incident theme at LMS is physical chastisement at home - so what is the law on parents smacking children?

It is unlawful for a parent or carer to smack their child, except where this amounts to 'reasonable punishment'. This defence is laid down in section 58 Children Act 2004, but it is not defined in this legislation. Whether a 'smack' amounts to reasonable punishment will depend on the circumstances of each case, taking into consideration factors like the age of the child and the nature of the smack. There are strict guidelines covering the use of reasonable punishment and it will not be possible to rely on the defence if you use severe physical punishment on your child which amounts to wounding, actual bodily harm, grievous bodily harm or child cruelty. Smacking was banned in Scotland in 2020 and was followed in Wales in 2022, prompting renewed calls for the UK government to outlaw the practice in England and Northern Ireland. Parents think it might be tempting to think a smack sorts out incidents like disobedience and biting. However, it does nothing to teach your child how you want him or her to behave. Instead it: gives a bad example of how to handle strong emotions, may lead children to hit or bully others, may encourage children to lie or hide feelings to avoid smacking, can make defiant behaviour worse, so discipline gets even harder and leads to a resentful and angry child, and damages family relationships if it continues for a long time.

LMS Well-being

#TechtimeoutTuesdays

How often do you take a step back from screens and engage in offline activities? As a school, we are asking our staff to take part in #TechtimeoutTuesdays. This collective effort is a powerful reminder to strike a balance between technology use and real-life experience. Engaging in offline activities together fosters a sense of camaraderie which supports our team cohesion and collaboration. Finding balance helps with reducing stress and enhancing overall focus whilst raising awareness about digital wellbeing and its impact on mental health.

Could you do this every Tuesday?

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

Tuesday 7 November	Year 1 MK Museum
Tuesday 7 November	Year 6 Viking visitor
Wednesday 8 November	Year 5 MK Council visit
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 (non-school uniform)
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
Tuesday 19 December	KS1 Carol Concert (2.15 - 3.15pm)
Wednesday 20 December	KS1 Carol Concert (9.00 - 10.00am)
Wednesday 20 December	EYFS Performance (2.00 - 3.00pm)
Thursday 21 December	Party Day
Friday 22 December	INSET Day



**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

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**This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
we are holding**

**ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023**



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

**#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#MakeANoise**



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



PARTNER

Is my child too ill for school?

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19 What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

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 brushings
- 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.

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.

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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

- 20 September
- 11 October
- 25 October
- 13 December
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 6 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

MK2351 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.

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

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Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP ME?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in mental health wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why you might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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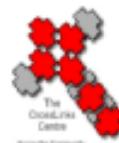
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