

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

I'm sorry to say that we still need your help in finding our **STOLEN PARKING SIGN** which went missing over the Christmas break. It's no use to anyone as it has our school uniform on! If you know anything about its theft, please let us know or ring the Police on 101 – we would really like it back :(Please keep an extra eye out for it.

The **SCHOOL COUNCIL** have been busy raising money for our school. They have recently bought brand new headphones for the ICT suite as well as plants and organisational boxes to help create a tidier learning environment! Thank you for all your donations, without you this wouldn't be possible!! It really is nice to see them having such an impact, finding out what the children and the school need, then raising money to sort it. We are very **#PROUD** of our pupil voice at LMS.



Hopefully you have seen the email yesterday regarding a grant I am applying for towards a **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL** (Lollipop) person to help our families cross the road. Part of this is consultation with parents, so if you could spare a couple of minutes to fill in the **GOOGLE FORM** <https://forms.gle/4n9rkLCmx8a72jb56> to let us know your views we can then add these to our application – fingers crossed!

JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS is coming to **FROSTS GARDEN CENTRE** in February half term! Their tickets are priced at £8.99 per person. The circus arrives on Monday 19th February – Sunday 25th February. You can purchase tickets via their website at www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk - Alternatively scan the QR code on the flyer further on in this newsletter to take you to their booking page!

GYMFINITY KIDS is the UK's leading provider of gymnastics-based activities, including Ninja which is a freestyle version of gymnastics similar to parkour, as well as other activities such as running holidays clubs during the school holidays and hosting birthday parties. Their gymnastics programme has been put together in conjunction with British Olympic Gymnast Beth Tweddle and focuses on teaching children to embrace an active lifestyle without sacrificing the fun factor and they are offering free taster sessions to all children for them to come along and see if they enjoy their activities. You can find out more about them at gymfinitykids.com or see the flyer further on.

Don't forget that although **ILLNESS** is continuing to sweep through school, we would like to remind parents and carers of the NHS document [Is my child too ill for school?](#) Here you will find advice and support for illnesses which your child may be experiencing. Please remember, 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.

Finally this week I received a letter from the Head of Protecting Vulnerable People for Thames Valley Police and as part of their joint commitment to strengthen our collaborative working and information sharing, they gave us some analysis of data from England and Wales regarding reported child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) crimes. It truly is a sad read. This however, only strengthened our resolve to safeguarding your children at LMS and hopefully continues to ensure you report anything that concerns you to us or the Police. The statistics themselves are in our Safeguarding section further on.

Have a great weekend all and keep warm!

Mr Gray



Our weekly attendance trophy winners were...

EYFS/KSI

Tadpoles & Sticklebacks

who achieved

98.6%

KS2

Teasels

who achieved

98.2%



Please remember the school **does not endorse any clubs or events advertised in this newsletter**. It is a parent's /carer's responsibility to ensure they check the suitability of anything they attend.



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Milena for rising to each challenge set this week

Minnows – Mollie for fantastic independent writing

Sticklebacks – Zaid for excellent contributions in RWI

Pondskaters – Reyansh for outstanding reading in RWI

Frogs – Lok for her brilliant effort in art lessons this week

Newts – Ava for her huge handwriting improvement!

Hogweed – Mohammed for being a great role model to the rest of the class

Bracken – Zac for working hard in all subjects this week

Foxgloves – Jessica for an awesome explanation of how sound travels

Hawthorn – Shenley for being a brilliant learner in every subject

Ferns – Emaan for incredible perseverance with her fractions learning

Thistles – Poppy for always choosing kindness & thinking of others before herself

Brambles – Rhys for being a great role model!

Teasels – Allie for her hard work and effort in English

Sports Person of the Week

Daisy S (4RA) for absolutely smashing PE in 2024 so far! She has been focused, engaged in lessons, showing great teamwork and is working really hard to be her best.

Also well done to the following Year 3 children for taking part in their first sports festival and getting to showcase some awesome badminton skills!

Evie, Jack, Mufaro, Joshua P-Y, Zain, Harriet, Diana, Simeon, Eli, Tilly, Freddie, Enrico & Corey

LMS Safeguarding

The analysis from the Police mentioned in this newsletter sets out the consistent growth in CSAE reported to police and suggests that more than half of these offences were committed by children against other children, a significant increase from what was previously known. The report also shows that over a third of CSAE contact crimes take place within the family environment. Group-based CSAE accounts for 5% of all identified and reported CSAE.

- There were around 107,000 offences reported in 2022 – a 7.6% increase compared to 2021. There has been an increase of over 400% since 2013. Evidence continues to suggest many crimes remain unreported.
- Around 75% of CSAE offences related to sexual offences committed against children, and around 25% relate to offences of indecent images of children.
- CSAE within the family environment remains a common form of reported abuse, accounting for an estimated 33% of reported contact CSAE crime. Parents and siblings were the two most common relationships featuring.
- Reported CSAE is heavily gendered, as expected, with males (82% of all CSAE perpetrators) predominantly abusing females (79% of victims). Sexual offending involving male victims is more common in offences involving indecent images and younger children.
- The number of recorded incidents of Online Sexual Abuse continues to grow. It accounts for at least 32% of CSAE.
- 52% of CSAE involved reports of children (aged 10 to 17) offending against other children with 14 being the most common age. This is a growing and concerning trend involving a wide range of offending. Whilst some include exploratory online sexual behaviours, some of the most prevalent forms include serious sexual assaults, including rape. National guidance remains that where the perpetrator (particularly for IIOC) is under the age of 18, the desire is to keep them out of the Criminal Justice system and that we use alternative outcomes i.e. diversionary, educational or intervention activity where appropriate.
- Thames Valley Police are the 6th highest force nationally for recorded offences of CSAE.

LMS Well-being

#addressyourstress

The link below is to a short video about trying to reduce the impact of stress on your well-being through exploring what is in your 'Stress Container'. It talks about how big your container might be, as well as helpful and unhelpful strategies.

<https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/resources/address-your-stress/whats-in-your-stress-container.mp4>

D A T E S

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

Spring Term 2024

Monday 15 January	Year 2 Frogs—MK Field Trip
Tuesday 16 January	Year 2 Frogs MK Field Trip
Monday 22 January	Year 2 Newts MK Field Trip
Tuesday 23 January	Year 2 Newts MK Field Trip
Friday 26 January	Year 5 Space Centre
Wednesday 31 January	Stay & Play session
w/c Monday 5 February	Year 6 Mock SATs
Wednesday 14 February	Stay & Play session
Monday 19 - Friday 23 February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 28 February	Stay & Play session
Friday 8 - Thursday 14 March	Book Fair
Tuesday 12 March	Year 1 Curly Tails visit
Wednesday 13 March	Stay & Play session
Wednesday 13 March	Year 1 Curly Tails visit
Thursday 14 March	Year 1 Curly Tails visit
Friday 15 March	Year 1 Curly Tails visit
w/c Monday 18 March	Year 6 Mock SATs
Monday 18 March	Year 4 Teardrop Lakes
Tuesday 19 March	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Wednesday 20 March	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Tuesday 26 March	EYFS & KS1 Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 3 & 4 Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 5 & 6 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
Thursday 28 March	School Class Photos
Thursday 28 March	Last day of term

Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Amelia L & Mohammad H for their 50 day English streaks; Mohammad H for his 50 day maths streak; Naomi R for her 250 day English streak and Enrico P for his 500 day maths streak.

Well done!



doodle

JOHN LAWSON'S

CIRCUS SHOW



DAILY SHOWS
19TH-25TH
FEB

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FOR 2024!**



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STOWE HOUSE

2024 Photography Competition



To celebrate 25 years of restoration at Stowe House, we're calling all photographers to capture the essence of architecture and enter this competition by submitting your best shots. The selected winners will have their image featured in the 2025 Stowe House Calendar and an exhibition.



Categories: Interiors;
Exteriors; Up-close;
Seasons; Under 18s.

For further info, T&C's
and submission forms
visit our website. Closing
date 31 August 2024.

www.stowehouse.org



**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

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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My child has anxious thoughts and feelings which are leading to school avoidance. What can parents and carers do?

This workshop for parents/carers will be led by the Educational Psychology Service. It aims to support parents and carers of school-age children and young people whose experience of anxious thoughts and feelings is leading to school avoidance. These difficulties are often referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

During this session, we will cover the following:

- Helping your child with their fears and worries
- The impact on parents/carers and the importance of self-care
- Working with your child's school to create an action plan of support

The workshop will be available to join on the following dates:

- Thursday 30th November 13:00 – 14:30
- Wednesday 31st January 10:30 – 12:00
- Wednesday 5th June 10:30 – 12:00

You will only need to attend one date as the same workshop is repeated over the three dates. All workshops will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.

To book your place email us on SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk stating that you would like to attend the EBSA parent and carer workshop. An invite will be sent to your email address in the week leading up to the workshop.

<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk>

 **Milton Keynes**
City Council

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.

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



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Sarah Mossman - Learning Mentor /Family Support Worker

Working Together to Safeguard Children



Milton
Keynes
Arts
Centre

Family First Saturdays: Drawing with Light

Saturday
3rd Feb
1pm-3pm

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!
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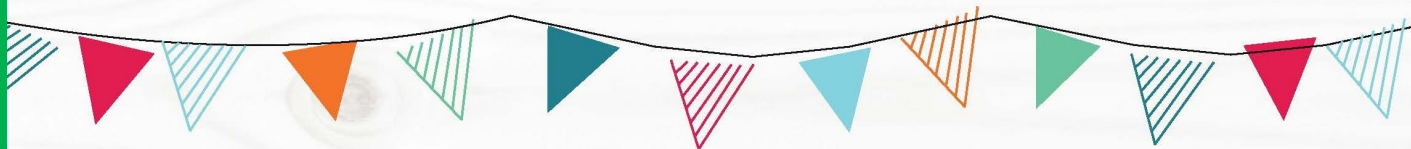




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karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk



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**



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Free, confidential, impartial debt advice...

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

WE CAN HELP!



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