

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term – I hope this letter finds you well rested. As ever, a huge welcome to the new families that have joined us recently, including this week; we are so happy that you are part of our LMS family.

I was honoured to join Mr Moran and children from Years 5/6 at an **ATHLETICS MORNING** this week at MK College. The children took part in lots of running, jumping and throwing activities and, as ever, were a complete credit to LMS with their effort, behaviour and manners. I love seeing our children thrive in the different opportunities we are able to offer them.

Next Thursday, 6th March, sees us taking part in **WORLD BOOK DAY!** This year, our whole-school theme is **'SPOTLIGHT ON NON-FICTION'**. As such, we are asking the children to come to school 'wearing' their favourite fact. They could have it written onto a plain t- shirt, have it plaited into their hair, have it painted on their face or in any other creative manner! As part of the day, children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to our theme. Parents do not need to prepare anything for this as they will all be completed in school. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can be exchanged for one of TWELVE special £1 World Book Day books. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books. Your child will bring home their token on World Book Day. All research shows that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. This means that days like World Book Day are so important. We also don't want parents/carers to spend extra money on costumes – it really isn't needed, promoting the love of reading costs nothing.

Love Productions, the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down, have recently opened applications for the 11th series of **JUNIOR BAKE OFF**, a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.

The latest edition of the **MHST NEWSLETTER**, designed to support your child's mental wellbeing, is now available on our website at <https://longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Parent-Newsletter-Issue-4.pdf> As parents and carers, you play a vital role in helping children and young people navigate life's challenges, and they are here to provide guidance, reassurance, and practical strategies to make that journey a little easier.

WESTCROFT COMMUNITY FRIDGE now have a new opening time. They are a simple solution to wasting less food through the sharing of good quality food. They are now open on **TUESDAYS** from **3PM-6PM** at the **WESTCROFT PAVILION**. Their flyer with more details is included in this newsletter.

The **MILTON KEYNES MUSIC SERVICE** wanted to tell you all about a couple of exciting opportunities coming up for young players. **Orchestral Jamboree** – A fun day of music making where children get the opportunity to play in their own sections and in a massed piece. Suitable for students of Pre Grade 1 to Grade 1 standard on orchestral instruments. **MK Young Brass Hoppers** – A Brass Band that they put together each year. This year's performance will be at the Music for Youth festival at Christ the Cornerstone Church in April. Suitable for students of beginners up to Grade 5 standard on brass instruments. See the details further on.

We are also on the lookout to recruit some **MIDDAY SUPERVISORS** to support our children at lunchtimes. The role covers an hour a day over the lunch period. At LMS they are called the **PLAY TEAM** and help support our **OPAL** journey as well. If you think you might be interested and would like some information, please speak to the ladies in the office with your name and contact details and Mrs Franklin can send the pack out to you. Come join the LMS team!

Let's hope the weather is now on the change – have a great weekend.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Sticklebacks

who achieved

97.7%

KS2

Brambles

who achieved

98.7%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

NEWTS

KS2

BRACKEN



We are still on the look out for **BUGGIES, PUSHCHAIRS, WELLIES and SUITCASES!** Our children love pushing each other around in them!
#OPAL

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

School Term and Bank Holiday Dates 2024 / 2025

Term	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session of:
Autumn Term 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term 2025	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
	Monday 24 February 2025	Thursday 3 April 2025
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

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

Tuesday 3 September 2024 / Wednesday 4 September 2024 / Monday 6 January 2025 / Friday 4 April 2025 / Wednesday 23 July 2025

Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025

Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025

May Day: Monday 5 May 2025

Spring Term 2025

Wednesday 5 March	PALMS Cookie Day
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day
Friday 7 March	Bag2School
Monday 10 March	Tadpoles library visit
Thursday 13 March	Year 1 Curly Tails
Thursday 13 March	Year 2 Easter Fundraiser - Stay & Play 3.15-5pm
Friday 14 March	Minnows library visit
w/c Monday 17 March	Year 6 Mock SATs
17 - 20 March	Book Fair
Tuesday 18 March	Year 4 River Explorers
Wednesday 19 March	Year 2 Learning Fair
Friday 21 March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 25 March	Year 3 Residential Parent Meeting (5.30-6pm)
Tuesday 25 March	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting (5.30-6pm)
Wednesday 26 March	Year 3 Brioche Pasquier visit
Thursday 27 March	Class Photos
Monday 31 March	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Tuesday 1 April	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Tuesday 1 April	Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting (6-6.30pm)
Wednesday 2 April	Year 3/4 Awards Assembly 9.10-10.10am
Wednesday 2 April	Year 5/6 Awards Assembly 2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 3 April	EYFS & KS1 Awards Assembly 9.15-10.15am
Friday 4 April	INSET Day

Stay & Play

Wednesday 5 March	Fairytales
Wednesday 26 March	Spring

LMS Safeguarding

Manipulative marketing in games (Better Internet for Kids)

Children's online experiences increasingly intersect with potential financial and psychological risks. Manipulative marketing tactics are commonly employed in digital platforms, games, and apps that target children. Understanding these tactics is crucial for safeguarding professionals, as they can lead to unauthorised spending, privacy breaches, and impacts on mental wellbeing.

There are three important areas to consider: persuasive features (such as 'dark patterns' and variable rewards), subscription traps, and product placement. As digital safeguarding becomes increasingly complex, children need support to recognise and respond to manipulative online marketing strategies.

To read more about how manipulative marketing affects children and young people, go to: <https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>.

LMS Well-being

Empathetic and mindful listening to enhance connection and understanding.

“Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another.” – Alfred Adler

How often have we shared our deepest fears and feelings yet felt a lack of empathy and understanding from the listener? That disappointment can come from the other person not being present – distracted by their environment or the thoughts running through their head.

Mindfulness encourages us to be more engaged in listening, improving our emotional connections while preventing us from getting caught up in biases and judgments.

How might remaining present and forming a deeper connection with others improve your relationships? Reflect on whether your listening is typically mindful or mindless. Reflect on how remaining more present during conversations can help you form deeper connections.

Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Annabelle R, Yusuf R, Daksh H & Erika E for their 50 day maths streaks; Yusuf R, Daksh H & Wayne T for their 50 day English streaks; Zayn A & Aahil A for their 100 day maths streaks and Zayn A & Aahil A for their 100 day English streaks.

Well done!



doodle



Long Meadow Legends

Minnows – Alfred for being Subitiser of the Week & Aayat for having a positive attitude in all of her learning.

Tadpoles – Noah for using the methods to help him in play on his own & managing his feelings in a healthy, safe way.

Pondskaters – Ahmet for always following the class rules & showing a positive attitude toward his learning.

Sticklebacks – Sophia for excellent resilience in her learning.

Frogs – Ali R for excellent observing, wondering & inferring when we read VALD and the Great Fire of London.

Newts – Zayn for having bundles of enthusiasm in history.

Hogweed – Luca for starting the school term with excellent concentration, commitment & positive attitude towards learning.

Bracken – Juwon for excellent problem solving in maths.

Foxgloves – Ewan for producing brilliant sentences in English.

Hawthorn – Mohammad for writing a super adventure story.

Ferns – Elliot for writing an amazing sci-fi story.

Thistles – Daisy for working hard in maths this week.

Teasels – Habeeba for bringing sunshine, joy & laughter to our classroom.

Brambles – Isobel for always persevering with her learning & for supporting those around her.

Sports Person of the Week

Olivia G for being a wonderful role model for everyone in her class, always setting a good example to others and trying her best in every lesson.

Well done to the following children for taking part in this week's sports events:

Y5/6 Athletics: Kendrick, Jacob, Shaan, Kahlan, Ivy, Lydia, Sehaj, Emelia, Aaron & Martin

Y3/4 Boys Football: Enrico, Zain, Ewan, Sam, Henry, Zac, Josh P-Y & Ethan

Well done!



LONG MEADOW SCHOOL PRESENTS

Stay and Play Sessions



Run by the school's Deputy and Assistant Heads

Different theme each session

- MESSY PLAY
- CREATIVE TABLES
- IMAGINATIVE PLAY
- SENSORY ACTIVITIES
- READING AREA
- REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Only
£1 pp

- 15th January - Farm
- 29th January - Vehicles
- 5th March - Fairytales
- 26th March - Spring
- 30th April - Dinosaurs
- 21st May - Food
- 4th June - Weather
- 18th June - Summer
- 2nd July - Sports

CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFO

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FOR UNDER 5S

9am - 10:30am





JUNIOR BAKE OFF



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](https://applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



Fabricated loose parts e.g.

Astro turf off-cuts

Boards, old cabinet doors, panels

Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates

Briefcases

Buggies, pushchairs

Cable drums

Carpet samples/squares

Fabrics – all shapes and sizes

Foam pipe covers and noodles

Guttering

Hoses

Keyboards

Metal pots, pans, trays etc, especially catering sizes

Nets: fishing, cargo, football

Office removal crates Tea Crates

Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags

Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc

One-ton dumpy bags

Pallets

Phones

Piping, gas, water and drainage

Planks – decking

Plastic road barriers

Small wheely bins

Steering wheels

Suitcases

Tarps

Traffic Cones

Tubes of all kinds

Wooden block and off-cuts Carpenters, builders





And Natural loose parts such as:

Branches and sticks

Fruit trees

Grass Plants

Leaves

Logs

Mud

Pea gravel

Peat

Pinecones

Play bark/woodchip

Sand (washed dredged not 'sharp')

Sea pebbles

Shells

Varied aggregates, slate, flint, clay

Wood off-cuts

If you have or can help with any of these, please put them in the **OPAL DONATION STATION** in the main foyer, or speak to the school office.

LEGO & DUPLO CLUBS

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/library-events



TUESDAY:

4-5 at Central Library
3.30-4.30 at Wolverton Library

WEDNESDAY:

3.30-4.30 at Newport Pagnell Library
3.30-4.30 at Bletchley Library

THURSDAY:

3.30-4.30 at Westcroft Library

FRIDAY:

3.30-4.30 at Stony Stratford Library
3.30-4.30 at Kingston Library
3.30-4.30 at Olney Library
3.30-4.30 at Woburn Sands Library

SATURDAY:

10-12 at Central Library
10.30-11.30 at Woughton Library
11-12 at Stony Stratford Library
10.30-11.30 at Olney Library
(first Saturday each month)





WESTCROFT

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

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

Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm

Westcroft Pavilion

Cranborne Avenue

Westcroft

MK4 4GB

For more details, email

karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

or call 01908 521538 and press option 3

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ORCHESTRAL JAMBOREE

2025



**Do you play a string, brass,
woodwind or percussion instrument
at pre-grade and grade 1 standard?
Then this fun day of music making is
for you!**

TO BOOK SCAN



Cost - £10

Sunday 23rd

March

10am - 4pm

Concert for parents

4pm

**Great Hall
Bedford School
De Parys Avenue
Bedford
MK40 2TU**

<https://www.bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk/book-a-course/>

Play a brass instrument?

Want to perform at Music for Youth in MK?



Milton Keynes Music Service is putting together a one-off group, the **MK Young Brass Hoppers** to play in the regional festival of Music for Youth this year.

- This will be an inclusive ensemble intended for anyone from beginner up to grade 5 standard, up to age 18 - the event is non-competitive.
- The band can include any brass instrument, including plastic instruments.
- The rehearsals and event itself are completely FREE. Parents can watch the event for free too!
- Great opportunity to play with a group and meet new friends who also play an instrument!

We will have two rehearsals before the day. You will need to be available to attend all the dates below and make your own way to the rehearsals and the event.

- **Rehearsal 1** – Tuesday 18 March 2025 6pm to 7.30pm at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES
- **Rehearsal 2** – Tuesday 25 March 2025 6pm to 7.30pm at Church of Christ the Cornerstone (as above)
- **Performance Day** – Wednesday 2 April 2025, 4:15-6pm, The Church of Christ the Cornerstone (as above)

If you would like to join **MK Young Brass Hoppers** and take part, please use the link below to apply:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hjXNJB22hH>

Closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2025



Milton Keynes Music Service

Email: music@milton-keynes.gov.uk

www.miltonkeynesmusicservice.com

MK Milton Keynes
City Council



MK MONSTARS

A PASSION FOR SPORT

DODGEBALL CLUB

NEW! Shenley Brook End Location
First Session FREE!



MONDAY EVENING FROM 5-6PM @ GARTHWAITE PAVILION
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA EMAIL

For more info, please email:
mkmonstarsclub@gmail.com

www.mkmonstars.com

£7
PER SESSION

ZONE INN

8 - 11YRS
WITH A
SUPPORTING
ADULT

CHILL - CHAT - SUPPORT

11+ - 18YRS
SUPPORTING
ADULT WELCOME

GREENLEYS
CHILDREN CENTRE
SATURDAY
10AM - 12NOON

EXERCISE &
WELLBEING
ACTIVITIES

SAFE
CONFIDENTIAL
SPACE

POSITIVE
KIND
SUPPORTIVE

USE THE

10 KEYS TO HAPPIER
LIVING

MINDFULNESS

AS TOOLS TO HELP
IMPROVE WELL-BEING

ACTION FOR
HAPPINESS

CONFIDENCE &
RESILIENCE
BUILDING



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🌐 WWW.RELATEMK.ORG OR DROP IN AND MEET US

VI-KARE AFTER SCHOOL SEN CLUB

3-6PM

EVERY FRIDAY

**CHURCH END RD, SHENLEY
BROOK END, MILTON
KEYNES MK5 7AA
£15**

**OTHER CARERS AND THEIR
CLIENTS ARE ALSO
WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE**



Contact Vicki

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Autism In Early Years Parent Programme.

For parents and carers who have an Autistic child aged 2-5 or a child with social communication needs – no diagnosis needed.

Session	Date	Time	Location	Title
1	25.02.25	1pm – 2pm	TEAMS	Autism in the Early Years: What does it look like?
2	04.03.25	1pm – 2pm	TEAMS	Autism in the Early Years: Play and Learning
3	11.03.25	1pm – 2pm	TEAMS	Autism in the Early Years: Considering Behaviour
4	18.03.25	1pm – 2pm	TEAMS	Autism in the Early Years: Supporting Communication
5	25.03.25	1pm – 2pm	Hummingbird Children Centre	In Person Get Together: Parent Support

Four of the sessions will be on Microsoft Teams (cameras on) and one will be in person. For further information please click on the link: [Parent and carer programmes | Milton Keynes City Council](#)

To book a place please email us on SENDsupport@miton-Keynes.gov.uk stating you would like to attend the Autism In Early Years Parent Programme and which sessions you want to attend.