

Summer Term Number 6
 Week ending
 11th Oct 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

“High levels of pastoral support at the heart of the school community” (Ofsted, April 2024)

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Weds 16 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations for Rec – Y6
Thurs 17 th Oct	PTA Film Night – Sold out
Thurs 17 th Oct	Harvest delivered to FISH (Friend’s of St. Helier)
Fri 18 th Oct	Year 1 class assembly
Fri 18 th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card (wear it red)
Fri 18 th Oct	PTA Spooky Cakes sold after school (in lieu of tuckshop this week)
Thurs 24 th Oct	Maths Week Dress up day
Friday 25 th Oct	INSET DAY
HALF TERM – 28TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER	

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE:

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher this week – either face to face or virtually. It is a good chance to celebrate your child’s successes and discuss targets for your child to achieve their personal best.

To end the week off, many children came to school as their teachers – there were certainly lots of Mr Smiths! See below for some of the photos of the day.

Please look out for the Autumn term Parent questionnaire which should be sent out next week.

HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

BRONZE: Sophie A, Elizabeth, Nika, Teyana

SILVER: Ria, Danilo, Oriley, Alek, Wahaj, Naomi, Ernie, Layla

GOLD: Johannes, Roman

HUMMINGBIRD: Boe






BRONZE 2: Alicia, Adel

HUMMINGBIRD 2: Sagun

SILVER 3: Faraz

PLATINUM 3: Nomana



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Learner of the week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow	Kavan Prajapati	For his amazing Autumn tree creation, using natural resources for his home learning task. Well Done Kavan!
Red	Zain Butt	For trying so hard to improve his handwriting and sentences. Well done, Zain.
Green	Ellie Matulyte	For demonstrating great understanding and fluency in Maths.
Blue	Layla Day	For her outstanding effort in Literacy.
Purple	Alfie Campbell	For using his sketchbook to practice blending skills in Art.
Silver	Gracie-Iris Smith-Reilly	For writing super sentences in French, comparing times in two cities.
Gold	Taliah Thompson	For embracing the editing process in her writing journey!

High 5 of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow Class	Jules Cousin	Responsibility- for taking care of the classroom resources. Super job Jules!
Red Class	Samuel Hands	Teamwork - always helping his friends in class. Well done, Sam.
Green Class	Jawad Ahmed	Responsibility- For always offering to help myself and Mrs Mann with different jobs.
Blue Class	Laura Warsinska	Responsibility - shown in her role as Mathematics monitor.
Purple Class	Sagun Gurung	Respect - for respecting everyone's point of view.
Silver Class	Yuliia Boichuk	Challenge - for building confidence to put your hand up more in class.
Gold Class	Callum Beswetherick	Responsibility - shown in all learning behaviour this week

READING KINDLE WINNERS

Every child in Y1-Y6 who has 5 adult signatures Wednesday to Wednesday, has their name entered into a raffle. Three winners are selected in assembly to win our Kindles for a week. This week's winners are:

- Y1 & Y2 – Ibrahim
- Y3 & Y4 – Laura
- Y5 & Y6 - Vihaan

Well done everyone and keep reading! **Mrs Danaher, Literacy Leader**



MATHS TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS CHAMPIONS

Each week in assembly, we celebrate children on the TT Rockstars leaders' board. Children in Year 2-6 compete in this competition. **All children In Y2-6 are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minuter PER week and this is checked every Wednesday ready for our celebration assembly on Thursday.** This week's winners are:

Improved Speed	Name
1 st	Sam
2 nd	Alec
3 rd	Johannes

Improved Accuracy	Name
1 st	Ibrahim
2 nd	Ellie
3 rd	Aleksandra

Most Correct Answers:	Name
1 st	Aurora
2 nd	Vihaan
3 rd	Danilo



Well done everyone! **Mrs Green, Maths Learning Leader**

FAMILY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT HUBS (FISH)

Sylvia Dore from Merton Family and Information Support Hub will be in our coffee morning on Friday 18th October to answer any of your questions.

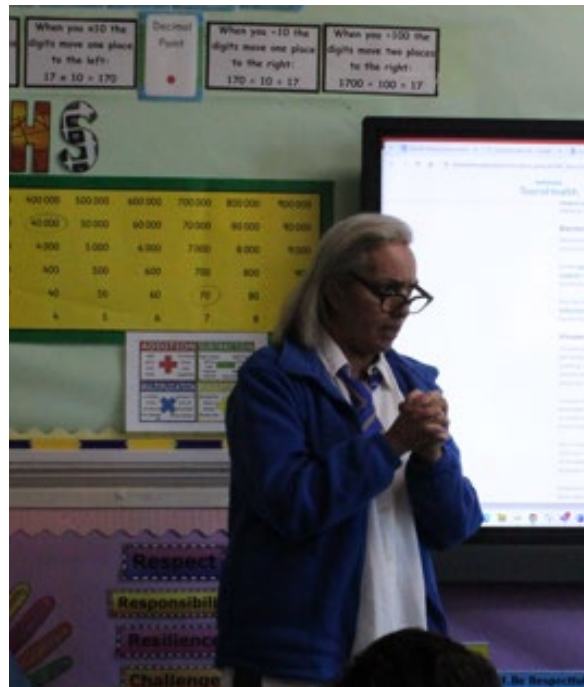
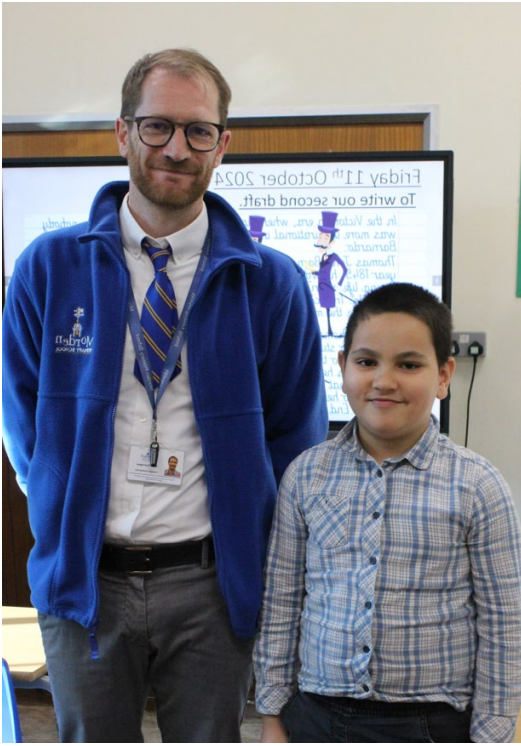
No need to book, just turn up 8.50am-10.15am in our Studio, have a cuppa and a biscuit and see what Sylvia can help you with.



DRESS AS A TEACHER/PUPIL

Today was a fun role-reversal day at school! Students dressed up as staff members, and staff members came as Morden Primary students. We had lots of Mr Smiths and Mrs Blows running around, and it was hard to spot the real Mr Carrington! Thanks to all the families who have donated through Parent Pay. Your contributions will help us get some amazing prizes for our upcoming Christmas raffle!





RIDE TO THE WALL

Ride to the wall is a unique motorcycling event which gives motorcyclists an opportunity to gather together at a place of remembrance, to pay their respects to our serving and fallen service men and women. Over 9000 bikes attended including our Site Manager, Mr Bowtell.



MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should not be used on school grounds. This especially includes taking photos and filming as it is a safeguarding concern. Please ensure your phone is kept out of sight while you are on the premises.

MESSAGES TO THE OFFICE

We would like to remind parents that if there are ANY changes to your child's collection arrangements, these need to be communicated with the office as early as possible. Often there is only one admin staff member in the office after lunchtime. **After 3pm, any messages cannot be guaranteed to be with the class teacher before 3.10pm.**

COAT IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY

As the weather changes and temperatures drop, we want to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our children warm and dry. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school each day.



APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a medical appointment, or has any other commitment during school hours, please provide evidence of this **before** the event. Please do not inform us or send in the letter on the day of the event. We need time to update the register, notify staff, and adjust school meal plans accordingly.

All routine GP and Dental appointments will not be authorised and need to be made out of school hours.

Thank you for your understanding.

NO DOGS IN SCHOOL

No dogs, even carried ones, are allowed on school premises or near any entrances.



Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with autism.

Next event
Monday 14 October 2024, 10am – 12pm

Location
In-person at the Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX

Merton Family Information and Support Hubs (FISH)

We will be joined by Early Help Support Co-ordinator Kavi & Silvia who will be giving advice and guidance to help parents to find and access the supportive information and services that you need.

The workshop will comprise:

We can help parents with any aspect of family life, including:

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
 - ✓ Relationships
 - ✓ Money
- ✓ Training or work
 - ✓ Benefits
 - ✓ Finding childcare
- ✓ And more Our Early Help Co-ordinators
- ✓ Questions and answer session

The session is appropriate to parents and carers of children, young people & adults with autism.

Register now to attend this free session by contacting Maria Solari:

By email: maps_coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk
Phone: 07709 715206

MERTON COUNCIL

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Our Early Help Co-ordinators will offer advice and guidance to help you to find and access the supportive information and services that you need. Book a free session now:

Sessions take place Monday to Friday with a mixture of face to face and telephone appointments available. Please visit the website or scan the QR code to book:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/family-information-support-hub-1705749



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MERTON LIBRARIES

Get Online Week starts Monday 14 October and what better time to explore the digital world with the help of your library?

GET ONLINE WEEK

14 - 20 October

MakeMitcham



Mitcham Library
Sat 12 Oct | 1pm

MakeMitcham is the new Makeroni event being held with Mitcham Library in their Art space.



Code Club



Wimbledon Library
Sat 19 Oct | 10am

Join Magical Quests for this family theatre performance inspired by the fairy tale Rapunzel.



ALL GET ONLINE WEEK EVENTS

Recommended eBook Reads

Click the title to read more!



Online Resources

Merton Libraries offer a range of free online resources, including eBooks and eAudiobooks to assist with school work and reading for pleasure.

Need help? Merton Library staff are always ready to assist.



<https://libraries.merton.gov.uk>



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

St Dunstan's Primary School,
Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

Monday 28th October to
Wednesday 30th October

£25 per half day
(£20 per half day if you book three days)

9.00am - 1.00pm (Half Day)

£30 per full day
(£25 per full day if you book three days)

9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)



Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years
(Reception to Year 6)

Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

Should you wish for any further information then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate footwear, lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you to explain how to make payment.



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9.00am - 1.00pm (Half Day)

£30 per full day
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9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)



Coaching includes: Ball Skills, Fun Games and Matches.
Every child will receive a prize and there will be special additional trophies for excellent sportsmanship.
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

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FOOTBALL COACHING



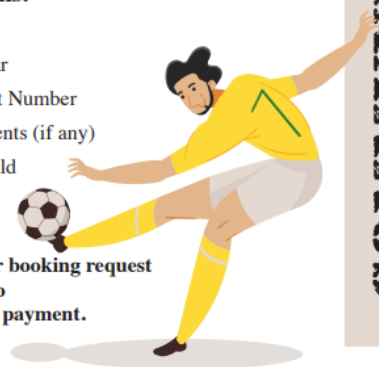
Should you wish for any further information about the holiday club then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with:
Weather appropriate sports clothing and footwear
Lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming the following details:

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At the National College, our Behavioural Strategy guides employees and young people, parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and well-being, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.nationalcollege.com).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting the safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- ### 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and ensure they are supervised during these events.
- ### 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following all laws and guidelines. Make sure to read fireworks labels and instructions that come with them. Keep children at a safe distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Fireworks are not to be used after they've been lit.
- ### 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of ten to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it by dropping it into a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ### 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

Private displays should be organised by professionals rather than being set up by families. These tend to be for safety as they're run by professionals, catering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- ### 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or trees to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable material nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of an emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or fire extinguisher. Alternatively, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- ### 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure its structure is sound and realistic in size. Bonfires (dry logs, straw, garden waste) should be built on a level, well-drained patch of open ground. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- ### 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Teaches that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they are confident if they need to use it. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out fires close to hand on standby, such as water or a fire extinguisher. Some restaurants have an "oil" sound effect.
- ### 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other open flames unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- ### 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle them responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any reckless behaviour.
- ### 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit to hand. Ensure you know how to apply first aid to burns, so you can quickly soothe those feelings. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 10–20 minutes. Never use ointments or creams, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert
James Wilson is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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