

Summer Term Number 7
 Week ending
 18th October 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 24 th Oct	Maths Week Dress up day
Friday 25th Oct	INSET DAY – CLOSED TO CHILDREN
	HALF TERM – 28TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER
Weds 6 th Nov	Wacky Hair Day in return for a donation via Parent Pay
Fri 8 th Nov	Y6 Class Remembrance assembly – 9am
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th Nov	Sayers Croft Residential for Year 5 & Year 6
Fri 15 th Nov	Y4 Class assembly – 9am
Tues 19 th Nov	Non-Uniform day in return for a bottle of drink
Weds 20 th Nov	Y1 & Y2 class trip to Sutton Cinema
Fri 22 nd Nov	Y3 Anti-bullying class assembly – 9am
Tues 26 th Nov	Y5 & Y6 class trip to Clapham Cinema
Weds 27 th Nov	Y3 & Y4 class trip to Clapham Cinema
Thurs 28 th Nov	Come as your hero in return for chocolate

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE:

The school was alive with the colour of red today in support of a very important message: **SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD**. Our school community is enriched by its diversity, with 69% of our students representing various ethnic backgrounds. We are proud to foster an inclusive environment that values and respects all cultures and perspectives. There are 29 languages other than English spoken at our school!

This week we also updated our display in our main reception with the very clear message **#Be Kind**. A simple message and a clear expectation for all of the Morden school community.




HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

- BRONZE:** Amira
- SILVER:** Anayah, David
- BRONZE 3:** Kyran



Well done to **Comet Team** who are this term’s **WINNING HUMMINGBIRD TEAM**. Children and staff in Comet team will be able to wear their own choice of clothes next Wednesday 23rd October.

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Learner of the week

High 5 of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow	Silvester Laslau	For his amazing home learning activities. Brilliant job!
Red	Aria Memagh	for her amazing picture of her route to school. Well done, Aria!
Green	Sam Alan Lee Putt	For an amazing recount of his walk to Morden
Blue	Kaydeigh Wilson	For her outstanding engagement in Science lessons and interpretation of research.
Purple	Nathan Santamaria	For creating a poster about what different places of the world mean to him, in Geography/Home Learning.
Silver	Adel Mutala	For lots of positive participation in our Gender Workshop this week.
Gold	Vihaan Patel	For an amazing home learning project: news report about French speaking countries in Africa. Just brilliant!

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow Class	TJ McNamara	Resilience-when creating an amazing bear face in art this week. Super job!
Red Class	Charlie Rtdsdale	Respect - always showing respect to his friends and adults. Well done!
Green Class	Ibrahim Tapadar	Respect- Always listening quietly when children or teachers are speaking.
Blue Class	Ernie Micallef	For persevering in his TTRS practice even when it was hard.
Purple Class	Mason Stevens	Teamwork - for being kind and helping others in class.
Silver Class	Phoebe Pullen	Respect - For using lovely manners and kindness in class.
Gold Class	Whole Class	Challenge - For taking on the challenge of year 6 in our 'introduction to SATS week'. Well done everyone!

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 – Nika
- Y3 & Y4 – Esa
- Y5 & Y6 - Huzaiifa

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	James S
3 rd	Yuliia

Improved Accuracy	Name
1 st	Lewis
2 nd	Emmau
3 rd	David

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



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

VOICEBOX WORKSHOP

This week, children in Silver and Gold Classes took part in a workshop looking at Gender Equality and Healthy Masculinity. We talked about 'strength' of character and the idea of a 'strong' image. We learnt how strength can actually be shown in vulnerability and that asking for help, or standing up for what is right, can often be the toughest thing to do. We all completed the sessions with a deeper understanding of what it means to be strong.

Mrs Torreiro – Year 6 Class Teacher



YEAR 6 – HARVEST DELIVERY

On Thursday, children in Gold Class delivered our harvest to Friends in St Helier (FISH). This is a social group for elderly residents, offering a hot meal, games, activities and connections in our local area. The children performed two songs before chatting to the FISH guests. Everyone praised the children for their singing, conversation, manners and presentation! Well done Gold Class! 😊

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MORDEN MARVELS NEWS

This week, Morden Marvels has thoroughly enjoyed the dry weather! The children had a great time playing outside, and some even joined Mr. Smith for a game of football. Yesterday, we held a treasure hunt where kids searched for hidden treasures and earned chocolate gold coins. Next week, we're excited to offer a variety of spooky craft activities.

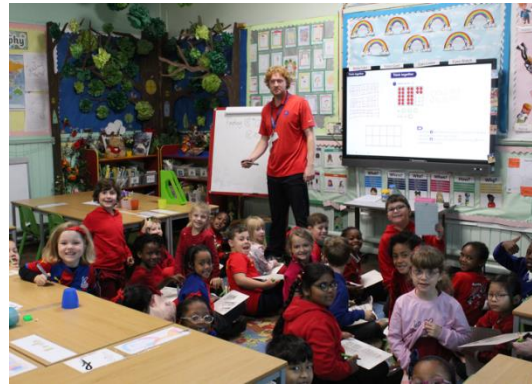
We still have a few spots available for Morden Marvels. Please contact Mrs Freeman for further details.



WEAR IT RED

Today children and staff wore red in support of Show Racism the Red Card. Throughout the day, children as young as three recognise race and racial differences, so you can never start talking about race and racism too early.





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

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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



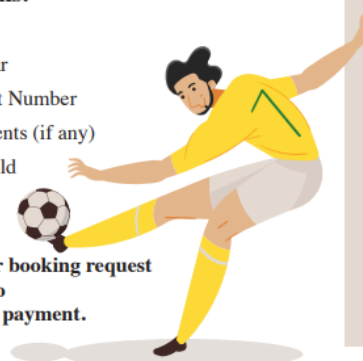
Should you wish for any further information about the holiday club then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

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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© The National College, our Media Literacy guides empower, enlighten 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 wellbeing, and climate change. Primary Literacy National Grid is sorry, these guides now address other topics and themes. For further guides, facts and facts please visit www.nationalcollege.org.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to guess that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification sets the following age ratings:

- U:** Suitable for all ages
- PG:** For children aged 8 and above this content shouldn't cause concern. Occasional bad language, mild violence or sexual references
- PG-13:** Children under the age of 13 should not watch without supervision. Occasional bad language, violence or sexual references
- R:** Suitable only for 16-year-olds and above
- RR:** Restricted to an adult audience with parental supervision. Multiple themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to access content online and the internet for OTV. The abundance of streaming platforms has increased the availability of content, some of which may be inappropriate for children. Parents and educators should be aware of the risks of streaming content, this could be accessed by children who aren't able to read or understand the content and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern-day technology making virtual violence and horror look so real, streaming it can be confusing for the young ones to tell the difference. For instance, a child's perception of their world which could impact their ability to discern that something isn't real. This has been highlighted by the news involving toddlers and guns.

PEER PRESSURE

Media encouraging each other to watch the same content can lead to children feeling a sense of peer pressure. If the content is available on many streaming platforms, children can watch these together, especially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. While a film that may seem to be extremely frightening for children, in many cases it may be less so. Parents and educators should be aware of the signs of distress and if a child is unable to cope with a film, it's important to seek help from a professional.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror films can be scary for children and can have a negative impact on their mental health. Children who are scared by a film may experience nightmares, anxiety, and a sense of fear. It's important to be aware of these signs and to seek help from a professional if a child is unable to cope with a film.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children, watch it first. This will help you decide if it's appropriate for your child. If you're unsure, it's best to watch it first. If you're unsure, it's best to watch it first.

REMEMBER - IT'S NOT REAL

Explain to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and not a chance of anything being in real life. If a child is afraid after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has scared them. This can help you approach the topic in a better and more supportive way, to help your child overcome any fears they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially inappropriate content, talk to them about what they've seen. Ask them any questions they may have. It's important to be honest if they watched it without an adult present. It's also important to be honest if they watched it with you. This will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age-ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised to them. However, it's important to be aware that if a child specifically searches for them, they can be changed or a lot of parental discretion. Use the tools to protect these with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Bailey is an experienced principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with a variety of projects for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting staff with developing their practice. He has been involved in a range of projects at multiple schools, aimed at helping parents to better support their children in the home.

Source: See full reference for full guide page of 10 pages on www.nationalcollege.org.uk for films and age ratings

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 **P. Blow, Headteacher**