

# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

## Deputy Headteacher Update

Springtime has arrived, bringing a noticeable uplift in the children's enthusiasm for learning this week. The sunny weather has added to the joy, making break and lunch times more enjoyable, and soon the field will be open for the children's recreation.

The Year 6 students who embarked on the Paris residential trip have had an extraordinary week, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Parents, I'm certain you'll be thrilled to welcome your children home this evening, eagerly awaiting their stories and experiences.

Meanwhile, Year 4 students had an enriching visit to a Buddhist temple on Wednesday, providing them with further insights into this religion and its practices.

In this week's assembly, children engaged in sessions and workshops led by the Dogs Trust, aimed at equipping them with the knowledge and skills to safely interact with dogs in various settings. Given recent national incidents, it was deemed crucial for children to understand these aspects for their safety in the community.

Lastly, our World Book Day celebrations yesterday marked the end of the week. We extend our gratitude to all parents and carers for their efforts in arranging fantastic costumes for the children. It's a delight to see such a strong love for reading across the school, and we're immensely proud of the children for their dedication to improving their reading skills.

### Easter

Egg-citing news ahead! As we approach the last week of term, our students will be engaged in various celebrations. EYFS and KS1 pupils are gearing up for an Easter Bonnet Parade scheduled for Thursday 21st March, while KS2 students will be busy decorating hard-boiled eggs. It's time to start brainstorming your designs so you're all set for these fun-filled events.

Furthermore, this week presents an opportunity for parental involvement. We warmly welcome parents to share insights into Easter, Ramadan, or Holi celebrations they may observe at home. We greatly appreciate any volunteers who are willing to engage with the children and share their experiences. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Mrs. Zoe Franks via Dojo.

Thanks  
Lucia Thornton

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a top priority here at Mere Green, and it's crucial to emphasise that during drop-off and collection times, our class teachers' primary responsibility is ensuring the safe arrival and departure of our students. This means that they are unable to engage in conversations while children are entering or leaving the school premises.

If you do need to speak with them during these busy periods, we kindly ask for your patience until all children have been safely dropped off or collected. We understand that this might be inconvenient at times, especially if you have commitments of your own, but the safety of our children remains paramount. The most effective way to communicate with class teachers is through Class Dojo.

It is important to note that parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are brought to the school site and enter the building before departing from the premises.

In this week's assembly, children have been discussing trusted adults and identifying what qualities these people should have and who they may be in their own lives. You may find the following link useful to discuss the topic further with your child/ren:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/community-support/someone-to-turn-to/defining-a-trusted-adult/>

Your continued cooperation and support in adhering to these safety protocols are greatly appreciated.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

We would like to remind you that we are a nut free school. Please do not send any nut related food into school, either for lunch or a snack. This also involves some chocolate spreads, which contain hazelnuts. Please be vigilant as this can cause severe allergies in some of our children.

## Key Dates

Week Beginning Monday 11th March British Science Week

Tues 12th—Nursery Forest Workshop

Wednesday 13th—Year 3 Maths Workshop

Thursday 14th March

Class 2S Forest School Workshop 9.15—10.15 am

Class 1M Forest School Workshop 11—12 noon

Class RBM Forest School Workshop 2.15—3.15pm

Year 6 DT Day

Friday 15th March

Reception Maths Workshop 9.30—10.30 am

Year 6 DT Day

Year 4 Art Day

Comic Relief Uniform to be worn with something red for a donation of £1




## SCCT School Uniform Grant

Sutton Charities uniform grant forms need to be returned to the school office by 11th March latest. If you feel that you could be entitled to a grant, please ask for a form.

## MAD Award




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