

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

Deputy Headteacher Update

We had anticipated the arrival of spring, but this week the weather has unexpectedly shifted. Let's cross our fingers for the return of sunshine, bringing a brighter atmosphere as we head into the final week of school before the Easter break.

I would like to extend my gratitude to both Mr. Gordon and Mr. Newton for leading engaging parent workshops on maths and forest school activities this week. It's heartening to see such strong parental participation, and I trust that the sessions were both informative and enjoyable for all involved.

I'm currently in the process of finalising the summer schedule and aim to share these dates with you before we break for Easter. I understand the importance of these dates in helping you plan your work and personal commitments. Please be aware that specific details for certain events will be provided closer to their occurrence.

Throughout the academic year, we've been dedicated to improving communication between school and home. The introduction of Class Dojo has been particularly successful, enhancing our communication systems significantly. As a result, I will be reducing the frequency of newsletters sent to parents, transitioning to monthly publications. I welcome any feedback on this change before the May half-term break to inform our approach for the remainder of the school year.

I hope you've had the opportunity to schedule a parent consultation meeting with your child's class teacher. These meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 20th March, in the KS2 hall. Year 6 teachers will be stationed in the leadership office, with signage on the day to guide you to their location. I'm excited for you to hear about the wonderful progress your child has made during this term.

ATLP Student awards

It's that time of year again when we seek nominations for the ATLP Student Awards. As part of our school partnership, we organise an annual awards ceremony held at Drayton Manor, where winners from each category are honored. This collaborative celebration brings together our community to recognise and applaud our exceptional children. Class teachers will be submitting their nominations in the coming week, and the award categories include: Charity Fundraiser, Community, Contribution to School Life, Creativity, Extra-Curricular, and Special Endeavor. If you feel your child has excelled in one of these areas this year, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher. Stay tuned for updates on the nominees and winners following the Easter break.

Thanks
Lucia Thornton - Deputy Headteacher



We are excited to announce that on Thursday 21st March 2.30pm we will be hosting our annual EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade.

You are invited to watch the parade which will take place on the drive way and reception play ground.

Bonnets should be brought into school the morning of Thursday 21st March and will be judged throughout the day. There will be one winner per class. Bonnets will return home with children that day.



It's that time of year again!

Join us for an Easter Extravaganza by designing your ultimate egg, from Mr Men to intergalactic aliens, let your imagination run wild!

At the end of the day, you are invited to come and take a look at this year's entries, they will be on display in the KS2 Hall.

There will be one winner per class and the winners will be announced during the MAD assembly.

We look forward to seeing your 'cracking' creations!

Final date for entries: Thursday 21st March



Key Dates

Wk commencing 18th March— Whole School Assembly (Lessons dedicated to Easter and the concept of forgiveness this week)

Tuesday 19th March—year 1 Maths Workshop

Wednesday 20th March—KS2 Cross Country Event at Bishop Vesey 4pm—4.45pm

Wednesday 20th March—Child Progress Meetings

Wednesday 20th March—Steel Pans Ensemble

Thursday 21st March - Easter Bonnet Parade (£1 donation—Own clothes)

Friday 22nd March - Year 2 Art Day

Friday 22nd March— Holi Festival of colours—Class Activities throughout the day

LAST DAY OF TERM


Monday 8th April—Teacher Training Day

MAD Award

Congratulations to this week's MAD nominees:



These children have been nominated by their class teacher for 'Making A Difference', this is either through demonstrating our school values or school rules.


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SAFEGUARDING

Online Knife crime awareness workshop

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today’s climate.

The Ben Kinsella Trust are delivering a Knife crime awareness workshop.

During the workshop you will develop an understanding around the following topics:

Young people's brain development, behaviour and responses to stress
 The importance of healthy, safe attachment for young people
 The stages, signs and risk factors of exploitation
 Gangs - what they are, how they operate, and why?
 External influences - language, social media, gang-related music
 Building resilience within the family and community
 Further support available for families

Sessions are:

- Online via Zoom
- Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March
- Monday session: 10am - 11:30am / Wednesday session: 7pm - 8:30pm

To register please see link:

Upcoming event at Mere Green

Learn essential first aid skills!! We are pleased to be able to offer a free First Aid adult workshops delivered by the Red Cross. This workshops will equip you with the skills required and give you confidence to help someone in an emergency. **Places are limited so please contact school to express your interest. Session will be held on: 17th April at 1.45pm.**

Sarah Long

Hub LDSL & Vulnerable Children’s Lead (South)

PERSON OF INTEREST

This week we had the pleasure of finding out about a person of interest during British Science Week. During Monday’s assembly, the children learnt about Tumi Siwoku who has created a range of cosmetics products different to those already on the market. Why don't you spend some time with your child researching her further, alternatively you could spend some time with your child asking them what they know about her. Children might also tell you about a different scientist they have learnt about this week.

Use these links to find out more

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/smashing-stereotypes-tumi-siwoku/>

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/americon-vid-george-w-carver/video/#Wo2oERPwbSc>

