

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

Head Teacher Update

This week has been a fantastic week for Mere Green: 60 children travelled to London participate in an inspirational experience at The Royal Albert Hall, a group of Year 5 pupils continued swimming lessons towards achieving their 25m badge and on Thursday we were joined by Year 3 parents who joined us for a 'Learning Futures' workshop.

Our aim is to 'make a difference' to the lives of all of our children and we make it our mission to provide children with a wealth of opportunities and experiences that enrich their childhood and help shape their lives. One of the ways in which we do this, is through our 'Making A Difference (MAD) Guarantee'. The MAD Guarantee, identifies 5 things that every 5 year old at school should have experienced or learnt about. It identifies 7 things that every 7 year old should have experienced or learnt about and 11 things that every 11 year old should have experienced or learnt about. Click [here](#) to find out more about our MAD Guarantee.

Next week is anti-bullying week and children will participate in arrange of activities and lessons to explore 'What is bullying' and 'why bullying is not tolerated'. We will be starting the week with 'Odd Socks Day' and we invite all children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 14th November.

Kristal Brookes
Headteacher

Staffing Update

On Tuesday 15th November, I will have knee surgery and will therefore be absent from school for a short period of time. I am hoping to return to school after two weeks; however during my period of absence the school will be led by our senior leadership team.

Mrs Bond is currently absent from school, therefore to minimise disruption to learning Mrs Aston will be pausing her role within the Inclusion Team to teach in 1MB Monday - Wednesday.

Congratulations to Mrs Toal who has been promoted from Assistant Headteacher to Deputy Headteacher. This is a temporary position (until January 2024) to support with the continual development of the school. Miss Toal will begin her role with immediate effect and will work closely with Miss Thornton and I to continue to drive Mere Green forward.

Congratulations to Mr Anderton, who will now be working full time within the ATLP in his new role as 'Digital Transformation Lead'. Mr Anderton has been a key part in the 'Learning Futures' initiative and will now work alongside leaders in all schools as they deploy iPad across the ATLP. Luckily Mr Anderton will still be working with us as we continue on our journey with iPad.

How can you make a difference?

As part of our MAD Guarantee, we want to offer meaningful opportunities for children in **year 5 to gain some real terms money experiences** so that our children leave Mere Green better understanding the process of income and expenditure, of banking and saving, of budgeting and borrowing.

If any parents/carers/family members or contacts within the banking world, are open and available to support this initiative, please do contact Miss Toal.

Equally, in **year 6**, from our focus group, many parents felt it was essential to enable our children to leave school with some **basic first aid skills**. Again, if you have contacts within this field, people who deliver first aid training or are in the medical profession, please do encourage them to contact Miss Toal.

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.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is:


Class 3D with 97%

The most punctual class this week was: Class 4SB

Key Dates

Event	Date
Anti Bullying Week	Week Commencing 14th November
Children in Need	Friday 18th November




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