Headteacher message

We have had a wonderful week. We have been astounded by the children's enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning. They have returned to school with a real bounce in their step, settling well into school routines. Our attendance this week has been incredibly high across the school and I hope that this continues. There has been so much disruption to our children's learning and therefore it is important that they come to school everyday to secure their progress.

We have received feedback about our staggered start and finish times and although we will not be able to accommodate everyone, we are taking on board your comments to make the start

and end of day as easy as possible. At the end of the day, we have allowed siblings who finish at 3:05 pm and 3:15pm remain in the hall until 3:30pm so that parents are able to collect their children at the same time. This is only for siblings and you must notify teachers if you are intending to use this option.



Please make sure you leave the site immediately. Once a member of staff is supervising the children, it is safe for you to leave.

Many of you have been asking when our wraparound provision (breakfast and afterschool club) will restart. We are hoping to offer this service in September but will of course keep you informed.



FREE COMPUTER CLASS FOR ADULTS LEARNING ENGLISH

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When: Thursday mornings, 10.00 – 12.00

Where: 28 St Mark's Road, Mitcham CR4 2LF

Dates: Starting 29th April 2021 (for 6 weeks)

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CLASS? CONTACT:

LINDA ULRICH: 07598 824 809 / LIN-DA.ULRICH@MHTS.ORG.UK

This is a course for adults with beginner level English.

If you understand only beginner English but want help with emails, using Zoom and online security, this is for you.





Dates for diary

Week beginning 22nd March

Parent Review week

Wednesday 31st March

Last day at school

Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April

Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April

School reopens to all pupils

Secondary Schools

By now you will have been notified of your child's secondary school allocation for September 2021. If you wish to appeal against Merton Council's decision not to grant a place for your child at the community school of your choice you should visit the website below where the appeals process is explained:

https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/school-admission-appeals

Please note the deadline for appeal submission is 28 days after offer date.

Devices

Thank you to those who have already returned their loaned devices, reminder to return loaned devices to the school office.

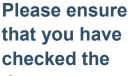


Visits to our busy school office are by appointment only.
When on site, please ensure that you are wearing a face

mask unless you are exempt from doing so. You must maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your children.



Medication



dates on your child's medication and that we have in date medica-

tion for your child at school



Nut Free

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free school. We are noticing items particularly in packed lunches that may contain traces of nuts. For some of our children, the slightest exposure to nuts could cause a severe allergic reaction.

NO PARKING

Please do not park or drive in our school's drive way unless you have permission to do so. In the event of an emergency that is the only vehicle access we have to our school site. It could be detrimental to a child or adult if emergency services were unable to get to the site due to parking of cars.

Devices

A reminder to return devices loaned to you by the school during partial school closure.







In class year 5 have looked at the endings of various fairy tales. We discussed what made the endings happy and why it is important that these stories finish with a happy ending.











Year 6

This week year 6 have been looking at a twist in the tale of the three little pigs whereby the astonishing demise of the wolf is at the centre of the story. Year 6 have immersed themselves into the world of social issues particularly home owners rights, protests v riots and self defense v murder.

Next week they focusing on journalistic bias. In order to do this they will be taking witness statements and building their cases as lawyers in defense of the clients (the pigs and the wolf) and reporting their findings and opinions in a court room.

It's been a lovely welcome back week with well being activities and art in the afternoons.

Year 5 have been using their critical thinking skills in philosophy to ask and answer questions that are relevant to us. This week's question was related to coronavirus and whether or not it is right for the government to only be testing secondary school children for the virus. Children were able to listen respectfully and share various different views points. The key points that came out from the session were as follows:

"The government doesn't care about primary school children."

"I think it is right, because secondary schools are bigger and children can't stay in class bubbles as they have different teachers for each subject so they need to take extra precautions."

"I feel worried about not being tested and not having to wear a mask in school as I sit very close to my friends."

"Secondary school children get on the bus with other people as their school is quite far, so they are more likely to get coronavirus."

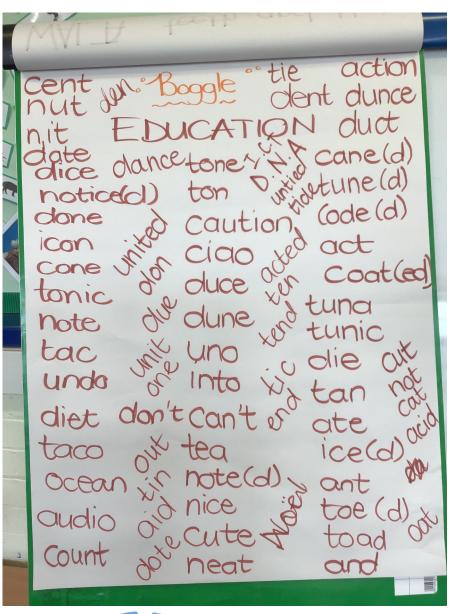
"Some children in primary schools might be frightened to take the test, especially in nursery and reception."

By the end of the discussion we had mixed feelings about whether it was the right decision not to test primary school children, but everyone took the time to listen to their peers and some of us even changed our minds based on what our friends had said.

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In Protea Class, we have been doing Boggle every day. The children have improved daily. Today's word was EDUCATION. Look how many words they came up with today!





ear 2 have been learning about money! We were each give a coin and had to find different ways of showing that number using as many math's resources as possible! Filip and Muad managed to find 15 different ways, well done!

