

Headteacher message

We enjoyed a lovely class assembly from Carnation class who showed us just how many key historical events have taken place in recent years. Our children have had first hand experience of some very significant key historical events in their short life time. Their assembly also taught us about the rights of children and allowed us all to appreciate the rights that may children across the world do not have. Well done Carnation class!

Parent requests

We have had a small number of parents wanting to visit the school office in order to speak to their child. Please refrain from doing this. Children are busy learning in their classrooms and should not be interrupted unless absolutely necessary. Office staff will not be facilitating these requests.

Coats/Jackets

The weather has changed and I am sure that you have all noticed the chill in the air. It is cold! Despite the cold, many children are coming to school without coats or jackets. Please ensure that your child has a warm jacket or coat. If you have any unwanted coats/jackets that are as good as new but maybe your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to the school as we may be able to distribute them to those who need them.

Parent Coffee Mornings

A reminder that every Monday morning from 9:00- 9:45 Bea Chandra, a mental health practitioner working with Off The Record, will be running coffee mornings for parents. The sessions will often be supported by our Family Support Advisor, Alexia Waysay. The purpose of coffee mornings is for you to have an opportunity to share any concerns you may have about any aspect that might be impacting on your child or family's well being, as well as giving you the space to speak with other parents who may be able to lend a listening ear and offer advice. Those who attended last week found the sessions helpful, so please make sure you come along.



Dates for diary

Autumn term class assemblies

Wednesday 28th September 9am	Carnation
Wednesday 12th October 9am	Rose
Wednesday 9th November 9am	Protea
Wednesday 16th November 9am	Lotus

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 3rd October to Friday 7th October

Wear Yellow day

Monday 10th October

Half term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Inset day

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Attendance Stars



KS1—Dahlia 96.3%

KS2—Lotus 99.1%

Whole school—94.9%

Our school target is 96%

These classes can wear own clothes on

Thursday.

Cost of Living

Merton council are running free events with approximately 15 local community organisations at each event to help families access financial and benefit support. Everyone attending the events will receive a free £10 supermarket voucher on the day which can be spent locally.

Saturday 1st October 2022: Colliers Wood Library, 10:30-1:30pm

Saturday 29th October 2022: Pollards Hill Library, 10:30—1:30pm

Community



Merton Libraries will be hosting Black History Month events in October across Merton. See the link below for a free film screening at **Morden Library Within Merton Civic Centre** London Road Morden SM4 5DX.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/morden-library-film-screening-black-history-month-film-3-tickets-412875460617?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Come along and join us for a colouring and puzzles session celebrating Black History Month
Booking is required, as spaces are limited

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pollards-hill-library-black-history-month-colouring-and-puzzles-tickets-427152303037>

Safety

As the darker evenings begin to draw in, please ensure that your child can be seen on our streets in the dark. Darker clothing is much harder to see and therefore reflective armbands or clothing items with reflective parts will ensure that your child is visible to all road users.

Wellbeing

MSWT

*Making emotional wellbeing
accessible to all.*

The Merton Schools Wellbeing Team (MSWT) work within schools providing additional emotional wellbeing support to children, young people, their families and the schools they go to.

Contact our team at mertonschools@talkofftherecord.org

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Community

Our MSWT works within clusters of schools in Mitcham and Morden to keep emotional wellbeing and emotional health at the heart of our community.

We help by offering:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Counselling for children
Group emotional wellbeing sessions for children

1:1 Parent/ carer support
- Managing anxiety
- Managing behaviour

In person or online parent workshops

Staff support and training

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Counselling for young people

Support for low mood and anxiety

Emotional wellbeing group sessions for young people

In person or online workshops

Staff support and training

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#HelloYellow

**Wear yellow on
10th October
2022 in support
of Mental Health
Awareness and
donate £1 for the
cause!**

IS BACK

10.10.2022

Miss Williams

European Language Day Celebrations

On the 26th September 2022, we celebrated European Languages Day, lead by the School Council Members. We discovered that there are 24 official languages spoken across Europe. English and French are the most commonly spoken languages in Europe, but Russian is the most widely spoken language in the continent of Europe (with about 140 million speakers).

The School Councillors of Rose Class set up a Photo Booth activity. We had lots of fun "dressing up" and trying to speak the various languages. Even Miss Williams got involved.

Year 5

This week for homework Year 5 designed their own parachutes. Carnation class went out and test them against the forces- gravity and air resistance to see which parachute was able to land last.

It was great fun exploring the start of forces.

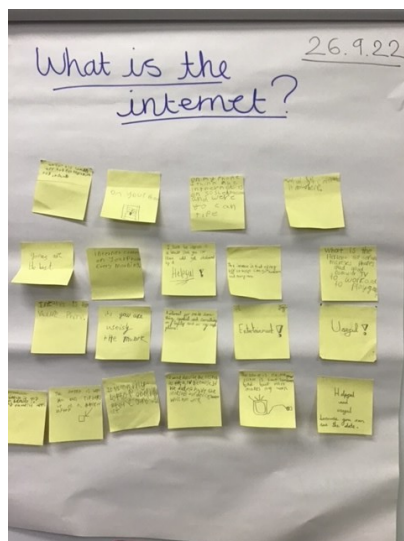


Year 4

Protea class have been up to lots this week. In English, we're continuing to write our short stories, editing and finding ways to improve our work. The children have noticed that as writers, we have to continuously edit, change, remove bits of work or perhaps start all over again, in order to create the best outcome.

In Art we're continuing discovering more about William Morris, using close observational skills to copy some of his work. Over the next few weeks, the children will be designing their own prints by hand, taking inspiration from William's floral and nature-based edits.

In Computing we've been understanding how different networks connect to each other. We started with the role of the switch, assigning one person to each table to take on the task, before focusing on routers and how they carry messages from different networks. Protea class used team building skills and clear, simple instructions to make sure everyone's messages were sent to the correct computer, in the correct network. It was lots of fun!



Thank you for creating a beautiful bird nest for our edible garden. Take a look the next time you're on the field!

Edible Garden

On Thursday afternoon, Rose Class entered the Edible Garden enthusiastically to harvest some of the produce, thanks to Mrs Mrozik and her gardening crew. We enjoyed learning about the different types of produce in our garden and hope to make something delicious to share with the other classes. We are also eager to continue to watch other produce such as the tomatoes to become ripe enough for picking.

We collected beetroot, pumpkin, peppers and butternut squash.

