

## Headteacher message

We have been learning about democracy over the past couple of weeks and have put this into action through voting for school council representatives. Votes were counted and school council representatives elected. School councillors meet regularly supported by Miss Williams with an ongoing agenda regarding what could be changed or improved around the school and also how we can work with our local community. I am looking forward to meeting with them all and hearing their ideas.



### Meet your new School Council Members!

We are very happy to announce our school council members.  
We look forward to working together.

## Parent Coffee Mornings

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 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. Our first session will be on Monday 25th September in the lower hall. We would also like to have themes for our coffee mornings, so please let us know what areas you would most like advice on so that we can plan ahead to ensure that we are meeting your needs. See you all on Monday



## Dates for diary

### Autumn term class assemblies

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Wednesday 28th September<br>9am | Carnation |
| Wednesday 12th October<br>9am   | Rose      |
| Wednesday 9th November<br>9am   | Protea    |
| Wednesday 16th November<br>9am  | Lotus     |

### Thursday 29th September

Meet the teacher meetings Nursery and Reception

### Half term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

### Inset day

Monday 31st October

### Children return to school

Tuesday 1st November

## Attendance Stars



KS1—Iris 100%

KS2—Lotus 100%

Whole school—95.1%

Well done!

Our school target is 96%

These classes can wear own clothes on

Thursday.

# Cost of Living

## Mayor of London Warmer Homes programme:

Energy bills are expected to rise by 80% this October. Families who own their own homes or rent privately, are on a means tested benefit or low incomes, and have children receiving the Pupil Premium may be eligible for a Warmer Homes grant. The Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme offers grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for heating, insulation and ventilation improvements for low-income Londoners who own their homes or rent privately and live in an EPC D-G rated property.

Warmer Homes is supported by Merton Council as part of its commitment to reduce the cost of living, make homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run and our borough a fairer place for all.

To find out if you are eligible, you should visit [www.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes](http://www.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes).

# Community

McDonalds' are providing free football sessions in the next 4 weekends. The aim is to give every child, from every background, gender and ability, the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful game – for free! Every boy or is welcome, no matter what their ability, between ages of 4-12 year olds

Sessions will be taking place at Centres across the UK **including:**

**Canons Leisure Centre (Mitcham)**

**Thornton Heath Leisure Centre (Thornton Heath)**

**Streatham Vale Park (Streatham)**

For any parents interested, please use this link to register at your local Fun football centres

**Sign up here**

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/football/fun-football-centres.html>

# Safety

## Pedestrian access

Please remind your children to use the pedestrian access on Bond Road and not the vehicle access. On a couple of occasions this week, I have had to speak to children about using the vehicle access. This is unsafe. If children come to school on bicycles or scooters they should not ride them onto the grounds but walk with them to avoid any accidents.

# Community

## 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](mailto: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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# Year 1



This week the children proudly admired their completed class timelines that they have made. The timeline dates back to the Stone Age and goes right up to 2022, where the children fondly remembered the late Queen Elizabeth's II Jubilee.



Also in PSHE the children have been developing their understanding about their rights and responsibilities for being a member of the class. As a class they have created their own rules and a display to support this. We also talked about how we can make the class a safe place for everybody to learn.



In math, we have been exploring representing numbers using objects, pictures and words. As a challenge this week have asked the children to practice their number formation and reading the number words.



In art we have been learning about primary and secondary colours and this week the children used different household objects to make prints, build layers and explore textures too.

**Well done for an amazingly productive week!**





# Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard the last two weeks taking on mock SATs assessments. Whilst it was challenging, the children showed a positive attitude to learning and great resilience, taking on the unknown. The year 6 team will be looking at these assessments in order to put in place targeted support to help children successfully take on the real SATs in May.

We were really happy to see so many parents at our meet the teacher event. For those who were unable to attend, just a reminder to ensure you check the dates for secondary school open evenings which are taking place this month and to ensure that you have submitted your applications using the online E-admissions portal. As always the team are here to help any parents who may need support, feel free to contact us via Class Dojo.



# Year 3

## Science Investigation

### Describing and comparing rocks

We put on our lab coats and become geologists in year 3! We carefully examined many different types of rocks and described them, using key vocabulary. We thought about the different ways we could group and compare the rocks.

