

June 2021 Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

I hope you have had a really good half-term and are looking forward to the final half-term of the year with us. Although we haven't been able to welcome parents back into school for events such as new-starter open days, sports days or performances, we are hoping to take our Year 6's away on residential and say goodbye to them properly with a few well-organised COVID safe events. I really hope that we will be able to welcome all parents back into school as soon as possible and we are of course really excited to ensure the children's' last term before the summer is a brilliant one!

We have had no further guidance regarding changes to the way we operate in school. With this in mind we ask that you continue to support us with routines such as our staggered drop off and pick up, including the use of the one-way system unless you are the last drop off or pick up. Thank you for making our job easier by following these systems.

We will be holding a series of sports days this term, including Year R-2, Year 3-5 and Y6 (hopefully including parents in some form for this Y6 one). Your children will also be coming home with an invitation to contribute to the plans for our new outdoor area. This is a really exciting opportunity to be a part of the Merton PTA's development of our new outdoor classroom in Bells Wood and our pond area. Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries. **Mr Lee**

Provisional Dates for the Diary:

23rd—25th June—Year 6 Residential

29th June—Year 6 Sports day (Parents invited TBC)

30th June / 1st July Y6 secondary school transition days

1st July—transition morning—children will meet their new teacher

2nd July Sports Day— FS/ KS1 am and Y3,4 and 5 pm— no parents.

2nd July—Y6 leavers Event—TBC

w/b 5th July—Reports out

June marks The Wildlife Trusts 30 days wild challenges, children will be participating in some activities at school as part of their brain breaks. If you would like to participate or would like some ideas for getting out into nature with your child at home have a look on their website.

[30 Days Wild 2021 - Sign up for your pack | The Wildlife Trusts](#)



As part of 30 days wild, why not take a book outside and enjoy reading on the grass or under a tree...

Here are some recommendations ready for the great outdoors!

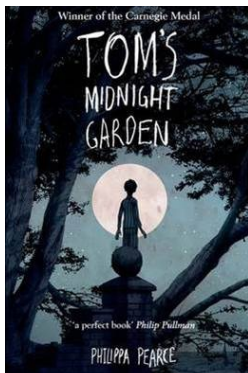


There are lots of books out there celebrating the wonder of the natural world - whether it's the power of flowers, spectacular plants or a bit of great gardening. Here are just some we can recommend...

There's a Tiger in the Garden 6+

Author: Lizzy Stewart **Publisher:** Frances Lincoln Children's Books

Grandma claims there is a tiger in the garden, but Nora doesn't believe her. She also says there is a grumpy polar bear, some carnivorous plants and dragonflies the size of birds. Nora is so bored she decides to go and have a look. Grandma seems to have been telling the truth - and after a narrow escape from the plant, Nora comes face to face with the friendliest tiger imaginable.



Tom's Midnight Garden

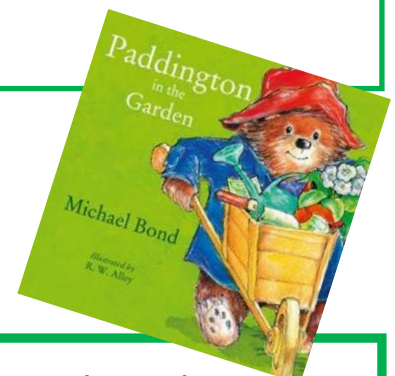
9– 11years **Author:** Philippa Pearce **Publisher:** Oxford University Press
With no garden or children to play with Tom feels lonely and unhappy, until one night he hears the clock striking thirteen and discovers a secret garden.



The Little Gardener

Author: Emily Hughes
Publisher: Flying Eye Books
Reading age: 7+

With diverse illustrations, and a clear story to follow, this wonderful book is the perfect read - especially when your own garden is full



Paddington in the Garden

- Part of the beloved series following Paddington Bear and the Brown family.
- Paddington lends a paw in the garden, with some funny results!
- Pre-schoolers will love the illustrations and hearing you read the story.

Author: Michael Bond **Publisher:** HarperCollins

Around school....



Year 3 children expanding their reading diet.

Perseverance and problem solving skills in year 1.



Collaborative art display inspired by Miro



Acting out different Greek myths in Year 5!



Year 6 have been doing some great work writing brochures on behalf of the New Zealand tourist board this past week. Look what came in the mail!



Year 4 busy making bird feeders and animal shelters to encourage local wildlife into our school grounds.



Year 2 learned that seeds need water to germinate but not sunlight. Although the plants without sunlight were very yellow!