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Newsletter



The Merton Primary School
To be the best we can be.

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Dear Parents,

The children have been full of enthusiasm and are particularly enjoying opportunities to play and learn outdoors. Our pond is beginning to settle and we hope to see wildlife make it their home as spring approaches. The outdoor classroom has just been completed and is ready for classes to use as the weather improves. This all enables teachers to plan learning experiences that are really purposeful and take full advantage of our amazing school grounds to enhance children's learning in many subjects.

The children have been very excited about British Science Week. We had real Aero Sparks pilot Rob in to inspire us about all things flying this week and children will be developing their 'longest flight' designs ready for him to come back in and judge the winner. Thanks to Mrs Solomans for organising such a motivational science assembly!

Thank you for your support with attendance over the year. As many of you will be aware, schools nationwide are under huge scrutiny to ensure attendance data is monitored and families are well supported in ensuring that children are in school as much as they are well and healthy to do so. It is expected that children's attendance is at 97% over the academic year. We appreciate that there are times in children's lives where illness prevents this percentage being met and we are trying hard to develop a system whereby we carefully monitor and encourage good attendance whilst not penalising families where attendance is improving or where pockets of illness has adversely affected the overall figure. We endeavor to respond to the feedback received from many parents who have genuine reasons for dips in attendance by re-wording the letters sent to you so that they acknowledge improvements and inform you of your child's attendance percentages (over a 6 month measure).

Thank you for the overwhelming support at our 'Let's Connect' coffee morning, we are planning further events to bring you back into school post covid!

Parent's evenings are scheduled for the week commencing 27th March, you will be able to book an appointment on Arbor from Friday, 17th March. I will be available on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Mrs. Neal our SENDCo will be available on the Wednesday evening. As usual children's books will be available for you to look at in the hall (EYFS break out area for EYFS and Year 1) . Please use the main entrance for all meetings. Caterlink will also be in school to provide a sample of food to try on both evenings from 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm.

Finally, Mrs Elsome is hoping to create a Lego wall! If any parents have any Lego base boards that children no longer use, these would be very much appreciated!

Mr Lee





Make a Difference

The children in year 2 have been busy creating their ocean themed sculptures from recycled materials inspired by the artist Tan Zi Xi. The children were motivated to 'make a difference' by raising awareness about waste. Thank you to all the parents who popped in after school to share their creations, written outcomes and engaged with our young people to make their learning so purposeful.



Year 6 had a great day at Warning Zone where they learned important life skills.

**Warning
ZONE...**
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE



Children's Mental Health week was a huge success. The children enjoyed the different clubs on offer and connected with different groups across school.



**LET'S
CONNECT**



Our Year 6 basketball team...



And Bell's Wood became a fantastic living art gallery...

