



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Families,

Well we are now well on our way towards Christmas and the rehearsing across the school has begun. We do hope that you have all managed to have a good look at all the exciting events coming up on our Christmas Countdown and that the key dates for your children are on your calendars.

### Remembrance Day

Last Friday, I had the wonderful opportunity to take our Head Boy and Girl Team to the War Memorial in Mitcham to pay our respects to all those that have served in World Wars, sacrificing their lives. We were joined by many other schools across Merton, as well as the Mayor of Mitcham and our local MP. We joined a lovely service and the Head Boy and Girl team laid a reef on behalf of our school community to give thanks. Do watch out for our school magazine at the end of the term for a full report on the service written by our Head Girl, Aaima.



### World Nursery Rhyme Week

The children across the Early Years were working really hard last week to take part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. Throughout the week they learned a range of Nursery rhymes including: Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock and Row Row Row your Boat. The children sung a new Nursery Rhyme in school each day and were then challenged to go home and sing the sings with their families. Once the children were able to sing the songs, families were asked to upload videos of their children singing them on the Google Classroom. This then meant that the children could watch themselves perform the rhymes on the big screen at school, which they have loved doing. The children who did this every day across the week will be receiving a special certificate. The children across Early Years will also be performing their Nursery Rhymes to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 today.

### Celebrating Diwali

We had our second session of our Cultural Calendar in the Early Years last week and this time it was all about celebrating the Hindu festival, Diwali. The children and families learned all about the festival and the story of Rama and Sita. They also had the opportunity to make little diva lights, make lots of beautiful Rangoli patterns and taste some of the delicious foods they eat during the celebrations.



## Attending school

Attending school every day is essential. Any absence is a missed opportunity for learning.

Our attendance target this year is **94%** Let's work together to make this happen!

**Well done** to those classes, whose attendance exceeds our target this week.

Class	Overall Weekly %
<b>Class</b>	<b>Overall Weekly %</b>
<b>Einstein AM</b>	78%
<b>Einstein PM</b>	82%
<b>Einstein Full Time</b>	89%
<b>Livingstone</b>	87%
<b>Ennis</b>	90%
<b>Donaldson</b>	95%
<b>Wonder</b>	91%
<b>Palin</b>	94%
<b>Milne</b>	93%
<b>Lincoln</b>	94%
<b>Pankhurst</b>	97%
<b>Mandela</b>	94%
<b>Wiberforce</b>	90%
<b>Roots</b>	94%
<b>Buble</b>	97%
<b>Da Vinci</b>	94%

We look forward to seeing your designs.

## Garden Workforce Day

We were really sorry to have had to make the decision to reschedule our first Garden Force Day of the academic year. However, we do hope that you will join us on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, where we hope the weather will be a little drier. A huge thank you too for all of the children who came into school in their green on Thursday and donating those £1.00s so that we can purchase some products for the outside areas.

Ms Revell and Mrs Bull



## Waterproof Walkers Competition



Last Friday, our newly appointed JTAs delivered two very special assemblies to the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children to officially introduce themselves to the school community and to share our very exciting competition. They did really well with the presenting of the information and answered a lot of questions that the children had. We are really excited about our Waterproof Walkers Competition and would like the children to design the funkiest pair of wellies to ensure that we can walk to school **every day**, even when it is raining. The designs will be judged on whether they are bright, originality and possible links to the school/Federation. Entries can be on one of the templates shared or the children can put their design on an old wellington boot. The deadline for the entries is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

