



Monday 22nd January 2024

Dear Families,

A very Happy New Year to you all. We really do hope that you have all had a wonderful break and that you have had a great start to 2024.

Children's Parliament



Our Head Boy and Girl were invited to attend Merton's first Children's Parliament. There were 17 schools represented and each school was invited to share a key priority of focus in their own school. Priorities ranged from improving school lunches and playtimes to improving attendance on a Friday and providing more opportunities for reducing the amount of litter in and around the school. Our team proudly presented their key priority of: the planning of mindfulness activities to support all children's ability to successfully build relationships.

The children were then invited to speak to other school representatives about what they would like to see being improved in the London Borough of Merton. There was a unanimous sense of focussing on 'equality' and so it was agreed after a small vote to focus on equal access to all equipment in all green spaces/parks. It was inspiring to be involved on a larger scale in the future of the London Borough of Merton. We look forward to our next meeting next half-term and in the meantime we will continue to focus on our 'key priority' and we will update you all, as we progress.



Attendance Matters

As you will be aware, one of our big drives this year is to improve the attendance of the children at Lonesome. This week Mrs Bull has been seeking the children's views on ways in which we can improve the attendance further through our 'Lonesome is Listening', which captures the pupils voice at Lonesome. Every class across the school has had a special circle time where they had the opportunity to talk about the importance of attendance and think about incentives we could introduce to improve attendance, particularly on a Friday. Mrs Bull would like to offer the children a weekly 'reward' to the classes that achieve above 94% on a Friday. The reward would then be given to the children the following Friday to ensure that the attendance of all children



remains a priority. Incentives such as a lunch time pizza party, personalised certificates etc. were discussed.

The discussion from each class were recorded in the Lonesome is Listening books and these will be shared with the Head Boy and Girl team, who will then feedback to Mrs Bull. We cannot wait to find out what the final incentive will be.

The attendance for this last week is as follows:

Class	Percentage %
Einstein AM	93%
Einstein PM	85%
Einstein Full Time	91%
Livingstone	87%
Donaldson	95%
Ennis	97%
Wonder	94%
Palin	93%
Lincoln	96%
Milne	95%
Mandela	86%
Pankhurst	91%
Wilberforce	93%
Roots	93%
Da Vinci	93%
Buble	94%
Total	93%

A huge well done to Donaldson, Ennis, Wonder, Lincoln, Milne and Bubl  Classes, as they all achieved above 94% attendance last week.



Homework Heroes



A huge well done to our Homework Heroes for autumn 2. We had some incredible work brought into school which included: a space scene, Egyptian mask, a space suit and a fabulous North Pole scene. All of the work is now being show cased in the office foyer. Do come and have a look if you get a chance.

Class	Homework Hero
Ennis	Olek
Donaldson	Khaliq
Palin	
Milne	Thaksetha
Pankhurst	Daniel
Mandela	Ariadne
Wilberforce	Oskar
Roots	Melissa
Da Vinci	Aaima



Do you have a budding Young Artist at home?

As an opportunity to showcase the talent and skills of young people across the country, the **Royal Academy of Arts** invite children aged 4-19 years old to submit a piece of art work for judging by 27th March 2024.

If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please visit www.youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk

Wishing you all a wonderful week - Mrs Bull and Ms Revell