

BEDIFFERENT BULLETIN



31st March 2025

Dear Families,

The Big Walk and Wheel

Our Junior Travel Ambassador's did a fabulous job of encouraging the children to choose healthier ways to travel to school. They enjoyed being on the gate each morning to celebrate those who were walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school. The JTA's enjoyed talking to the children about this challenge during assemblies. We still have one week to go so keep up the challenge!



WINNER'S WEDNESDAY

Well done to Beckham Class who won the last pizza parties! We look forward to seeing other classes win the Pizza Party next!



Marcus Rashford Day

The children enjoyed our very first Marcus Rashford themed day. The learning focused on the life and achievements of Marcus Rashford. Children were engrossed in their learning and were able to gain a better understanding of Marcus, the well-known footballer, children's author and food poverty campaigner. It was great to see the huge amount of food donations that arrived into school ready to be given to the Wimbledon Foodbank. A big thank you to you all.

All children and staff came into school wearing red, green and gold – colours from the flags of Jamaica and St Kitts, representing his heritage. We had a wonderful football themed breakfast at Breakfast Club in recognition of his food poverty campaign.



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'Are you a Mathlete?' top 3 WINNERS!

We are happy to announce the results of the 3rd and 4th rounds of the top 3 'Are you a Mathlete' winner for the second half of the spring term so far! We look forward to giving out the well-deserved certificates in assembly. We look forward to seeing who the WINNING class will be at the end of this term! The Head Boy/Girl team will then decide as to what the prize will be.

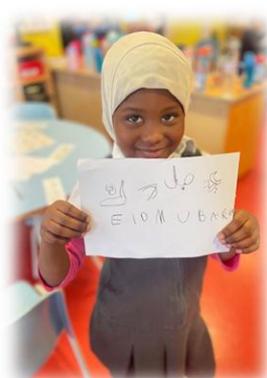


Week	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Week 3	Potter 17,228 (avg 574)	Presley 10,392 (avg 371)	Attenborough 7,145 (avg 340)
Week 4	Attenborough 7,691 (avg 366)	Luther King 6,353 (avg 244)	Presley 5,629 (avg 201)



Celebration of Cultures

The Early Years children loved welcoming their families to school for their Cultural celebration of Eid. It was wonderful to see families joining us for this event. The children enjoy making Eid cards, trying transitional sweet drinks and eating dates as well as other activities. We look forward to welcoming our families for the very egg-citing Easter bonnet parade!



Ground Force Work Day

THANK YOU to all the staff, families and children who joined us to improve our outside garden area. Lots of weeding, digging, painting and planting happened. Our garden area is really starting to take shape. Please do keep an eye out for when the next ground force work day will be.



SingFest with the Choir

Our Choir had a wonderful time last week performing their songs that they had been learning during their weekly choir sessions. They enjoyed performing to other Merton schools at the Mitcham Parish Church.



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Class	Percentage %
Holmes AM	95%
Holmes PM	100%
Holmes Full Time	100%
Beckham	99%
Kingsley	97%
Potter	97%
Mozart	97%
Luther King	96%
Farah	96%
Presley	99%
Attenborough	97%
Monet	99%
Gates	97%

Attendance

We are really pleased with our daily and weekly attendance percentages. An astounding 12 classes met or exceeded our attendance target of 96% this last week.

Please don't forget that this coming week that your child must be in school every day to earn themselves a Movie Night (Years 1-6) on Wednesday 23rd April. If your child is celebrating Eid on Monday 31st March, we will only count their attendance from Tuesday to Friday. Wouldn't it be great, if we managed to have the whole school in school for one day next week. We can do this!

Worried about your child's mental health:

As parents and carers, there are ways we can them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. child to think about their emotions is a vital skill young age.



Ways to support your child:

Be there to listen. Regularly ask your child how they are feeling to help them get used to talking about their feelings and to know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Support them through difficulties.

Understand that behaviour is a sign of communication. If your child is behaving differently, there may a reason why. Use this as a time to try and work through their difficulties together. Try to get them to understand their feelings and why.

Take what they say seriously. Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways; remember, that as a school, we are here to support with these discussions too.

 <p>Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 or www.giveusashout.org</p>	 <p>Samaritans 24/7 365 days a year - they are here to listen and provide support Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org https://www.samaritans.org/</p>	 <p>Childline confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem Call: 0800 1111 anytime or online chat with a counsellor</p>	 <p>Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person Call: 0800 068 41 41 or Text: 07880 039967 (opening hours 9am to midnight - 365 days a year)</p>
 <p>The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25 Call: 0808 808 4994 (11am - 11pm every day) or Email https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support</p>	 <p>Crisis Tools helps professionals support young people in crisis - short accessible video guides and text resources Sign up for free resources https://crisistools.org.uk/</p>	 <p>Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Studentline 0808 801 0811 (9am - 8pm during the week and 4pm - 8pm on weekends and bank holidays)</p>	 <p>Good Thinking is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing including free NHS-approved apps https://www.good-thinking.uk/</p>