



25th November 2024

Dear Families,

Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl team

The Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl team attended the War Memorial Service last week to pay their respect ahead of Remembrance Sunday. The team lay a poppy wreath in memory of those that fought bravely in world wars. They also enjoyed meeting the Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl teams across the Federation, as they also attended this service.



Nursery Rhyme Challenge

The Nursery and Reception children spent one week learning 5 different Nursery Rhymes. They enjoyed performing their rhymes to our Year 1 children last week. This was their first time performing to an audience of children and they did a wonderful job! It was lovely to see that 9 children had completed the challenge by performing their rhymes at home and uploading this onto the Google Classroom. Well done to Adam, Vicente, Andre and Rithika from Holmes Class and to Alex, Honor, Edward, Suheyla and Leon from Beckham Class.



WINNER'S WEDNESDAY



Well done to Attenborough Class who won the Pizza Party last week! Well done to Potter Class, Mozart Class, Beckham Class, Attenborough Class and Monet Class who have all won Pizza Parties so far this academic year.



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The Head Boy and Girl team have been super busy this week! They have started hearing children read across Year 1 and this has been wonderful to see. The younger children have started to build a trusting relationship with the older children and understand that they are there to help them to become better at reading.



The Waterproof Walkers WINNERS!

The JTA's were very excited to have planned their first competition that encouraged more children to walk to school whatever the weather. The number of entries received was phenomenal. The team had a tough time deciding which entries would be the winning ones. I am pleased to announce the winning entries. These will be displayed in the school. The children have already received their prize.

Waterproof Walkers WINNERS	
Beckham	Viktoria
Potter	Mirta
Presley	Tasnim
Gates	Athisaya



Mitcham's Switch-On event

We are pleased to let you know that the William Morris Choir have been invited to sing at the Christmas Lights Switch-On event on Friday 29th November. A number of Merton school's choirs will be attending to sing various Christmas songs and it will be lovely to have you join us too. The event will start at 4.00 pm so please pop down to join the festive cheer.



'Are you a Mathlete?' top 3 WINNERS!

We are happy to announce the results of the first two rounds of the top 3 'Are you a Mathlete' winners! Well done to these winning classes so far. We look forward to giving out the well-deserved certificates in assembly. I look forward to seeing who the WINNING class will be next week.



Week	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Week 1 4/11	Monet 12,504 (avg 595)	Gates 15,873 (avg 512)	Farah 6671 (avg 247)
Week 2 11/11	Presley 33,910 (avg 1,211)	Potter 18,399 (avg 634)	Gates 16,102 (avg 519)



Class	Percentage %
Holmes AM	84%
Holmes Full Time	96%
Beckham	96%
Kingsley	76%
Potter	92%
Mozart	92%
Luther King	94%
Farah	96%
Presley	94%
Attenborough	96%
Monet	97%
Gates	99%

Attendance

As you will all be aware, every child's attendance is tracked very carefully and we do this because our job is to make sure that your child receives the education that they deserve. We know and can see that if a child misses more than 4% of school a year, they will not reach the educational standard expected of them and their attitude to school is at risk of becoming negative and challenging.

Our attendance target for this academic year is now 96%, which is the national average.

Please take note of the grid below, as this will tell you how much school your child misses each year that they fall below the expectation of 96%. This could be the difference of not achieving and achieving at the age related expectation by the time that your child finishes Primary School.

Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent	Approximately this many weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
100%	0	0	0 lessons
95%	9 ½ days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	28 ½ days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	300 lessons
50%	95 days	19 weeks	475 lessons

We are more than happy to work with you to improve your child's attendance, because we want them to be the best that they can be. Every child has the right to a **complete** Education.

Thank you for your support and understanding,

Mrs Bull and Miss Akhtar



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