

Spring Term Number 9

Week ending
10th March 2023



Dear Parents and Governors

Learn – Achieve – Enjoy
“Exceptional Pastoral Care” (Ofsted, September 2018)

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th March	Y3 Intensive swimming course
Wed 15 th /Thurs 16 th March	Proposed Teacher Strike Days – <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 17th March	9-10.30am Parent Workshop on Gangs and County Lines
Mon 20 th /Tues 21 st March	Gang/Weapon workshops for Y3-6
Thursday 23 rd March	National day of Reflection
Thursday 23 rd March	Reception trip to Polka theatre Jack v Giant
Monday 27 th March	Easter Bonnet parade + Easter raffle drawn
	PARENTS’ EVENING – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.10pm for Reception to Year 6
	Nursery open for FULL TIME pupils only
Wednesday 29 th March	Nursery last day for Spring term
Friday 31 st March	MUFTI day for Winning Hummingbird Team
Friday 31 st March	Term ends 1.30pm

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Have you been concerned about the recent weapons activity in the local area?

On **Friday 17th March**, we are pleased to be able to offer a very important workshop that I would encourage all parents to attend. Unfortunately, knife crime is something that is all too common in London. Victims and perpetrators are getting younger. Children in primary school are increasingly being groomed to participate in gang activity in some form. Because of the recent activity and arrests in the local area, we want to be proactive in ensuring that we educate our children to prevent them making the wrong decisions. This workshop is about supporting parents to identify and respond appropriately to support our children.

Please put this date in your diary to attend – tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided. The workshop is 9-10 with a Q&A opportunity at the end for 30 minutes.

SOS+ Programme

Our gang and county lines parents’ session

consists of **speakers with lived experience** within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the **realities and consequences** of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an **authentic and credible understanding** of this complex and cross cutting issue.



Parent Awareness Coffee Morning

The session will help parents and carers to identify the **signs and triggers** that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of **how to appropriately respond** to such indicators.

Delivered by Rosanna

Morden Primary

St Giles

Turning a past into a future

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09:00 - 10:30

17/03/2023

Booking and enquiries:
sospluswebinars@stgilestrust.org.uk

For more information:
deren.philips@stgilestrust.org.uk

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORISED HOLIDAY LEAVE - FINES

Our attendance records, including requests for leave, are monitored closely by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who is employed by Merton Council. Her role is to work with schools, children, and their families to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time. Where requests for holidays in term time are made, and these are refused, the EWO can instruct the school that a fine will be issued by the council. Please note that the charge is £120 per child per parent. (i.e. £240 per child with a two parent family). Please can I urge you not to take holidays during term time.

DENTAL AND EYE APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME

A reminder that parents should make regular dental and eye test appointments out of school hours, unless it's an emergency. We understand that children with long-standing medical conditions must attend NHS appointments as provided. We also understand that allocated NHS hospital appointments cannot be helped. Please make an effort to book regular check ups out of school hours.

Beat the Street is coming to Merton

A popular interactive game that encourages people to walk, cycle and wheel is set to launch in Merton. The game is free and open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Merton and will take place across the borough from Wednesday 15 March to Wednesday 26 April.

More than 1.5 million people have played Beat the Street so far, in more than 120 locations across the UK, including Glasgow, Llanelli, Sheffield and Torbay. It has been designed to get communities to become more active and to make small lifestyle changes, such as walking or cycling to school or work more often. Beat the Street has a significant impact on increasing levels of physical activity among adults and children. It also helps reduce congestion, improving air quality, and helps families spend time together, exploring local green spaces.

To play, children use a special tap card and paper map, which will be distributed by participating primary schools. Adults can pick up their free card from one of Merton's libraries or leisure centres. Players over the age of 13 can download the free Beat the Street app to play the game by tapping their phone.

Beat the Street Merton has been commissioned by Merton Council and NHS South West London with support from the National Lottery via Sport England. It is being delivered by Intelligent Health. Please see the attached flyer for more information, the website www.beatthestreet.me/merton and on social media at @BTSMerton

Visit new places, have fun and win prizes!

Check out your dashboard to see what awards you have earned and which ones you can still play for. You can play using cards or our Beat the Street App (age 13+!)



How to play



1 Create your Beat the Street account on our website at beatthestreet.me/merton or by downloading our Beat the Street App via Google Play or the App Store.



2 Add family members, and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.



3 Start your journey. Find your nearest Beat Box using paper or digital map and hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. If playing with the app, tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points.



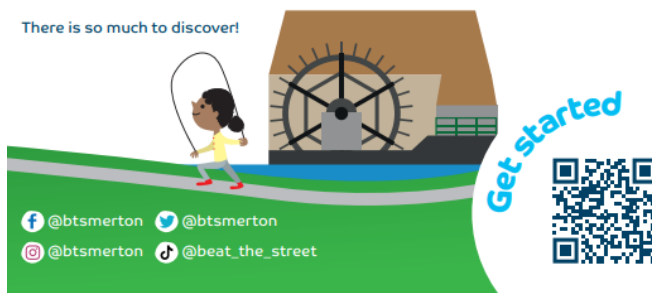
4 Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box – this is 20 points for the journey.



5 Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Box you visit.

By playing with the Beat the Street App you can get access to exclusive features! Collect Gems, choose an avatar to represent you and raise the competition with our team leaderboards.

There is so much to discover!



15 March - 26 April 2023

Beat the Street

Merton

Play the free, fun, walking, cycling and rolling game!

Create a team with your friends and colleagues or join your school team and you could win loads of great prizes. Visit beatthestreet.me to find out more.

[f](https://www.facebook.com/btstmerton) [i](https://www.instagram.com/btstmerton) [t](https://www.tiktok.com/@beat_the_street) [y](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



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LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FLYERS THAT WILL BE COMING HOME NEXT WEEK WITH FURTHER INFORMATION

MR SMITH'S FOOTBALL TRAINING CLUB

Mr Smith will be running inclusive football training sessions at Morden for ages 4-11 from 26th April. Multisports4all is Mr Smith's own sports company and we are excited that he will be based at Morden Primary from 26th April. This is a club external to Morden and enquiries should be made on the phone number or website below. Feel free to share this with your friends and family as the club is open to all children, from any school, in this age group.

http://www.multisports4all.co.uk/store/p5/Football_Training.html#/

A promotional poster for a football training club. The background is a green football pitch with white lines. At the top, there is a blue banner with a hole on the left. Inside the banner, the text 'FOOTBALL TRAINING' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the right of this text is a logo consisting of a white hand holding a blue 'M' inside a white square, with the text 'MULTISPORTS4ALL' underneath. Below the banner, the text 'BOYS & GIRLS INCLUSIVE SESSION' is written in white. The main body of the poster contains the following text: 'EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 26TH APRIL - 24TH MAY (5 WEEKS)', 'MORDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL LONDON RD, MORDEN SM4 5PX', 'AGES 4-6 YEARS OLD 4:15PM - 5:15PM', 'AGES 7-11 YEARS OLD 5:30PM - 6:30PM', '£7 A SESSION OR £30 UPFRONT FOR THE TERM'. On the right side, there is a large blue graphic with the text 'SHOW YOUR SKILL' in white, distressed font. At the bottom right, there is a blue silhouette of a person running. At the bottom left, there is a blue banner with the text 'MORE INFO', a phone icon followed by '07568481994', 'REGISTER NOW AT', and a globe icon followed by 'WWW.MULTISPORTS4ALL.CO.UK'.

FOOTBALL TRAINING

MULTISPORTS4ALL

BOYS & GIRLS INCLUSIVE SESSION

EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 26TH APRIL - 24TH MAY
(5 WEEKS)

MORDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
LONDON RD, MORDEN
SM4 5PX

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Domestic Abuse

We are here to
support you...

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, then confidential advice and support is available at:
THE ONE STOP SHOP, Mondays 9.30am – 12 noon, Morden Baptist Church, Crown Lane, Morden SM4 5BL (Closed on bank holidays)
Information: 020 7801 1777 merton.gov.uk/domesticviolence

Victim Support
Merton Domestic Violence
Workers
020 7801 1777

24-hour National Domestic
Violence Freephone Helpline
(access to refuge)
0808 2000 247

Men's Advice Line
(for male victims)
0808 801 0327

Galop
(service for LGBTQ victims)
020 7704 2040

Respect (for people who are
abusive towards their partners)
0808 802 4040

Rape and Sexual Abuse
Support Centre South London
0808 802 9999

NSPCC Helpline
0808 800 5000



HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Hummingbird Winners for this week:

BRONZE: Priyal

GOLD: Borislav, William, Demi-Rai

PLATINUM: Lucas

HUMMINGBIRD: Jude, Callum, Jumaymah

BRONZE 2: Kyran, Devonae, Jessica M.

GOLD 2: Koini, Nomana

PLATINUM 2: Charlie

Comet

392

Firecrown

374

Rufous

373

Xantus

347

Zafiro

365

READING KINDLE WINNERS

Every child in Y1-Y6 who has 5 adult signatures Wednesday to Wednesday, has their name entered into a raffle. Three winners are selected in assembly to win our Kindles for a week. This week's winners are:

- Y1&2 – Borislav
- Y3&4 - Aurora
- Y5&6 - Charlie



Well done everyone and keep reading! **Miss Diamant, Acting Literacy Leader**

BOOK WEEK

Last week we had Book Week, where the children enjoyed their performance workshops and dress-up day.

We were delighted with how many children (and adults!) dressed-up as their favourite book character



s and also met the challenge of bringing in the book! We would like to thank you, the parents/carers, for making this happen. All of the children shared their costumes in our Tuesday assembly and it was very difficult for the teachers to choose our class winners, but well done to –

Nursery: Ellie as the witch from Christopher's pumpkin and Nika as Barbie

Yellow Class: Betsy as Matilda

Red Class: Johannes as the Highway rat

Green Class: Alexa as Little Red Riding Hood

Blue Class: Arthur as a police officer from Cops & Robbers

Purple Class: Priyal as Sophie from the BFG

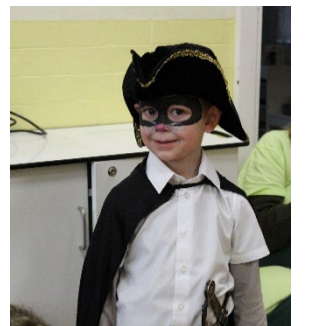
Silver Class: Hareni as Mary Poppins

Gold Class: Georgie as Gangster Granny.



Please see the website for more photographs and remember to keep reading!

Mary Poppins - Acting Literacy Lead



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

w/e 10th March 2023 Week 9

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
Yellow	Ariah	For outstanding home learning!	Amira	Challenge – for not only researching, but writing information about Australia too. She completed this as part of her home learning task.
Red	Koshin	For his amazing effort in Phonics and Literacy – learning his sounds.	Melody	Responsibility – for all her effort when completing her work in class.
Green	Tommy	For working so hard with your writing this week. Well done Tommy.	William	For showing resilience and challenge in his learning this week. Well Done William.
Blue	Phoebe	Literacy – for working well with her table and the adult to gather amazing verbs, adjectives and adverbs for her story map.	Adel	Respect – For showing intense concentration and responding well to the swimming teacher.
Purple	Faraz	For always joining in class discussions and having a 'can do' attitude.	Jaheim	Challenge - For challenging himself during the Tag Rugby event.
Silver	Lovinda	For summarising key events from a text well.	Ryan	Teamwork – For working really well with your new learning partner.
Gold	Sidney	For a great piece of work showing how all the senses are involved in Hindu worship in R.E.	Kyan	Resilience – keeping going in Reading to really practise and demonstrate great inference skills.



Easteroo

Our Easter-themed creative craft competition for schools and families

What is it all about?

Anyone, any age, anywhere can take part: just let your imagination run free. Enter anything based on one of our four Easter themes: eggs, bunnies, spring flowers or cute Easter chicks. Paint, draw, sculpt, bake... choose any medium you like and get cracking!

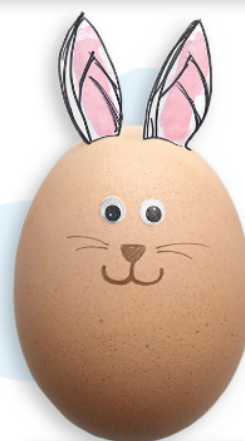
Competition time!

We have some great prizes to give away for innovative and stand-out entries. Prizes include book bundles from Farshore, craft hampers from The Works and chocolate from Kinnerton.

It's so easy to take part

1. Create your Easter-themed design
2. Take a clear photo or scan it
3. Upload your creation to the ootiboo website

We'll add your entry to the gallery and enter you into our competition.



Begins
Friday March 3rd

Ends
Monday April 10th

Find out more at:
ootiboo.com



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YUMMY EASTER MENU

On Wednesday 29th March our kitchen will be serving up a delicious Easter Menu. Please see full details in the poster.



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**Multi Sport & Activities
Camp**
Ages 5 – 12



Time/Date
Mon 3rd April – Thursday 6th April
10am – 3pm

Venue:
Morden Primary School, London Rd,
SM4 5PX



Activities

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Handball
- Arts & Crafts

Sign up on our website:
www.theloninamangabridgetrust.com
or
loninamangabridgetrust@outlook.com

Instagram:
[@theloninamangabridgetrust](https://www.instagram.com/theloninamangabridgetrust)
[@multisport4all](https://www.instagram.com/multisport4all)

Phone: 07939829867

Look out for further information about Mr Smith's Multi-Sport Activities camp being held in the Easter holidays.

The Activities camp staff are experienced in supporting children with SEN, including those with EHCPs.

HAF codes will be accepted at this club.




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MERTON UPLIFT APRIL WORKSHOPS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

CONTACT: 020 3513 5888 | EMAIL: MertonWellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk | Book direct on Eventbrite: Merton Uplift events. All workshops are FREE of charge and available for those aged 18+ and a Merton resident or registered with a Merton GP

WELLBEING

RELAXATION & MINDFUL WALKING
WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL | 11.00 - 12.00 | MORDEN HALL PARK

BUILDING SELF-CONFIDENCE
THURSDAYS 13TH & 20TH APRIL | 11.00-12.30 | ONLINE

LIVING WELL WITH PAIN
MONDAY 17TH APRIL | 12.00 - 14.00 | ONLINE

WELLBEING FOR CARERS
WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL | 11.30 - 13.00 | ONLINE

COPING WITH STRESS USING RELAXATION TECHNIQUES
FRIDAY 28TH APRIL | 12.30 - 14.00 | COLLIERS WOOD LIBRARY

EMPLOYMENT

GETTING BACK TO WORK
WEDNESDAY 19TH & 26TH APRIL | 11.30 - 13.00 | ONLINE

STAYING WELL AT WORK
THURSDAYS 20TH & 27TH APRIL | 17.30 - 19.00 | ONLINE

MERTON UPLIFT RECOVERY COLLEGE

MANAGING SLEEP
THURSDAYS 27TH & 4TH MAY | 11.00 - 12.30 | ONLINE



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MERTON UPLIFT MARCH WORKSHOPS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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WELLBEING

RELAXATION & MINDFUL WALKING
WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH | 11.00 - 12.00 | MORDEN HALL PARK

MANAGING ANGER
MONDAY 13TH MARCH | 12.00 - 13.30 | ONLINE

FOOD & MOOD
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH | 10.30 - 12.00 | ONLINE

COPING WITH STRESS
MONDAY 27TH MARCH | 14.30 - 16.00 | WIMBLEDON LIBRARY

EMPLOYMENT

GETTING BACK TO WORK
WEDNESDAY 22ND & 29TH MARCH | 11.30 - 13.00 | ONLINE

AVOIDING BURNOUT AT WORK
THURSDAY 30TH MARCH | 17.30 - 19.00 | ONLINE

MERTON UPLIFT RECOVERY COLLEGE

UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION
THURSDAY 23RD MARCH | 11.00 - 13.00 | ONLINE



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Mothers Day Raffle Tickets on Sale

We have some fantastic prizes for this years raffle, including a luxury hamper, candles, beauty gifts and lots more.

Tickets are £1 a strip. Please send in your form to the school office to order your tickets.

Draw will take place on Thursday 16th March.

EASYFUNDRAISING – Please do sign up – it’s easy. We only have 66 supporters at present.

We’ve registered Morden Primary School - Surrey with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it’s completely FREE and doesn’t take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary/>

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

