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— Good News Friday —

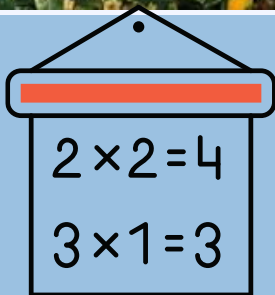
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From the Headteacher:

Friday 9th October 2026



TIMES TABLE
SUPERSTARS

**Bronze: Kairo,
Sashini, Mahin,
Waleed, Swopnil.**

**Platinum: Isra,
Rayan, Basam,
Moksh.**



Celebrating Success

Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Sara.
Maple: Charlie.
Willow: Nancie, Ottolie.
Ash: Nellie.
Oak: Daniela.
Sycamore: George.

Pine: Mishaal.
Cedar: Marco.
Rowan: Haddiya.
Larch: Gabriella.
Juniper: Marcellus.
Redwood: Joshua.

Learners of the Week:

Nursery: Aubrey.
Maple: Winnie.
Willow: Bianca.
Ash: Carter.
Oak: Amelia.
Sycamore: Milo, Sashini.

Pine: Daniel.
Cedar: Rhea.
Rowan: JJ.
Larch: Poppy F.
Juniper: Jayden.
Redwood: Alina.

Best attendance: Sycamore with 99.3%



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Learning this week in EYFS and KS1...

Nursery

Our Nursery children kicked off an exciting new learning journey with the classic tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. In small groups, the children have been trying their hands at making porridge—a delicious hands-on activity that will continue into next week. In the messy area, they were busy pouring and mixing oats, building their confidence and developing important fine motor and cooking skills. The home corner underwent a magical transformation into the Three Bears' cozy cottage! During snack time there was much debate among the children as they weighed up whether they would rather be Goldilocks or one of the bears. What would you choose?



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Reception

It has been a wonderfully busy and action-packed week for the Reception children! They have had a fantastic time bringing the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* to life, mastering the lively actions and using their story maps to retell the adventure with growing confidence. In maths, the class has been exploring positional language and bringing concepts to life by singing plenty of energetic nursery rhymes. Alongside all of this, the children have been having thoughtful, heartwarming discussions about the things that are special to them and why.

Year 1

There has been lots of laughter in year 1 this week, reading *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*. The children have enjoyed seeing the chameleon with all the different body parts of different animals all jumbled up. We look forward to them writing their own versions of the story next week and are excited to see what mixed up animals they create. This has linked in nicely with their science learning, finding out that chameleons are reptiles. They have also enjoyed learning about animals and what they eat, learning new language, such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.



Year 2

Year 2 have loved exploring their new book this week, *The Lonely Beast*. They have been thinking carefully about how the characters are feeling at different points in the story and have enjoyed interviewing the Beast himself! They asked him a range of probing questions, including, "What is your favourite cake?", "How old are you?" and "What is it like to be lonely?" The children have also begun to explore their local area by using Google Earth to locate their homes. They have been developing their map-reading skills and investigating different map symbols, too.



Learning this week in KS2...

Year 3

What a busy and delicious week it has been in Year 3! The children have been putting their culinary skills to the test in DT, learning how to chop fruit and vegetables safely using the bridge and claw grips. They then became budding chefs, designing and making their very own tasty tarts with the challenge of including as many food groups as possible! In English, they have been exploring a new fable, *The Lion and the Mouse*, using descriptive vocabulary and a variety of sentence openers to bring their writing to life. In maths, the children have been tackling tricky number lines with different scales, showing fantastic determination when finding missing numbers. They have also stepped back in time in geography, exploring settlements and discovering how our local area has changed, and in some ways stayed the same, over hundreds of years.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of geography! They used atlases to locate the continent of North America and the countries within. The children also really enjoyed using their map skills to match flags to each country. As part of our Ukraine Day, the children learnt about Ukraine's location in Europe, its landscape, as well as its fascinating language and culture.



Year 5

The super scientists in year 5 loved showing off their knowledge of material properties as they classified items into Venn diagrams. They were able to develop their own questions, and set up and carry out their investigations to see what, if anything, impacts the rate sugar dissolves in water. In English, they built on their geography work to write powerful letters suggesting ways for everyone to reduce energy use in their homes. In maths, confident at strategies for addition and subtraction, they have started looking at different methods for checking their answers, including rounding and inverse calculations.



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy developing their research skills as they learned about Jack Cornwell and Walter Tull. In English and history, pupils carried out some excellent research into their lives and achievements, discussing their contributions and gathering information in preparation for writing biographies next week. In maths, they practised short division and began tackling the more challenging method of long division. In science, the children explored how the eye responds to light and learned about its different parts, including the retina, iris, pupil and optic nerve.

Enrichment...

We had a lovely day on Wednesday, celebrating European Day of Languages with the local Ukrainian Community. Our Ukrainian children came in traditional dress and were our experts for the day. They did an incredible job!

We also had a group of people come in from a local group to lead an assembly to tell us about Ukraine and its traditions and lead some activities. Mr Donegan was even presented with a very special loaf of bread from our visitors.

EYFS and KS1 learned about the importance of bread in Ukrainian culture and joined in with the story of Kolobok, (a bread roll) which is similar to The Gingerbread Man, while KS2 found out about the meaning of embroidery patterns and designed their own patterned bookmarks.

As well as that, we tried to learn some words and expressions in Ukrainian and we made sunflowers in 7 different ways! You'll be seeing them around the school very soon.

Thank you so much to everyone who came in and helped this to be a very special day and to the children who were our wonderful experts.



New Partners

We are delighted to have been chosen by the British Council to take part in the UK-Ukraine Partnerships programme which aims to share the joy of reading and create connections between communities in the UK and Ukraine. This unique new initiative supports schools to build lasting international partnerships, and explore reading as a tool to expand horizons, build confidence and boost mental wellbeing.

Our partner school is Oleksandriia Gymnasium named after D.I. Chyzhevskyi, which is located in the Kirovohrad region. Our year 5 classes will work together on activities to encourage reading for pleasure, building an understanding of each other's cultures through a common love for reading. We look forward to sharing more about the project as the year progresses.



Record breakers

We were excited to join readers from around the world to help the National Literacy trust and British Council in their attempt to set a new Guinness World Record title for the most people reading online in 12 hours as part of the Take 10 to Read campaign. Children in years 1-3 joined Rashmi Siredeshpande and Nakul P for a special reading of *Super Uma* and drawing workshop, whilst years 4-6 enjoyed *The Blockbusters!* with Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Hopefully the record will be confirmed and we will be able to share our official certificate soon!

Enrichment...



On 2nd October, our Year 4 and 5 football team took part in a fantastic competition at Tooting & Mitcham, alongside 14 local schools. The boys showed brilliant attitudes throughout the day and demonstrated an increasing level of skill and confidence as the games progressed. We were thrilled to be awarded the REfSPECT Award, voted for by the other schools. The boys were absolutely delighted and thoroughly deserved this recognition for their fantastic sportsmanship!

On 7th October, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Hockey Skills Festival. The teams did brilliantly, scoring some excellent goals and showing fantastic teamwork and determination throughout the event. We were especially delighted to be announced as the REfSPECT winners, voted for by the other schools—a wonderful recognition of the respect and sportsmanship shown by our pupils.

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded the Bronze Healthy Early Years London Award — and even more delighted to be the ONLY school in Merton to have achieved this award for Early Years!

A huge WELL DONE to our entire Early Years team for their incredible hard work, dedication and commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of our youngest children. This award is a wonderful recognition of the amazing work we do every day to support the health, happiness and wellbeing of our children and families. What a fantastic achievement!



Park Run Fun

On Sunday 4th October, we were delighted to see some familiar Malmesbury faces taking part in the Parkrun at Morden Rec! The children enjoyed a fantastic morning of running, with GB gymnast Kelly Simm there to lead the warm-up. A huge well done to all the children who took part—we are so proud of you!

Parkrun takes place every Sunday at 9am at Morden Rec SM4 6RB and is a brilliant FREE activity for families to enjoy together. Why not come along and give it a go?



Malmesbury on Film



Our new videos are both now available to view on our website – enjoy!

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[Reception](#)

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