



MELDRETH MESSAGES

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Head teacher's award:

Emily T, Ruby B, Miley C, Lukas Z, Harvey T, Charlie Ch and **Woodpecker class Robin class Learner of the Week: Toby C**

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport our trophy winners this week are...

Chloe V, Archie R, Oliver Y, Lily-Rose P, Ailish F and **Kurt P**

Writer of the Week

This week's star writer...

Jake A in Robin class. For his use of adjectives in a list of things to put in your rucksack and take on a dinosaur hunt.

Home learner of the Week

This week **Charlie St** in Chaffinch class is our home learner this week for his creative skeleton poster.

House Points

This week's house point totals are... well done Ash House Champions...

Elm
395

Beech
389

Oak
473

Ash
529

Another week has flown by and we have moved into our testing time of the year with key year groups preparing for external assessments. Staff in **Robin class** will be continuing to make careful observations of pupils' learning ready to report to you in our annual report in July. **Kingfisher class** will be completing exciting assessments during May which will help the government set a national measure for all children. These children and those in other classes will be carefully observed and assessed in order to provide you with clear information about next steps for their learning. Our **Y6 pupils in Woodpecker class** are currently working hard to do their best in **Year 6 SATs** which take place from **9th -13th May**.

Whilst these national assessments give a guide to how pupils are doing in key subjects in comparison to their peers across the country I feel it is important not to forget the wealth of learning experiences also taking place in our busy classrooms. During their time in our school children continue to develop a multitude of skills which will equip them for the world they will grow up in. These include how to communicate effectively, form relationships, develop friendships, resolve problems, work together and find new interests. I am proud of the commitment from staff and parents/carers at Meldreth Primary School in their efforts to support the development of all our children to go into the world and make a difference.

I hope you have a lovely long weekend

Thank you

Many thanks to those of you who supported our 'How to help your child' drop in's this week. It was lovely to see you and to have the opportunity to share the wealth of knowledge that we have in school. Grateful thanks to those parents who have been working with the school in our **Assessment focus group**. This work has contributed to the drop in event, parent's meetings and end of year reports and two new web pages have been created in our [Learning at Meldreth section](#) of the school website. Please take a look at our [Helping our child with Maths](#) page as **Eva R, Emma B and Harry H** show off their calculating skills and teach you how we learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 2nd May Day School closed

Tuesday 3rd Yr3/4 mini tennis

Wednesday 5th Y5 Maths Challenge

Friday 6th PTA BBQ

Monday 9th Y6 SAT's Week begins

Monday 9th Drugs Awareness evening

Monday 16th **Woodpecker** swimming begins

Wednesday 18th -20th Y4/5 Grafham Visit

Wednesday 25th **Chaffinch** swimming begins

Friday 27th May School closed

HALF TERM - Mon 30th – Fri 3rd June

Thank you to the PTA for the bark donation and especially to those who came armed with spades, rakes and wheelbarrows to spread it around the adventure playground.

Following recent training for staff in school please would you check that medicine in school including **asthma inhalers** are in date and that you have a record of any expiry dates. Thank you

Help Your Child with Phonics

On Wednesday Miss Cole provided parents who were able to 'drop in' this week with a pack of information about the Year 1 Phonics Check. The pack will give you lots of information about this assessment, what it is used for and how you can best support your child. There are also some links to some great online resources. If you would like to collect a pack, they are available from the school office.

Little Visitors

Head lice is a topic that regularly crops up in schools. It is important to remember that head lice are a problem for the whole community and not just schools. It is also important to bear in mind that head lice do not cause serious health problems.

The best way of controlling them is by early detection. To do this, families need to check their hair on a regular basis, preferably each week.

- Detect using a plastic fine tooth lice detection comb. Hair can be dry or damp but damp hair helps prevent the lice arching off with static. For very thick hair, the use of conditioner may help. Hold the comb at a 45° angle and comb small sections of hair at a time. It takes 10-15 minutes per head to check effectively.
- Only treat members of the family on which a living louse has been found.
- For treatment advice see your community pharmacist, GP, Practice Nurse, Health Visitor or School Nurse.
- Treat twice with a 7 day gap between treatments and using the same lotion- this should kill any lice that have hatched since the first treatment before they are mature enough to lay more eggs (nits).
- Detection combing should be done between the two treatments and at 3-4 day intervals after treatment is complete for 2 weeks. If a living louse is found following the second treatment, consult one of the professionals listed above.

Choir News

Choir begins next Thursday 5th May and will run every week until 7th July. Please collect, complete and return a letter from Mrs Thomas before choir begins and inform the school of any choir member who is unable to attend any session.



Kingfisher class using Bee-Bots to learn more about position and direction