

MERTON COURT

news

AUTUMN 2019



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STRONGEST ACADEMIC RESULTS SINCE 2014!



Congratulations to our S4 leavers on transitioning successfully to their new secondary schools whilst achieving great results. Here are some smiley pictures that have been sent to us. As you can see by their uniforms our leavers go to a wide variety of

destination schools, both Independent and Maintained. Our successful combination of tradition, standards, integrity and family values all combine to ensure our leavers are ready for their future challenges.

...full leavers list on page 5 ►►

Welcome back to a busy Autumn Term ahead

There are a few staff changes in school this term, Mrs Charlotte Stickings joins Miss Siobhan Melia in J2. Miss Maddie Crust will be working alongside Mrs Claire Walsham in the swimming dept and Mr Chris Jones takes over as Co-ordinator of Boys' Games.

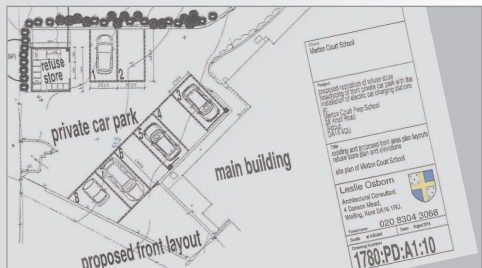
Well done to EYFS staff Mrs Kirsty Richardson and Miss Laura-Jane Thatcher on completion of their Level 4 qualifications and congratulations also go to Mr Colin Elliott and Ms Lisa Power on their summer wedding!

New Allotment area

We are developing the space next to the Junior Astro into a dedicated growing area which will include allotments for each year group as well as a wildlife area.

If you have a special interest in this or know someone who has 'green fingers' and would like to help with this exciting new project, please contact Mr Price.

Improvements to our Knoll Road Entrance and Parking



Following successful planning and highways consent, we will be starting the remodelling of the front carpark/gardens and front of the school, over the next few months. Plans will be available to view in the Sports Hall vestibule.



Past Events Summer 2019

► Maths Awards

Wednesday 12 June 2019

We were invited to Year 5 Colfe's Maths Masterclass which involved competing against other schools in Maths activities such as problem solving, a mathematical relay and higher mathematical thinking/investigation. We are delighted that Pranav Subbarayan and Sophia Uba were both awarded 1st place.

► Year 5 (S3) War Poetry Competition on Sidcup Armed Forces Day

At the end of last term a number of S3 children entered a poetry competition for Armed Forces Day.

Runners up: Isabelle Booker
Dolly Parsons
Amy Casey

Winner: Leo Jayasinghe

Their poems will now be collected into a poetry anthology that will be published.

► Ski Team Success



On Sunday 12th May one of our two teams won 3rd place in the Kent Schools Skiing Championships at Chatham.

BRONZE MEDALS

Max Postlethwaite, Hudson Flynn, Daniel Delamain, Tom Eagle.

ESF (Ecole du Ski Francais) GOLD STAR AWARD –

This is the highest award that one can achieve as a child at skiing and the following boys were awarded this on the School ski trip to Les Deux Alpes this Easter.

Daniel Delamain, Oliver Delamain, Tom Eagle.

► **Rounders**

Our S2 girls Rounders team took part in a tournament on Tuesday 21st May against four other schools. Naiya Patel, Gianna Cheung, Charlotte Tobitt, Hannah Da Costa, Daphne Postlethwaite, Zahra Sameen, Eva Stupart, Lilly Ellis, and Safia Hamad were worthy winners of the tournament.

► **Tennis Achievement**



Herbie Smith represented Kent as part of a five boy team playing u10 Tennis.

Kent won their regional heat in May, beating Sussex, Gloucester, Berkshire and Hampshire. Herbie won all four of his singles matches against the other counties and the team progressed to the National finals held in June. Herbie played in two matches there, winning both as Kent progressed to the final, eventually finishing runner-up to Middlesex.

► **Cross Country**

On Wednesday 1st May 2019, our annual Cross Country Race took place in our school fields for Years 3,4,5 & 6 with eight schools taking part. Fantastic results across the board.

Year 5 boys race Oliver Delamain 1st

Year 6 boys race Harrison Brookes 1st

Max Postlethwaite 3rd

Year 6 girls race Emily Summers 1st

Year 5 boys team event – WINNERS

Oliver Delamain, Daniel Delamain, Artie Hall, Herbie Smith

Year 6 boys team event – WINNERS

Harrison Brookes, Max Postlethwaite, Derin Mehmet and Brandon Nathan



► **Biathlon**

S1, S2, S3 & S4 attended a fixture at Farringtons with the following winners::

Year 3 Boys Tommaso Etemi

Year 4 Boys Joe Brady

Year 5 Boys Oliver Delamain

Year 6 Boys Max Postlethwaite

Year 6 Girls Emily Summers

Year 5 and Year 6 Boys

Merton Court were overall winners for Year 5 and Year 6 and received the Trophy

► **Athletics**

An extremely successful day at Norman Park, Bromley with S2, S3 and S4 along with twenty-one schools from the ISA Athletics London South Region on Tuesday 4th June. Another set of excellent results:

S4 Boys: Harrison Brookes 1st in 600m

S4 Girls: Emily Summers 1st in Long Jump

Emily Summers 1st in Ball Throw

S3 Boys: 1st in 600m

Artie Hall 3rd in 600m

Artie Hall 1st in 150m

Oliver Delamain 3rd in 150m

William Law 1st in Ball Throw

S3 Boys 1st in 4x100m relay

Oliver Delamain, Daniel Delamain, Artie Hall and William Law

S2 Girls 2nd in 4x100m relay

Darcey Cross, Summer Cambden, Hannah Da Costa and Daphne Postlethwaite

Harrison, Emily, Oliver, Daniel, William and Artie qualified for the ISA National Championships in Birmingham to represent the "London South Region." Unfortunately, Harrison and Emily were unable to attend due to the S4 Spanish Trip. However, our Year 5's did really well:

Oliver Delamain 3rd in 600m

William Law 2nd in Ball Throw

Year 5 boys relay team 4x100m finished 5th

Past Events Summer 2019

► **Swimming**

Bexley Schools Swimming Gala:

Individuals

Maisie Chambers **50m Butterfly and 100m IM** 1st

James Belton **50m Backstroke and 100m IM** 1st

Emily Summers **50m Breaststroke** 3rd

Sloane Joseph **50m Backstroke** 3rd

Teams

Boys Freestyle Relay 1st

James Belton, Tom Eagle, Joshua Hill and Alexandros Kapatos

Girls Freestyle Relay 1st

Maisie Chambers, Emily Summers, Evie Gannon and Ella Fay

Mixed Freestyle Relay 1st

Ashiya Amin, Sloane Joseph, Artie Hall and Tom Ellershaw

Mixed Freestyle Relay 2nd

Isabella Wright, Archie Bird, Oliver Delamain and Daniel Delamain

Mixed Medley Relay 1st

Maisie Chambers, Emily Summers, James Belton and Joshua Hill

Mixed Medley Relay 2nd

Archie Bird, Tom Eagle, Ella Fay and Evie Gannon

**Merton Court – Overall winners for 6th year running!
Winning the Bexley Borough Shield**

SUMMER TERM – HOUSE EVENTS WINNERS:

ATHLETICS - MODERN	ROUNDERS - SCHOOL
CRICKET - MERTON	TUG OF WAR - SCHOOL
MERIT SHIELD - SCHOOL	SCIENCE - MODERN
RELAY - MODERN	SCIENCE - MODERN

► **Music/Dance/Drama**

Our Festival of Music held last term was won by Aoife O'Mahoney. Form event winners: Senior Mahler Award to S4Ba, Junior Mahler Award to J2H. Well done to everyone who took part.

► **ISA London South Art Competition**



Last term we took part in the ISA London South Art Competition.

We are very proud that Kiana Patel was awarded 1st Prize in this year's Fashion Category. Kiana made a dress from recycled paper and newspaper. Her dress will go through to the National competition which will take place in November.

Congratulations and thank you to all entrants for their efforts.

► **Gymnastic Success**

Darcey Cross competed against elite gymnasts in London. She came 1st place for her beam and floor routines and 2nd place in the competition overall. She will now be competing as part of the London Gymnastics Team at the forthcoming Women's Artistic Voluntary Level 4 National Final in November.



► **Drama Success**

Congratulations go to Dolly Parsons (S4) who successfully auditioned at the Bob Hope Theatre for a part in Goodnight Mister Tom.



► LEAVERS 2019

ALPMEN	Arda	Eltham College (K)
AMIN	Ashiya	Townley Grammar School for Girls (N, B, K)
ARISHE	Joshua	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
BIRD	Archie	Hurstmere School
BROOKES	Harrison	Knole Academy
CASEY	Alyssa	Bromley High School for Girls Award (B, K)
CHAMBERS	Maisie	Walthamstow Hall
COLLARD	Chase	Sylvia Young Theatre School (Performing Arts Award) (Ba. H Award, BHS Award, K)
CROSS	Samuel	Farringtons School
DANFUL	Lyra	Rochester Grammar School (B, K)
ELIAS	Kirstin	Townley Grammar School for Girls (K)
ETEMI	Leon	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, E C – Schol, C, K, Sev)
FLYNN	Hudson	Coopers School
FUNG	Isabel	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School (K)
HADLAND	Ciona	Townley Grammar School for Girls (K)
KURBAN	Ayda	Chislehurst School for Girls
LIDDER	Mahaan	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School (K)
MEHMET	Derin	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
MOORE	Amber	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls (B, K)
MOORE	Talia	Farringtons School
NATHAN	Brandon	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
OGUNREMI	Ayooluwa	Newstead Wood (B, K)
O'MAHONY	Aoife	Newstead Wood (B, K)
OSEI-BONSU	Damien	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
PANG	Samuel	St Olaves's and St Saviour's Grammar School for Boys (B-Top, K)
PATEL	Kiana	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls (K)
PIPER	George	Babington House School (Sports Award) (F - Sports Schol, K)
POSTLETHWAITE	Max	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
SAMUELS	Chloe	Farringtons School
SHAFFIE	Claudia	Sevenoaks School (B, K, WH)
SIDDIQUI	Fifi	Colfe's School (Academic and Music Schol) (B-Top, BHS Schol, K)
STEPIEN	Oliver	Dartford Grammar School for Boys (B, K)
SUMMERS	Emily	Colfe's School (Academic and Sports Schol) (B, CH, K, KR – Schol)
TANDAU	Ethan	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School (K)
TOROS	Tyler	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School (K)
TRAN	Ollie	Gravesend Grammar School (K)
WRIGHT	Isabella	Walthamstow Hall (B, K)

This is a list of all our Year 6/54 children in the academic year 2018/2019

Abbreviations – places achieved but not taken:

Ba H	Babington House School	C	Colfe's School	Schol.	Scholarship
B	Bexley Selective Place	EC	Eltham College	Sev	Sevenoaks
B-Top	Bexley Top 180	F	Farringtons	St Cats	St Catherine's Bramley
BC	Brighton College	F	Farringtons	StO	St Olave's & St Saviour's Grammar School
BHS	Bromley High	JAGS	James Allen Girls School	WH	Walthamstow Hall
CH	Cobham Hall	K	Kent Selective Place		
		N	Newstead Wood		

► Money raised for charities last year (18/19):

S4 Business Challenge raised **£760.46** and the Senior Production

'Good News Week' raised **£812.04**

The total amount raised for 'London Air Ambulance' was **£1,572.50**

The total raised last academic year for 'The Wooden Spoon, NSPCC, and London Air Ambulance' was an incredible **£9,605.33**

► Charities for this academic year (19/20):

Autumn Term

St John's Access4all appeal

To create better disabled access into the church and improve toilet facilities. We will also be asking parents/children to donate any foreign coins and notes no longer needed so that we may exchange it for British pounds to help with this special appeal. More details to follow.

Spring Term

We will be raising funds for Downs Syndrome, including supporting their '**Wear Silly Socks**' Day.

Summer Term

Seal and Shore Watch (SASW)

a charity that provides rescue and rehabilitation for seals and coastal/marine wildlife, along with working hard to rid our coastline of plastic pollution through beach clean-ups and education.



School Events *Autumn 2019*

► *Pupils New Responsibilities in School This Term*

House Captains:

Merton: Evie Gannon
 Modern: Tom Eagle
 School: James Belton

Vice Captains:

Merton: Ashley & Safia Hamad
 Modern: Daniel Inwang
 School: Joe Brady

Sports Captains:

Cross Country: Oliver Delamain & Evie Gannon
 Netball: Isabelle Booker
 Rugby: Tom Eagle
 Swimming: Ella Fay & Oliver White

► *Class Prefects Autumn Term 2019*

EY Miley Blanks, Amy Casey, Artie Hall, Leo Jayasinghe
J1A Ryan Warner, Sloane Joseph
J1H Tami Fajulugbe, Tom Eagle
J2H Zain Pala, Dolly Parsons
J2M/S Isabelle Booker, Louie James
J3C William Law, Sophia Uba
J3W Ella Fay, James Belton
S1T Ollie White, Florence Peters
S1R Darcie Flynn, Oliver Davies
S2C Herbie Smith, Lilac Hastings
S2M Evie Gannon, Barry Harding
S3S Daniel Delamain, Rebecca Kidby
S3M Alicia Ambler, Oliver Delamain
Lost Property Joseph Bodie, Rebecca Kidby, Peter Chupakhin, Zain Pala, Miley Blanks, Tami Fajulugbe
Bell Yuv Pindoria, Joseph Bodie
Games store Shayen Pindoria, Peter Chupakhin
Hall/Assembly Pranav Subbarayan, Oliver McAnallen, Joshua Mwenya, Oliver Delamain
Merits –

- Juniors: William Law
- Seniors: Leo Jayasinghe

► *School Council Committees Autumn Term 2019*

Food Committee: Alicia Ambler, Oliver White, Barry Harding
Snacks: Isabelle Booker, Oliver Delamain
Estates & Maintenance: Darcie Flynn, Joseph Bodie
Digital Leaders: Dolly Parsons, Miley Blanks, Amy Casey, Sloane Joseph, Sophia Uba, Joshua Mwenya, Ryan Warner, Daniel Delamain, Tom Eagle, Peter Chupakhin
JRSO: Ella Fay, Oliver Davies
School Newspaper: William Law, Pranav Subbarayan, Rebecca Kidby, James Belton, Lilac Hastings
Charities: Yuv Pindoria, Florence Peters, Leo Jayasinghe
Wet Break: Tami Fajulugbe, Shayen Pindoria
Curriculum: Zain Pala, Herbie Smith, Louie James
Pupil Guidance: Evie Gannon, Oliver McAnallen, Artie Hall



► S3 French Trip – 11-13 September

S3's annual trip to Northern France and Belgium was as usual great fun. S3, Mr Price, Mrs Macdonald, Mr Sadikali, Mrs Meehan and Mrs Webb had a thoroughly lovely time. Using the Eurostar Shuttle and coach, S3 began by visiting the Menin Gate and St George's Church (where Merton Court has a brass commemorative plaque) in Yprès. This year we particularly commemorate the Centenary of the death in 1919 of W.M Crombie, who served with the Indian Medical Service in Mesopotamia (Syria and Iraq) and was invalided home, to be buried in Sidcup, close to his family. He was tragically the third Crombie brother from our school to have been a victim of the conflict that became known as the First World War. We visited realistic examples

of German trenches recently excavated and restored at Bayernvald, along with British and Australian trenches at Hill '62 (Sanctuary Wood), which were excellent examples of 1916 trenches.



We also laid wreaths at the graves of two old Mertonians buried in the Somme region. We once again went to the fascinating Wellington Quarry at Arras, and heard how the New Zealand Tunnellers had made these caves and grottos a refuge for 27,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers prior to the 'bloody battle of Arras'. We also visited the Somme Museum where we saw a large variety of war memorabilia and had a chance to experience a 1918 trench, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

We stayed at the Chateau d'Eblinghem and had fun making crepes on Wednesday evening (the really fun part was eating them!) On Thursday we sampled escargots at dinner before a fabulous disco until bedtime. On the Friday, S3 went to St Omer to practise their French again, going on to

the beautiful Cathedral there before visiting the excellent Nausicaa Sea Life Centre.

A good time was had by all, so thank you S3 and accompanying staff, for an excellent residential.



School Events Autumn 2019

► **Harvest Festival** – Friday 4 October 9am – J1-S4

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Friday 4 October. This will be at St John's church Sidcup and be led by our S4's the and the Senior Choir. Donations (non-perishable items only) are very welcome and will be distributed to local people, along with 'The Simon Community', a charity for the homeless, based in London.

► **Letterland/Handwriting workshop – for parents of EY-J3** – Monday 7 October 6.30pm

This year our ever-popular, interactive Letterland and Handwriting workshop will take place on Monday 7th October at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.

The format will be slightly different and parents will only attend the breakout group that is pertinent to the year group of their child. This will allow the teaching teams to convey more information and advice on how to best support your child dependent on their year group and key stage.

We look forward to seeing you there!

► **Festival of Speech & Drama** –

– Individual: Thursday 10 October (9am-3pm)
 – Forms: Friday 11 October
 EY-J3 (1.30-2pm) S1-S4 (2.15-3.30pm)

All speech categories are open to any child from J1 upwards, and drama categories from J3 upwards. All forms from EY upwards will participate in the form categories. You should have already received a letter. Please see Mrs Jones if you require any further information. No entries will be accepted after Monday 30 September. Please do consider 'having a go' in one or more of the categories. It is great fun and excellent experience, particularly in preparation for future festivals your children may wish to take part in.

► **Coffee mornings** J3 Friday 18 October

J1 Friday 13 September S4 Friday 15 November

S1 Friday 20 September S2 Friday 22 November

J2 Friday 27 September S3 Friday 29 November

As an assembly focus each year group will talk about an artist and/or an artistic style that is linked with the new art curriculum.

► **Maths Week** – Monday 14 – Friday 18 October

Maths term is to combine Maths (the focus being money) and Art. Each year group will focus on the area of money that is relevant with their Key Stage, the value of money and improve their knowledge of the monetary system. Throughout the term each year group will be taking part in an exciting MoneySense workshop in partnership with Natwest Bank. Within Maths week there will be the annual House Maths Competition and Spelling Bee.

House Maths Competition – Monday 14 October
 (S1/S2) 9am, (S3/S4) 9.45am

Maths Spelling Bee – Tuesday 15 October

Make a Maths Day Hat – Friday 18 October

► **Remembrance Day Service** –

Friday 8 November (10am)



Once again, we will be commemorating the fallen from global conflict and especially keeping in our thoughts those pupils and staff who fought and died for their country in both World Wars. This year, we particularly remember one hundred years on, Old Mertonian William Maurice Crombie, the third Crombie brother from school to lose his life as a result of the First World War. S3, will, as usual lead our service, using their recent experience of visiting the trenches in Belgium and France and we will also commemorate the events seventy five years ago, of D-Day and other battles in 1944. Following the service and the laying of wreaths in our Via Sacre, refreshments will be available to all parents and relatives, who are cordially invited to join S3, veterans and British Legion members, in the school hall.



The three Crombie brothers with their father Dr. Crombie

► **Swimming Championships (J3-S4)** –

These will be taking place from 2.30pm on Friday 15 and Friday 22 November. (NB: J3 by invitation only.) Anyone interested in taking part should see Mrs Walsham for further details, or collect a form from outside the Swimming Pool.

Christmas Festivities

'Christmas & Croissants'

A Christmas themed breakfast

Thursday 5 December (8.45am)

Friday 6 December (8.45am & 11.00am)

As part of the fundraising programme for the S4 Spanish trip in June 2020, we will be holding a Christmas themed breakfast entitled "Christmas & Croissants" in which the whole school from EY-S4 will entertain you with a variety of Christmas music, song and dance. Mrs Jones and Mrs Saunders will be sending out more details after half term.

'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day'

Friday 13 December

£2 to be donated to charity

Christmas Lunch

Friday 13 December

Remember no hat-no lunch!

Christmas Parties

Monday 16 December

see year group Newsletters for more details

Carol Service, St John's Church

Tuesday 17 December (6.00pm - 7.00pm)

► **Merton Court Family Ski Trip –**

6-13 April 2019 Les Deux Alpes, France

Following this year's excellent ski trip to Les Deux Alpes, France, The 2020 family ski trip will be to Ischgl, Austria. We will be using Ski Total, a company with an excellent reputation, which is part of the same Swiss-owned group as Esprit Ski and Inghams. We'll be staying (chalet-board) at the Chalet Hotel Abendrot in Ischgl, which has its own indoor sauna, log fire and bar. The resort has 230km of skiing up to 2865m and is snow sure until May. The Swiss/Austrian border crosses the slopes, and you can drop over onto the Swiss side for lunch and a magnificent run (one of the best and most varied in the Alps, 11km long) to the Swiss resort of Samnaun. The way back to Austria is via an amazing double-decker cable car. Evening events usually include (Austrian) bowling, swimming, bingo, Easter egg-hunt, quiz, movie & games night.

► **Ski Club**

If anybody would like regular dry slope practice we have established links with both Bromley Ski Club and Chatham Race Club – please contact Mr Brady for details. We will have two meet ups at the Snowcentre, Hemel Hempstead from 10am-midday on Sun 5th January and Sunday 29th March 2020.

Parents' Evenings

EY,J1,J2,S2 & S3 Parents' Evening

Monday 18 November

J3,S1 & S3 Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 19 November

Open Day Opportunities

for Prospective Parents 2019/20

– Saturday 28 September – 9.15am-12noon

– Wednesday 13 November – 9.15am-2.30pm

– Saturday 25 January – 9.15am-12noon



School Events Autumn 2019

► Community Events

Following the success of the Sidcup Fringe in early September, the Sidcup 'Xmas Xtravaganza' is planned for **Saturday 30 November**. Please help us support, not only Sidcup Business Community but also our local community as a whole. More details to follow.

► Tiny Tots and Toddlers –

Wednesdays (1.30-2.30pm)

On Wednesday afternoons between 1.30pm and 2.30pm younger children (adult accompanied) can enjoy the Early Years facilities in our 'Tiny Tots & Toddlers Club'. They can meet and play with other children whilst parents are able to see at first hand, how our youngest pupils benefit from our happy, caring environment at the outset of their learning journey through school life. Come along and join us for coffee and biscuits. Sessions commence on Wednesday September 11th until Wednesday December 4th (excluding our half term holidays)



Safeguarding news

If you have assigned someone new to collect your child from school please inform the school office / form teachers as we have a password system in place. A reminder also that we operate a "No Phone Zone" on School premises and very much appreciate your cooperation.

Please note school gates will be closed at 3.50pm to ensure the security and safeguarding of our After School Club children. Therefore, children should not be on site (equipment or Astro) after their school day has ended, unless participating in clubs and activities.



Easter Playscheme
30 March – 3 April 2020.

Summer Playscheme
13 July – 7 August 2020.

Booking forms will be sent out the week after half-term. Please try and book in good time, since it is often oversubscribed. Our Playscheme Team will be ready to provide an exciting variety of themed activities over the Easter break and Summer holidays.

► Uniform

All children should be wearing full winter uniform this term including our school regulation coat available from 'OZ Schoolwear'.

Hair bands should be of a reasonable size and in school colours only (red, yellow, grey or black) or school scrunchies available from 'OZ' Schoolwear.

Please note that Earrings are not permitted to be worn in Games, PE and Swimming. Parents and children are respectfully reminded that hair styles should be appropriate to school. The excessive use of gel on hair, colouring of hair and cut designs in hair are not permitted in school.

Rucksacks are for Senior children only as Junior lockers are not big enough to store them.

The wearing of Apple watches, Fitbits or similar to school is not permitted.

Please see our uniform booklet for all uniform requirements..

► **Parking**

No matter how urgent your situation is, please avoid at all times, the blocking of residents' driveways on Knoll Road and also the blocking in of cars by double parking in our Rectory Lane car park. A common problem also is parents parking in front of clearly displayed no parking signs, as this makes it impossible for traffic to flow freely. Disabled parking is only for Blue Badge holders.

► **Wet Weather**

If it should be raining at the start of the school day, our routine is that from 8.15 am, children should wait in the school dining room with duty staff, (not on or near the playgrounds or in classrooms) until 8.30 am when they will then be sent to classrooms to be supervised by teaching staff.



Old Mertonians news



Kathryn Monks



Alexandre Vander Elst



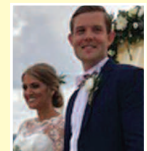
Jonnie Langton



Dylan Bellchambers



Dylan Nathan



Jason Macdonald

GREAT TO HEAR FROM:

Mia Cruikshank (OM '08-'12) – who has just accepted a job at the Dept of International Trade (PR and Events).

Molly Rabin (OM '00-'08) – who achieved a 1st in English from Swansea and has been offered a place at Oxford for a Masters in Applied Linguistics.

James Garvey (OM '11-'13) – who did the double as Head Boy at Wilmington Grammar school for Boys and also as captain of Kent Rugby U17s.

Kathryn Monks (OM '05-'12) – who went to Walthamstow Hall then Eltham College, achieved 3 A's and is reading History at UCL along with her old classmate **Kavita Soomal (OM '05-'12)** – who is doing the same.

Alexandre Vander Elst (OM '04-'12) – who is off to Bath University to read Computer Science.

Leslie Bellchambers (OM '86-'93) – who now works for Mercedes Benz.

WELL DONE TO:

Jonnie Langton (OM '06-'14) – who joins the 6th form at BETHS and **Dylan Nathan (OM '12-'14)** – who continues in 6th form at Dartford Grammar. Both looking very dapper in their business suits!

Jemma Fruin (OM '01-'10) – who is now in her second year studying physiotherapy and her brother **Mitchel (OM '98-'07)** following completion of his degree at Oxford is now doing a Masters at The University of Essex in Social Economics.

Many congratulations to **Jason Macdonald (OM '92-'99)** on his marriage this month!



Farewell to **Joy Seymour (7.7.39-17.7.19)** a very special lady, who was a dear friend of the school and helped with videoing school productions/events for many years.

Friends of Merton Court Events Autumn 2019

Due to the money-raising events we organise, that are so passionately supported by our school family, FOMC make and continue to make donations towards fulfilled learning activities for our children throughout the school year. We also support the school with new initiatives that will enrich the school environment. There are many exciting events coming up in the Autumn term...

▶ **Family Disco** – Friday 20 September (6.30-9pm)

DJ Dave is back again to get us in the party mood! £5 per adult ticket, £3 per child ticket. Hot dogs/snacks/drinks available to purchase on the night from FOMC.

▶ **Fashion Show** – Friday 4 October (6.30-8.30pm)

£5 per adult ticket, £3 per child ticket. Hosted by Liquorice Kids. The FOMC bar will be open for drinks and snacks! *Tickets on sale now from FOMC members*

▶ **Uniform 'Flash Sale'** – Tuesday 5 November (From drop-off)

Everything will be £1, come and stock up on your uniforms and spares!

▶ **Bonfire Night** – Friday 8 November (6pm onwards)

Gates will be open at 6pm. The fire will be lit at 7pm and the display will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are available to purchase on 'Eventbrite' – password to purchase tickets for the event is **MCBONFIRE2019**, tickets sales are now live!

Event URL is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/merton-court-bonfire-night-tickets-9370039039>

Tickets will also be available to purchase via an order form.

▶ **Children's Christmas Bazaar** –

Friday 29 November 1pm-3.30pm

A great Christmas child 'friendly' event. Doors open at 1pm and close at 3.30pm. Parents and relatives are welcome to join us for a cup of tea, otherwise the children will be supervised by staff until pick-up times.



'A Must do date' for your 2020 diary:

▶ **'Prom on the Pitch'** – Thursday 9 July 2020

▶ **Water Bottles**



Plastic bottles are available to buy from the school Office or FOMC at a cost of £5 each. Stainless Steel water bottles are available from the school office for £20 each.

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