



# MERTON COURT

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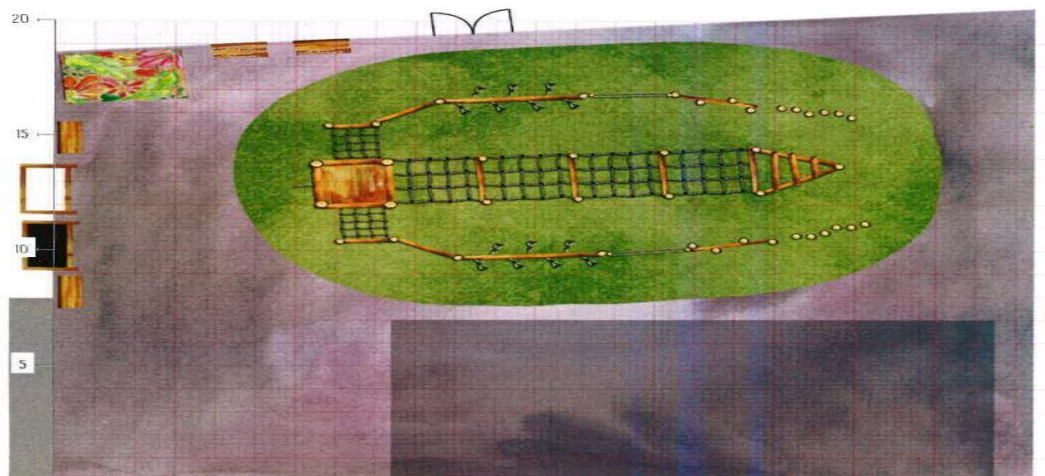
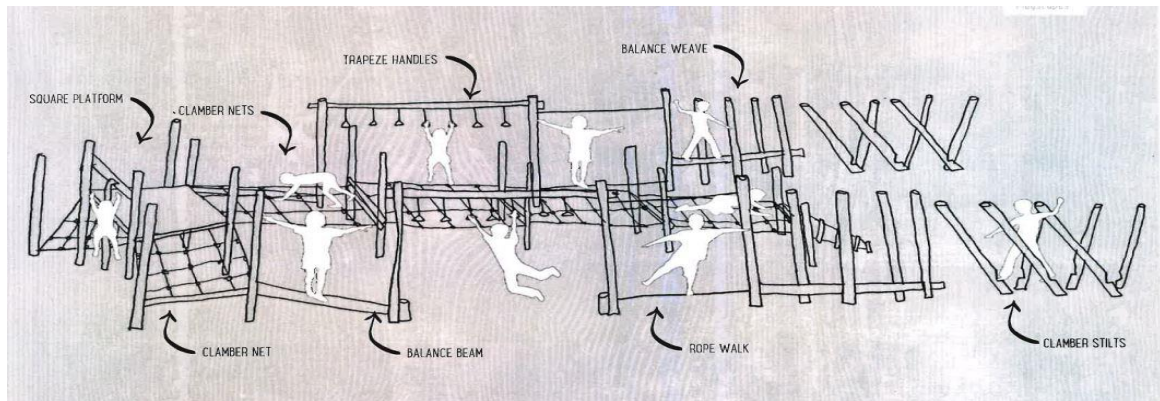
### MERTON COURT NEWS

#### Improvements in School Spring '22

##### ❖ New Refurbishments

Over the Easter break we added further outdoor sinks so that half classes can wash their hands all at the same time, prior to coming into class or after outdoor activities, which brings us up to twenty outdoor handwash sinks, COVID or no COVID!

We also had the opportunity to do preparation work for our new whole-school 'parkour' area. This will be installed on the Lower Playground, adjacent to Early Years, in the next few months, which is a very exciting project.



❖ **School Council – New Playtime Equipment**

Our School Council's new playtime equipment is now in use, and being monitored by the School Council Reps, where it may be used during break and lunch breaks.

School Council do hope the children will have fun and enjoy using it wisely and well.

❖ **Project '125'**

Following on from the 'Project 125' parents' zoom that Mr Price presented to everyone, we are delighted to be continuing with all our exciting forward works and curriculum development as we move towards celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> birthday in the academic year 24/25



<p>Analysis of data post-lockdown – learning conclusions</p> <p>Review use of 'Atom Learning' on-line scheme for S4, S3 &amp; S2</p> <p>Develop themes: School sustainability statement Pupil Eco-awareness</p> <p>'Phase' leader &amp; group review</p> <p>'Rosedale scholarships' for S1 – Spring '22/3/4</p> <p>Forest School development of 'Sector 4' Timetable review, CPD staff training</p>	<p>Review Humanities curriculum</p> <p>EYFS oral health champions</p> <p>'Eco-school' focus post Cop 26</p> <p>Review Before and After-school Club models</p>	<p>New story sacks Review</p> <p>EDI Review</p> <p>LAMDH exams</p> <p>Update RHE/PSE on website – discuss with children &amp; parents</p> <p>Beekeeping training for children – integrate into Science curriculum</p>	<p>Review focus on reading (CLPE) and parent contribution to children's reading</p> <p>Monitor/evaluate new SMSC format</p> <p>S4/S3 touch typing training</p> <p>Laptop/iPad review</p> <p>Review of homework levels</p>	<p>'Pupil' Voice develop Prefect Council and School Council Alumni Advisory Board</p> <p>Review use of Zoom/Googledrives for blended learning and parent involvement</p> <p>Assessment review</p> <p>Technology usage review</p> <p>Third tranche of whiteboards instal</p> <p>S4/S3 touch typing training</p> <p>Laptop/iPad review</p> <p>Review of homework levels</p>	<p>Covid 'keepers' review: embrace new ideas and methods from Covid-19 lockdowns and remote learning</p> <p>Review use of Zoom/Googledrives for blended learning and parent involvement</p> <p>Assessment review</p> <p>Technology usage review</p> <p>Third tranche of whiteboards instal</p> <p>New science room iPads &amp; for EYFS</p> <p>Review/update curriculum on website New prospectus and website upgrade</p>
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<p>New windows to front of school &amp; DP's office</p> <p>New floor in dining room</p> <p>Aircon in school dining room</p> <p>New science room, music room and MaDhouse cupboarding</p> <p>Refurbish front reception room</p> <p>New shelter(s) in top (Junior) playground</p> <p>Plan celebrations to include a 125th Dinner, parties, whole school production and alumni events</p> <p>Roll, seed and weed Merton, Modern and School fields</p>	<p>New roof for front of school</p> <p>New children's, staff &amp; visitor's toilets</p> <p>New Staff and admin offices</p> <p>New hall lighting and sound systems</p> <p>Repair/renew top Rectory Lane car park surfacing</p>	<p>New SEND room</p> <p>New Staff and admin offices</p> <p>New hall lighting and sound systems</p> <p>Complete redesign of lower Rectory Lane car park gates, flagpole and signage</p>	<p>'School House' accommodation: Review, clear, sort &amp; plan</p> <p>New 'Wellbeing' room</p> <p>New refuse area</p>	<p>New Art/CDT room</p> <p>New 'Wellbeing' room</p> <p>Creation of new accommodation for Before &amp; After School Club</p> <p>New 'village-style' signage</p> <p>Refurbish front (Knoll Road) gardens and car park</p> <p>New front gates &amp; fencing</p> <p>Resite and reuse three temporary Covid-19 tented structures for PE/Games/assembly/meetings/wet play use</p>	<p>EY playground redevelop/parcour area/resurface</p> <p>EYFS &amp; J1 playareas refurbish</p>
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❖ **Brand new iPads**

Following a computer technology review, especially post COVID, we have now just purchased sixteen new iPads, bringing our total iPads for use in School to forty-two, which will be wonderful in order to support all areas of technology in our taught curriculum.

❖ **Sporting achievements Spring '22**

**S2 SPORTS BADGES:**

**FOOTBALL**

James Mott & Kavan Rana

**NETBALL**

Tomi Carew & Chinwe Emezie

**SWIMMING**

Jessie Gayler & Amrit Lalli

**HOCKEY**

Savva Malkov & Indy Anderson

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Sanaya Lall & Luca Holmes-Balac

❖ **Well done also...**

'Most improved swimmer' last term was awarded to Timi Olupitan.

'Most Improved Hockey Player was Aidan Chan, Charlie Wilson won Hockey Player of the Season and the 'Passmore' Hockey Shield was awarded to Satara Dhesi.

'Most Promising Sports Person' in the Junior School was awarded to Sofia Sukevicius (J3J/L) & Jude Whitehouse-Rosegreen (J3C).

❖ **Merton Court Cross Country Championships**

On Wednesday 9 March 2022, we hosted a Cross Country fixture for S1-S4 with eight other local schools competing.

In the Individual Events:

Rafi Smith (S3) - FIRST

Georgia Collings (S1) - FIRST

James Mott (S2) - FIRST

Luca Holmes-Balac (S2) -THIRD

James Mott, Luca Holmes-Balac, Adess Sahota and Callum White were the winners of the S2 Boys Team Event.

❖ **St Dunstan's Hockey Tournament Winners**



Well done to Charlie (who was top scorer but also Captain), Elijah, Vishal, Oliver, Onali, Aaryia, Satara, Ryan, Zara & Evie. We sent two U11 teams over to St. Dunstan's College, Catford and were delighted to come away with winners' medals.

❖ **Breaktime 6-A-Side Hockey League**

A great competition ending in a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place by Teams B & H, Team A were runners-up and the winners were Team G. Tuana Ketenci was the Captain, Vice-Captain was Satara Dhesi and their team was Isaac Fitzimmons, Zara Pala, Olivia Byrne, Karam Kallar, Ethan Truong, Olivya Isaac, Charlie Wilson and Ryan Yuan. Charlie Wilson was the top goal scorer with 12 goals. Well played everyone!

❖ **S4 Girls v Staff 'Fun' Netball Match**

Well done to our very successful S4 Girls Netball Team who battled bravely in this annual competition. Despite the combination of Mr Price's questionable grasp of the rules and Miss Retberg's coordinative issues, Mr Jones' unfeasible tallness meant that the staff team was victorious. Well done everyone, a great way to end the season.



**Past events Spring '22**

❖ **House Event Winners:**

English	-	SCHOOL
Hockey	-	MERTON
Netball	-	MERTON
Football	-	MERTON
Swimming	-	SCHOOL
Merit Shield	-	SCHOOL

❖ **Headmaster's Award Winners**

Junior J3J/L and Senior S1B

❖ **Charities**

'BEAMS' was the school's nominated charity for last term. This local charity, based in Swanley, supports disabled children, young people and their families.

Charities Days last term:

Dressing up day raised £434.74 & 'Bedtime for BEAMS' £609.17

**OUR TOTAL FOR THE CHARITY was £1,043.91.**



## **Ukraine - Our Charity for the Summer Term**

Following our School Council meeting this term, we will be establishing our own Community Action for Ukraine. We will be having an Own Clothes Day, on Wednesday 18 May. On that day, our food committee will also organise a Ukrainian lunch. Furthermore, we will be organising 'Art for Ukraine' which will be an exhibition of children's paintings, sketches and artwork, that parents will be able to view after Sports Days on 30 June and 1 July, in our School Hall. More details will follow soon.

We would also like to say a big well done to Yuvi in J3, who has been fundraising for 'Ukraine Children in Need'. When celebrating his 7th birthday, he requested that his friends make donations in lieu of a present, to his JustGiving page. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

### ❖ **Festival of Dance**

Congratulations to all of those who took part, for some fantastic performances, particularly the category winners.

J1 - Jessica Lewis & Lucy Sheppard

J2 - Annabelle Cast, Samar & Sachit Jain

J3 - Amalia Randhawa, Rahul Vyas, Elliot Pattison & Freddie Kimsey.

S1 - Sophie Smith

S2 - Shaylan Amin & Jessie Gayler & Amelia King

S3 - Ava Willoughby

S4 - James Howie

'Best of Festival' was awarded to Onali Jayawardhena (S4). 'Best Class Dance' went to J3 in the Juniors and S4P in the Seniors. Well done everyone!

### ❖ **Elocution Examinations**

Introductory D Distinctions were awarded to Georgia Collings & Michael Mitev-Rathnayke. Great standard!

### ❖ **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to our English Spelling Bee champions last term (part of our English initiative). Samar Jain (J2), Anushree Kominek (J3), Zachary Obasohan (S1), Safia Shiraaz (S2), Aryan Sheikh (S3) and Ryan Yuan (S4).

### ❖ **Groves Public Speaking Award**

S4 Finalists: Oliver Steel-Squires, Onali Jayawardhena, Vishal Nagasundhar, Olivya Isaac, Luke McCarthy and Aidan Chan presented and debated some very interesting topics including Photography, Indian Street Children, Endangered animals, WW2 & Winston Churchill's War Rooms and the Great Wall of China. The overall winner of the trophy was Olivya Isaac who delivered an excellent talk on Cricket for Girls.



❖ **YoungWriters 'This is Me' Competition 2022**

It is the 31<sup>st</sup> year of this annual competition and the following children's poems will be published in their yearly YoungWriters' book.

Prisha Benadikar – This is Marvellous Me!

Imani Ogboli – Who I Am

Dominic Davies – Silly Smiles

Gretchen Cheung – All about Me

Rohan Vyas – Unique Me

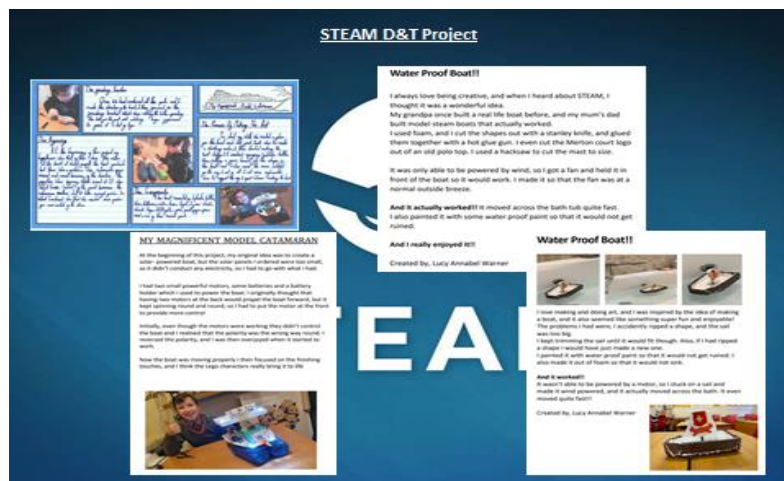
Isla Dwan – If I Were to Be a Piece of Food

Ethan Truong – Writing This Poem

Nano Deepak – For the Future

❖ **S4 ISA STEAM Competition**

At Merton Court, we encourage our children to be autonomous and creative problem solvers, both as individuals and as part of a team. This year, for the first time, a number of S4 children took part in the ISA's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) competition. The children were tasked with designing and making a vessel to travel on water. Mr Castleton was delighted to see a range of innovative ideas for moving water vessels from the children who participated so keenly. Although, on this occasion, we were not winners, the feedback from the judges was overwhelmingly positive. A big well done to everyone who entered. A great effort!



❖ **Primary Maths Challenge**

As a result of last term's Primary Maths Challenge taken by S4, The Mathematics Association awarded a Silver award to Vishal Nagasundhar and Gold awards to Joachim Wong and Ryan Yuan.

❖ **Bromley Festival**

Well done to our S4 Senior Choir who competed in the Bromley Festival achieving a worthy 'Honours' Award. Competition this year was very strong and made all the more complicated by us only being able to rehearse as a single Yeargroup bubble, due to COVID.

❖ **S4 Successes**

Well done to S4 (Yr 6) for their particular successes at Secondary transfer this year and their continued hard work. Nineteen school Scholars' ties have now been awarded in recognition of outstanding academic, dramatic and sporting achievement in external Secondary Transfer examinations and Independent School entrance procedures.

❖ **S4 Cycling Proficiency - Monday 7 -11 March**

At the start of the second half of Spring Term, S4 took part in the Bikeability course offered by Bexley. Lessons began in the school grounds where children were tested on their ability to ride competently, safely and show that they can make directional signals with their hands. Day 2 saw the children taken out onto the surrounding roads to learn how to pass stationary vehicles and understand and negotiate the roads they ride on. All children gained both Level 1 and 2 medals! Well done!

❖ **Easter Bonnets**

Our annual Easter Bonnet competition was a huge success at the end of the Spring term with the children making some beautiful Easter Bonnets for the parade in Yeargroups, with Easter eggs for prizes -yum! Well done to all entrants, for their egg-cellent efforts!



❖ **Merton Court Family Ski Trip to Austria 2022**

After long queues at Heathrow, we flew Swiss Air to Zurich and then transferred to the pretty town of Pfunds in the Tirol. We were a record-sized party of fifty-nine children & parents and we stayed for the week at The Post Hotel, enjoying the hotel's excellent swimming pool, bar, restaurant, games room, Lego room & sauna.

We started the week skiing in the local resort of Nauders with typical Spring conditions; freeze-thaw, blue skies, sunshine & fresh snow. By the end of the week, many beginners had progressed enough to come over to Samnaun, Switzerland and then to ski over the border into Ischgl in Austria. Evening events included an Easter egg-hunt, Phil's legendary quiz, Frau Shouty's raucous bingo and ski-school presentations. All topped off with 'Chick of the Day' and 'Chick of the Week'. Our return trip saw similar queues at Zurich airport, however, we breezed through Heathrow in record time.

It was an excellent trip, with great accommodation, skiing, instruction, food, company and beautiful alpine scenery.

Details for next year's trip are being finalised as we go to press so watch this space!



❖ **Lamorbey & Sidcup Local History Society**

On 5 April LSLHS celebrated their 70th anniversary with 70 people (a coincidence!), including members and special guests. With School's close links to the Society, Mr Price joined them for their celebrations and enjoyed some special anniversary cake. On display were photographs and information on the Society's latest projects, Denise Baldwin, their chairperson cut the cake.



## School Events Summer '22

❖ **New Responsibilities in School Summer Term 2022**

Athletics Captains:	Alessandro Meliti Priyanka Lall
Cricket Captains:	Oliver Steel-Squires Olivya Isaac
Rounders Captains:	Alisa Habarova Vishal Nagasundhar
Dance Captains:	Phoebe Hill James Howie

❖ **'Our World – Our Future' – Science Climate Change Workshop for Seniors**

On Thursday 21 April, the Seniors enjoyed a creative and inspiring workshop delivered by 'West End In Schools'. They discussed and investigated some of the most important issues facing the world today from an interactive, drama-based perspective.

❖ **S2 Hilltop Residential Trip - Friday 22 - Saturday 23 April**

This was S2's first residential trip, so, as you can imagine, we were all very excited! We went to Hilltop Outdoor Centre on the North Norfolk Coast and it was fantastic. The weather was sunny and, more importantly, dry throughout the two days.



The journey was smooth and as soon as we got there, the children started their activities including climbing, archery, crate stacking, Super-Swing and the small zip wire. The climbing wall offered eight levels of difficulty and so many children took the Hilltop motto of 'Challenge by Choice' to heart, choosing to push the boundaries of their own comfort and exceed their own expectations by climbing a little higher and a little higher still. The Super-Swing was the highlight for most of the children, as they agreed which levels to start at, this being a challenge in itself! They laughed, listened, collaborated, trembled, and, most notably, encouraged their peers.

The children represented Merton Court very well indeed - their behaviour, manners and resilience was noted by all the instructors. We all had a great time making lots of memories together.



### ❖ **Science Week– Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 May**

This term is Science Term and our focus is 'Sustainability & Growth'.

Why is it important to look after the earth? There is only one earth – there is no 'Planet B'.

There are many ways we can become more 'eco' in school. During assemblies, each yeargroup will explore the various aspects of sustainability and reflect on the different ways we can contribute to help our planet. We will be addressing issues relating to wildlife, energy, transport, recycling, food, water and energy. The decisions we make every day impact people in every part of the world. By reducing our impact on the planet, we can help make it a better for others. Come along to your child's Coffee Morning to find out what their year group has been working on!

With the motto of 'Think Globally – Act Locally' in mind, we have planned a wide range of activities for the term:

1. Planting in the allotment – Each year group will plant vegetables or flowers in their container. There will be a prize for the 'Best kept vegetable/flower patch'.

2. Poster competition: 'Growth' – The theme for British Science Week 2022 was 'Growth' and we're sure that many of you can relate to this, particularly with all the growing and adapting we've had to do over the past couple of years. So, we would like to invite the children to make a poster on a white A4 card with the theme of 'Growth' and return it to school by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. All entries will be displayed in the hall and the winners will be announced at Prizegiving.
3. Science Week: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday: House Science (S1-S4)  
Wednesday: Spelling Bee  
Thursday: final date for poster entries  
Friday: posters on display in the hall – one winner for each key stage
4. Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June: Sponsored Litter Pick – fundraising for Ukraine. We would like to invite you to do some litter picking in your own neighbourhood whilst raising money for our nominated charity this term.

### **Forthcoming Events in School:**

- ❖ **S3 Information Evening – Thursday 5 May (6.30pm) in School Hall**  
 An opportunity for S3 Parents to discuss their child's move into Year 6 and also to talk about Secondary School admission procedures with Mr Price, S3 teachers and our Leadership Team.
- ❖ **S2 Information Evening – Tuesday 10 May (6.30pm) in School Hall**  
 A useful opportunity for S2 Parents to discuss their child's move into Year 5 and Year 6 and also to talk about Secondary School admission procedures with Mr Price and our teaching team.
- ❖ **Science Forum for Parents via Zoom – Wednesday 11 May (7.30pm)**  
 It is Science Term so why not join us for: 'How to teach your child how to think scientifically' – a discussion led by Mrs Turley (Science Coordinator) and other teachers.
- ❖ **S4 SATS Week – Monday 9 – Thursday 12 May**
- ❖ **School Photographs (Individual & Form)– Monday 23 May**  
 Individual and Form photographs will be taken in School. All children should wear their full **SUMMER UNIFORM** including their blazers.
- ❖ **Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Friday 27 May (11.30am – 3.30pm)**  
 A fun-filled family day of events and entertainment, including face painting, balloon modelling, jugglers, stiltwalkers, 'The Candy Girls' (a vintage singing trio), 'For The Love of Uke' (a strolling Ukulele band) and a James Bond Circus Show, topped off by a 'Red, White and Blue Rave' at 3pm led by 'DJ Tony'. A BBQ cooked by School and Carnivore (Sidcup) will also be provided to all children and guests. Dress code for **EVERYONE: Red, white & blue**. It promises to be a truly wonderful day of celebrations! The deadline for RSVP's has now passed. Younger siblings are most welcome but will not be counted in guest numbers or catering. School will be in touch with all those parents who have RSVP'd using the 'celebrations@mertoncourtprep.co.uk' email address, asking guests for particular dietary requirements.

- ❖ **Festival of Music (Individual) - Thursday 9 June**
- ❖ **Festival of Music (Individual & Forms) – Friday 10 June**  
Children will have the chance to perform solo or duet in their chosen category to show off their music skills. Categories and further details will be given out soon so please do get involved to help make Festival a real success!
- ❖ **Pastoral Forum for Parents via Zoom – Wednesday 15 June (7.30pm)**  
We will be holding a Parents' Forum to discuss the hidden 50% of our school life – all the soft skills and personal development that we cherish here. This will include discussion about our RHE Curriculum and help and advice on the topic of 'Parenting Post-Covid', how we can all create successful, confident and positive young adults for the future – led by Mrs Meehan (SMSC Lead), Mrs Macdonald (Head of Pastoral Care) and form teachers. We look forward to seeing you. Zoom details to follow.
- ❖ **S4 Residential Trips to Spain – Monday 13 – Saturday 18 June**  
Our S4 children are very much looking forward to their residential trip to Spain. It is a unique experience and ideal preparation for Secondary School. The children will take part in flamenco dancing, sports activities and local excursions, including The Dali Museum, 'El Parque Acuatico' (Waterworld), Sagrada Familia Cathedral, Parc Guel and Camp Nou – Barcelona FC. This promises to be fun-packed week. Fantástica!
- ❖ **S4 Leadership and Teamwork Challenge – (Week 1) Monday 6 June – Friday 10 June and (Week 2) Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June**  
One of our most popular and inspiring series of events in year 6, is our Leadership and Challenge weeks. S4 will be undertaking appropriately adjusted challenges which this year include; our 'Dragon's Den' Business/Charity Challenge; a rocket car DT Challenge; a Mars rover robotic LEGO Challenge; an Environmental Challenge; a Performing Arts Challenge; a Cycling Challenge, a Rifle/Pistol Shooting Challenge; cooking; First-aid and finally our ever popular 'I'm a Yr6 – Get Me Out of Here!'.
- ❖ **J3 to S1 Transition Talk –Wednesday 8 June (6.30pm) in School Hall**  
J3 Parents are cordially invited to come into School to talk about transition from KS1 to KS2 and to meet the children's new form teachers for the coming academic year.
- ❖ **EY, J1 & J2 Parents' Evening – Monday 13 June**
- ❖ **EY, J3 & S1 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 14 June**  
A chance to discuss progress face to face with form teachers.  
Information on how to book will be put on yeargroup googledrives
- ❖ **EY – J1 Transition Talk – Wednesday 22 June (9am) in School Hall**  
This will be a transition coffee morning where Mrs Langton and members of the J1 teaching team will talk about successful transition into J1 and answer any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity to visit our J1 classroom to see how much fun is being had!
- ❖ **FOMC May Ball – Friday 20 May (8pm – midnight)**  
The 'River Princess' has been booked for our May Ball. This nautical-themed evening will embark and disembark from Greenwich Pier. Tickets are £65 per person which includes a DJ and BBQ food. There will also be a raffle and the opportunity to win half a term's school fees at this event.

- ❖ **FOMC Auction of Promises – Thursday 23 June (6pm) in School Hall**  
What do you really enjoy or are really good at? Can you help FOMC's fund-raising for our new 'parkour' area? This will be a live event with a zoom link where our School Community can bid for 'promises' - for example, an hour's gardening, cooking a meal, making a cake...the list is endless! So, get your thinking caps on to how you could contribute to this fun, live and online auction. 'Promises' to Class Reps please!
- ❖ **House Cricket - S1/S2 - Monday 27 June & S3/S4 - Wednesday 29 June**
- ❖ **S2 Parents' Evening – Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 June**  
A chance to discuss progress face-to-face with S2 form teachers.
- ❖ **Sports Day – Juniors – Thursday, 30 June (EY/J1 @ 9.15am & J2/J3 @ 11am)**
- ❖ **Sports Day – Seniors (S1-S4) – Friday 1 July (S1/S2 @ 10.45am & S3/S4 @ 1.45pm)**  
Please note that this is a compulsory event for all children. Children should be dressed appropriately for this event in their white PE kit, including a school baseball cap and white trainers.  
All parents are welcome to these Sports Day events that will take place in Yeargroups on Merton and Modern fields. Both of these days are normal school days, and therefore children should generally stay in school following the event. However, should you wish to take your child home after Sports Day please inform form teacher and the School Office.
- ❖ **S3 Parents' Evening – Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 July**  
A chance to discuss progress face to face with S3 form teachers.
- ❖ **House Rounders – S1/S2 – Monday 4 July & S3/S4 – Wednesday 6 July**
- ❖ **Breaktime Netball S1-S4 on Wednesday/Thursday**
- ❖ **Breaktime Football J3 & S1 Tuesday/Friday**
- ❖ **Breaktime Football & Netball League Finals – Tuesday 12 July**  
With the removal of Yeargroup bubbles, we have returned to our normal breaktime league format. We are running our Football League for J3 & S1 on Tuesdays & Fridays. S1-S4 Netball League will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Both girls and boys will be involved in all leagues. Each team will have a unique alliterative name such as 'Blazing Birds' or 'Creepy Cookies'. Teamwork, communication, support for each other and ball skills will be key. The best four teams in each league will take part in the Play-offs and finals at the end of this term in advance.
- ❖ **'Moving Up' Day – Tuesday 12 July**  
This will be an ideal opportunity in the last week of term, for all children to meet their new teacher in preparation for the forthcoming academic year 2022-23.
- ❖ **School Prizegiving**  
**Junior – Wednesday 13 July (2pm)**  
**Senior – Wednesday 13 July (7pm)**  
This year we will be hosting our prizegivings outdoors, on our large sound stage on the school field. Please watch the weather forecast, dress appropriately and if needs be bring a brolly/gazebo! Do bring the family!

- ❖ **FOMC Prom on the Pitch – Thursday 14 July (6pm – 9pm)**  
Prom this year will have a very special post-Covid flavour as we will be using the large sound stage and TV screen that we used in 2020 for a very special Senior Production with S1/S2/S3 & S4 performing a selection of Musical Theatre favourites. Watch this space...

**Term will end at 12noon on Friday 15 July**

- ❖ **Prospective Parents' Open Opportunities**  
**Open Morning – Saturday 24 September 2022 (9.15am-12noon)**  
**Open Day - Wednesday 16 November 2022 (9.15am-2.00pm)**  
A reminder that any new parents wishing to look around the school with a view to sending their child here will be able to do so - shown round by members of School staff.  
Anyone wishing to look around the school is welcome to make an individual appointment to talk with Dominic Price (our Headmaster), via the Admissions Team.
- ❖ **Summer Playscheme 2022 – Monday 18 July - Friday 12 August**  
Booking forms will be sent out this half-term. Please try and book in good time, since it is often over-subscribed and places are limited. Our Playscheme Team will be ready to provide an exciting variety of themed activities over the summer holidays.
- ❖ **Merton Court 'Tiny Tots & Toddlers' Club'**  
We are delighted to announce that Mrs Langton will be hosting these again on Thursday afternoons between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Prospective parents are invited to bring younger children (adult accompanied) to our 'Tiny Tots & Toddlers Club' for a real taste of Merton Court. These sessions will be held outside on the EY covered areas and entry will be via the gates to the lower (EY) playground. Please come dressed for the weather! It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and chat with staff and other prospective parents who are about to join school. £5 per session, including refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you for tea/coffee and a chat.
- ❖ **Early Years New Parents' Induction – Tuesday 12 July (9.00am)**  
This is an opportunity for parents of children joining Early Years in September 2022 to come and meet with Mrs Langton and the Early Years teachers. It's a fabulous opportunity to chat with new parents and also to ask any last-minute questions, 'over a cuppa'.
- ❖ **Staff News**  
We are delighted to welcome **Miss Adele Broderick** this term, who has been appointed PA to the Headmaster and Business Manager, and joins the School Office team.  
We are also delighted to welcome back **Miss Jane Amphlett** as she returns from Maternity Leave. She will be working as part of our Early Years team.
- ❖ **Sports Week**  
Our focus for the Autumn Term will be 'The World In Motion', and during our Sports Week, 10 – 14 October, we will be inviting specialists in their sports to come into School to share their passion and expertise. If you have a particular sporting connection or know of anyone who would be willing to help us with this, please contact the Sports Department, via the school office.

❖ **Old Mertonian News**

**Michael (E.M.) Hollingsworth (OM).** School was very sad to hear to the news that Michael passed away suddenly in March. After his time at Merton Court, he remained local to Sidcup and very active in the community all his life. He was as leading light in Round Table for many years and as Sidcup Rotary President, he also formed Sidcup Rotaract Club.



*Merton Court School Cricket XI, 1949.  
Top (l. to r.): L.V. Vandersluys, D.W. Barnard, A.P.H. Green,  
A.F. Martin, D.E. Barnes, J.D. Siddall, A.R. Gibbs.  
Bottom (l. to r.): E.M. Hollingsworth, J.V.L. Coate, E.J. Evans,  
J.E. Pepper, I. McIver.*

**Amelia Grant (OM '14-'21) & Cliona (OM '12-'19) & Aoife Hadland (OM '14-'21) & Amber Moore (OM '11-'19)**

Mr Price asked some of our past pupils to showcase their Irish Dancing at the City of London Round Table St. Patrick's event in the City. It was delightful to see Amelia, Cliona, Aoife & Amber in their beautiful Irish Dancing costumes. It really set the scene for some great St Patrick's Day celebrations!



**Nicholas Cheuk (OM '93-'02), Anthony Cheuk (OM '98-'07) and Dominic Cheuk (OM '01-'10).** It was great to catch up with Anthony who earlier in the year received his PhD in the Faculty of Life Sciences, UCL. Nick is doing very well and Dominic is now a qualified teacher – fantastic news!

**Samantha Paul (OM '96-'97) and Alan Paul (OM '96-'98).** So glad to hear that Samantha and Alan are doing well.

**Nikki (OM '86-'94), Charlie (OM '90-'98) & Ellie East (OM 02-'10).** Great to catch up with Tanya East who told us that Nikki continues to do really well on her travels, Charlie is now working in the City and fantastic news about Ellie – she is now a professional session drummer and music producer.

Well done to Trevor Horkin – after five years, his 16<sup>th</sup> and latest book is complete at 385 A4 pages 250,000 words, and over 870 photographs of the 1,024 fallen officers from the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army, with biographies of all the officers who fell on the 1st July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. This book is an incredible piece of work and features one of our

very own Lost Boys, **Lt. James Pearse Morum (OM 1901-1909)**



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