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There are 38 more sleeps until Christmas Day
And 34 until we break up for the Christmas Break. We have lots of things planned between now and then and need your support. Whether it be continuing to read with your child every night, or volunteering to help at the Christmas Fair with the PTA, it all involves you supporting the community of Mission Grove Primary school.

Next week I will be inviting the Parent Council to join me to talk about the adaptations we have made to the RSE policy due to us now using a scheme called Jigsaw. We will also look at the behaviour policy.

The year 5 have a second week of swimming next week. It is wonderful to hear how many have progressed from the training pool to the diving pool. Swimming is a life skill that everyone should be able to do. Some parents have questioned why we take the children all the way to Stratford and not use the WF pools - it is simply that they have better facilities and more instructors. The children spend session 1 in the training pool which is the size of a standard swimming pool but the floor can be changed to support the confidence building and learning the basics. If your child can swim confidently they progress rapidly into swimming pool that you would have seen in the Olympics with the diving boards at the deep end. If you ever get the chance to go it is a world class facility. It costs the school more but we think your children are worth it.

Thank you for everyone for the support with the book fair on North, with the amount of books that you bought we can now get £500 worth of books for the school.

The School Council wanted to thank everyone who brought in their old toys for today's fundraiser. Nationally it is BBC Children In need day, but this year we are looking at other charities to send the money to.

Unfortunately, even after my newsletter last week asking for parents to follow the school motto, we had a parent screaming at members of staff in the foyer. This behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. If parents can not respect school staff on the premises then they will be asked not to come on to the school grounds.

The PTA is in full swing with the preparations for the Christmas fair. If you can help in anyway please contact the PTA via friends@missiongrove.org.uk or by emailing myself at headteacher@missiongrove.org.uk.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Miss Katie Jennings



The children in year 4 & 5 had a workshop about walking to school safely with the green and red man.



We have a form on the app for cycling lessons coming up.

SPECIAL DATES



We have had a lot of children out representing the school at many sporting events this week. All of them tried really hard and should be proud of all they achieved.

November

20th– 22nd South site Book fair

20th—24th Year 5 swimming

22nd Year 6 Into film Festival

Kittiwake & Kingfisher Church Trip

23rd Air Quality workshop year 4—6

Kinglet & Kestrel Church Trip

Year 3 Library visits

24th Year 6 HMS Belfast trip

28th Year 5 & 6 Chicken shed Theatre trip

Year 2 British Museum Woodpecker & Wren

Year 4 Come Dine with me

29th Year 2 Woodpecker & Wren British Museum

December

4th KS2 Kurling & Boccia festival

5th Music Concert—guitars & Violin & Choir

Attendance

The table shows the classes with above 95% this week. Well done the Nursery full timers on both sites.

2 Wren	95.24%
3 Swan	95.38%
3 Swallow	95.71%
5 Grouse	95.86%
6 Chaffinch	95.86%
6 Chiff Chaff	96.73%
5 Goldcrest	97.04%
5 Goose	97.04%
1 Kinglet	98.46%
6 Crow	98.57%
3 Sparrow	99.33%
2yr North AM	100.00%
2yr North PM	100.00%
4 Buzzard	100.00%



We have the Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO the **BOOK FAIR!**

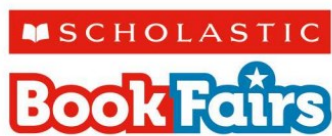
AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Illustration from Dog Man © Dav Pilkey. When Cookie Crumbled © Tom Knight. 2023

The poster features a cartoon dog character on the left wearing a blue uniform with a yellow crown, and a sad-looking cookie character on the right. Below the main text are four book covers: 'Tom Gates Five Star Stories (Hooray!)' by Liz Pichon, 'Zombie Season', 'Oh Maya Gods!', and 'Speak Up!' featuring a girl with a megaphone and a sign that says 'You can make a difference'.

You can find out more about the books available and confirm prices at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases .

The south site will have the book fair the 17th to the 22nd November.



**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay**

KS2 were invited to watch a performance by Namvula who is a singer and songwriter whose artistic journey is an exploration of cultural intersections and heartfelt storytelling.

WFMS is acutely aware of the importance of giving pupils the opportunity to see high quality musicians, and Music Halls Project staged an afternoon performance by Namvula exclusively for Waltham Forest Schools. Check the website to see more pictures.





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Parenting is difficult! It's a job we receive no training for, yet we are always expected to get it right

What do EPEC courses cover?

EPEC Parenting offers a variety of parent led courses and workshops both face to face and virtually. Each course is facilitated by x2 EPEC certified Parent Group Leaders (PGLS). Topics include Being 'Good enough parents, Feelings, Child led play, Spending time with your children, Understanding children's behaviour, Discipline strategies, Listening & Communication styles, Coping with stress etc.

What types of EPEC Courses are there in Waltham Forest?

There are 2 types of EPEC parenting courses:

1. Being a Parent Course - for parents/ carers of children aged 2-11 years
2. Parent Group Leaders Course – a unique parenting approach for parents of (children ages 2-11 years). The techniques & training has been designed for local parents and is run by local parents.



"As a father I feel I am a good enough parent and it's important we build safer relationships with our children."

"I'm not alone and other parents go through the same."

"It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

"Open/talking, learning about us and not feeling alone as a father."

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course
Phone: 0779913026 email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk Web: bit.ly/EPECBAP

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We are doing trips to Walthamstow library at the moment. If you haven't been you should check it out this weekend. It is warm and there is free wi-fi!



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF I HAVE...

- A runny nose or a mild cough, but no other symptoms and can take part in school activities.
- Not taken any medicine to lower my temperature for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- Not thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours and didn't need medicine.



KEEP ME AT HOME IF I HAVE...

- A temperature higher than 37.7°C (99.9°F).
- Been throwing up or have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- Eyes that are red and painful with discharge that keeps coming back.
- Body aches, tiredness, and headaches.
- A sore throat with a fever.
- A bad cough.
- A rash not diagnosed by a health care provider.



FOLLOW UP WITH MY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF I HAVE...

- A fever for more than 2 days.
- A sore throat and fever for a few days.
- Been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.
- A cough for more than a week, and it isn't getting better.
- Had a fever and now have a rash.