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Parent evening year 6

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a Parents' Meeting for Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 31st January 2024 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm or Thursday 1st February from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to inform you fully about your child's current attainment scores and how we can work in partnership to help them be fully prepared for their end of Year 6 tests in May. You will be able to purchase study guides on these days.

Choir

Last week we took part in Young Voices at the Q2. We now invite the parents to watch the children relive this experience on Tuesday 30th at 5:30pm.

National Storytelling Week 2024 takes place from 27th January to 4th February.

National Storytelling Week is a week for celebrating storytelling and encouraging people to tell their own stories. Children will be visiting the library, parents welcome. (please check the school calendar for dates) We would also like to invite parents to stay and read with the children throughout the week from 3pm. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

Mental health & well being Week 1st- 7th February- Express Yourself

The theme of the week is 'Express Yourself which will be all about helping children to express themselves, their feelings, thoughts, & likes and dislikes through creative ways. Children will be encouraged throughout the week to try out different ways of expressing themselves in a variety of creative ways.

School Uniform & Jewellery Reminder

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and black shoes, as this gives us a real sense of community and togetherness. Just a reminder - please label all items of uniform! Could we please remind everyone that the only jewellery children are allowed is: A plain watch (no apple/smart watches, fitbits etc) and one small pair of studded earrings.

EPEC

Parents & carers can still register and attend these sessions. EPEC groups are highly interactive, involving an engaging and creative blend of small and large group discussion, role play, demonstrations, information sharing and reflection. Parents practice and use new skills in everyday life to achieve specific goals. (see poster page 9)

Trips

Next week we have most year groups attending trips. Please check the school calendar and complete the forms on the App.

Half term

Don't forget, our school closes for half term on Friday 9th February at 3.30pm. The school is hosting the holiday club for the week. There are 2 trips in the week; adventure play and bowling. They cost an extra £15 on top of the cost for the club. You can book your place on the school website here [Holiday Club - Application - Mission Grove Primary School](#)

missiongroveschool.co.uk

Free And Cheap Things To Do This Week In London: 22-28 January 2024
Budget-friendly things to do in London this week for £5 or less.



There 120 things listed on this website [Free Things To Do In London | Londonist](#)

[See the lights at Battersea Power Station](#)

For the second year running, [a light festival](#) comes to the area surrounding Battersea Power Station, with glowing artworks in situ for a whole month. The seven installations include a giant diamond, illuminated butterflies, a playable light piano and a cycling light battle. Keep an eye out for free live entertainment and music performances as you wander round.

Free, 25 January- 25 February.

[Cheap Events In London This Week | Londonist](#)

SPECIAL DATES

We are looking for a Parent Governor on the North site

If you are interested you need to send us a paragraph about yourself and why you would like to be a Parent Governor.

WHY BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

The benefits of being a governor are immense. These benefits include:

Developing your professional skills and experience such as strategic planning, chairing, financial planning, and team working, all of which are valued by employers and can assist your own career development; Building relationships and networks in your locality and; Supporting children and young people in your community.

We have 6 full GB meetings a year starting at 6.30pm . We also have 2 sub committees, 1 for looking at the teaching and learning in school and 1 to look at the finance.

We will put it on the school app for people to apply.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Sabah Dadabhoy for her time representing the parents on the Governing Body.

January

29th Literacy week– National Story Telling Week

Wren & Woodpecker Science museum

Merlin local library visit

30th Year 4 Tate Modern

Waxwing & Wagtail Science museum

Year 6 Come Dine With Me

Choir O2 experience relived 5.30pm

Year 1 V & A Museum

6 children @horse riding

31st Year 6 Parent Evening

Moorhen Local Library visit

February

1st Year 2 Fire Brigade

Magpie @ library

Year 6 Parents Evening

Full Governors Meeting

2nd Year 6 @ The Globe

Woodpecker class assembly 9:20am

Mallard @Library

5th Mental Health & Well Being Week

6th Mallard & Moorhen @ Science Museum

Cricket Skills Festival

7th Magpie & Merlin @ Science Museum

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Year 6

Year 6

Save the date

Come dine with us

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Eat well. live better.

Come and join your child for lunch at 12.30
on 30th January. Cost £3.50



WORLD

CHILDREN'S BOOK Day

31 January 2024

Harry Potter`s Pumpkin Stew

Cloudy with a chance of Meat Balls with pasta

Petter Rabbit`s Garden Salad

The very Hungry Caterpillard Fruit Platter

Willy Wonka`s Chocolate Factory Brownies





MUSKETEERS
— EDUCATION —



Extra Curricular PE Wellbeing Enrichment Birthdays Holidays Online

Mission Grove Primary School (North Site) - Musketeers Fencing Club

Years 3-6 After School Club - Spring Term 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

Little Musketeers is an exciting club inspired by the Olympic sport of fencing. Our engaging and varied programmes appeal to a child's sense of play and are taught in a fun, safe and educational environment. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a duelling musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Classes are designed and managed by Olympian and 4 time British Champion James Beevers. All our coaches are trained personally by James and hold enhanced DBS certificates.

Little Musketeers are proud to be internationally endorsed by Olympians, educators and scientists from across the world. All equipment is either plastic or foam and gives children the real feel of fencing.

BOOKING DETAILS

Years 3-6 - Friday 19th Jan - Friday 15th March - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 8 weeks
Cost: £36

- 1) Please visit musketeerseducation.com and select LOGIN and then PARTICIPANT.
- 2) New Users - register by completing PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION. Existing users continue to step 4.
- 3) Select MY PARTICIPANTS and register your child using ADD PARTICIPANT each time
- 4) Select BOOK then search by postcode and click FIND.
- 5) Select REGISTER for your desired class (NOTE: year groups, weekday, time etc.)
- 6) Select the child(ren) you want to register and follow online instructions to completion. A confirmation email will be sent to you upon successful registration. (for assistance, please email enquiries@musketeerseducation.com)

Yours Faithfully

Little Musketeers





Young coders club
Unlock the World of Fun Coding Sessions !

Starting on 15 January 2024

 Mondays yr1 - yr3  Fridays yr4 - yr6

 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm  **MGPS - North Site.**

What's in Store for Your Child:

-  Explore the exciting world of coding through hands-on activities and games.
-  Create your very own games and interactive stories.
-  Boost critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
-  Dive into the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

 <https://acecodeclub.simplybook.it/v2/>
 ace.code.kc@gmail.com
 0754 231 8961


HOW TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE.





1. Click the link <https://acecodeclub.simplybook.it/v2/#book> and select the day (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY) for the course you need.

Want to register siblings, select the course for siblings

Tuesday coding - JUNIORS ONLY - Siblings

 1 hr./5 sessions

 £75.00  Recurring ⓘ

[Select](#)
[read more](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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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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