It has been a very busy first half term. This week especially, the whole school had an assembly on waste, with some year 6 doing an investigation into how good we are at sorting our waste into food waste, recycling and rubbish. Unfortunately, the bin from the staffroom was not good at recycling. 32 children did some community work, helping look after Brompton Cemetery, including planting some spring bulbs. It would be nice if we could do something similar in the local community.





On Tuesday we had workshops with a steel band company. It was great to fill the school with such beautiful music. Year 1 stepped back in time with their Victorian tea party. Then year 5 had a Viking workshop.
The school celebrated another accolade to go with our platinum sports, eco green flag and silver rights and respecting awards; we have regained our PSQM, Science award, and are now the GILT level. We continue to have space in all year groups on both sites. This is a concern for the school financially and for future proofing the school.

Edenred vouchers

The vouchers this year are £15 per child. We have submitted the emails of the priority 1 contact that we have on our system.

Hope you all have a wonderful Half Term.

Please support your children with their reading, phonics, number bonds and timestables. See you in a week.

Katie Jennings – Head teacher

Poppy Sales

After the half-term holiday, we will be selling poppies in school. There will be various merchandise on sale but once it has sold, we will not be getting anymore. The poppies themselves will be a donation, but the slap bands, and cotton bracelets will be £2; pencils and reflector poppies will be £1.



On Friday 6th November we would like the children to wear red for the Remembrance weekend. You will see some poppy displays popping up around the school.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the donations so far.



IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that

***pre-registration is required for every photo shoot*.**

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

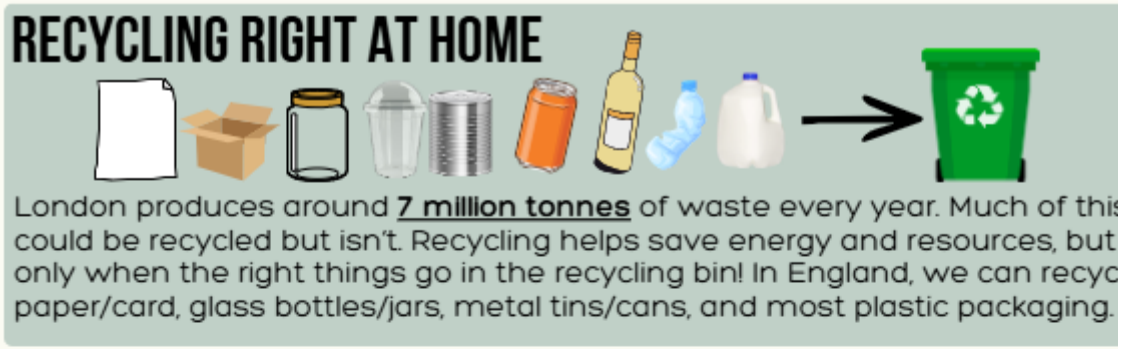
1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk

2. Enter your unique code: JRZVXKJEPU

3. Enter your child's full school register name.

ATTENDANCE

Form	%
2yr North PM	82.64%
Nursery North PM	86.61%
1 Grouse	87.53%
2yr North AM	87.65%
R Robin	88.59%
R Raven	90.64%
5 Woodpecker	91.16%
3 Mallard	91.47%
4 Kestrel	91.48%
Nursery North AM	92.24%
6 Sparrow	92.26%
2 Chiff Chaff	92.60%
2 Chaffinch	92.67%
6 Swallow	92.72%
R Rook	92.94%
1 Goose	93.01%
3 Merlin	93.42%
4 Kinglet	93.56%
6 Swan	93.75%
4 Kittiwake	93.87%
5 Waxwing	93.87%
Key Stage 1-4	93.90%
5 Wagtail	94.25%
6 Skylark	95.13%
Nursery North Full Time	95.23%
3 Moorhen	95.70%
1 Goldcrest	95.75%
4 Kingfisher	**95.84%**
Nursery South Full Time	96.01%
2 Cuckoo	96.16%
5 Wren	96.28%
2 Crow	**96.32%**
Nursery South AM	96.55%
1 Goldfinch	96.91%
3 Magpie	**97.74%**
Nursery South PM	100.00%









KEY DATES

October – Article 17Access to information
Harvest festival—Please bring in donations.
23rd Last day of term
26th—30th Half term holiday

NOVEMBER Article 2 & 3 No discrimination & best interests of the child
2nd Reception 2027 Open Days North Site
2nd – 5th Year 6 Practice SATS
2nd Poppy merchandise on sale - £1 to £2
2nd Chiff Chaff & Chaffinch @ Synagogue trip
3rd Cuckoo & Crow Synagogue trip
2nd—6th Year 4 Swimming
4th Reception 2027 Open days South site
4th Coffee morning & PTA meeting
5th Book Fair North site
Spooky Disco
6th Wear it RED day
9th School Nurse

Science News

Welcome to Science News at Mission Grove!

Get ready to **explore, experiment, and discover!** In each newsletter, our Science segment will bring you:

- Amazing science work from our students
- Fun experiments to try at home (no lab coat required!)
- Our **Scientist of the Week**
- Upcoming science events you won't want to miss
- And of course... a **Science Joke of the Week** to make you giggle!

We'll be sharing these exciting science adventures **every half term**, so get ready to spark your curiosity, have fun, and share a laugh with science!

Science Joke of the Week!

Do you have a science joke that's guaranteed to make everyone giggle?
Share it with us!
You can either:

- Bring your joke directly to Ms Hakeem, or
- Ask your teacher to email it to me (Ms Hakeem).



PSQM!

Reviewers were extremely impressed by the high quality of the submission received by our school. The commitment demonstrated in leading and developing science education within our school over the past year has been outstanding and the positive impact on curriculum design and teaching and learning is clearly evident.

PSQM
Primary Science Quality Mark
PSQM Gilt
Valid 2026 – 2029

Science vision and values!



Science in the area!

Looking for some fun, educational activities to enjoy with your children over the October half term? The Royal Parks are offering two fantastic free family events:

Hyde Park Learning Centre – Hair-raising Halloween
Tuesday 27 – Thursday 29 October
11am–3.30pm
Children can explore creepy-crawly autumn activities, investigate mystery *"feely boxes"*, follow a spooky nature trail, learn about bats in the Royal Parks and enjoy Halloween-themed storytelling.

Brompton Cemetery – October Nature Roadshow
Thursday 29 October
11am–3pm
This free drop-in event is perfect for budding scientists and nature detectives. Children can follow a spooky nature trail, explore nature specimens in a mini museum, take part in nature-inspired games and create wild crafts.

Both events are free and family-friendly, making them a great opportunity for children to continue their science and nature learning during the holidays. No booking is required, although families are encouraged to register where possible.

For more information, visit The Royal Parks website.



Work in a STEM field? We would love to hear from you to inspire our children to pursue Science beyond the classroom.



Science trip: Brompton Cemetery

'When I went to Brompton Cemetery, I was surprised to discover that two very important people were buried there: John Snow and Emmeline Pankhurst' – **Robert, Sparrow class.**

I felt proud that as a school we helped the community and wildlife area by planting 518 bulbs' – **Zain, Skylark class.**

'I really enjoyed making newspaper pots and planting our own nasturtium seeds. It was fun to make something from scratch and then plant the seeds ourselves' – **Teo, Swan class.**

'I liked learning how to look after the plants and thinking about how they would grow over time. It made me feel proud knowing that we had planted and started growing them ourselves' – **Hawa, Swallow class.**






Science in the classroom

Year 5

Putting friction to the test! Year 5 have been using Newton meters to measure the force required to pull objects across different surfaces. Brilliant hands-on science in action!





Year 1

'I had so much fun drawing around my partners body with chalk' - **Ozan, Grouse class.**

'When we finished drawing the body we labelled the different parts of our body. It was so much fun' - **Chanz, Grouse class.**





Science clubs!




Gardening club

Ayah: " We're planting because I like flowers. We make a home for ladybirds and butterflies."
Gabriel:" We have to water plants and make them grow"
Jude: "It's very windy in the Autumn, that's what makes the leaves fall down"
Walter:" We found these in our Forest, my leave is massive, it's an Oak leaf"

Steam club

'I love Science. My favourite activity was the mini boat hunt because I love zoology' - Sylvia, Moorhen class.

'The experiments we do, like bridge building and making paper aeroplanes, are really, really fun' - Dylan, Wren class.

'I really enjoyed the paper bridges. It was really good to see how many of the bridges it was possible to make' - Frankie, Wren class.




Spooky Disco – Get Ready to Boogie!

It's been a busy term of events, and now it's time for our Spooky Halloween Disco!
A highlight of the school calendar, the disco promises spooky costumes, dancing, glow sticks and plenty of Halloween fun!
November 5th - North Site

- Reception, Years 1 & 2: 3.30–5.00pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 5.15–6.45pm

November 5th - South Site

- Reception, Years 1 & 2: 3.15–4.45pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 5.00–6.30pm

Tickets & refreshments
Entry is £5 per child, which includes chips, a drink and glow sticks. Tickets can be purchased via the school App or front reception.
There will also be extra treats available to buy:

- Sweets: £1
- Popcorn: £2

Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart; **group starting Tuesday 24 November at 7:30pm**

SFSC
Stronger Relationships

- Feel more confident as a parent
- Build stronger family relationships
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- Work together more positively as parents
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- Practical support that fits around your schedule

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6 group discussions

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Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



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What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

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