



Mercer's Wood Academy

Newsletter – February 2024



It is staggering to me that we are halfway through the year. It feels like only yesterday we were opening the doors to the children after a long summer holiday but the lengthening days and the spring flowers do not lie!

You may have seen some new faces around school over the last month. I'd like to welcome Mrs Bristow, Miss Frost and Mrs Sanderson, who have all joined as TAs, and Mr Bedford who has joined to run our after school Acorns provision. All four staff members have slotted in to our team and are already making a big difference to the school.

Thank you to all of our families for your continuing support of the school.

Here's to another fantastic half term!

Mr K Ola
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

4th March – FOMW Valentines Disoc

11th March - Stay Safe Water
Workshop (Whole School)

15th March – Easter Non-uniform Day
(Whole School)

19th March – Mental Health Support
Sessions

19th & 20th March – Parents Evening

20th March 9am – Sleep Workshop

21st March – The Friends of Mercer's
Wood Easter Fair

25th – 29th March – Bikeability Week
(Year 5 Badger Class only)

MHST

We have had a fantastic start to our new relationship with the Lincolnshire Mental Health Support Team. Santina, our designated support worker, has already supported a number of our families since January and has delivered a brilliant parent workshop on co-regulation and how to support anxious children. Santina is available to talk to any parent during the first day of the upcoming parents evening, please book a session on the Arbor app if you feel this would be beneficial for your child.

MHST will be providing some anxiety workshops for children throughout the next term as well as joining our staff meetings to deliver some training for our teaching team.

Sleep Workshop

Santina will be deliver Wednesday 20th March at 9am in the school hall. All parents and family members are welcome to join us.



School Trip Contributions

We have made sure that all school trips for the year are organised early and are able to be paid for throughout the year. If we do not receive enough contributions we will no longer be able to offer these visits to the children. If you have outstanding payments, please complete them.

Home reading

All children should have a reading book that they bring home daily. It is important they are given time to practice their reading at home each day. This can be alone or with an adult. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. Bedtime is a great time to read as it helps to promote a good night's sleep.



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Curriculum

This has been another successful term using our Learning Journeys with every class producing some amazing answers for our Learning Questions. Please keep up to date with our social media, where we will continue to share our learning and continue to ask your child what they have been learning about.

This term's learning questions are:

Year 1: Which British country has the most beautiful national flower?

Year 2: What do plants need to grow?

Year 3: How important is water?

Year 4: Where are the women in our history books?

Year 5: How essential is the River Nile to life in Egypt?

Year 6: What is climate change and what can we do about it?

EYFS & Chicken Run Renovations

We are delighted to announce that the school has secured funding to be able to renovate our EYFS outdoor area. The outdoor area is well-used by the children but has been needing an update for some time. We are finalising the plans and hoping the work will be completed in the summer term.

We have also secured a National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Award to renovate the 'Chicken Run' area in the playground. This has been an unused area since many years before I came to the school due to the uneven, rough surface being unfit to play on. We are looking forward to it being a green space that showcases sustainability for the children.



National Education
Nature Park and
Climate Action Awards

Home Achievements

We continue to celebrate in-school and home achievements during our assembly on Friday. If your child has achieved something out of school, from swimming certificates to dance performances, please let us know and we can celebrate them in school.

Animals on the Playground

A polite reminder that animals are not invited onto school grounds. We are all animal lovers at Mercer's Wood but unfortunately many of our children have phobias and allergies, hence the need for our policy. We of course make exceptions for registered service animals, such as guide dogs.

Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am and our after-school club is available until 5.30pm. Book and pay using the Arbor app.

