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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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## Meath Green Junior School

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Dear parent/carer

As we come to the end of this academic year we can reflect on what has been a really successful year for the school and hopefully your child. We have plenty to be proud of:

Great SATs results, our best ever, achieved by our hard working and diligent Yr6. Some really successful sporting achievements across the board ranging from cross-country to netball, cricket, football, to most recently another convincing win at district sports.

In the arts we have just had our Year 6 production of Peter Pan, the choir performed beautifully at Dorking Halls. Dance and choir performances at Open Evening and our Art exhibition at Oakwood school; to name but a few highlights.

We must take this opportunity to thank the hard working staff for their commitment to their jobs of making a positive difference to your children; you the parents and carers for your hard work and the pupils themselves for their positive learning attitude.

We are also really pleased to let you know that we have been awarded the Dyslexia Friendly Award for Schools. Such a positive outcome for us as a school.

Enjoy the well-earned summer break.

### Goodbyes and Welcomes

At this time of year it is always sad to say farewell to some members of staff - moving on to new opportunities and adventures. Firstly, Miss Witcher who will continue in her teaching profession at North Downs. We wish her all the best with her new class - thank you for this year. Secondly Miss Hygate, who has been with us at MGJS for the last six years who is moving on to teach at Danes Hill School. She has not only been a great class

### KEY DATES 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 - **INSET DAY**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **PUPILS  
BACK TO SCHOOL**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **Year 5 Greek  
Day**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **Y6 to  
Newhaven Fort**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Year  
Ahead at MGJS' drop in for all year group  
parents 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -  
**MGJS Sports Teambuilding Day**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023-  
**Friends 'Welcome to MGJS Picnic'**  
5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 -  
**School Photos**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -  
**MacMillan Coffee Morning on the Bus for  
parents**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 -  
**Whole School - Flu Immunisations**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 -  
**Feeling Good Week 'I can.... We can'**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 -  
**Parents Evening**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 -  
**Y3 Portals to the Past**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 -  
**Parents Evening**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 'Own Clothes Day'  
for Feeling Good Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - **Friends 'Bag 2  
School'**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - **No Outsiders Week**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 -  
**BREAK-UP HALF TERM**

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teacher but has also been instrumental in developing our whole school curriculum. We thank you for all that you have done for the children, the staff and the school. We wish you all the best for the future. We are also losing Mr Bracken who has been our SCITT student this year. We wish you all the best for the next step of your career. Finally Mr O'Callaghan who has been working with Year 5 this year - good luck in your next step of teacher training. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Jordan Dann to the Year 6 teaching team. Natalie Bullen and Claire Sorrell will also be joining our support staff team. Welcome to you all. Mrs Jones will also be returning from maternity leave and joining our Year 5 teaching team.

### Sports Day

Two very successful sports days to end this academic year. Congratulations to the Y3/4 Winners - Yellow House and Y5/6 Winners - Red House.

### District Sports

We went into this year's District Sports with less preparation as we would have liked. There had been so much going on in school, with residential, trips and activities that time to practice and prepare was short.

However, we worked hard on the relays and did as much as we could.

It is fair to say that the team rose to the challenge and put in some great performances. Meath Green team competitors should have received a team photo jpeg on their school outlook email account, for personal family use only please.

Results are as follows:

Year 3 Competition- 1<sup>st</sup> Meath Green

Year 4 Competition- 1<sup>st</sup> Meath Green

Year 5 Competition- 1<sup>st</sup> Meath Green

Year 6 Competition- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meath Green

Overall: Meath Green 1<sup>st</sup>, Langshott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yattendon 3<sup>rd</sup>

Well done Meath Green- a great team performance and a great result.

### Year 3

*It feels like it was such a long time ago, that we had our first day at school. We were nervous but excited but played lots of games to help us settle in. Our first topic was 'We will rock you' all about the Stone Age. The best bit of the topic was the Wow Day! I remember Flint coming in, he was a man from the Stone Age and told us lots of information about it. He had lots of animal furs that we could touch and feel and tools and weapons that were made out of stone and wood. The skins were real and felt really weird and fuzzy.*

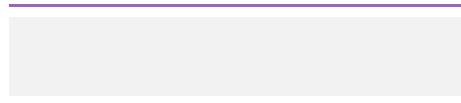
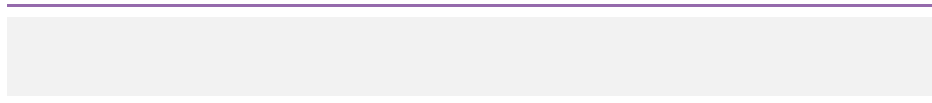
*We had a second wow day so that we could all wear our costumes again and one of the activities was dissecting and investigating animal poo (not real!), it was really disgusting. For DT we had to make roundhouses out of string, dowel rods and clay and they lay on the roof. It was really hard to work as a team sometimes.*

*Christmas was really exciting at school, we had a Christmas tree in our classroom and the Christmas dinner was really fun.*

*When we came back in January, we had a new topic called 'Around the World in 80 Days. The countries we visited were Australia, Mexico, India, Morocco, Japan, China, and Petra in Jordan. It was fascinating learning about the different places, we had to write emails and postcards to our families. For our Wow day we learned Chinese dragon and ribbon dancing in the hall. Whilst in Japan we celebrated the cherry blossom festival and made fans and had a picnic in the classroom, it was supposed to be outside under the cherry trees but it was too wet! For our DT project we had to make a cherry blossom tree with a kite flying close to it on a magnet. The magnets were because we were learning about forces in Science. Our class read was 'The Boy Who Made the World Disappear' it was a great book but a bit crazy at times!*

*We had to do an assembly for the whole school to tell them all about what we'd learnt.*

*In the summer term we had the colour run which was so much fun but tasted horrible when it went in my mouth. My t-shirt was really colourful when I'd finished! My mission was to be the most colourful person there!*



Our New topic was the rainforest. One of the best bits was the artwork we did, we learnt to draw insects and rainforest animals. The book we read in class was *The Explorer*, it was so good, I really want to read it again! On our wow day we dressed up as explorers, animals or insects of the rainforest, we did flower printing and also made up an obstacle course as if we were moving through the jungle. The best bit was the big art attack that we did with Mrs Spearman in the LRC, it looked amazing!

I really loved Fun Friday, there were so many things to do and it was really hot and sunny, we had a picnic on the field with everyone. We also went on a school trip to Wisley where we went into the glasshouse, it was like a jungle inside.

Year 3 has been amazing, intriguing, exciting, interesting, and great fun, we are excited for Year 4 but we will really miss Year 3. By Zoe, Chloe and Layla

#### Year 4

We enjoyed this year, going to Henley Fort and learning how to play the keyboards. We also liked a range of activities like stool ball with Miss Rodd and rounders with Mrs G. We loved creating pop art which we learnt about with Miss Cliff, as well as amazing maths. Our favourite topic is Year 4 was chocolate because we go to learn how the chocolate process works - and we got to eat chocolate! We love that we have a swimming pool at MGJS. We had a really amazing year and we hope Year 5 is the same. By Bethany and Rubie

#### Year 5

The summer term in year 5 sure is one to look forward to, full of loads of new, exciting topics. It was great to get back into school and see all my friends again for one last term before being the top of the school.

We learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, famous invasions that happened in that time, about Alfred the Great, and did a three-part research project about them to deepen our knowledge.

Recently we have been learning about forces, and how they affect us in everyday life. When learning about friction, we got to play tug of war, push trucks down ramps and fling toy cars across different surfaces to see the effects of friction and come up with different hypotheses. We also got to make parachutes and drop them out of the window with eggs in them to test the force of air resistance. We made bread and got to take it home as well.

By far, the highlight of this term has to be Carrotty Wood. We got to choose whether to camp or to lodge. We got to go canoeing, clamber up the high ropes and attempt the leap of faith, and go BMX biking (for my group, in the pouring rain). When on the night walk, I opted to go in the group with no torches on, and, Mr Amerio got us lost, we were left wandering around in pitch darkness at 10 o'clock at night.

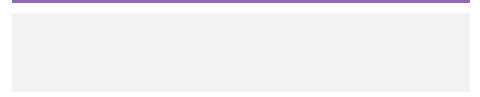
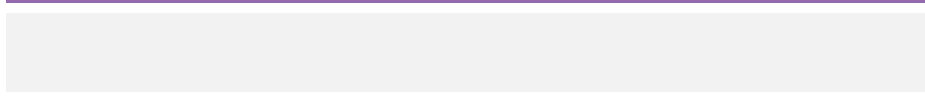
I have really enjoyed the extra-curricular activities there are to offer in year 5. For instance, this year I was in choir and performed at Dorking halls. I also joined flute, which is something I will never regret doing, as I have discovered a life-long passion for music. Lastly, I was selected for the Brilliant club, where you are given a topic and work towards a 1000-word essay. It was fun but intense.

I can't wait for the challenges that year 6 will bring for me. I am ready to face all of them head on. By Lily

#### Year 6

I have enjoyed my time in year 6. At the start of the year we went on a trip to New Haven Fort and dressed up as evacuees. We had a lovely time looking at monuments from World War 2. In the Autumn Term, our topic was Bullets, Bombs and Bunting, where we learned about the Blitz, Anne Frank and rationing food. We wrote a leaflet about evacuating in literacy. Also we wrote about Anne Frank and her life. I did cross country as my club in school and we went to meadows for a run. At Christmas we started our sowing project. We designed our own Christmas stocking. Mine was a Christmas pudding. We sowed for a long time but in the end it worth it.

After we had come back from the holidays, the topic was Chile. We learnt about the country's history, earthquakes and culture. We made a leaflet about why you should go to the country. In Topic we did experiments with tooth picks and marshmallows. We tried to make the most stable structure. My table won! In science we were learning about the body so we got to dissect a heart. We looked at the arteries and capillaries. It was very interesting. Our school trip in the spring term was going to junior citizens at the old canon building. We learnt about safety and how to do CPR. This term the pool had opened and we had started our lessons. Also this term we were preparing for SATs as it was only a few week away.



After Easter, I entered our last term at Meath Green Junior School. The topic for this term was rocks at the beach. A few weeks later we started our SAT exams. After we had finished we started our art. We designed a beach using different materials like sand or gravel. While we doing art we started the play, PETER PAN. I got the role Mr darling which was fun because I had never played a male before. We also planned our DT. We were doing fair ground rides. At the end of June most of the year went to France for a week. It very fun we went to the beach every night, made our own lunch and went to a farm! This trip was my favourite part of year 6. Also we went in the pool more often, instead of lessons we did free time. After we came back from France we continued our play and DT. The disco and leaver party was fun. I danced to all the songs. By Izzy Carey

### **End of Year Awards**

These recognise consistent commitment to academic progress and to the school values that are so important to creating the caring ethos of our school which makes it the special community it is.

### **MGJS Values Awards**

3S - Khavhiish Sugunan	4C - Rubie Eddens	5L - Hayden Mincher	6H - Joshua Brookes
3R - Zoe Woolston	4M - Isabel Teixeira Baltasa	5B - Emilio Albano	6G - Florence Smith
3TM - Chloe Turner	4D- Alex Mendez Holod	5W - Eason Blane	6T - Nandita Ramnarayan

### **Progress Awards**

	READING	WRITING	MATHS
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Luke Bettsworth	Layla Bakrania	Annalise McClean
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Tabitha Lodge	Paige White	Keegan Gough
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Maryam Ahmed	Maisie Kendry-Foster	Zuzanna Biernat
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Bella Lewis	Holly Gittings	Leo Williams

### **Residential Awards**

Year 5 Carrotty Wood - Maid Marion - Lyra Rudge and Mia Bell

Year 5 Carrotty Wood - Robin Hood - Archie Gowan and Tomas Novo

**Year 6 France Trip** - Paige Patterson-Smith and Jacob Byrne

**Year 6 Activities Week** - Lucia Sivadilingom and Frankie Gibling

**Rivers Sports Awards** - Bethany Povey and Liam Henty

**Head Teacher's Awards** - Maisie Chapman and Emir Ismail

**Peter Hart Award** - George Rhodes

### **Brilliant Club Awards**

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in The Brilliant Club this year. The following pupils completed their assignment entitled 'Vikings - Friend or Foe?' and were awarded top marks.

#### **Year 5**

Bella Cottington  
Alyssa Trotman  
Daniel Bain  
Lily Wandrag  
Tyler Mayne  
Emily Parry

#### **Year 6**

Sophie Elsey	Bethany Povey
Paige Patterson-Smith	
Joshua Brookes	
Rishaan Bakrania	
Emir Ismail	
Charlotte Davey	

### **Summer 2022 Book Raffle Winners**

Well done to all of those who achieved raffle tickets due to their reading this term. The winners for this term are:

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd - Josh 6H

The Cosmic Diary of our Incredible Universe by Tim Peake - Jasmine 5B

Adventure Mice - Otter Chaos by Reeve and McIntyre - George 5B



The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame - Amelia 3R  
 Last Bear by Hannah Gold - Zuzanna 5B  
 Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone - Isla 5L  
 The King's Pants by Nicholas Allan - Holly 6H  
 Moon Flight by Gill Lewis - Zuzanna 5B  
 Fireborn by Aisling Fowler - Oscar 5B  
 Alex Neptune - Pirate Hunter by David Owen - Olly 4D  
 The Anti-Boredom Book of Brilliant Things to Do by Andy Seed - Amber 4M  
 Children's Book of Art by Usborne - Holly 4M

### Summer Themed Bake-Off Competition

Thank you for all the lovely summer themed cakes that you sent in last Friday. They looked amazing and there was not one left by the end of the sale! The winners are:

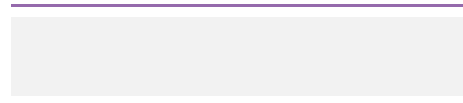
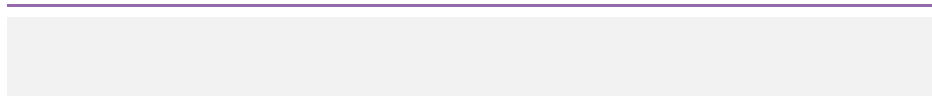
Adult entry: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Esmee Richards and Laura Richards - 'Flower Power' 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rachel Brookes - 'The Taste of Summer'

Pupil entry: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amelia Withers 'Berry Paradise' 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jay Stockwell 'Jay's Chocolate Chappies'. A huge shout out also to Tilly-Louise for her very creative 'A Day on the Beach'.



### 'The Year ahead at MGJS' - 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm (in the school hall)

Rather than having individual year group parent meetings at the beginning of September, we have decided to hold an informal opportunity for you as parents to come in to find out what the year ahead looks like in each year group. We will have stands in the school hall where the staff will be available to answer any questions that you may have. We will also have a stand where you can purchase your child's home school diary - £6.50. This is such a vital piece of school equipment and has been updated further for the next academic year.



### Pool – September 2023

A reminder that the swimming pool will be open in September up until half-term so please ensure that your child continues to bring in swimming kit.

### Uniform

All our uniform is available to buy from [www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents)

Please note that your child is able to wear summer uniform up until October half term (if weather appropriate)

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY NAMED**

WINTER	SUMMER
Grey trousers or skirt White short or long-sleeved shirt Bottle green 'V' neck pullover or cardigan School tie Bottle green, grey or white socks or tights School Fleece <b>SHOES</b> - Low heeled black school shoes (no sports logos)	Short sleeved white shirt with a tie OR MGJS polo shirt Grey trousers, grey tailored shorts or skirt OR Summer dress of green and white gingham or stripes Bottle green, grey or white socks <b>SHOES</b> - Low heeled black school shoes (no sports logos)

### Sports and PE equipment:

Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit on their allocated P.E. days. Children also need a pair of trainers in school every day to be able to change into for 'run the world', our school approach to the daily mile. These can be kept in a plastic bag on pegs. We are incredibly fortunate to have a swimming pool on site at MGJS and swimming forms our P.E. lessons, in the early Autumn and Summer terms.

PE Kit:

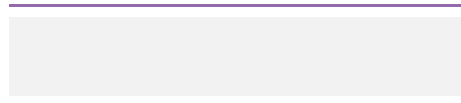
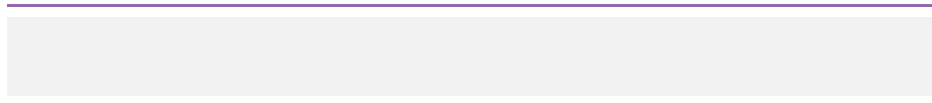
- Plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for games
- Green shorts
- House colour cotton T-shirts
- Track suits, preferably green, may be worn during the colder weather for outdoor games

Swimming:

- Boys – form fitting swimming trunks (not board-shorts)/ a one-piece swimsuit.
- Rash vests/ UV tops are optional
- Swimming hat (available from the school office)
- Goggles (optional)
- Towel

We would also ask that:

- No nail varnish to be worn in school at any time
- Headbands should be green or black and minimal in size
- No hair dye. Haircuts to be appropriate for the school environment



## 2022/23 Friends of Meath Green Junior School Round-up

What a year 2022/23 has been - from clothing collections to raffles and the Colour Run... our school community have done us proud by supporting events and helping to raise **£9 895.12!** An amazing amount despite the cancelled Quiz Night and Summer Celebration: 2 events we hope to resurrect in our 2023/23 event calendar.

The funds we have raised have contributed toward a variety of experiences and items for our children including the Library Bus, iPads for the classrooms, VR sets (hopefully arriving in September 2023), dance workshops, coach trips, year group resources, commemorative badges and more.

Our **class links** and **volunteers** have been invaluable - relaying messages to their respective classes, packing sweets for the Disco's, stuffing raffle tickets in envelopes, sourcing, and ordering ice-lollies for Frozen Fridays, labelling up BBQ tickets, delivering items to school, painting faces at the Disco's, clearing up after events... the list goes on. We always need more helpers/volunteers so if this is something you are interested in - what/how much you do is up to you - please get in touch so we can get you onboard!

**EVENT SPONSORS** - firstly THANK YOU to our 22/23 sponsors: Morley Motors, Power Bespoke and The Transfer Shack. We are always on the lookout for people/businesses to sponsor our events, this helps us to cover our costs and raise as much as we can for our children and Meath Green Junior School. If you run a business/work for someone who may be interested in being a sponsor, please let us know - the list of events can be found on our Facebook page and below 🙏



### 2023/24 events

SEPT 23	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023
13 <sup>th</sup> - AGM & termly meeting	TBC - Bags2School 13 <sup>th</sup> - Mufti Day	8 <sup>th</sup> - Termly meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> - Mufti Day	1 <sup>st</sup> - Quiz Night & Raffle 11 <sup>th</sup> - Disco's
JAN 2024	FEB 2024	MAR 2024	APR 2024
	8 <sup>th</sup> - Bake Sale 28 <sup>th</sup> - Termly meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> - Movie Afternoon 28 <sup>th</sup> - Break the Rules Day	TBC - Bags2School 24 <sup>th</sup> - Termly meeting
MAY 204	JUN 2024	JULY 2024	AUG 2024
23 <sup>rd</sup> - Colour Run	12 <sup>th</sup> - Termly Meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> - Frozen Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> - Frozen Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Discos & Leaver Picnic 12 <sup>th</sup> - Frozen Friday	



**AGM** - we need YOUR support! We are holding our AGM on the evening of **Wednesday 13 September 2023**, and we need as many people as possible to attend so that the election/re-election of committee members can happen. All current committee members are willing to stand for re-election, however it will be my final year as Chair as my daughter enters Y6 and my son starts Reception - now is THE best time to join the committee, learn the ropes and help keep the Charity going for years to come.

NO committee = NO charity = NO events = NO money raised

On a final note, I would like to thank Gill Williamson - our charity Secretary for the past 2 years. Your expertise and support have been invaluable, we will miss you, but thank you for handing over to Gemma Wilby and guiding her through her first few months, as our new Secretary.

Have a lovely summer and see most of you in September 2023 - kicking it all off with our Welcome Back Picnic on Friday 15 September 2023. Laura Wandrag (Chair of The Friends of MGJS)



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### Wellbeing for all over the summer holidays - 'Little things can make a difference'

Surrey 'Mindworks' have put together a support pack for emotional health and wellbeing. Please see attached document with this e-mail and letter below:

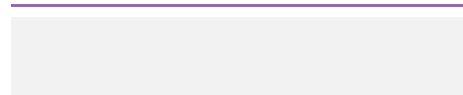
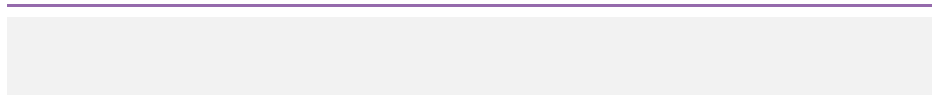
*Dear Parents/Carers/ Young people*

*The past few years have been quite challenging for all of us. With the pandemic, climate change, high cost of living and global conflicts, it seems as though we have been constantly tested. We had hoped that when children went back to school, things would start to calm down and return to normal.*

*Unfortunately, for some, the impact of COVID and other crises is still being felt. We understand that it can be overwhelming and stressful to navigate through all of this, which is why we have put together a collection of valuable resources and information to support you and your family. This pack contains individual leaflets; and is divided into different sections so you don't need to read all the information in this pack; simply use the table of contents to refer to the subject of your interest. Most leaflets have references to useful websites, and at the end of the pack, you will find a list of useful organisations and phone numbers for your reference.*

*We hope you find this information helpful and easy to use.*

**Mindworks-surrey.org**





## Keeping Safe Online over the summer holidays



Just a final reminder that all staff will have their out of office notifications on their e-mails at the end of today until Monday 4th September 2023. If you need to contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) with regard to welfare or safeguarding then please contact the e-mail address [dsl@mgjs.org](mailto:dsl@mgjs.org)

Thank you for your support this term - it has been a great one!



