

Weekly Bulletin

May 17th 2024



I can't explain how proud we all are of our Year 6 pupils who have completed their National tests (SATs) this week, working extremely hard and having shown positivity and self-belief throughout the week. Thanks to all the staff involved in supporting children this week and especially children from across the school who have maintained a calm and quiet environment for our oldest children.

Our children at Meldreth are well prepared for their assessments and I understand, have ended quite enjoying the challenge! Whilst teachers and children have certainly been working hard to prepare for these tests, at Meldreth, we know the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and we're making sure that we have plenty of learning fun too. Look out for the photos of our Year 4's on our school website taking part in their first school residential experience!

Don't forget that **school is closed for staff training next week on Thursday and Friday**. I hope that the weather will continue to get warmer for you over half term...enjoy!

Year 1 Phonics Check

All **Year 1 pupils** take the phonics screening check during June. **Year 2 pupils** who did not pass the phonics screening check when they were in Year 1 are also given another opportunity to show what they have learned in Year 2.

The check comprises of a list of 40 words and nonsense words. It assesses phonics skills and knowledge learnt in reception and Year 1. Pupils read one-to-one with their class teacher and they are asked to sound out a word and blend the sounds together. The check is very similar to the tasks the pupils complete during phonics lessons. In total, the check lasts approximately 10 minutes.

To find out more and ways in which to prepare your child please [see our school website](#).

Year 4 Multiplication Check...Why is learning your times tables so important?

Secure and confident knowledge of times tables is vital to children's success in Maths. They are the building blocks of Maths and with multiplications mastered the doors to many other areas of Maths become unlocked! Here are some ways which memorising times tables can benefit your child:

Most importantly, knowing their times tables will give your child confidence in their ability in Maths. We aim for all children to be able to mentally recall their times tables, moving away from counting on their fingers as they become more confident.

Times tables can help your child to grasp other mathematical concepts, such as fractions, division, ratio and percentages to name a few. Children who do not know their times tables will not be able to access more complex procedures.

If a child is confident with their times table skills, then this can reduce the cognitive load when learning a new method. An example of this is when learning the long multiplication method; if a child is already confident with their times tables then they can solely focus on the new skills with the method, e.g. where to carry numbers, when a place value holder is needed, estimating and checking that their answer is correct.

This will not only help to ensure that their calculations are accurate, but speed up the process of learning a new method and also boost their confidence as they see that they have been successful.

Expectations for times tables for each year group:

Year 1 Count in multiples of **2, 5 and 10**. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.

Year 2 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the **2, 5 and 10** multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.

Year 3 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the **3, 4 and 8** multiplication tables.

Year 4 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to **12x12**.

Year 5 & 6 Revision of all times tables and division facts up to **12x12**.

PTA NEWS

The PTA committee is pleased to be bringing back our Krispy Kreme sale! You'll be able to pre-order your delicious doughnuts on MCAS from next week. Collection will be from the playground at pickup on Friday 14th June.

We are also very pleased to be able to confirm the date of our next disco. Please note, we are trialling this on a Thursday night! Thursday 20th June - places will be available to book next week on MCAS.

BoomReader - Parental Reading Tips

Enjoy listening to your child read - be their most favourite audience.




You play a crucial role in supporting your child's reading and learning.

With this in mind here are a few tips and tricks to help you enjoy more positive and rewarding reading with your child.



Did you know?

Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that effective parental engagement can lead to learning gains of +3 months over the course of a year.

					
Ava B	Bethan D	Freyja T	George T	Aya T	Vinnie T
Jessie G	Otis I	James M	Felix L	Lincoln N	Ella H
Maisie M	Markus W	Isaac I	Curtis F	Reggie B-E	Darcy L
Amelie S, Jamie D, Hannah F & Arthur S			Aaliyah-Rose T		Hollie M

Upcoming Events

Monday 20 th May	Year 4 Residential Visit
Thursday/Friday 23 rd 24 th May	School Closed for staff training
Monday 27 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Check begins
Friday 7 th June	Preloved Uniform Sale and the first Frozen Friday (ice lollies on sale)
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check begins
Friday 14 th June	PTA Krispy Kreme sale!

Saturday 15 th June	Melbourn Fun Day, The Moor, 12-5. PTA famous waffles on sale
Thursday 20 th June	PTA Disco
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Our Swimming Pool

Meldreth
Primary School



We are extremely fortunate to have our own pool onsite which means pupils benefit from dedicated weekly swimming lessons during the summer half term helping them increase their confidence and skills in the water whilst creating happy memories and having fun with their friends.

We are asking each family at school to contribute £25* a year to help keep the pool running

**or whatever you can afford to give*

Why the swimming pool needs your support

It is completely funded by the PTA – we receive no funds from school budget or the Local Authority.

The money to run the pool comes from fundraising and support from our school community.

We want to keep our pool for everyone to benefit from now and in the future.

Meldreth School pool has taught generations of children to swim

Amazing previous fundraising efforts across the school and the local community secured the current pool facility.

It is our mission to ensure we can continue to fund it.

We are so grateful to everyone who has previously contributed. We rely on ongoing support from our school community so we can budget for running costs, repairs and future improvements.



Pupils swim at least twice a week over 6 weeks - compare that to the cost of local swimming lessons!

Each year we pay for:

- Commissioning & decommissioning
- Oil for heating
- Water testing
- Chlorine and supplies
- Servicing & repairs
- Training for pool carers
- First aid & resuscitation training for staff

Please help us keep the pool running by making a donation

Your support has significant impact meaning children can learn a skill that will last a lifetime.

Thank you!

Remember to complete a Gift Aid form (if you are eligible) so we can claim an extra 25% on your donation at no extra cost to you! Forms available to pick up from the office.

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