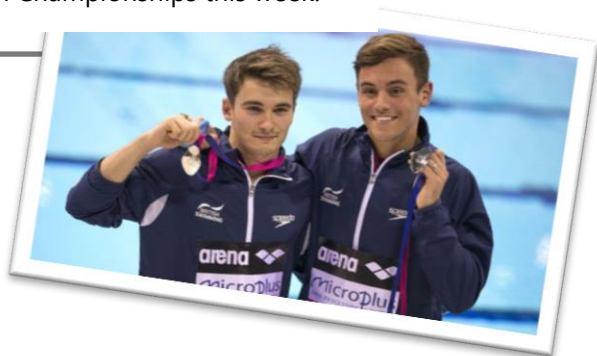


MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Head teacher's award:

Joe Y, Jonny T, Tom W, Ella HB and Luca H

Robin class Learner of the Week: Sophie I

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport our trophy winners this week are...

Maya S, Finlay H, Eva R, Ben O and Charlie S

Writer of the Week

This week's star writer...

Lucia M-R in Jay class for her remarkable retelling of the story Rosie's Walk from the foxes point of view.

Home learners of the Week

This week **Olivia D** in Chaffinch class is our home learner this week for her creative guide to life at Meldreth Primary School in Chaffinch class.

A must for all new pupils to read!

House Points

This week's house point totals are....

Elm
1043

Beech
989

Oak
1280

Ash
1144

Well done Oak House!

SATs Test season is over now for our Year 6 pupils and you will have no doubt seen much coverage in the media about the new tests which children in Year 2 will be sitting this month. These statutory assessments this year are a little different than in previous years as they test children's understanding of the new National Curriculum introduced in 2014. The results are also reported differently. Parents will no longer get an National Curriculum level, instead they will be told whether their child is 'working below the expected standard', 'working at the expected standard' or 'working at greater depth'.

Our children at Meldreth are well-prepared for these new tests and in our Year 6's experience have ended quite enjoying the experience! Much has been said in the press recently about schools narrowing the curriculum to prepare children for the tests. 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 fun too!

Swimming Summary

We are fortunate to have swimming facilities on the school premises through the kind support of parents and our swimming pool fundraising team, and locally at Melbourn Village College. All our lessons are taught by your child's class teacher in school or by Swimming Teachers' Association instructors at MVC.

The benefits of our swimming classes go far beyond fulfilling the National Curriculum criteria: they serve to keep children fit, give pupils the opportunity to succeed in a discipline outside the classroom environment, are fun, and most importantly, they teach children how to remain safe in the water.

In addition to learning a life skill, achievements are celebrated with certificates which are awarded for completing set tasks in the water.

We are always very grateful for extra assistance offered by parents and carers, who are able to help during class swimming lessons. Please contact your child's class teacher if you can offer help on a regular basis over the next few weeks.

13th May 2016

Our attendance target is:
Sept-April
95.4%
96%

Diary Dates

(more dates on the website!)

May

Monday 16th **Woodpecker**

swimming begins

Wednesday 18th -20th **Y4/5 Grafham**

Visit

Friday 20th PTA Discos

Wednesday 25th **Chaffinch & Y4**

Swallow swimming begins

Friday 27th May School closed

HALF TERM - Mon 30th – Fri 3rd June

June

Thursday 9th Y5/6 Quad Kids

Competition

New Parents meeting

Friday 10th Y5/6 Kwik Cricket

PTA Discos

Tuesday 14th Year 1 Multi-skills

Tuesday 21st Year 4 mini Olympics

Friday 24th Sports Day

Drug Education Begins at Home

If you couldn't make it to this week's drugs awareness event please look at the home page on our website for resources from the evening and some thoughts from those who attended.

Be Prepared

Swimming season is nearly upon us and with it another bag to bring to school. Room in school for storing personal equipment is limited and is the main reason why things go missing as they fall from pegs in cloakrooms. Please help us to help your child towards becoming an independent learner and in bringing the right equipment for the day ahead.

- Consider leaving PE kit in school for the term **in a drawstring bag which hang neatly on pegs**. Class teachers will return this when it needs a wash!
- Leave large rucksacks at home.
- Pencil cases can stay at school overnight and are not essential.

Your child should then only need to bring in:

- A **warm/waterproof coat** for all weathers, as we spend time outside everyday.
- A **labelled drinks bottle** so your child has access to a drink throughout their session.
- A **piece of fruit** for breaktime.
- A **lunch box**, if required.
- **Swimming kit** when needed.
- **Bookbags**

We are getting an increasing number of parents/carers dropping off PE kits, lunches, pencil cases, glasses, trainers etc. after the start of the school day when children (or parents) have forgotten to pack these. Whilst we know that this will occasionally happen, please make every effort to make sure your child has everything that they need at the start of the day as this can be very worrying for children in school.

Grammar Refresher

Try this rap, to stay one step ahead of our Year 2 grammar experts!

"A **noun** is the name of a person, place or thing, like Sam in Sydney with a ball of string.

An **adjective** describes a noun, like a big, wide smile on a painted clown.

Verbs, verbs, are doing words, they like to move and fly like the birds, running and jumping, you can often add an ING, like dance and laugh and hop and sing!

An **adverb** likes to add to a verb and tell you more about the word, it often has an LY on the end, like slowly walk or quickly bend."



Lizzie our Bikeability expert in action with balance bikes and bike maintenance this week.