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Congratulations to
Tadpoles

who achieved
100%
attendance this week!!

Well done everybody!

We would be grateful if parents would continue to notify the school office by email if they or their children have travelled to any areas identified by Public Health England. Information on those areas can be found [here](#).

If parents wish to contact their child's teacher via email, please use office@longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk and not any individual email addresses they may have.

SPORT RELIEF

We have raised £260 so far today for this worthwhile cause. We will continue to collect donations next week if you wish to contribute.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the school being represented at two music festivals in MK, with our brass and string musicians taking part at the splendid venue of Christ the Cornerstone Church. It is always a pleasure to see our children perform in public (quite a daunting task for them!) and as ever the children did us #proud. The quality of performance, the behaviour whilst watching and the smiles on their faces made both events truly memorable. I am also pleased to announce that our brass group came away with the Silver trophy! This means they get to perform in the winners' concert in July. Well done to them and to our string orchestra who also performed brilliantly!



This week also saw our annual celebration of World Book Day and this year we tried something a little different. The whole day was structured around one book: The Day the Crayons Quit. If you haven't read it, it's about a boy called Duncan who is surprised to discover one day that all of his crayons have quit. The book contains a letter from each crayon explaining why they have quit, e.g. pink crayon is fed up because they never get used, grey crayon is tired because they are always colouring in large things like whales, etc.. It's really funny and appeals to all ages. We also know that, at times, finding, creating or buying a WBD costume can be expensive and stressful for some families, so we took this different approach this year. The children used the book as their focus for the day and have done some amazing things such as: the classroom chairs quitting too, lots of drama and creative writing, as well as the most colourful assembly ever seen.



Today was also our LMS Sport Relief day. Unfortunately the school diary meant that we couldn't hold this on the 13th but we wanted to support this great cause. Look out for a full report next week.

As a school we, of course, like to embrace technology, however there are a number of children who are arriving at school wearing a form of smart watch. These watches are being used to play games on in school, with some children even receiving messages during the school day as they appear to be connected to their mobile phones. Please could parents ensure that children are not wearing these types of watches to school as they are an inappropriate distraction to school life and could cause further problems.

Have a great weekend

Mr Gray



Long Meadow Legends

James - Tadpoles

Sabrina - Minnows

Emaan - Pondskeepers

Harry & Logan - Sticklebacks

Holly - Newts

Albie W-K - Frogs

Reece - Bracken

Freddie - Hogweed

David - Hawthorn

Jayden - Foxgloves

Jack - Thistles

Jack - Ferns

Isabelle - Brambles

Dhanvi - Teasels



get cycling



Learn to Ride

Have you always wanted to ride a bike?

We'll look no further! Milton Keynes Council, in partnership with Chiltern Cycle Hub, are offering Learn to Ride Sessions:

- 1:1 hour session
- Cost - £10 (for the first lesson)

An hour session could be enough to get you riding! Participants have ranged in age from 5 to 75 so it just goes to show you're never too old to learn.

Booking is essential for this course and places are **VERY** limited.

Learn to Ride lessons are currently available on the following dates:

March

Saturday 14th

April

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

(More dates always being added!)

If you are interesting in finding out more, and booking your place email: andrew@chilterncyclehub.co.uk

For more information, and terms and conditions visit:

<https://www.getsmartertravelmk.org/events/bikeability-learn-ride-lessons-2>



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CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

The best way to protect yourself and others is:



Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.



Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

If you have recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of areas and find out more at

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)