

# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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**Weekly Bulletin** - Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy and eventful week it has been!

As this month is Black History Month our assemblies will be based around this theme, celebrating a wide variety of people both past and present and their inspirational stories, for example Mary Seacole and Marcus Rashford.

The children had their photographs taken on Wednesday. Once they are returned from Wrates they will come home to you so you can order if you wish.

## Reading corner

The children had a lovely day celebrating National Poetry day, hunting for poems around school and listening to the teachers read their favourite poems. Make sure you look at the whole school dojo to see Mrs Gibbs and Mr Grant reading a poem.

Our author of the month for October is Michael Rosen. He is a super author and brilliant poet. You can enjoy watching Michael performing 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by following the link <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ytcOU2WAZ4s&vl=en-GB> or watch Michael perform his poem 'Chocolate Cake' <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ytcOU2WAZ4s&vl=en-GB>

Reading at home is so important and we recommend you hear your child read little and often, at least 3 times a week. Please post any reading with your child on Class Dojo. Attached is a poster from the Education Endowment Foundation about reading at home.

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19\\_Resources/Resources\\_for\\_schools/Reading\\_with\\_TRUST\\_comic.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_schools/Reading_with_TRUST_comic.pdf)

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will have a special visitor in school to officially open our new reading shed. We would like to thank everyone who participated last year in our sponsored read and generously donated to enable us to purchase our new reading shed, books and soft furnishings.

## Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations start next week on Microsoft Teams. I hope that you have been able to book an appointment, if not please contact the school office. You will be sent a code for the meeting the day before. Please join a few minutes before your allocated time. You will be asked to wait in the waiting room and then the teacher will let you in. The meetings will be 10 minutes long and due to them being back to back, teachers will need to adhere to the time slots.



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## Online Safety

We have been made aware this week of children viewing age-inappropriate content via adverts on online games and apps such as Minecraft. Please check your Parental Settings on all your devices, and have the chat with your child about what they can do if they have that 'uh-oh feeling' when they are online - [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) has lots of useful information and helpful tips.

## Harvest Festival

Even in these unprecedented times, we will still be holding our Harvest Festival. We will be encouraging families to send in harvest donations for the Padley Centre. We support this charity each year at this time. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October please could you send in any donations of the following products: fruit squash, tea & coffee, long life milk, biscuits, cook-in-sauces, sugar, flour, sauces - red, brown, mayonnaise, jam, gravy granules, tinned custard, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned meatballs, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables.

We will then send them out the following day. Thank you all in advance for supporting this very worthy cause.

## World Mental Health Day

This Sunday is World Mental Health Day. The theme is 'Mental Health in an Unequal World'. On Monday in school children will be thinking about mental health and wellbeing.

## Half term holiday

School closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the half term holiday.

## End of the day routines

Please ensure that if someone different is collecting your child from school that you have let school know. If it is during the school day that you need to inform us please ring the office rather than a message on Class Dojo as your class teacher will be teaching and may not see the message. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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