

Weekly Bulletin

February 5th 2021



We love seeing your home learning - keep it coming!

It has been another great week of remote learning and the staff have enjoyed seeing everything that the children have been posting to Tapestry and Google Classroom. Your effort is incredible; please do keep up the momentum of learning at home with the children until half term, when everyone will get a well-deserved break. With your support, our children are not missing vital learning content. Please do ensure that your child is uploading a photo, video or document of their learning each day. This way the teachers are able to give your child feedback on how to improve and encouragement.

Meldreth staff received their lateral flow tests this week and will be using these twice a week at home before heading for the classroom. We hope that this additional measure will help to identify anyone who is not showing Covid symptoms but could be infectious. Please contact school immediately if you or your child has a new cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste so that we can protect our school and community provision.

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Stay home.
Protect family.
Protect community.

Reading & Phonics

We are pleased to see you requesting and returning books to school and class libraries this week. Our early readers use colour banded books as they progress with their reading skills. As children need a different type of support at each level [take a look](#) at how your child will progress through each book band and what to look out for at each reading stage. We have outlined information for reading with your experienced reader too!

CHECK NOW.... is your child eligible for Additional School Funding? - use this [speedy checking tool](#).

IMPORTANT contact school immediately if you or your child has a **new cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste** - email head@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk

Log Your Active Hours

All staff and children, log your active hours with our PTA ['2021 Active Hours'](#) challenge to raise vital funds for our swimming pool campaign. Can you, along with your family members help Meldreth Primary School as a community reach 2021 Active Hours collectively before the end of this lockdown?

Whether you walk, cycle, ride a scooter, bounce, or take part in a home exercise class, enter the time you've spent getting active into [our exercise tracker](#).

All participants will receive a certificate, or for £5.00 they will receive a Meldreth medal and a goody bag as a keepsake (purchase in your MCAS account [here](#)). There will be prizes for the most active child, adult and school class! **We look forward to seeing how active you all are. We have already had an amazing 182 hours logged since last Friday, keep up the amazing work.**

Plan Your Half Term Entertainment

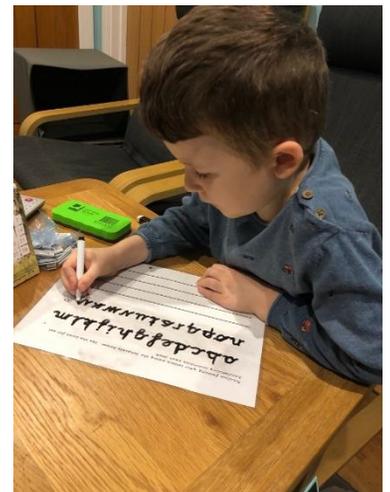
- **ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's virtual bedtime stories** "Tails from the Zoo" will be available to [watch online](#) each weekend from Saturday, January 16, until Sunday, February 21, with a different animal-inspired story told from the two zoos' most popular exhibits every Saturday and Sunday evening.
- **Cambridge Literary Festival** are hosting Chris Lloyd on 18th February. He will be delivering a family friendly interactive quiz based on his book, **Absolutely Everything!: A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things Too Numerous to Mention**. The event is aimed at children aged 7+, though younger audiences are likely to enjoy it too! You can find more details on the event [here](#).
- **Twilight at The Museums** is held every February half term, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, they will still be bringing you a taste of Twilight fun in your homes. For more information visit their website [here](#).

"Love Your Home-Start" Dress Up Day – Friday 12th

This pandemic has been toughest on those already struggling, but we've also seen communities coming together. We want to keep that spirit of generosity alive by encouraging everyone to give a little love this Valentine's Day to support our local Home-Start charity who offer support to families with at least one child under the age of 9.



The link for donations for parents (suggested amount £1) is [LYHSMeldreth \(virginmoneygiving.com\)](#) half of the money raised will come back to school to support us in increasing our early reading book supply.



From the team at Meldreth Primary School...keep your fabulous home learning coming in – we love it!

2021 Active Hours



Share your photos on Facebook @MeldrethPTA

Calling all children, parents, grandparents and staff!

Help Meldreth Primary School reach 2,021 active hours before the end of this lockdown. Whether you walk, cycle, ride a scooter, bounce, or take part in a home exercise class, enter the time you've spent getting active into our exercise tracker at <https://forms.gle/qXML5AWCYAVxJB5Q8>

Prizes for the most active child, adult and school class!

It's free to enter and all children will be given a certificate to celebrate their participation. For £5 you can also receive a goody bag and a Meldreth Medal (pictured right) as a keepsake.



All proceeds raised by this event will go towards replacing the school pool. Look out for more information about the PTA's Save our School Pool campaign. Thank you for your support.

