

## Merrow Schools Federation

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## Merrow Schools Federation Bulletin - Summer 2 2023

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed the bank holidays over the past couple of weeks - how will we manage a full week next week?! Despite the shorter weeks, we have packed lots of learning and activities in. The children at both schools enjoyed their street party on Tuesday - it was such a shame that, due to the weather (no surprises there!), we were unable to have a joint picnic, however the children looked great in their Red, White and Blue and had a delicious lunch fit for a king! Thank you to the Infant PTA for providing a Magnolia Tree to be planted in the newly refurbished pond area to commemorate the coronation - I was ably aided by our School Council.

I would like to extend my thanks and say a huge well done to our Year 6s who have taken their SATs papers this week. They have all shown an excellent attitude and really tried their best - which is all we ask. We hope they have a well-earned rest this weekend before we wish them a bon voyage as they set sail for Paris next week.

A reminder to check the 'Dates for the Diary' attached to the Newsletter, so that you don't miss out!

### All Weather Pitch project

The all-weather pitch at the Juniors was first built in 2001 and covers an area of 1600 square metres. The surface is now badly worn and needs refurbishment. The normal lifespan of such a pitch is 10 years so we've done extremely well to make it last this long! This pitch is a much-needed area for the school to be able to offer year-round outdoor learning, sports and activities.

We propose to replace this with a new high-quality all-weather playing surface which could be used for a range of different sports. We will believe there is an opportunity for the school to improve facilities by installing facilities such as floodlighting and an outdoor toilet block. This will enable the school to let these facilities to the wider community, thus enabling everyone to lead healthy and active lives. These lettings will also provide an income that will help fund future developments of this area.

As you can imagine, this will be a very expensive project, so will be fundraising through the PTA as well as looking for grants to support us. If you have any contacts who would like to sponsor the project etc., please let us know.

### Logo

Don't forget to vote for our new logo by Sunday! <https://forms.gle/rUafNYQvq3xwZ6Mv7>  
It is very close at the moment!

### Obstacle Course

On 24th May (infants) and 25th May (juniors), the children will take part in a sponsored obstacle course! All the information you need was sent on Tuesday.

Both schools have a (separate) Just Giving page that we ask you to please share far and wide with friends, family and neighbours, and help your child to gain as many sponsors as they can!

Infants: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/2023-obstacle-course-infants>

Juniors: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/2023-Obstacle-Course-Juniors>

This will be a really fun event for the children, and hopefully their efforts in tackling the course will raise lots of money for the PTA!

#### **Pupil reports:**



**At his Coronation the King had a beautiful, heavy crown placed on his head. He had oil poured on his head, just like David in the Bible, but King Charles had asked for special oil to be used that was vegan as he didn't want any animals to be harmed.**



**At Merrow we wore our Union Jack coloured clothes, red, white & blue. We ate all together outside in the YR garden. Mrs Dormer planted a tree, from the PTA, to commemorate the Coronation. It was really fun all day.**  
**Nathan & Carley (School Council)**



**Last week we attended an assembly about forgiveness with Hannah. We watched a video about being kind to other people. We learnt how to deal with misunderstandings. This will help us forgive others at school and home so that we can have happier days.**

**Eloise, Felicity and Laith (Year 4)**

#### **Beech and Hornbeam Sale**

**Last week we raised nearly £300 at the bake sale - thank you to everyone who brought in and/or bought a cake. We are now thinking about the forfeits - we think we will do a dance off!**  
**House Captains!**

#### **Reminders:**

**Please provide a coat everyday - the weather is so unpredictable at the moment.**

**We have noticed children cycling and scooting to school without helmets - please ensure your child is wearing one.**

**Prime:** Please note that even if they are filled with water, Prime bottles are not allowed in school.

#### **Traffic issues**

**I have been informed today that from Monday for 2 weeks there will be 5 way traffic lights in Park Road by the railway bridge. I suggest you leave extra time/find an alternative route until half term!**

## Safeguarding, Child Protection and Wellbeing

[Introduction to ChatGPT](#)

[Impact of Social Media on children and families](#)



If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Dormer/Mrs Aldridge at Bushy or Mrs Hooper/Mrs Jewson at Mellow.

## Community

### [Deaf Awareness Week](#)

The logo for Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, featuring the letters "YA" in a stylized font, with "YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE" written in smaller text to the right.

**30 MAY**  
10 AM - 12:30 PM

A woman in a dark dress is sitting on a stage, holding a wand and looking up at a starry sky.

**Magical Tales ages 5-7**  
Create your very own magical tale.

**30 MAY**  
2 PM - 4:30 PM

A close-up of a hand writing on a piece of paper labeled "SCRIPT".

**Scriptastic ages 8-11**  
Write the perfect setting and story for your hero!

**31 MAY**  
10 AM - 12:30 PM

A group of children and adults are standing on a stage, some with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture.

**I Love Musical Theatre ages 7-11**  
Dance and sing-along fun!

Please contact [rfisher@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](mailto:rfisher@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk) for bursary enquiries, or to discuss how we can support any specific access needs.

A small illustration of a person in a green and black outfit, possibly a dancer or performer, in a dynamic pose.

**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @MellowSchools**  
Tweets can also be viewed on our websites.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dormer".

Mrs L. Dormer  
Executive Head Teacher