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A Special Reunion for Year 1

Recently the Year 1 pupils enjoyed a wonderful surprise when one of the chicks they helped nurture during the Summer Term returned to visit the school, all grown up into a healthy hen! As part of their life cycles topic, the children took part in an unforgettable learning experience, watching eggs hatch and caring for the newly arrived chicks. This hands-on opportunity brought their learning to life and helped them develop a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Fast forward five months, Year 1 were delighted to be reunited with their former feathered friend, and news of the visit quickly spread, creating great excitement throughout the school from Reception to Year 6.

The hen's owner, a Melcombe parent, has provided excellent care and ensured she has been raised in line with high animal welfare standards.
The visit was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see first-hand how much their chick had grown and to reflect on everything they had learned about life cycles.

Melcombe Star of the Week!

Reception - Atinuke Class & Y1, Michael Rosen Class	Idris	For his improvement in behaviour and trying really hard in our Phonic lessons. Well done Idris!
Y2 - Julia Donaldson & Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	Esme	For her excellent writing this week. Keep it up, Esme!
Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	Year 4 class	For making beautiful Zulu drawings for Black History Month.
Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	Adam	For showing perseverance and independence with his school work. Well done Adam!
Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	Kaysha	For a positive start to Year 6 and for having mature attitude to learning.

Bayonne Nursery children received 7 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

James Lee children received 15 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

Thames Federation Attendance Target 96%

Melcombe Primary School is 97.6% for this week. Winners: Year 6!

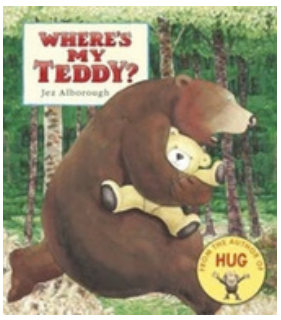
	This week	Class	This week
Bayonne Pre-School	89.4 %	Melcombe Y2 - Julia Donaldson Class	97.1%
Bayonne Nursery	88.1%	Melcombe Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	99.1%
James Lee Nursery	93.7 %	Melcombe Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	96.8%
Melcombe R - Atinuke Class	100%	Melcombe Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	96.3%
Melcombe Y1 - Michael Rosen Class	96.8%	Melcombe Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	98.9%

Diary Dates

Monday 12th Oct	• **Bayonne:** Fulham Football • **James Lee:** World Mental Health Day **James Lee:** Wiggle Waggle
Tuesday 13th Oct	• **Bayonne:** Forest School • **James Lee:** Forest School • **Melcombe:** Y2/Y3 Jazz Concert
Wednesday 14th Oct	• **Bayonne**:World Mental Health Day • **Bayonne:** Wiggle Waggle
Thursday 15th Oct	• **Bayonne:** McMillan Cake Sale • **James Lee:** McMillan Cake Sale • **James Lee:** Eco-school Intro
Friday 16th Oct	• **Bayonne:** Sing a long session • **James Lee:** Fulham Football • **Melcombe:** International Evening @ 5:30pm

Love of Reading Recommended Texts

EYFS



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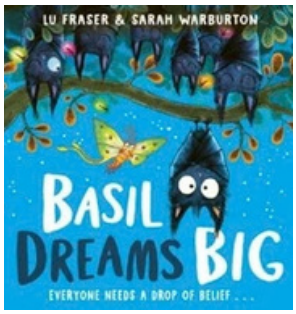

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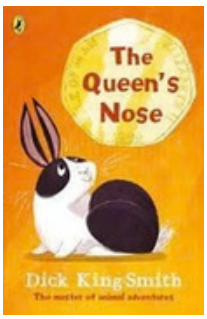

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Contact Details

If you need to contact any of the three schools within the Thames Federation please use the following details:

Bayonne Nursery and Pre-school
50 Paynes Walk, London
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Tel: 020 7385 5366
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James Lee Nursery School
Gliddon Rd, London
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admin@jameslee.lbhf.sch.uk

Melcombe Primary School
Fulham Palace Road, London
W6 9ER
Tel: 020 8748 7411
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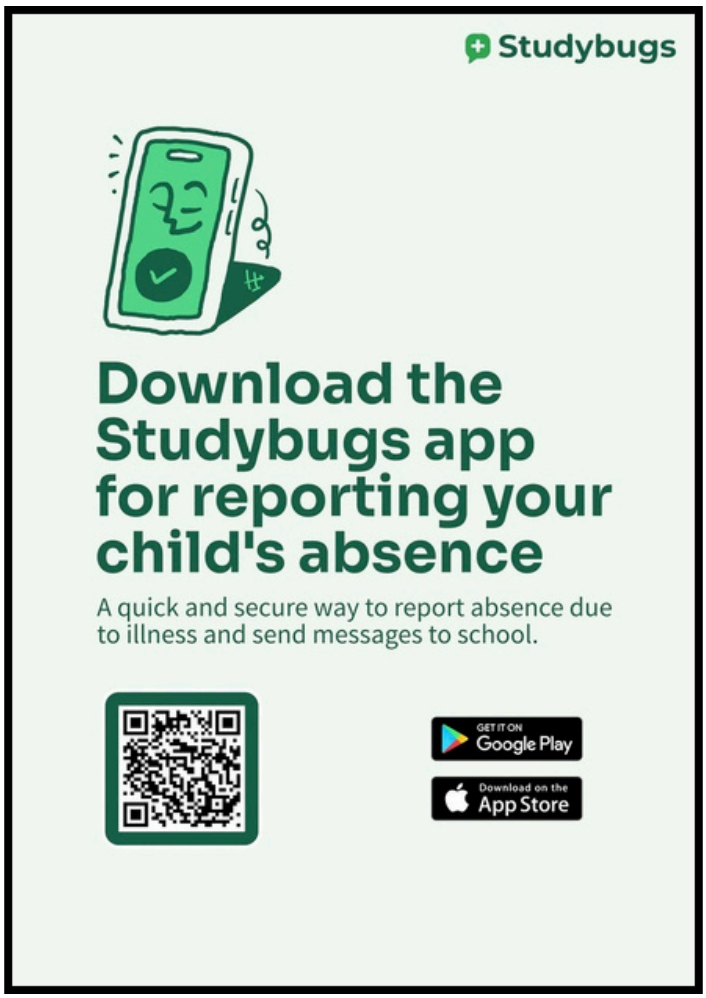
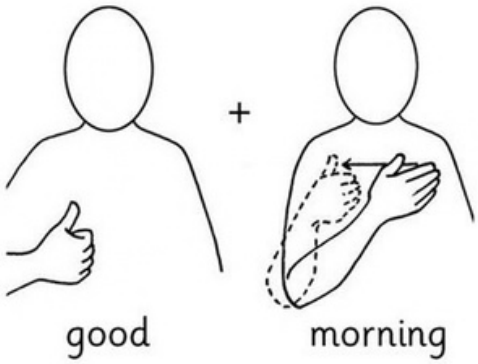
Melcombe parents please remember to use the QR code to download the Studybugs App



UK Safer Internet Centre - Top Tips

Talk with your child about responsible use of a mobile phone.
Explore together - Sit with them and ask questions.
Use it as an opprtunity to communicate and learn together.
Communication will help your child to develop a healthy relationship with technology

Safeguarding Update

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of any child, you can report your concerns in the following ways: call on 020 8753 6600 or out of hours 020 8748 8588, email at familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk. Walk in to Ground Floor, ~~145 King St, Hammersmith~~, W6 9XY

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