

This week the children have had an exciting learning opportunity where topics have been brought to life using a planetarium. At Merritts Brook we want to make learning as interesting and as fun as possible and as a result we wanted all children in every class to enjoy this fabulous experience. It was lovely to hear the excitement in the hall and to see the children's happy, enthusiastic faces after their time in the planetarium. Thank you to Mr Mc Dermott for organising this event.



**A huge well done to Merritts Brook for achieving Bronze Award in the UNICEF Rights of the Child project. We are already working upon achieving our silver award.**

Miss Preece will be starting her maternity leave slightly earlier than anticipated and her last day before having her baby was today. We wish her well and will keep you informed as to the new arrival ! We have recruited 2 new members of staff who are highly experienced and will remain with us for the period of Miss Preece's maternity leave. We welcome Mrs Rudge and Mrs Yeomans to our team as from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.



**We are very much looking forward to welcoming back Miss Billingham from maternity leave during this half term. Miss Billingham will resume her role of SENCo upon her return.**

Can we just remind all parents and carers that Merritts Brook Is a Healthy Standards school. Can the children only bring in healthy snacks to eat at playtime please. Chocolate, crisps, biscuits etc are not healthy options. Some examples of healthy snacks are - carrot sticks, celery sticks, fruit, cucumber pieces, breadsticks, cheese sticks, rice cakes , raisins , cereal bars, a small sandwich, yogurt etc. If children bring in grapes , please ensure that they are cut in half to avoid choking. The only drinks that the children should be bringing in are water and weak squash – no fizzy drinks, powerade or brightly coloured drinks that are full of additives.



In preparation for next year we will not be allowing the children to bring in rucksacks or any other form of bag other than Merritts Brook Book Bags into school. This will help to keep the school cloakrooms less cluttered (we have limited cloakroom space and rucksacks make the situation much worse)and will also encourage children to bring their reading books into school daily. **The book bags normally cost £5.00 but we will be providing all children with 1 free book bag in September.** Rucksacks should not be sent in replacement for lunchboxes/lunch bags.

We marked the Grenfell Tower disaster by releasing 10 green balloons as a mark of respect and remembrance to those that lost their lives.



95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days