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This week our attendance was...  
**93.1%**  
Oh no – Let's get to 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another amazing week in school this week!

### **Y4 trip**

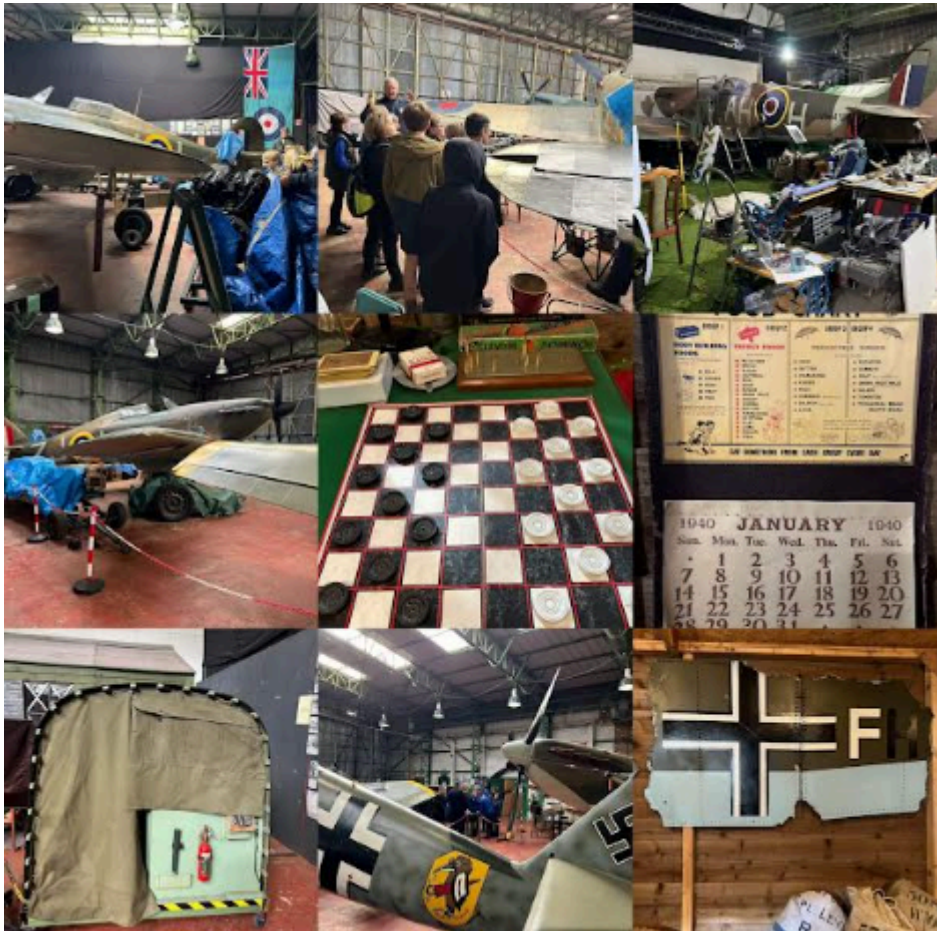
On Wednesday year 4 went to Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. We had a brilliant day with lots of sunshine! In the morning we had a lesson with Dan who had actually been to the Amazon rainforest!!! We learnt about the different plants and the importance of cockroaches. Some of us even held one! We had a tour with Sam who gave us a talk about some of the animals, including axolotls, that are usually found in a rainforest. We had a lovely picnic outside watched by some very cute monkeys! In the afternoon we looked around the outside enclosures. We saw some beautiful, enormous snow leopards eating a pheasant! There were lots of unusual animals that we had never heard of or seen before. The meerkats were some of our favourites! We would recommend a visit to next year's year 4!

Report written by the children



## Y6 trip

On Tuesday, year 6 visited Hangar 42, the Spitfire Visitor Centre. We learned how to decipher Morse code, and wrote messages Bletchley Park style! We also attended some informative talks about life as an evacuee, and the Battle of Britain. We had a fantastic tour around all of the replica Spitfires, and other aircraft. We took part in a quiz, and the winner, Ruby, got to sit in the cockpit of a replica Spitfire and have her photo taken!



## Fire drill

Over the next few weeks we are going to be discussing and practising the fire drill procedures in school. We recognise that the sudden noise can be frightening for some children, so by practising, we can help relieve any fears.

You can support your child at home by discussing the purpose of a fire drill, your positive experiences of them and how, while it might have been loud, it felt safe. By walking carefully, following our teacher and lining up quietly at our designated fire safety point, everyone is safe.

## Remembrance service

On Monday, we all showed our respect and appreciation for Remembrance day. Each class has done some learning about Remembrance day and the reasons behind the day. Lot's of artwork was produced and even some brilliant pieces of writing about those who fought in war. A Remembrance service was held for all children and they all showed great respect through a 2 minute silence. Please take a look at the beautiful wreaths that were created for this year's service by each class. Also, thank you to all those who donated to the Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy. Lest we forget.



## Anti Bullying week 2024

4B showed their odd socks off as a group! As part of our Anti-Bullying week work we reviewed how we 'Unite against Bullying' at Mereside. I was really impressed by the children's contributions and caring attitudes. Well done!



### **Getting support**

Please find the attached contact posters from Mrs Walpole. These give details of how parents and carers can contact the School Nurses via text for a confidential 'drop in' and chat. Also a poster for YOUNGMINDS giving the freephone number you can use if you are worried about a change in your child's behaviour or emotions. We are here too and can help support you accessing appropriate services.

### **🎄 Christmas 🧑🎅**

Dates for your diaries:

#### **EY production dates:**

Tuesday 10th December 2pm

Wednesday 11th December 9:30am

#### **KS1 production dates:**

Tuesday 17th December 2pm

Wednesday 18th December 9:30am

Christmas Fair:

Friday 6th December

Therefore the following days will be non-uniform for a donation of:

Friday 22nd November - CHOCOLATE

Friday 29th November - BOTTLES

Friday 6th December - CAKES

If you have any items that can be donated for the Christmas raffle, please inform your class teacher who will be able to inform the office.

## **Children in need day**



What an exciting day we have had biscuit making today. Mr Lydon and the cleaners may not be best pleased with the icing sugar, but I'm sure they'll enjoy the biscuits we made them to say sorry for any left over icing sugar dust the staff have let.

We are pleased to share we have raised a whopping **£ 135** which will be sent to Children in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!

## **Half termly Head boy and Head girl newsletter**

Having spoken with our current head boy and girl, they have been tasked with providing a children's newsletter once a half term. Please look out for this at the end of this half term.

## **Football V Anchorsholme**

Tuesday 19th November.

Letters will be going out on Friday after practice. Supporters are very welcome. We will be playing on the MUGA with kick off at 15:50.

## **Above and Beyond:**

This week these amazing children have reached above and beyond:

Paul-Junior - 1G  
Andrew-Junior - 1G  
Kian -4B  
Theo -4B  
Eric - 1G  
Isabella - 2HP  
Lara - 2JP  
Maggie - 1M  
Nathan - 2JP  
Karlson - 2HP  
Evania - 2HP  
Isabella - 2JP

Well done everyone!!

A huge well done to Isabella 2HP , I hope you enjoy your hot chocolate treat!

**And finally, this week's superstars are...**

Nursery – **Lennie** for settling into nursery well and **Mathias** for being sensible and engaging with adults to play games

**Reception – Isabelle** - For being an all round superstar and **Kaylan** - For being a caring friend

**1M – Freya** - For always setting a good example and **Savannah** for trying hard in maths.

**1G – Bear** for being a positive role model for others and for **Felix** for trying hard with his writing and presentation.

**2JP - Kyren** for some excellent work in Maths and **Alice** for following the Mereside way perfectly! Well done.

**2HP- Chloe** for being a helpful member of the class and a kind friend and **Myles** for making a big improvement in his handwriting. Well done!

**3B – Amelia** for her fantastic effort and resilience in every single lesson this week and **Alexis** and **Saffy** for being brilliant role models and all-round superstars!

**3W – Molly and Hannah** for always giving 100% and both being good role models.

**4B –Aniyah** for always working hard, helping others and being a kind friend. **Lola** for always demonstrating our Mereside Values with a smile on your face. **Whole class** for representing school so well on our trip and fantastic engagement in off site lessons.

**4D –** For all of **4D** for being superstars on our school trip, listening well and being great ambassadors for Mereside school around the general public. You made me very proud. For **I.J.** You have grasped key concepts in maths with great enthusiasm and resilience. You are growing in confidence each and every day and you are coming along in leaps and bounds. Well done!

**5D – Harvey** for contributing well in literacy and working hard in his maths and **Athena** for being an all round super star! Well done, both of you!

**6FB** -Thomas and Michaela, for giving 100% all of the time, and the whole of 6FB for a fantastic trip to the Spitfire Visitor Centre. A big well done to everyone!!

Any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Mrs L Richardson  
Deputy Headteacher

**Dates for the diary**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November P.E. – 3W, 4B, 4D		

<p>Tuesday 19th November</p> <p>P.E. – 1G, 1M, 2HP, 2JP</p> <p>5D (Swimming)</p>		
<p>Wednesday 20th November</p> <p>P.E. – 3B, 5D, 6FB</p>	<p>Year 1 trip to the cinema.</p>	<p>(Year 1 - 8am start).</p>
<p>Thursday 21st November</p> <p>P.E. – 3W, 3B, 4B, 4D, 6FB</p>		
<p>Friday 22nd November</p> <p>P.E. – 2HP, 2JP, 1G, 1M</p>		