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This week our attendance was...

92.0%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although a little bit cold we had a lovely time playing in the snow this week before it all disappeared by 11am. If you haven't already seen the pictures on our Facebook page take a look.



Attendance Winner:

This week in school was an attendance award winning week. All children who have been in school every day and on time were entered into a draw which was drawn today to win a supermarket voucher. We are delighted to announce that the winner is Lydia in year 5. Congratulations, your voucher will be coming home tonight.

Elmer's big parade – Next week's activities:

As I mentioned last week we are taking part in Elmer's Big Parade across Blackpool in aid of Brian House. Next week we are starting to decorate our very own Elmer model. To celebrate Elmer we will be holding a cake sale next Thursday. All children are able to bring in some money to buy a cake or two but please do not send in any more than £1.

Then on Friday, it will be non-uniform day and we encourage everyone to wear the brightest clothes they have to represent Elmer's wonderful colours. A donation of £1 for Brian House would be much appreciated. Look out on Facebook for all the pictures of our work next week.

The Big Ambition – have your say...

I have received the following letter this week. If you are interested in looking at/completing the survey please look at it tonight as it closes today...

I hope everyone at Mereside Primary Academy has enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my final thanks for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**.

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received. Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind!

This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of Blackpool are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.

Very best,

Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

The alleyway:

Last week I contacted our PSCO regarding the amount of dog dirt which our children had to navigate when walking to school along the alleyway by school. In response we had a visit from our local councillor and PSCO this week to let us know that some new signs will be going up in the area, the council were cleaning the alleyway and that if anyone knows the owners who are allowing this to happen then please let us know so the dog warden can pay them a visit. Thanks for your support with this and hopefully we will have a nice, clean alleyway to walk down.

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

Nursery – Assan and Ousainou for engaging well in play and cooperating with boundaries and **Hayleigh** for some great listening this week. Well done both of you!

RT – Jac for trying really hard in our phonics lessons and **Freya** for having a brilliant, positive attitude to learning. Well done both of you!

RM – Mason for exceptional behaviour and work ethic, you really are amazing and **Oscar** for working his socks off since coming back, we are all so proud of you. Well done both of you, you are superstars!

1M – Ae'Lana for great progress in phonics and **Chimamanda** for exceptional PE skills. Well done both of you.

1/2G – Tine for always helping and working hard and **Sophie** for setting a perfect example at all times. Well done both of you!

2B – Sapphire for always being focused on task and ready to learn and **Skylah** for being kind and caring towards others. We are so proud of you both – Well done!
3B – Isla for pushing herself out of her comfort zone and attempting challenging questions independently and **Harvey** for improving his growth mindset and showing resilience. Well done both of you!
3/4D – Oskar for working so hard in all subjects and **Poppy** for always being a brilliant role model. Well done all of you!
4FB – Shaun Paul for excellent participation in class discussions and **Athena** for outstanding detail and thought in her DT work this week. Well done both of you!
5W – Jorgie for always making the right choices in all aspects of school life and **Santi** for making good choices all week. Well done all of you!
6H – Nathan for showing real enthusiasm in his History lessons. He remembers important facts and enjoys sharing his knowledge and **Danielle** for working so hard in maths lessons. She always tries different ways to solve problems and find the answers. Well done both of you!
6HP – Logan for demonstrating excellent teamwork skills during P.E. and **Gabriela** for writing an excellent sequel using figurative language. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the term progresses)

Monday 22nd January – Elmer Week

Thursday 25th January – Cake sale – all children are welcome to buy a cake during the day

Friday 26th January – Non-uniform day – Bright colours - £1 donation

Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February - Mental Health Week

Thursday 8th February – School closes for half term

Monday 19th February – School reopens

Wednesday 21st February – PSCO talk to Year 6

Friday 23rd February – Class Photographs

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Reception and Year 6 heights and weights – school nurse

Friday 8th March – Year 6 London Parliament Trip

Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March – Year 3 and 4 production – 2pm

Wednesday 20th March – Year 3 and 4 production – 9.30am

Thursday 21st March – World Poetry Day

Friday 22nd March – Easter Class swap day

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bonnet competition – EY and KS1

Easter Egg decoration competition – KS2

Family Easter Bingo – All welcome – 3.30pm

Thursday 28th March – Easter themed celebration assembly

School closes for the Easter holiday at **1.30pm**

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

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 22 nd January P.E. – 3B 4FB 3/4D 6HP	Lego Club – Years 1 and 2 Drawing Club – Years 1 and 2 Recycled Robots – Years 3 and 4 Eco Club – Years 5 and 6 Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 23 rd January P.E. – 5W 6HP 6JP	Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2 Cosmic Yoga – Years 3 and 4 Just Dance – Years 3 and 4 Tangling and Doodling (10 max) – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 24 th January P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6H	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2 Rugby – Year 3 Year 5	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 25 th January P.E. – Early Years 1M 1/2G 2B	Bingo – Years 1 and 2 Choir – Years 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 Keyboard (same children as last time) Cake Sale in add of Elmer (Brian House)	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm All day – All children welcome to bring some money in for cakes. Please no more than £1.
Friday 26 th January P.E. – 2B 1M 1/2G	Puppets, dancing, rhymes and songs - Reception Football – Years 3 and 4 (BFC) Non-uniform day – bright colours	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm £1 donation for Brian House



#ElmerBlackpool

Mereside are taking part in the Elmer's Big Parade Blackpool!

The children will get the opportunity to decorate our very own Elmer. Our Elmer will be placed in the parade around Blackpool. There is an app that you can use (for free from the app store) too locate our Elmer and see all the other Elmer's. Simply type in **Elmer's Big Parade Blackpool.**

Elmer's Big Parade Blackpool will be live across Blackpool from 13th April 2024!



We are having an Elmer week, commencing 22nd January.

During the week the children will get creative, learn to celebrate diversity and raise some money for the charity, Brian House.

What's happening in school?

On Thursday there will be a bake sale. (Bring some pennies for some delicious treats!)



Friday it is own clothes day with a £1 donation. We are encouraging children to come as bright and colourful as possible, think whacky and bright.