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This week our attendance was...

87.6%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



Everyone at Mereside Primary Academy would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Musician of the Term:

As you may remember we were lucky enough to have been donated the Bob and June Dark Memorial Award for Music which is awarded at the end of each term to a person who had shown determination and commitment to music. They don't have to be the very best at music but someone who always give 100% effort. Each class teacher has nominated a child from their class and these are the nominations...

Nursery – Scarlett: For always being so enthusiastic when joining in music and movement sessions.

RT – Darcie: For dancing with such rhythm and fantastic singing.

RM – Reggie: For being a lead singer in our nativity.

1M – Harper: For fantastic singing and the ability to learn the words to songs really quickly.

1/2G – Peyton: For showing appreciation for different pieces of music and using music to interpret feelings/emotions and actions and for TOPPS lessons **Kooper:** For joining in so well and showing a great passion for singing.

2B – Hugo: For lovely singing and positive engagement and attitude in all musical opportunities.

3B – Teddy: For working really hard to learn lyrics and being able to keep the beat.

3/4D – Aniyah: For always contributing and trying her best in all aspects of music and for cornet lessons **Ruya:** for being so enthusiastic about learning her instrument.

4FB – Junior: For always giving 100% and in cornets **Lucy-Ann:** For always trying her hardest when learning her new instrument.

5W – Jasmine: For engaging in all musical elements and having a great enthusiasm for piano and in guitars **Lydia:** For embracing every challenge and having the enthusiasm to share what she learns.

6HP – Lacey-May: For excellent effort and passion in singing.

6JP – Tiana: For excellent participation in all lessons.

A big well done to all of our nominees who will receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts. You have all been superstars!!

But, our Autumn Term 2023 winner goes to... Peyton!

RM:

We are delighted that after Christmas Mrs Meeks will be working all week in RM instead of her current four days. A massive thank you to Mrs Walpole who has stepped in brilliant this term on a Friday.

January After School Activities:

Due to whole staff training during the first week back, after school activities will not begin until the week commencing Monday 15th January. A full list of activities to sign up to will be sent out during the first week back in school. Our paid after school club will run as normal from the 8th January.

PE days for next term:

Our PE slots for January will be as follows:

Early Years – Thursday

1M – Thursday/Friday

1/2G – Thursday/Friday

2B – Thursday/Friday

3B – Monday/Wednesday

3/4D – Monday/Wednesday

4FB – Monday/Wednesday

5W – Tuesday (swimming) / Wednesday

6H – Tuesday (swimming) / Wednesday

6HP – Tuesday (swimming) / Monday

Free School Meal Vouchers:

For those families entitled to free school meals, Blackpool Council will yet again be running their voucher scheme for the Christmas holidays. Please note that these will be arriving via email or phone via message on Saturday 23rd December.

Library Visits this Christmas:

Just a reminder that all of our children are more than welcome to visit Mereside library this holiday but please do make sure that your children are accompanied by an adult. They have lots of arts and crafts as well as reading books so it is a great option for any day when you're not sure what to do!

Parent Forum Meeting:

Our next family forum meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 2.30pm – all are welcome to share your views or ask any questions relating to school.

Family Hub updates:

Our Family Hub Team wish all our Mereside families a lovely Christmas holiday. We have lots of support events planned for 2024 so please do pop in and see us in our family room, opposite our school office.

If you need any help over the festive period, please contact Blackpool South Family Hub, whom are based at Palatine Leisure Centre on St Anne's Road, Blackpool.

JANUARY FAMILY HUB EVENTS:

- * School Nurse Drop In on Tuesday 16th January from 9am
- * Mereside Movers at our Coffee Morning in children's centre on 17th Jan
- * Family Workshop - *date to be confirmed*
- * Mereside Movers at Freedom Church on Tuesday 30th Jan @ 9am
- * Coffee Morning with our Educational Psychologist on 31st Jan

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

Nursery – Gracie-Ann for mastering toilet training and **Ama** for coming into nursery sensibly, waiting her turn and listening to instruction with a little support. Well done both of you!

RT – All of RT for smashing their first term. Well done all of you!

RM – Mason for being a constant ray of sunshine and **Jayden** for making brilliant progress in his reading. You are both superstars!

1M – Maya and **Charlie** for doing so well and being so confident in the Christmas play. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Amber for sharing her ideas and listening to everyone else so well, **Vinnie** for stepping up to be Joseph in the last second and **the whole class** for having a great, festive last week. Well done all of you!

2B – Skylah for fabulous acting as Whoops a Daisy and an excellent effort in her maths assessments and **Amelia** for a triumphant return to school, straight back into the swing of things. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – Tina for such a huge improvement in her attitude this week and **Lucas** for putting a smile of everyone's face. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Jayden for being a fantastic role model and completing some great work in maths and **Kian** for brilliant literacy work and trying so hard all week. Well done both of you!

4FB – Maggie and **Skarlet** for being super helpful, kind and modelling Mereside values all term. Well done both of you!

5W – Riley for always being kind, safe and ready and being a brilliant role model in class and **Reggie** for being such a kind, considerate friend. Well done both of you!

6JP – Tiana and **Charlie** for always being on task and being great members of the class. Well done both of you!

6HP – Juno for always trying her best in everything she does and **Mathew** for openly trying new things. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

A full list of new dates for Spring Term will appear here in January

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton
Headteacher