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This week our attendance was...

92.8%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

*Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter Holiday next
THURSDAY at 1.30pm*

Easter Activities:

We might only be in for 4 days next week but it's going to be busy...

- Wednesday is competition day – Early Years and KS1 are invited to bring in their decorated Easter bonnets whilst KS2 can decorate their eggs. There will be prizes for each class!
- 3.30pm Wednesday is Family Easter Bingo in the school hall and it will be lovely to see you all there. Again, there will be lots of chocolatey prizes.
- Thursday we have our celebration assembly at 9am, it will be non-uniform day and we finish for the Easter Holidays at 1.30pm.

After School Activities:

Please note that there will be no after school activities next week with it being the last week of term. We obviously won't be here after school on Thursday or Friday and it's Family Easter Bingo on the Wednesday.

Shakespeare Performance:

Yesterday 14 of our year 6 children took part in the Shakespeare Playmaking Festival. We performed the play Hamlet at St. Mary's Catholic Academy and the children were absolutely fantastic – we are so proud of each and every one of you!

Blackpool Zoo:

The KS2 trip was lovely, all the children showed our Mereside Values and were impeccably well behaved - a credit to us! They followed clues to animal enclosures and then read information to answer questions about the animals. We even had time to visit the Dinosaurs!



Stem Challenge:

We've received a lovely feature this week of two of our children who attended the STEM Challenge event last week. Please see the attachment for further details and photos. It looks like you had a great time!

Family Learning Opportunities:

We have been asked to share the following courses which are being run by Blackpool's Early Years quality and inclusion team.

Bump to Babies delivered by Family Corner, part of the Early Years Alliance. The one-hour session, discusses why the first 1001 days from conception to 2 years are so crucial and shares ideas about how to begin to support baby's learning during pregnancy and once they are born.

Caring for Babies course starting on Tuesday 16th April . This is suitable for parents to be, parents/carers of children aged 0-3 or anyone interested in working in the childcare sector. They will work towards a Level 1 qualification and the course is free to all.

Being a Parent - the group lasts for 9 weeks and covers topics such as communicating with your child, understanding their behaviour and coping with stress amongst others.

For further information please look on their webpage at www.blackpool.gov.uk

Family Hub Updates:

Miss, Benyon , Miss Harvey and Mrs Walpole are delighted to be able to offer our Mereside 'Healthy families Programme' sessions on a Monday night from 3:15-4:15pm They begin after Easter and all the family are welcome, including younger pre-school children and older siblings.

The aim of the sessions is to have a healthier lifestyle at the end of the series of 12 sessions, from whatever your starting point. You will monitor your own

progress for this and determine your success. Please note, you do not have to commit to attend every session to complete the programme, but I'm sure that you will want to! Sessions will be fun and there are give-aways and resources throughout, with a free 3 month family swimming membership given upon completion for Palatine and Moor Park swimming pools.

A taster session is being held next Monday at 3:15pm. Please come along to try it out if you are unsure if it is for you or not - all families who attend next Monday will get a free one day swimming pass just for attending the session.

If you'd like more details please pop into our family hub and catch one of us :)

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

Nursery – Paul-Junior for beginning to address his friends by their name and **Maisie-May** for coming in every day settled, ready to learn and willing to help everyone. Well done both of you!

RT – Ade for trying so hard to write a sentence and **Darcie** for completing all of our challenges. Well done both of you!

RM – Roux for beautiful singing and joining in and **Penelope** for making super progress in reading. Well done both of you, you are both shining stars!

1M –Isabella Rose for always reading at home and **Reggie** for a great effort with his behaviour this week. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Nathan for coming in the top ten on the North West Sumdog competition and **Amelie** for trying so hard with her reading and writing. Well done both of you!

2B – Finley for super progress with his reading and consistently wonderful presentation and **Gracie-Mae** for super engagement and writing for our new Literacy unit. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – The whole of 3B for an amazing effort in our play and **Alexa** for being an all-round superstar. Well done all of you!

3/4D – The whole class for a brilliant effort and participation in the production. Well done all of you!

4FB – Millie-Mae for working extra hard on her times tables this week and **the whole of 4FB** for a fantastic effort in the play and a fantastic first week for me back in class. Well done all of you!

5W – Evie for her efforts and determination in maths this week and **Luke** for his positive efforts and attitude all week in class. Well done both of you!

6H – Akshath for fantastic skills in PE and **Harrison** for trying really hard with his arithmetic this week. Well done both of you!

6HP –Leanne and **Shanequa** for stepping in last minute and learning new lines for our Shakespeare performance. 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)

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 25 th March P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB		
Tuesday 26 ^h March P.E. – Early Years 5W 6HP 6H		
Wednesday 27 th March P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB	EASTER Competitions – Early years and KS1 – Easter bonnets and KS2 – Egg decoration Family Easter Bingo – All welcome	Judged am 3.30pm in the school hall
Thursday 28 th March P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B 5W 6HP 6H	Easter Celebration assembly School closes for the Easter Holidays Non-uniform Day	9am 1.30pm All day
Friday 29 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED	

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School projects give bright future

Pupils from 12 Blackpool and Fylde coast schools came together to showcase science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) ideas to ensure a brighter future for the area. Each school had been working on projects to solve a problem which will face residents of the Fylde coast in the years to come



Primary schools from across the Fylde Coast took part in a STEM event at Blackpool and the Fylde College's Lancashire Energy HQ



There was no masking the pupils' STEM skills at the event held at Blackpool and the Fylde College's Lancashire Energy HQ



Hovens Side School pupils Olivia Roberts and Ivy Marsdale with teacher Rebecca Wright



Chloe Woolley from Eoseacre Primary Academy at the event



Alkath Vilas and Riley English from Marsdale Primary



Specialist practitioner Ken Sherratt with Bradley Styfield from Arncliffe Academe



Pupils from Thames Primary Academy at the STEM event