

# NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 14th March 2025



## Another busy learning week at Mereside!

**Art Curriculum assembly** - On Thursday Ms. Ryder led a particularly fun and inspiring school assembly that was related to the book called 'The Dot'. All the children took part in an active draw and it was incredibly fun!

**NEW Friday assembly time** - our Celebration Assembly time will have a slight change from 9.30am to 9.50am.



**Shakespeare Festival** - Good luck to our Year 2 pupils for their upcoming performance on the Tempest at the Grand Theatre. I know that your rehearsals have been going really well and that you will do us proud!

### Home reading- what would you prefer?

Your child's class teacher will be asking you your preference for home reading in the coming week. Home reading is incredibly important for your child's development and we would like to ask you for your preference. As a school we are more than happy to provide your child with physical reading books each week so they can be read and returned back to school. However, we are aware that digital libraries are fast becoming a preferred option for parents and families for the following reasons:

- Variety of Content:** Digital libraries provide access to thousands of books, articles, videos, and interactive media that cater to various reading levels and interests.
- Instant Access:** Children can access these resources anytime and anywhere, whether on a computer, tablet, or smartphone, helping to foster a love for reading and learning.
- Engaging Multimedia:** Digital libraries often include multimedia elements such as videos, animations, and interactive quizzes that enhance learning and make it more engaging for children.
- Interactive Features:** Features like text-to-speech, adjustable font sizes, and illustrations can help children with reading difficulties, making learning more accessible and enjoyable.
- Accessible Anytime, Anywhere:** With digital libraries, children don't have to carry physical books, which means they can access educational resources while traveling or at home.

Please do share your preference with your child's class teacher as your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Ms. Dootson has some further updates for you on the next page in relation to reading.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 91.4%

Rec	89%	2R	96%	3B	88%	5M	97%
1M	85%	2P	92%	4D	95%	5D	95%
1G	84%	3D	95%	4B	95%	6B	89%

**Every child** ✓  
**In school** ✓  
**On time** ✓  
**Every day** ✓



Our library has now moved...

Teaching assistants and student leaders have been very busy moving our library to the heart of the school. It is going to be a real hub of activity once it is all set up and rather special! Watch this space for more information!

Children have had an exciting week this week! We have now launched our new phonics scheme. The children have met their new phonics teachers, learnt some new hand gestures used in the lessons, been working hard on their phonics sounds and words and have met Fred the Frog! He helps the children when they are learning.... everyone is very excited and really enjoying it!

There will be a letter coming home tonight regarding how you would like your home reading books to be sent to you. Please can you send the slip back to school next week so we can work with you on your preferred choices.

Finally, next week, your child's class teacher will be sending home information on how to access some exciting reading resources online.



# THE MERESIDE WAY

## Mereside Play- can you help?

Have you got a children's rug that you want rid of? Can you donate it to help us improve our outdoor play? This week we have discussed what we want our play time to look like, and the children all agreed they would like some spaces like below.



## Above and Beyond!

Archie 2HP Scarlett 2HP Isabelle 2HP Chloe 2HP

Evania 2HP Amelia 4B River 4B Poppy 4B

Ruya 5D Daniel 5D

Lucas W 6FB Nikita N 6FB Lydia 6FB Josh 6FB Alicia 6FB

*Well done to Amelia - we hope you enjoyed your hot chocolate!*

## Important Reminders

Please can you help us in allowing our daffodils to grow. Encourage your children to stay off the grass, when walking to and from school



## Family Support

Coffee Morning next week will be on **THURSDAY (20th)** due to staff training.

Please do come along for a drink some biscuits and a natter!

## EVENTS



Exciting family event coming up!

**Wednesday 2nd April**

**3.30pm - 5.00pm**

\*Alongside our Easter Bingo there will also be a raffle for which we have some very special prizes for this years event.



# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

## Year 6

In Year 6, we have been working very hard in preparation for our upcoming SATs. Putting our Literacy learning into practice, we took advantage of the nice weather and visited Forest School to gain some hands on context for our writing, a sensory journey through the Rainforest!

In PSHE, we completed a hands-on Paediatric First Aid course. We all passed with flying colors, and became proficient in some extremely valuable life saving skills! We learned all about how to help someone when they are choking, how to treat a burn, and what to do in an emergency.

We also addressed some all important worries around our upcoming SATs, and worked on creating a “toolkit” to support ourselves, and each other.

Some of our Year 6 children also took part in the Fylde Coast Academy Trust’s annual Sciathalon - a STEM based competition between all FCAT Schools. Our children represented Mereside beautifully - well done!



# OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>Reception</b>	Mason for chatting more often to adults about his interests
<b>1M</b>	Olly for trying hard all week and some amazing answers on the carpet.
<b>1G</b>	Felix for trying hard with his concentration in class and trying new things.
<b>2R</b>	Vinnie - amazing effort with all his learning and realising that school isn't all that bad!
<b>2P</b>	Bodie for working hard in phonics and showing good listening.
<b>3B</b>	Lanie for being a superstar on our trip and representing Mereside perfectly!
<b>3D</b>	Jack - for his amazing work in maths this week
<b>4B</b>	Eliza - for consistently showing the Mereside way throughout the week, always ready to learn and help others. Eliza is an excellent role model!
<b>4D</b>	Ella - for ALWAYS doing the right thing, and being an absolute pleasure to teach. You are an excellent role model to others.
<b>5D</b>	Daniel - for excellent work in Geography this week!
<b>5M</b>	Isabella - For being an 'always' child who writes pages in maths, the most beautiful presentation in ALL her work and has an incredible imagination in her literacy writing! Superstar!
<b>6B</b>	Michaela Dyson - always trying her hardest in everything she does!



**BUSINESS  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY**

# Community First Aid Course

**Do you worry about how you would cope in a  
medical emergency?**

**This free informal course is designed to build  
confidence in dealing with everyday  
emergencies with basic First Aid**

**Lunch will be provided on the day!**

**Date: Friday 11th April 2025**

**Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm**

**Venue: Claremont Park Community Centre, Claremont Rd,  
Blackpool FY1 2QJ**

## **Contact Us!**

**To book your place please email:  
[Laura.James@bitc.org.uk](mailto:Laura.James@bitc.org.uk)**



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# School Events 2024-25

## February 2025

<b>Mon 3rd -9th</b>	Children Mental Health Week
<b>Mon 10th</b>	Oracy Week
<b>Tues 11th</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Fri 14th</b>	Class photographs
<b>Mon 17th - Mon 24th</b>	Half Term holidays
<b>Tues 25th</b>	School Re Opens
<b>Thursday 27th</b>	Reception Reading Event @ 2pm

## March 2025

<b>Thurs 6th</b>	World Book Day (Dress up)
<b>Mon 3rd - Fri 7th</b>	Parents Evening Week * Revised date
<b>Thurs 13th</b>	Year 3 trip to the cinema and lifeboat station
<b>Fri 14th</b>	Comic Relief Day Wacky Hair Day (*full school uniform)
<b>Fri 21st -</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Mon 24th</b>	Pamper afternoon for EYFS parent or carer
<b>Tues 25th/Wed 26th</b>	Y3/Y4 Production

## April 2025

<b>Wed 2nd</b>	Family Easter Bingo
<b>Fri 4th</b>	Nursery - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade, Y3-Y6 Egg Scene competitions.
<b>Fri 4th</b>	School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Mon 7th - Mon 21st</b>	Easter Break
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	School Re-opens

# School Events 2024-25

## May 2025

<b>Mon 5th</b>	Bank Holiday (School closed)
<b>Mon 12th / Thurs 13th</b>	Y6 SATs week. (National testing)
<b>Mon 26th - Fri 30th</b>	Half Term holidays (School closed)
<b>June 2025</b>	
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	School Re Opens
<b>Mon 9th/ 11th</b>	York Residential Trip (Y3-Y6)
<b>Mon 9th</b>	Y4 Multiplication Check (National testing)
<b>Mon 9th</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening starts (National testing)
<b>Mon 16th - Fri 20th</b>	Blackpool Youth Games (Variety of sports competitions)
<b>Fri 20th</b>	World Music Day
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>Wed 2nd</b>	Parents Quiz Night
<b>tbc</b>	High School Transition Day (Year 6)
<b>tbc</b>	Moving Up Day
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	End of Year Reports
<b>Mon 21st</b>	Nursery Graduation
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	Whole School Awards Ceremony
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>Wed 23rd</b>	Y5/6 Production 2.00pm
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Y5/6 Production 9.30am
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Y6 Leavers Event tbc
<b>Fri 25th</b>	School Closes at 1.30pm