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This week our attendance was...

**91.4%**

Oh no, let's get to 96%!

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Being a mum, a step-mum, a carer, a grandma is one of the most important jobs in the world and at times one of the most challenging. So, from everyone at Mereside Primary Academy we'd like to say a big thank you for all your efforts and wish you all a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope each and every one of you gets thoroughly spoilt!



### **Easter Bingo:**

Our Early Years team would like to invite all families and friends to our Mereside Family Easter Bingo night which is due to take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall. This is in support of the Early Years chosen charity which is Donna's Dream House. For further information, please see the attached flyer. We hope to see as many people as possible there to support this amazing cause.

### **Sciathlon Team:**

A massive congratulations to our Sciathlon Team who performed brilliantly this week. You were all superstars!



### **Upcoming Holidays:**

As you will all be aware, an additional bank holiday has been announced in celebration of the Kings coronation. We'd just like to confirm that school will be closed for both bank holidays on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Blackpool Council have announced that those children entitled to free school meal vouchers will receive £3 for each of these bank holidays. Similarly, the scheme

has also now been extended for the Easter holidays where a £15 voucher will be issued for each week.

### **Authors and Poets:**

It's been a busy time recently in years 5 and 6 with authors and poets. Last Friday we were delighted to welcome the poet Nathan Parker in to school to work in UKS2. The children had a fantastic time learning how to perform poetry using the poems they had written as a follow on from their visit to Blackpool FC. The children were absolutely amazing! Some of our year 6 children also had an opportunity to work with the children's author David Webb. They produced some amazing narratives – Well done all of you!

### **Whole School Yoga:**

Next Wednesday and Thursday the whole school will be taking part in a yoga and mental health initiative from the NHS. The Yogi Group will be visiting school to work with all the classes. The team will work with our children to give them specific skills to help improve their mental wellness, including anxiety relieving techniques, breathing techniques and mindful movement. Your child will need to be in their PE kits to participate. As soon as we know which classes are on which day, we will let you know!

### **Book Fair:**

The Scholastics book fair will be visiting school from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March till Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will be open every night after school at 3.15pm outside the hall. Please enter through the KS2 playground. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible as we foster the love of reading to our children. This year, card payments will also be accepted. Thanks in advance for all your support.

### **Easter Class Swap:**

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Easter class swap. This is where staff's names are pulled out of a hat in assembly and they are allocated a new class for part of the afternoon to carry out an Easter craft activity. This is a great way for all children and staff to get to more people in school and build even stronger relationships. We can't wait to see who gets which class!

### **Our next coffee morning:**

I next parent's/carer's coffee morning will be held on the Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The theme this time is going to be housing. All are welcome to attend for a brew and a chat but also feel free to pop in if you have a housing issue you would like to discuss with our family workers.



### **A message from Blackpool Learning Rooms Team:**

Please find attached details of the Being a Parent groups running next term. There will be two 9-week groups starting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

10.00am-12.00pm The HealthWorks, 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD

6.00pm-8.00pm Online using Google Meet.

The group is suitable for parents of children aged 18 months – 11 years (priority is given to parents with children under 4 years) and is led by parents. It looks at communication, behaviour management and listening techniques. The group is free and childcare can be paid for to attend the group. Parents can book their place by contacting Blackpool Learning Rooms on 01253 478131 or [learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk)

### **Mereside Movers:**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am there will be a parent and baby/toddler music and movement group held at the freedom Church. Please see the attached flyer for further details. This is for all members of the Mereside community so please pass the information on to anyone who might be interested.

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

**Nursery – Authur** for using his words and his listening ears really well and **Evie** for settling in to nursery life and adapting to changes in routine so well. Well done both of you!

**RT – Madeleine** and **Imogen** for both putting in incredible effort both in school and at home in the first week of Lexia – Well done both of you!

**RP – Lara** for completing some brilliant writing this week and **Dottie** for being able to answer sophisticated comprehension questions. Well done both of you!

**1/2G - Tine** for trying really hard with all her work and always being a kind friend and **Alexa** for always working hard and completing amazing research both at home and in literacy. Well done both of you!

**1/2R – Corey** for some brilliant writing for his report on snakes and **Lilly-Anne** for sharing her brilliant ideas in all lessons. Well done both of you!

**1/2M – Mollie** and **Millie** for both being excellent role models in school – Well done both of you!

**3P – Theo** for being a good role model and general all-rounder and **Dante** for enthusiasm and wanting to know more during computing. Well done both of you!

**3SC – Millie-Mae** for finding ways to overcome a very difficult challenge in maths and **Jack** for working really hard with his English work and improving his stamina in writing. Well done both of you!

**4FB – Michaela** for always being ready to learn and having a fantastic effort in everything she does and **Tommy** for having a fantastic week and trying very hard in literacy. Well done both of you!

**5/6HP – Noah** for an excellent improvement in PE and **Leanne** for working so hard in maths. Well done both of you!

**5/6JP – Toby** for settling into Mereside really well and **Rio** for trying really hard in maths. Well done both of you!

**5/6W – Willow** for super focus and work in our stickiness science experiment and **Mathew** for perseverance, resilience and communication when things get tricky. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

### **Upcoming dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Whole school yoga

Book Fair starts in school – 3.15pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – 5/6W library visit

Whole school yoga  
 Book Fair – 3.15pm  
 Easter Bingo 3.30pm – 5.30pm – all welcome

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter class swap

Book Fair – 3.15pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 Author Trip

Book Fair – 3.15pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3/4 production 1.30pm

Book Fair – 3.15pm

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3/4 production 9.30am

Easter competition day (Early Years and KS1 – Easter bonnets; KS2 Egg decorating)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Assembly – All welcome

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton  
 Headteacher

**Coming up next week...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  P.E. - 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M	SATs Boosters – Year 6	8am – 8.30am
	Bingo – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Reception, Year 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Photo cut out art – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Commando Joes – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  P.E. – Early Years 5/6W 5/6HP 5/6JP	SATs Boosters – Year 6	8am – 8.30am
	Storytime with Mrs T – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Lego – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Cheerleading – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Board games and a book – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm

<p>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M</p>	<p>Zentangle – Mindful doodling – Years 3/4/5/6</p> <p>Themed Arts and Craft – Years 5 and 6 Just dance and sing – reception</p> <p>Multi skill sports – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Whole School Yoga</p> <p>Book Fair</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p> <p>3.15pm</p>
<p>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</p> <p>P.E. – 4FB 3SC 3P 5/6JP 5/6HP 5/6W</p>	<p>SATs Boosters – Year 6</p> <p>Drawing Club – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Whole School Yoga</p> <p>Book Fair</p> <p>Easter Bingo</p>	<p>8am – 8.30am</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p> <p>3.15pm</p> <p>3.30pm – 5.30pm</p>
<p>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>P.E. – 4FB 3SC 3P</p>	<p>Sensory Circuits – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Easter Class Swap Day</p> <p>Book Fair</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>1.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>3.15pm</p>



# Mereside Family Easter Bingo

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 3:30 - 5:30 in the school hall

50p per game strip

£2.50 book of 6 strips



## Prizes

1 line - small Easter prize

2 lines - medium Easter

Full house - large Easter prize



Family tables - all welcome



All profits will be donated to Donna's Dream House



Refreshments and snack shop provided at a small cost - profits to Donna's Dream House



Grand Easter Raffle - £1 a strip

# Being A Parent



These fantastic free sessions are run by friendly local parents. They provide practical tips and advice on how to bring up confident happy and co-operative children.

**The group lasts for 9 weeks and free childcare is available.**

Time	Venue	Starting	Ending
10.00am – 12.00pm	The HealthWorks 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July

## Topics covered include:

- Communicating with your child
- Understanding their behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- Listening skills
- Coping with stress

"The course wasn't what I expected at all. It's shown me that I'm not alone and given me the confidence boost I needed. I've learned there's no such thing as a perfect parent and my relationship with my son has grown so much stronger."

For more information or to book, contact Blackpool Learning Rooms on 07796 994783 or email [learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk)



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