

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 21st March 2025



Another GREAT week at Mereside!

Shakespeare - Our Year 2 children put on an amazing show at the Grand Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening performing in the Tempest along with five other Blackpool schools. Thank you to the staff who supported, and to our parents who attended - we hope you are as proud of them as we are.

Sciathalon - Wow! A huge congratulations to Jayden, Oliver, Jasmine, and Charlie who representing Mereside at the Fylde Coast Physics Partnership event.

Learning By Questions - is an award winning online platform that we have invested in to support high quality teaching and learning in the classroom. Every student from Year 2 - Year 6 have their very own account and class teachers are using the impressive technology alongside their teaching to see exactly what each individual child has learnt and remembered across the curriculum. The children really enjoy the fun quizzes, whilst the teachers are provided with a highly effective assessment tool to support the very best educational outcomes.

Mereside Play - we have ordered lots of brand new playground equipment for the children and the delivery have started to arrive which is very exciting. We look forward to introducing more fun games into our lunch time programme over the next few weeks.

Showtime for Year 3 and 4 - I know the children have been enjoying their rehearsals in preparation and are very excited to performances on our school stage next week. Please find further details on the next pages.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 90.1%

Rec	94%	2R	98%	3B	84%	5M	96%
1M	77%	2P	89%	4D	94%	5D	92%
1G	82%	3D	95%	4B	93%	6B	88%

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

THE MERESIDE WAY

Ready to Learn

Being ready to learn starts at home. We talk to the children about being ready for the school day by having their breakfast (including a drink); having a wash (including brushing hair and teeth); wearing our full uniform; and arriving to school on time. Thank you for all the help you do at home to ensure your child arrives to school ready!

Above and Beyond!

Sophia F (4B) Ilona (R) Dottie (R) Emily (R) Esi (R) Emi (R) Isabelle ® Scarlett (5M) Darcy (5M) Oscar (1G) Muhammed (1G) Corey (4D) Baila (4D) Mason (1G) Jayden (5D) Pearl (1G) Ilona (1G) Penelope (1G) Jayden E (5M) Jayden (4D) Archie (1G) Evania (1M) Harley R (5M) Tilly (5M)

Well done to everyone, and to Darcy - enjoy your hot chocolate.

Important Reminders



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.

Family Support

From next week coffee morning will permanently move to Friday mornings (8:35 - 9:50am) before assembly.

It's a fantastic chance to chat!

The family hub is always open if you need us!



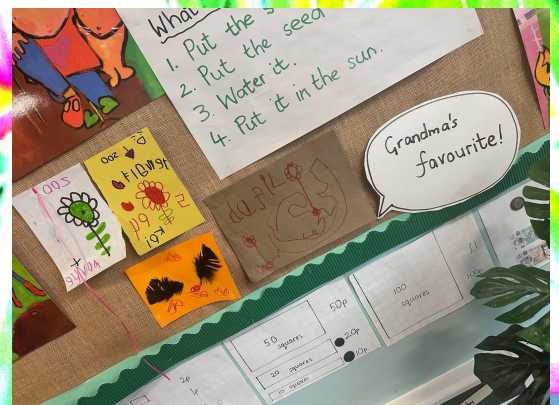
CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Spring has arrived

In Reception we have been learning all about planting!

We even have our own Vegetable shop!

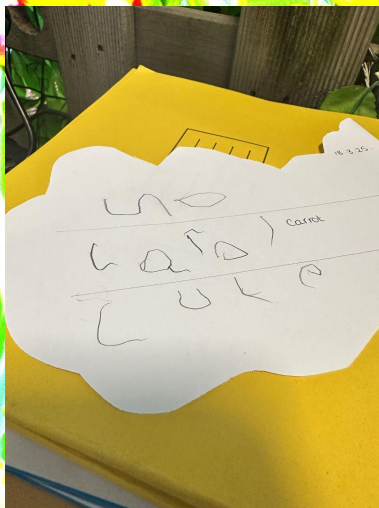
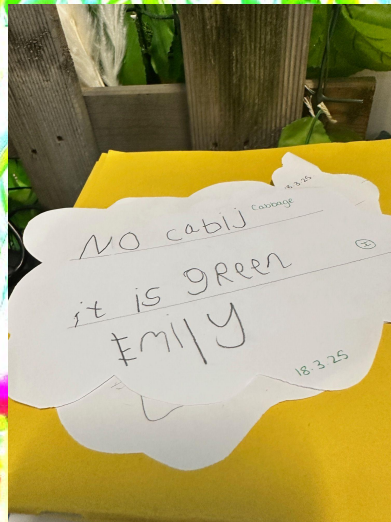
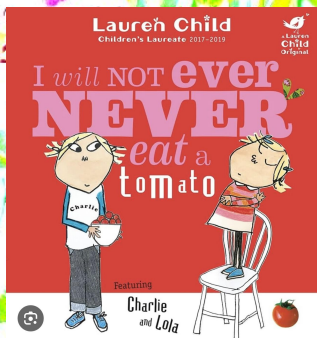
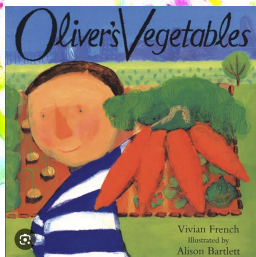
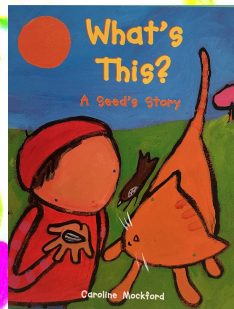
We thought carefully about how to help a seed grow!



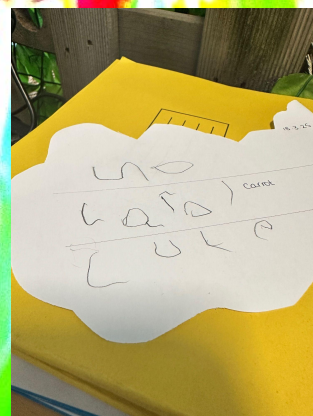
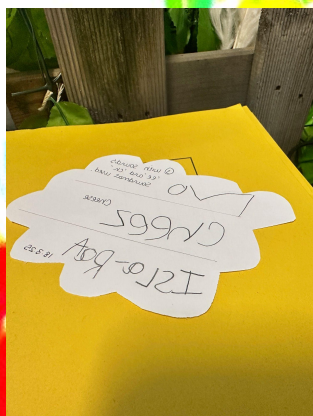
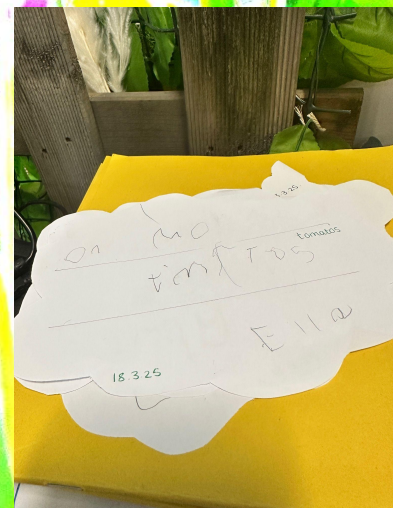


CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

We have read a few
stories about
vegetables...



It has inspired
our fantastic
writing!



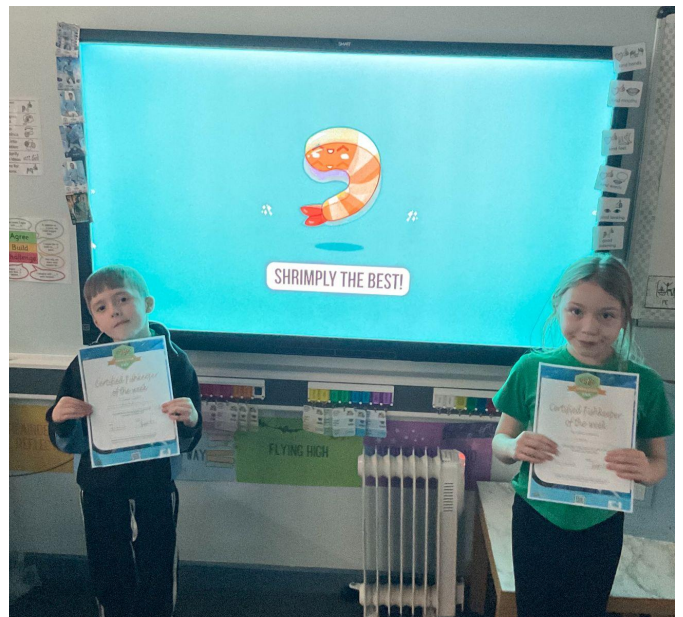


3B have participated in **Fishkeeper Fry**, an 8-week programme by **Maidenhead Aquatics** teaching 7-8 year-olds the science and art of fishkeeping.

Through videos, worksheets, and hands-on activities, students set up and care for a classroom aquarium, learning about water chemistry, fish care, and the nitrogen cycle.

Each week, all of the schools taking part select a fishkeeper of the week who has taken great care of the tank and completed all of the worksheets.

We were very proud of Enzo and Lanie who were chosen as the fishkeepers of the week out of all the schools taking part!





Children were very excited at the beginning of the week when they received their Oxford Owl eBook logins. We hope you have been enjoying choosing books and having fun listening to them read!

Thank you to everyone so far for returning the book slips. Please do remember to send them back to school as your views are extremely important to us to decide whether to use eBooks or actual books moving forwards for home reading.

Staff have been working so hard setting up our Library which has been relocated to the heart of our school.

*****We need your help! *****

We would like to create a 'get caught reading' display in the library. It would be wonderful to have pictures of your child reading at home or when you are out... it could be anywhere! Up a tree, in the garden, under a table....where ever they go to read!

If you catch your child reading then please sent the picture to



reading@mereside.fcat.org.uk

Children are having a great time learning with Fred the Frog in our phonics lessons and it is fantastic to hear from teachers that it is already having an impact in children's spelling and writing.



Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.
Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:
Oh I think what's happening here is that...
- 5 Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again.
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Kaiden - for being a star and doing good listening
1M	Alankritha -for trying hard to use her phonics in her writing and always using beautiful handwriting
1G	Penelope for always being a star and trying her very best!
2R	Kyren - for working super hard to improving his handwriting.
2P	Archie - For a FANTASTIC week, well done!
3B	Cole - for being a kind friend to all and producing excellent Literacy work in class and at home!
3D	Dominic- for showing great improvement in focusing and staying on task, demonstrating a more determined attitude toward his work.
4B	Grace Hayes - Fantastic research and report writing in English this week. Grace has been able to work independently and with curiosity to create an informative and interesting report on the Wome's Land Army.
4D	Donnie - For fantastic phonics! You always work so hard in your lessons and you are always enthusiastic - a great quality to possess!
5M	Meka - For having a brilliant attitude this week which has reflected in her work! Well done keep it up!
5D	Skarlet - for being a fantastic role model and giving 100% effort!
6B	Ruby - for 100% effort in her SATs Prep



Lower Key Stage Two proudly present...

Pirates Versus Mermaids

Performance dates and
times

Year 4 with our
supporting chorus from
year 3

Tuesday 25th March @2:15

Year 4 only performance
Wednesday 26th March
@ 4:30



School Events 2024-25

February 2025

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

March 2025

Thurs 6th	World Book Day (Dress up)
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th	Parents Evening Week * Revised date
Thurs 13th	Year 3 trip to the cinema and lifeboat station
Fri 14th	Comic Relief Day Wacky Hair Day (*full school uniform)
Fri 21st -	World Poetry Day
Mon 24th	Pamper afternoon for EYFS parent or carer
Tues 25th/Wed 26th	Y3/Y4 Production - Tues 25th @ 2.15pm, Wednesday 26th @ 4.30pm

April 2025

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

School Events 2024-25

May 2025

Mon 5th	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 12th / Thurs 13th	Y6 SATs week. (National testing)
Mon 26th - Fri 30th	Half Term holidays (School closed)

June 2025

Mon 2nd	School Re Opens
Mon 9th/ 11th	York Residential Trip (Y3-Y6)
Mon 9th	Y4 Multiplication Check (National testing)
Mon 9th	Y1 Phonics Screening starts (National testing)
Mon 16th - Fri 20th	Blackpool Youth Games (Variety of sports competitions)
Fri 20th	World Music Day

July 2025

Wed 2nd	Parents Quiz Night
tbc	High School Transition Day (Year 6)
tbc	Moving Up Day
Thurs 10th	End of Year Reports
Mon 21st	Nursery Graduation
Tues 22nd	Whole School Awards Ceremony

July 2025

Wed 23rd	Y5/6 Production 2.00pm
Thurs 24th	Y5/6 Production 9.30am
Thurs 24th	Y6 Leavers Event tbc
Fri 25th	School Closes at 1.30pm

Freedom Centre events

Mothers day coffee morning
Wednesday
9:30-11:30am

Family bingo with fish supper
Friday 28th
£5 all in adults
£3 for children.
Food from 5pm with bingo starting at 6pm

Saturday morning Shine
9:30-11.00am with breakfast

Mothering sunday crafts
10am -11:30am
With pastries and fruit juice.

