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Our weekly attendance figure will appear here next week after we have completed a full week back in school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and managed to eat all of your Easter Eggs! I'd like to start by thanking all of you for your support with our Bunny Hop and Comic Relief at the end of last term. I can now confirm that we raised £78.60 for Comic Relief and £124.14 for Brian House by taking part in our Bunny Hop. Well done everyone!

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

For Summer Term we would like to introduce our very special, newly trained anti-bullying ambassadors in school. These children worked incredibly hard to be trained this week by The Diana Award. These wonderful ambassadors will be soon working hard with pupils across school to carry out their school vision and supporting us to gain our Blackpool Beating Bullying award.

They have already come up with some incredible ideas to support the anti-bullying movement in school so watch out for updates from them! Likewise, they have already gathered ideas for staff training; school assemblies and buddy benches and rotas for the playground! They are definitely a force to be reckoned with. They called in Ms Upton to talk all about what they had been doing and they are already taking on their important role of responsibility!

They really did us proud!

Read below the vision from the Diana Award about their training!

Huge congratulations- we are really proud of our new team!

Mrs Miller and Miss Mac!

From the Diana Award:

Sponsored by Nationwide Building Society, Facebook and the Department for Education. The Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme equips students and staff with the tools needed to tackle bullying behaviour head on, transform your school's approach to anti-bullying and create a safer, kinder school community. Our Programme is youth-led, with your students leading their anti-bullying campaign as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

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 and we said that this would be 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 for the Spring term award and these are the nominations...

Nursery – Alice: For inspiring others to perform.
RT – Amelia: Amazing progress and enthusiasm in our Tiddly Om Pom Pom sessions.
RP – Ava: For joining in each music lesson enthusiastically and singing beautifully.
1/2M – Sean Paul: For always giving 100% in every lesson and being enthusiastic.
1/2R – Kian S: For an excellent understanding of pitch and rhythm.
1/2S – Charley: For keeping the beat really well for the 1/2S orchestra
3/4HP – Drake: For demonstrating such enthusiasm in his guitar lessons
3/4JP – Oliver: For some excellent singing in our performance and **Danielle** for trying her best and listening well in guitars.
5/6P – Ashley: For enthusiastically engaging with all things musical!
5/6M – Nathan: For much improved rhythm and engagement in boomwacker lessons.
5/6B – Summer: For her all-round ability in music and **Daniel** for being committed to his guitar lessons as an extra-curricular activity and making good progress.

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 Spring Term winner of this award goes to...

Daniel in 5/6B. Well done Daniel!

End of term attendance:

Attached to tonight's copy of the newsletter is your child's individual attendance for last term. You will notice that we have also included details on the minutes late for each child this time. Please remember that the government expectation is that all children do not fall below 96%. If your child's percentage is lower than 96% then please ensure your child is in school as much as possible next term so your attendance figure can improve by the end of the academic year. It is so important that your child is in school so they can reach their potential. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Nursery Places:

We are now accepting names for any new children who would like to attend our nursery (ages 2-4) in September. If you have a child of nursery age, or know someone who does, then please contact the office on 761531 to reserve your place.

Mereside Project – Free books:

I have received the following email this week, so if anyone would like a free book then get yourselves down!

Hi, I just wanted to drop you a line about a project that we are running in Mereside. We are working with Blackpool libraries and Blackpool Coastal Housing to open a new community space on the Langdale Parade of shops that will house the library, laundry facilities and community space. The space is due to open in June. Next week to celebrate World Book Night we will be popping up outside the space (next to the fish and chip shop) to talk to people about the project and to give away free books. The book we have received from WBN is a Graham Norton novel so would be only suitable for adults. However we will also be giving away copies of the Fable of Mereside – the children's story we wrote about Mereside (with Mereside children) in a past project. If you have any families that would be interested in receiving a free book please sent them down to us next Wed,

*Many thanks
Laura*

Labelling:

A request from our Nursery staff (although it applies to the whole school!), could you please ensure that all clothing and belongings are labelled. That way it is so much easier to ensure each child takes home the right jumper etc.

Bookworm of the week:

Our amazing bookworms of the week are:

EYFS – Isaac for showing an interest in books, enjoying listening to stories and naming objects.

KS1 – Blake for having an enormous appetite to read every night, change his book every day in school and show his reading talents often.

LKS2 – Ollie for being so enthusiastic about reading.

UKS2 – Sophia for always reading and enthusiastically talking about reading.

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

Nursery – **Hayleigh** for settling in so well and being such a happy little bean. Well done Hayleigh!

RT – **Jenson M** and **Chase** for some amazing writing about Jaci's magic beans – Well done both of you!

RP – **Finley** has wowed me this week with his phonics work. He is becoming confident at blending sounds together – well done Finley and **Lanie** for making such a brilliant start to the summer term. She has come into school ready and full of motivation – Well done!

1/2S – **Corey** for proving to himself that changes have to come from within and being a role model with applying his sun cream and **Lacey** for being helpful, kind and a good friend to classmates and teachers alike. Well done both of you!

1/2R – **Ella** for being such a superstar in her first week in our class and **William** for his amazing effort in Maths lessons. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – **Daniel** for trying so hard in everything he does and **Junior** for having a fantastic attitude towards learning – Well done both of you!

3/4HP – **Liam** for always working hard and being an excellent role model and **Leanne** for coming out of her comfort zone and trying new things – Well done both of you!

3/4JP – **Logan** for a fantastic start in his new class. Welcome to Mereside! **Ruby** for having such a great change in attitude. Well done both of you!

5/6P – **Ashley** for super tennis skills with Mr Tomes and **Ellie-Mae** for showing some brilliant fractions skills. Well done to both of you!

5/6M – **Ellie-Mae** for a fantastic effort with independent work this week, in particular during mock SATs – her improvements are huge! **Keya** for fantastic improvements in all her subjects which is down to her effort in all subjects and **Olivia** for demonstrating a lot of maturity; having a brilliant attitude and for representing the school well during the ambassador training. Well done all of you!

5/6B – **Stephen** for being a superstar all week and engaging in both PE lessons. Keep it up! **Leyla** for engaging in both PE lessons this week. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th May – Coffee Morning – All welcome
Monday 9th May – KS2 SATs Week
Friday 20th May – Non-Uniform Day – Donation of chocolate please for the Summer Fair
Monday 23rd May – Sports Week
Wednesday 25th May – Sports Day
Friday 27th May - Non-Uniform Day – Bottle donations please for the Summer Fair. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM FOR HALF TERM
Monday 6th June – School reopens at 8.35am
Queen’s Jubilee Celebration Week
Wednesday 8th June – Whole School Street Party. Dress up as a 1950’s child.
Thursday 9th June – Mereside’s Royal Variety Show
Friday 10th June – Non-Uniform Day – Cake donations please for the Summer Fair. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM for the Summer Fair which will run 2.15pm – 4pm
Tuesday 21st June– World Music Day
Wednesday 29th June – 6th July – Book Fair in school
Year 3 rounders tournament
Thursday 30th June – Friday 1st July – Year 6 to visit high schools
Monday 4th July – Forest School Week
Thursday 7th July – End of year reports sent home
Wednesday 13th July– Coffee Morning – All welcome
Wednesday 20th July – End of Year Awards Ceremony
Thursday 21st July – Leaver’s celebrations
Friday 22nd July – Leaver’s Assembly – 9.30am
School Closes for the Summer – 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Monday 25 th April P.E. – 1/2M 1/2R 1/2S | Commando Joes – Years 5 and 6 SATs Club – Year 6 Times Tables Club – Years 3 and 4 STEM Club – Rec/Yr1/Yr2 | 8am – start of school AND/OR 3.15pm – 4.15pm 8am – start of school 8am – start of school 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Tuesday 26 th April P.E. – 3/4HP 3/4JP | Art and Craft Club – Reception Dance Club – Years 1 and 2 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm |

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| | SATs Club – Year 6 | 8am – start of school |
| Wednesday 27 th April P.E. – 5/6P 5/6M 5/6B 1/2R 1/2S | Change 4 Life – Years 3 and 4 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Thursday 28 th April P.E. – Early Years 5/6P 5/6M 5/6B | Traditional Playground Games – Reception Athletics – Years 3,4,5 and 6 SATs Club – Year 6 Gardening Club – Years 5 and 6 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 8am – start of school 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Friday 29 th April P.E. – 1/2M | Netball Club Manga Club | 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm |