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This week our attendance was...

**93.6%**

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a lovely time on Monday in our football shirts, having a super World Cup lunch and supporting the England team onto victory. Let's hope for a similar result tonight against the USA!

### **Football in school:**

This week our school football team has been very busy. We started with an interschool football competition at Stanley Park on Monday where they battled so well. We were so proud of their efforts as they represented school so well. On Tuesday, we hosted a game against Christ the King and although we didn't win, we again battled hard and showed great commitment. Well done to all those involved – you are all superstars!



### **Strictly Come Dancing:**

Today, we have sent 10 children to represent Mereside in an Inter school 'Strictly come dancing' festival at the tower ballroom. I am sure they will have a great time so look out for all the photos on Facebook later.

### **Spare Clothes:**

A plea from our Nursery and Reception teachers – if anyone has any spare clothes which no longer fit their child and they want to get rid of, could we please ask that you donate them to our early years phase as stock is currently low. All donations would be grateful received. These can either be handed in to the Early Years staff or at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers:**

Just a reminder that those who are entitled to free school meals will receive their food vouchers for over the Christmas holidays. Mrs Lydon is currently very busy processing all of these for you.

### **Art Work:**

Last week Mrs Benyon went to visit the display of the green space project which has now been moved to the arts college in Blackpool. This involves work that was produced by many children who attend the school at the boys and girls club and live in the local community. It would be great if you could pop down and see this work. For all of those involved, a massive well done; we are so proud of you!

### **School Dinners:**

As you are all aware it is getting much colder and wetter!! I just wanted to remind parents that you are able to pick your child's lunches on Parent Pay. This way you can see what your child is having each day, ensuring they are given a nice hot meal during the day, and you are able to pick them all in advance. If you need some help setting up your Parent Pay or have any questions, as always please don't hesitate to contact the school office where the admin team will be happy to help.

### **Panto Workshop:**

A week tomorrow on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Langdale Library and Laundry room are hosting a Panto Family Workshop. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

### **Non-Uniform Day:**

Next Friday is our second non-uniform day as we prepare for our Christmas Fair. All children are invited to come into school in non-uniform with some chocolate as a donation for our chocolate tombola. Thank you for all your support today with our non-uniform bottle day.

### **Family Hub Star of the Week:**

***For GILL***



Our Fylde clothing + footwear co-ordinator, whom alongside working for the NHS, collects quality items to share with our Mereside School Families.

Thank you Gill!

### **School Nurses:**

A message from Mrs Walpole...

Hello all,

Our school nurses Hajra Hussain and Krystal Gaw are available to meet in the Children's Centre on Tuesday 6th December from 8:45am - 10:30 am. They are initially offering advice re toilet training and continence support for older children, but will be available after this to answer medical queries you may like advice about.

It will be lovely to see you for tea, coffee and chat

Mrs Walpole

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

**Nursery** – **Isaac S** for playing so nicely with his friends and for some super listening and **Sophia** from year 6 for her helping hands at lunch time. Well done both of you!

**RT** – **Isabella T** for joining in with phonics so well and make such good progress and **Vinnie** for being such an amazing friend – Well done both of you!

**RP** – **Charlie** for being a good listener and trying really hard – you are a superstar and **Lara** for always smiling and always making brilliant choices. Well done both of you!

**1/2G** – **Zara** for trying really hard with her writing and phonics this week and **Georgia** for always having a smile on her face and helping her friends. Well done both of you!

**1/2R** – **Isla** for being enthusiastic in every lesson and having amazing growth in her self-confidence and **Cameron** for being resilient and working very hard on his maths daily. Well done - you are both superstars!

**1/2M** – **Hunter** for being so caring towards his friends and **Jenson** for always giving 100% in everything – Well done both of you!

**3/4FB** – **Maggie** for always trying her best in everything she does and working so hard to improve her work and **Oliver** for contributing so much to class discussions and always trying hard – Well done both of you!

**3/4P** – **Teddi** for having an absolutely fantastic week and **Nikita** for having such a great attitude to learning. Well done both of you!

**5/6HP** – **Riley** for working super hard on his handwriting and for focussing well throughout independent tasks and **Mason** for being a superstar and settling in nicely throughout his first week at Mereside. Well done both of you!

**5/6JP** – **Leah** and **Tiana** for always being all round superstars all of the time. Well done both of you!

**5/6W** – **Mathew** for showing excellent effort in all his learning this week and **Sofia** for engaging so well in all lessons and being a kind friend as part of her playground PALS role. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

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

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Art Gallery Visit - selected KS2 children

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Non-Uniform Day – chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Production – 1.30pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Production – 9.30pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair – Non-Uniform Day – Cake donation for the Christmas Fair

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day / Panto visits school / 3/4FB Christmas Carols on the Green / Elf Run

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Christmas party

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Production 1.30pm/Year 3/4 Christmas party

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Production – 9.30am / Whole school Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 and Year 5/6 Christmas party

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service 9am – All welcome

School Closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton

Headteacher

**Coming up next week...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Drawing Club – Years ½	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Choir – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November  P.E. - 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M	Football Club - Years 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Recycling Crafts – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Craft Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Adventures in Bookland reading club – Year 3	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  P.E. – 3/4P - Early Years	Commando Joes – Years 1 and 2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December  P.E. – 3/4FB 3/4P 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W	STEM book club – Years 5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Karaoke Club – Years 5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Schools Alive – Whole school but this needs a commitment to take part in the production at the Grand Theatre one evening in February.	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Art Club – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm

	Grundy Art Gallery Trip – Your child will be informed if this trip involves them.	10am-2pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  P.E. – 1/2G 1/2M 1/2R 3/4FB	Sewing – Years 3/4/5/6  Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair	3.15pm – 4.15pm  All day



# Panto!

family workshop

**FREE**  
event

Join **Showtown** and **Blackpool Libraries**.



**Sat 3 December 2022**

10.30am – 11.30am

**Langdale Library & Laundry Room**

1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Revoe Library**

**It's panto season!**

**Oh yes it is!**

**Spaces are limited**

Booking essential



Enjoy panto themed storytelling  
and make your own panto  
puppet to take home!

To book please visit: [showtownblackpool.co.uk/autumn-events](https://showtownblackpool.co.uk/autumn-events)

