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This week our attendance was...

93.4%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Half Term!

Enjoy, stay safe and we will see you all again on Monday 6th June.

Sports Week:

This week we have had a fabulous Sports Week in school even though the weather forced the cancellation of sports day. A huge thanks to our PE lead, Mrs Birt, for all her organisation and support this week and all staff for their commitment to making the week work so well. The children have enjoyed collecting points for their house team through a variety of different sporting events throughout the week and these will be added to our sports day results before we can announce the winners.

Weather permitting, our new sports day date is Tuesday 21st June.

Further details will follow nearer the time.

Evening Gazette:

This week I was delighted to see us featured in the Evening Gazette, showing our children from years 3 and 4 planting trees in the local community. I've attached a copy of the article with this newsletter.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations:

Everyone should now have received a copy of the costume ideas for our 1950s dressing up day on the first Wednesday back (8th June) where we will be re-enacting the Queen's coronation and holding our very own street party in school. If you haven't received this via parentsapp please contact the office who will be happy to help. Of course, these are only ideas to help you so feel free to create your own!

Summer Fair:

To finish our celebrations on the first week back we will be holding our Summer Fair on Friday 10th June. For this day only school will close at **2pm** for all children with the fair running from 2.15pm – 4pm. That Friday also sees our final non-uniform day in aid of our Summer Fair. All children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes and bring in a donation of cakes. Please note there will be no after school club available on this day.

Summer Term Clubs:

Our new after school activity lists for after half term has now been sent out and clubs will start from the first day back after half term. If you haven't received a copy either through parentapp or a paper copy, please contact the office who will be happy to assist.

End of term attendance:

Attached to today's copy of the newsletter is your child's individual attendance for this term. You will notice that we have also included details on the minutes late for each child. 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 all of the time 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.

PE next half term:

Next half term our PE slots will be as follows:

Early Years – Thursday
1/2S – Wednesday/Thursday
1/2R – Wednesday/Thursday
1/2M – Thursday/Friday
3/4HP – Monday/Tuesday
3/4JP – Monday/Tuesday
5/6B – Tuesday/Friday
5/6FB – Tuesday/Friday
5/6P – Tuesday/Friday

Bookworm of the week:

Our amazing bookworms of the week are:

EYFS – Evangelia for superstar reading every night.

KS1 – Amelia for showing great enthusiasm.

LKS2 – Amber for consistently engaging with her reading at home.

UKS2 – Izzy for her constant dedication to reading and always wanting to improve.

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

Nursery – **Lara** for coming into nursery sensibly and playing nicely with her friends. Well done Lara!

RT – **Mollie** for always being a shiny star in our class and **Amelia** for always trying her hardest in all that she does – Well done both of you!

RP – **Hannah** for fantastic writing this week and **Sapphire** for explaining her mathematical thinking so well. Well done both of you!

1/2S – **Amelia** for settling in so quickly and learning so much. Well done on a fantastic first week and **Sienna** for always being ready to learn, supporting others and having a heart of gold. Well done both of you!

1/2R – **Amelia** and **Theo** for being kind, caring and thoughtful role models in our class. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – Jack for making good choices this week and **Teddy** for trying hard in all of his work – Well done both of you!

3/4HP – Gabriela and **Nikita** for getting stuck in and trying their best throughout sports week – Well done both of you!

3/4JP – Millie and **Tiana** for pushing themselves and trying extra hard with all sports this week. Well done both of you!

5/6P – Frankie for being brave and performing so well and **Ava** for getting to grips with expressions in algebra. Well done both of you!

5/6FB – Travis for a fantastic attitude to reading at home this week and **Keya** for a wonderful piece of narrative writing and going above and beyond to uplevel her work. Well done both of you!

5/6B – Amy for never being put off by an activity and always giving everything 100% and **Daniel** for never failing to put a smile on Miss Brown and Miss Southern's face. We are so proud of you both!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

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

Year 6 Science trip

Thursday 7th July – End of year reports sent home

Wednesday 13th July – Coffee Morning – All welcome

Thursday 14th July – Year 5/6 Careers Day at Edgehill University

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... Queen's Jubilee celebrations all week

Date	Event	Time
Monday 6 th June P.E. – 3/4HP 3/4JP	Commando Joes – Years 1 and 2	8am – start of school AND/OR 3.15pm – 4.15pm

<p>Tuesday 7th June</p> <p>P.E. – 3/4HP 3/4JP 5/6B 5/6FB 5/6P</p>	<p>Bingo – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Dance Club – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Manga – Years 3/4/5/6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th June</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2R 1/2S</p>	<p>Whole school dress up day</p> <p>Coronation on Langdale Road</p> <p>Jubilee street party</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>10am</p> <p>12pm</p>
<p>Thursday 9th June</p> <p>P.E. – Early Years 1/2M 1/2S 1/2R</p>	<p>Coding Club – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Yoga and action stories - Reception</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>
<p>Friday 10th June</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2M 5/6B 5/6FB 5/6P</p>	<p>Non-Uniform Day – Cake donation</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SCHOOL FAIR</p> <p>School Fair - All welcome (No after school clubs)</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>2.15pm – 4pm</p>

NEWS

School's mini forest the size of a tennis court

Shelagh Parkinson
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A mini forest which is the size of a tennis court is set to spring up in Blackpool after 600 trees were planted by pupils and volunteers.

Children from Mereside Primary Academy rolled up their sleeves to help with the initiative led by environmental charity Earthwatch Europe and OVO Foundation, the charitable arm of OVO Energy.

The team planted the trees in a small plot on Bowness Avenue to create a dense fast-growing native woodland, using techniques which require no chemicals or fertilisers.

Headteacher Samantha Upton said: "The children were so excited to take part in this wonderful initiative and can't wait to see the outcomes of all their hard work."

"As the planting took place

so close to school there is a real sense of community within the children who are very protective of their local area."

Coun Jane Hugo, cabinet member for climate change at Blackpool Council, said: "We are thrilled Blackpool has been able to join in the Earthwatch Tiny Forest approach after it was featured on Countryfile some time ago."

"This fantastic initiative, a first for Blackpool, has taken place in the heart of Mereside."

The OVO Foundation is funding 12 Tiny Forests across the UK over two planting seasons.

It comes as the council's executive agreed a new strategy to green up Blackpool which means all new development must include more trees.

Blackpool has the lowest tree canopy cover in the UK at just 4.4 per cent compared to the national average of around 16 per cent.



Children planting the tiny forest



Tree planting at Mereside



Mereside Primary Academy



Councillors Jane Hugo, Kath Benson and Adrian Hutton helping to plant trees at Mereside



Pupils from Mereside Primary Academy at work tree planting