

28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

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This week our attendance was... 93%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

# Sports Success:

Congratulations to our year 3/4 Athletics team who competed in an indoor athletics competition this morning at Stanley Park. They all worked really hard and came away with 3rd place out of 10 schools! We are extremely proud of you all well done team!

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# A Sad Farewell:

Many of you will know Brenda Griffiths from our after-school club or from her role running the café in the children's centre when it was open. We are very sad to say that Brenda will be leaving us next Friday after 11 years. Everyone at Mereside would like to thank Brenda for all of her hard work and commitment and wish her all the very best for the future. She'll be sadly missed!

# Number Day:

Just a reminder that next Friday we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day in school. We would love it for children to come to school dressed as a number or wearing a number as part of our non-uniform day. We would like to ask for just a 50p donation for the NSPCC.

# **Covid Testing:**

Don't forget to test your child for covid if they begin to feel unwell, or if you just want to test a couple of times a week to check. Covid lateral flow tests can be collected from any chemist and if positive children no longer require a follow up PCR test.

# **Bookworm of the week:**

Our amazing bookworms of the week are:

**EYFS** – Marley for being fabulous at remembering stories.

**KS1** – Ruya for reading every day and sharing her favourite stories with us. **LKS2** – Mathew for his continuous dedication and engagement in our class reading.

**UKS2** – Alessander for a huge improvement in his home reading in the past couple of weeks.

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

**Nursery – Brodie** for having really good looking and listening skills and great sitting at carpet time. Well done Brodie!

**RT – Lilly** for always being super kind to everybody and **Sophie** for some amazing phonics with a smile. You've both been stars – Well done!

**RP – Cameron** for being really focussed during PE and confidently demonstrating to the rest of the class and **Peyton** for working so hard on her reading. You are becoming a confident, superstar reader. You've both been stars – Well done!

**1/2S - Georgia** for showing unlimited kindness to her classmates when they needed support and love and **Sienna** for a superb storyboard of The Marvellous Fluffy Squishly Itty Bitty. Well done both of you!

**1/2R – Ethan** for working so hard on his writing and making a fantastic story map and **Kian** for having a positive attitude to learning and being a maths whizz. You are both superstars!

1/2M – Isla for trying so hard in maths and Ebony for having a great attitude towards learning this week – Well done both of you!

**3/4HP – Jayden** for trying new things and reading at home and **Gabriela** for working hard and being a kind friend – Well done both of you!

**3/4JP – Logan** for a brilliant effort in his maths assessment and **Mylee** for some beautiful work in gymnastics. Well done both of you!

**5/6P – Ava** and **Alicia** for some super road safety skills and **Ella** for having some brilliant grammar application. Well done all of you!

**5/6M – Olivia** for always putting in 100% effort and maintaining excellent presentation in her books and **Nathan** for trying so hard with his writing in literacy. You are both brilliant!!

**5/6B – CJay** for focussing so well in all lessons, trying his best in maths and literacy and answering questions so well and **Ruby** for being brave and performing in front of everybody in music and for speaking louder in class when answering questions. Well done!

A big well done to everyone!!

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day 2022 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Mental Health week Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Schools Alive Performance Safer Internet Day Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for half term at 3.15pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Whole staff inset Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Coffee Morning – All welcome Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Reading Week Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 Class Trip to Martin Mere Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Our chicks and ducks arrive for hatching Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 3/4 production PM Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 3/4 production AM Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Class Swap Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Competitions – Easter hats and egg decorating Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Service Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton Headteacher

#### Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Commando Joes - Years 1 & 2	8am – start of school
P.E. – 1/2M 3/4JP 3/4HP	Times Table Club – Years 3 & 4	8am – start of school
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	Commando Joes – Years 1 & 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Puzzle Club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Science Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 1/2R 1/2S 1/2M 5/6P	Textiles Club (Printing, weaving, sewing) – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
5/6M 5/6B	Dance Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	SATs Club – Year 6	8am – start of school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Film Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 1/2S 5/6P	SATs Club – Year 6	8am – start of school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February P.E. – Early Years 3/4JP	Mindfulness (puzzles, games and drawing) Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
3/4HP	Schools Alive – For those performing at the Winter Gardens	3.15pm – 4.15pm

	SATs Club – Year 6	8am – start of school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	NUMBER DAY – Non- Uniform	All Day
P.E. – 1/2R 5/6B 5/6M	Coding Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm