

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 28th March 2025



Such a lovely week at Mereside Academy!

Y3/Y4 Pirates and Mermaid production - Wow! The show was simply brilliant. Our children performed to a really high standard and I know they thoroughly enjoyed being on stage. Thank you to our dedicated staff team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes supporting our children.

Learning by Questions - On Monday we had another guest speaker in our school assembly and the children really enjoyed meeting the teaching and learning consultant for LBQ, Mr. May. All schools across FCAT have recently invested in LBQ as it is a superb state of the art technology platform that supports learning and assessment in the class. Every child from Year 2 - Year 6 has their very own subscription and it is a very powerful tool. Meeting Mr. May was a very special surprise for our children and they were really interested in his career!



EYFS Pamper Event - Thank you to all parents who came to join us for our special event, I know the children really enjoyed it. You can see some lovely photographs from the event on the following pages.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 92.2%

Rec	87%	2R	99%	3B	87%	5M	94%
1M	93%	2P	88%	4D	95%	5D	96%
1G	94%	3D	90%	4B	97%	6B	90%

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

THE MERESIDE PLAY

Lunch times

We've been asked how are lunch times are running now. For our EY's children they go to lunch at 11:30am and then go to play until 12:30pm. Year 1 go to lunch at 12.00, and are back in class at 1.00pm. Y2 - Y6 go out to play at 12:15pm, with our Year 5 and 6 children eating straight away before some head off to the MUGA for the remainder of their break. The rest of school then attend to eat their lunch from Y2 upwards, and are enjoying using our new equipment on the yard.

Above and Beyond!

Teddy - 4D

Kaiden - 2R

Cole - 3B

Important Reminders

Year 1 parents and carers are invited in to school next Thursday (3rd April) for smoothie taste testing at 2.30pm.

The children are very excited to show you their culinary skills as part of their Design technology work in school.



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.

EASTER BINGO

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE
£5 PER BOOK
EGGCELLENT PRIZES

RAFFLE PRIZES UP FOR
GRABS

- FAMILY PASS TO RIBBY HALL
- STARBUCKS GIFT SET AND MANY MORE



Easter Bonnet Competition

**Nursery
Reception
Year 1
Year 2**

**All entries due in by
*Friday 4th April***



KS2 Easter Scene Competition

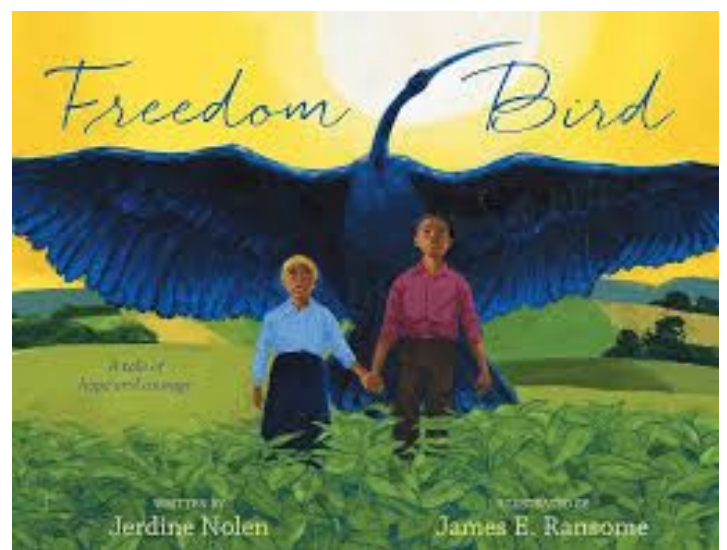
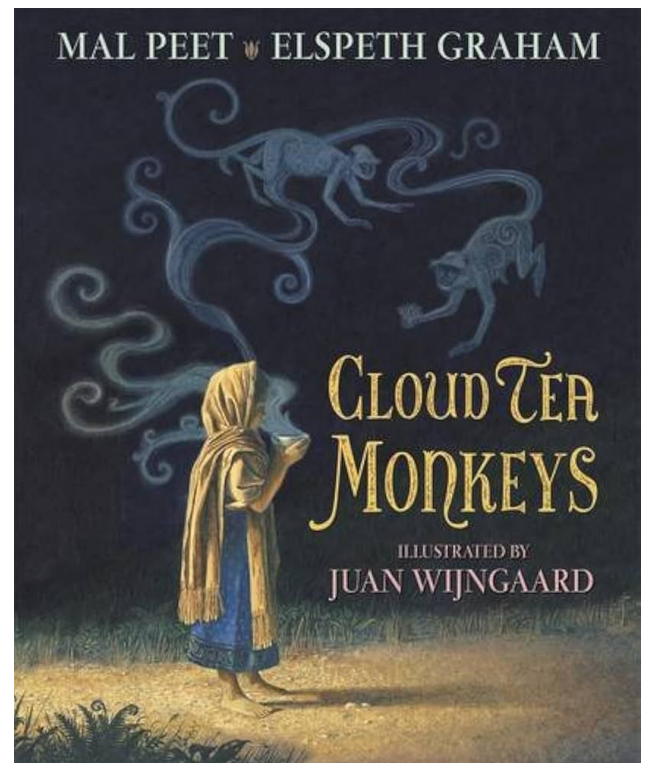
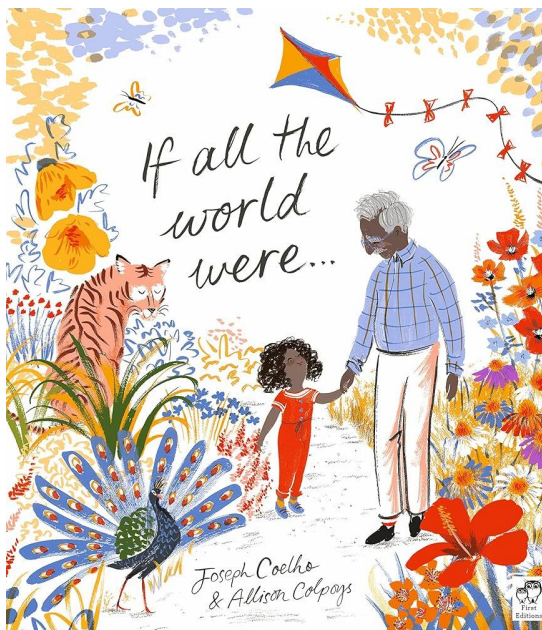
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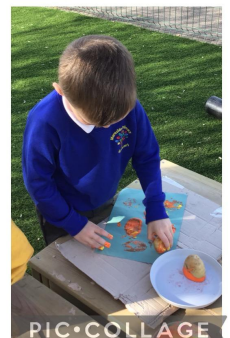
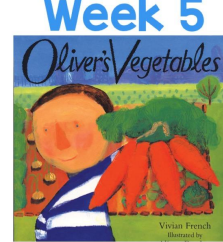
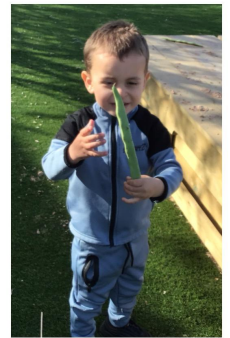
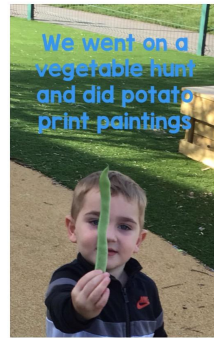
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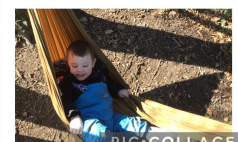
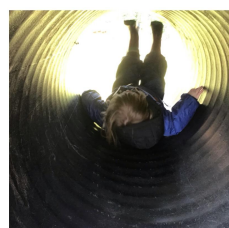
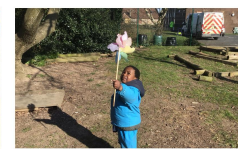
As part of our Literacy curriculum our children access the most beautiful books as part of their studies. Each book has been recognised nationally for being high quality, engaging and immersive. Some have historical and cultural references which gives extra depth and learning. Below are just some of the texts that are being studied in class at the moment. We use them for both reading and writing.



CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT



What a busy week in Nursery!





**Mothers
Pamper day
Hand care station**

Week 5



PIC•COLLAGE



**You
and
ME**

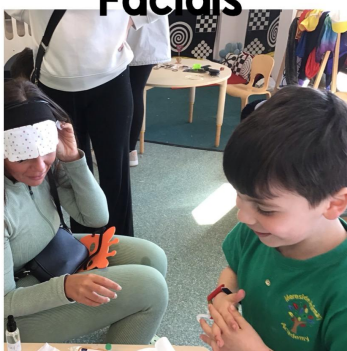


**Week 5
Cake
decorating**

PIC•COLLAGE



Facials



Making bracelets



PIC•COLLAGE

**We also
welcomed our
mums into
nursery to show
them how much
we loved them!**

OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



1M	Summer-Rose- Brilliant participation on the carpet!
1G	AJ- For being a superstar and engaging in all lessons!
2R	Kooper - For fantastic phonics!
2P	Jenson - For a great week with his behaviour
3B	Alexis - for Mereside way all day, every day!
3D	Louie -For demonstrating a positive attitude and a strong willingness to resolve conflicts, even when it was once challenging. Your efforts in managing emotions in a more positive way are truly commendable!
4B	This week has been just too hard to choose I'm afraid. Our wonderful performers have all exceeded our expectations in our production. From overcoming stage fright, learning lines, songs and dances each and everyone of them are certainly stars!
4D	
5M	Athena - For always having a brilliant attitude and enthusiasm towards her work!
5D	Jonyla - for her determination in maths! Well done!
6B	Teddi - for his impeccable efforts this week across all his learning

Family Support

Supporting Your Child



- **Practical strategies to support your child's mental health, emotional wellbeing & self-esteem.**
- **Improve basic knowledge of neurodiversity.**
- **Importance of family cohesion & communication.**
- **Access downloadable support pack, activities & signposting guide.**
- **Access eLearning anytime & anywhere via PC, smartphone or tablet.**

Parent & Carer e-Learning

No Charge & Access Any Time

Optional support pack and signposting are available.

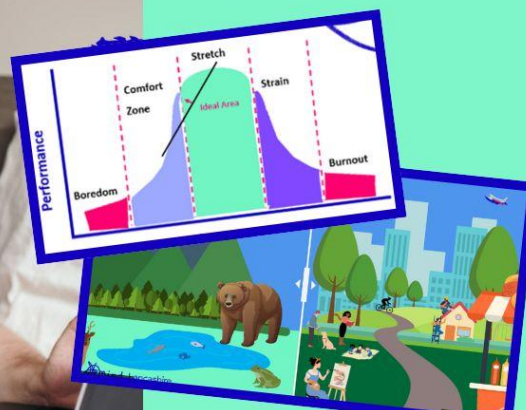
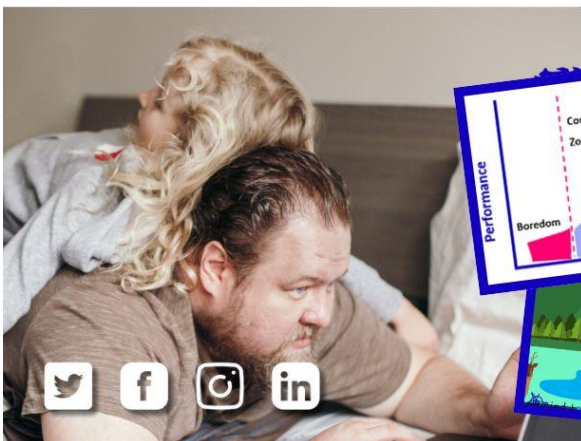
Neuro-Inclusive Mental Wellbeing Training

For parents and carers of young people who struggle with their mental health and wellbeing.

Young people with specific challenges linked to mental health and neurodiversity / neurodivergence (autism, ADHD, dyslexia etc) are also included in the course. It is neuroaffirming, meaning it does not treat these kinds of differences as only negative.

"I feel better knowing I am not the only parent struggling and finding it hard to get help for their children. Thank you for providing a free course with really stories and resources."

 **Mind Lancashire**



Scan the QR code to access



Dear parent/carer,

With the Easter break approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in Lancashire & South Cumbria aged between 10- 18, (up to 25 for SEND) in Cumberland, age range is 11- 18, (up to 25 for SEND). Funded and endorsed by the NHS & local authorities. Our services remain available over the Easter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-

www.kooth.com



Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer:peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, identity, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at www.kooth.com using non-identifiable information.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact a member of staff in school. Or if you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parents@kooth.com. A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

Kind Regards and wishing you a restful holiday,

Heather

Kooth Engagement Lead across Lancashire & Cumbria

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