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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week this week enjoying our themed Spanish week. A big thank you to Mrs Copeland for organising this, I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves (especially with the food tasting!). I have learnt a few things as I've been walking around school so please ask your children what they have learnt – I'm sure they'll be able to teach you too!

Another baby!

A huge congratulations to Miss Hegarty and family on the safe arrival of Albie, weighing a very healthy 7lb 5oz. Mum and baby are both doing well and we can't wait to meet the latest arrival.



Music Award:

Last week we were delighted to have been nominated by Blackpool Council's Music Service to become a Music Mark School. This week we are proud to announce we have been awarded this status in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people. Our accompanying letter also spoke of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum, offering many opportunities to the children in our school. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Kirkpatrick, our Music lead, for all her hard work and commitment.

Well done #TeamMereside!

Keeping on the music theme we are also delighted to announce that Mr Dark and his family have very kindly donated the Bob and June Dark Memorial Award for Music. This trophy will be awarded every term to any child who has shown enthusiasm in their music lessons in school and always given 100% effort. At the end of each year we will also announce an overall winner for the year and their name will be engraved on the trophy.



Reception Photograph:

The gazette photographer will be in school on Tuesday 6th October to take a photograph of all our new reception children. A separate letter with further details will be sent out to all reception parents.

Blackpool Community Trust - Unstoppables:

The children in Year 6 have been working with Blackpool Community Trust this term as part of their PSHE lessons, using Dan Freedman's Unstoppable book. The children have really enjoyed reading the book and then exploring the relationships between the characters. The Year 6 children have been praised by Jen from BFC for their maturity in the follow up lessons that she delivers each week. I'm sure the Year 6's will be able to share the story with you at home too and

explain what they have been doing. We are so proud of you Year 6 – You have been a credit to our school and absolute superstars!

Parent Governor:

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our academy council. If you would like to be involved please see the information which has been sent out on parent app or on our website for further details. It would be great to have you on board!

Parents Evening:

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, our planned parents evening next Wednesday has had to be cancelled. Instead each class teacher will be sending home a review report for each child. If you have any questions or concerns there will be an opportunity for a telephone appointment with the class teacher after this.

Harvest:

This week our children have been talking about Harvest celebrations in their class bubbles. Please look out for examples from each class on our Facebook page!

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

Nursery – Rylee for using his words to be understood and settling well into his own routine – Well done Rylee!

RT – Oskar for being a shining star in everything he does and **Alexa** for pushing herself out of her comfort zone and trying Spanish tapas.

R/1EP- Joshua for creating an amazing story map to tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood and showing pride in what he had made and **Emily** for being a super helper and becoming more confident to join in with class activities.

1M – Arianna for never giving up in PE and keeping going and **Daniel** for always giving 100% effort in all lessons.

2R – Lucas for being a brilliant mathematician and a real superstar and **Ruby-Blu** for making an amazing book in literacy.

3/4P – Braxton for showing some brilliant resilience – keep it up and **Vanesa** for some amazing recount writing.

3/4SP – Millie for growing in confidence so much in her writing and **Lydia** for producing an excellent recount of our walk around Mereside.

3/4KR – Riley for always being ready to learn and trying his best in all subjects and **Victoria** for being a role model to others in all that she does.

5/6C – Lacie-Jane for having a much more positive attitude and really focussing on everything she has done and **Liam** for some amazing writing and being a superstar in class.

5/6M – Alice for having such a mature attitude to learning and **Ranee** for some fantastic fact file writing about the animals in the Galapagos Islands.

5/6B – Molly-Alice for writing a fantastic acrostic poem for harvest and **Luca** for writing an amazing fact file on Argentina.

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 5th October – Open Day for reception starters 2021 (Appointment only)

Tuesday 6th October – Open Day for reception starters 2021 (Appointment only)

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Wednesday 7th October – Parents Evening (COVID permitting). **Update to be sent home followed by a telephone appointment in required.**

Thursday 8th October – Open Day for reception starters 2021 (Appointment only)

Friday 16th October – School closes for half term

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
Head of School

