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This week our attendance was...

**91.9%**

Oh no, let's get to 96%!

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter! School closes for the Easter break today at **1.30pm** and reopens on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.35am. Everyone at Mereside Primary Academy would like to wish all our families a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Summer Term.



### **Mr Peach:**

Unfortunately, we are having to say goodbye to Mr Peach today as he starts his new job delivering training to new teachers. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and commitment to the school and wish him well in his new adventure. After Easter, 3P will be renamed 3S as Mr Spencer joins our team. I'm sure everyone will make him very welcome.

### **Easter Competition Winners:**

On Wednesday, Mrs Peck kindly came into school to judge this year's Easter competitions. There were many wonderful ideas and creations so I'd like to say a big well done to all who entered – it was such a hard decision! An extra big congratulations go to our winners from each class which were:

Nursery – Amelia and Evie  
RT – Imogen and Vinnie  
RP – Halleigh and Karlson  
1/2M – Bella and Finlay  
1/2G – Lola and Kian  
1/2R – Payton, Ava and Cameron  
3SC – Shaun-Paul and Millie  
3P – Lucy and Whyatt Junior  
4FB – Evie and Jaxson  
5/6HP – Kaden and Max  
5/6JP – Amelia and Riley  
5/6W – Matthew, Ella and Daniel



### **St. George's Day lunch:**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April it is our St. George's Day lunch in school. If you would like your child to have a school dinner on this day, instead of a packed lunch, please let the office know who will be happy to help.

### **P.E. next half term:**

Our PE slots for next half term will be as follows...

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

### **Musician of the term:**

As you may remember we were lucky enough to have been donated the Bob and June Dark Memorial Award for Music which is awarded at the end of each term to a person who had shown determination and commitment to music. They don't have to be the very best at music but someone who always give 100% effort. Each class teacher has nominated a child from their class and these are the nominations...

**Nursery – Chizoba:** For always singing and being fantastic in music.

**RT – Isabella:** For being a superstar – joining in, singing and playing the instruments in our TOPPS2 sessions.

**RP – Maya:** For singing with so much passion.

**1/2M – Hunter:** For always giving 100% in all music lessons

**1/2R – Aniyah:** For being a fantastic performer, joining in and building her confidence.

**1/2G – Scarlett:** For always giving it her all in every music lesson.

**3SC – Tilly:** For always trying her very best and doing incredibly well with the songs in our LKS2 performance.

**3P – Meka:** For being a superstar in all music lessons and always giving 100%.

**4FB – Nikkita M:** For always giving 100% in every music lesson.

**5/6JP – Riley:** For making a fantastic effort in his guitar lessons.

**5/6HP – Leanne:** For demonstrating such resilience throughout guitar lessons.

**5/6W – Nathan:** For great participation in guitar lessons.

A big well done to all of our nominees who will receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts. You have all been superstars!!

**But, our Spring Term 2023 winner of this award goes to...**

*Isabella in RT – Well done*

*Isabella, we are so proud of you!*

### **Dates for next term:**

I have included the Summer Term dates at the end of the newsletter as they stand at the moment. Please remember that more will be added to these as the term goes on and occasionally there may have to be date changes due to unforeseen circumstances. Hopefully though, they are a good starting point for our Summer Term activities.

### **Next terms after school activities:**

You should receive at some point today, if you haven't already done so, the sign-up form for our after-school activities next term. If you haven't received this by the time we return from the Easter holidays, please contact the office who will be happy to help. It would be lovely to see as many children as possible attending at least one club next term so please try and sign up and get your children involved! Please note that all activities will last the whole term and not just a half term.

### **Your child's attendance:**

Today you should have received a copy of your child's updated individual attendance for this half term/year to date. If your child's attendance is currently below 96% there is still time to pull it up before the end of the academic year. If you have any concerns over your child's attendance, please contact school and we can discuss this with you.

### **Non-Uniform for Autism:**

On the first week back, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of autism. In return for £1 donation, we would like the children to come to school dressed in the most colourful clothes that they own as the theme for this year's autism charity day is colour!

### **Mereside Community Freedom Centre:**

Please see our attached posters for family Activities and Martha's Kitchen. This is a great Mereside community resource which has a charity shop and children's play area. The kitchen is open Monday to Thursday and on a Saturday from 8.45am to 1pm. You are all welcomed to join CHATTY TOTS which is a Free Parent/Carer Toddler Group, every Wednesday from 1.30 to 3pm. *Our local Food Bank is also available on a Thursday morning* and they have two Easter sessions, which are free for your family to attend...

**EASTER CRAFT CAFE on 3rd April**

**DISCO + BOUNCY CASTLE on 5th April**

***both from 10am to 12pm***

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

**Nursery – Hayleigh** for speaking in short sentences and using describing words. Well done Hayleigh!

**RT – Harper** for working really hard on sounding out and writing 3 letter words and **Elissa** for working really hard to write her letters correctly – Well done both of you!

**RP – Ehis** for being an incredible role model every single day and **Brody-Lee** for learning how to write his name – it's amazing. Well done both of you!

**1/2G - Tina** for always helping and being the kindest friend all of the time and **Zara** for being such a valued member of 1/2G and being amazing. Well done both of you!

**1/2R - McKenzie** for a fantastic effort in lessons and being a good friend and **Amelia R** for fantastic letter writing in literacy. Well done both of you!

**1/2M - Cody** for always being ready to help others and **River** for always giving 100% effort in all lessons – Well done both of you!

**3P - The whole of 3P** – My final class at Mereside, you’ve all been fantastic! Well done all of you!

**3SC - Margarida** for always doing her best in absolutely everything she does and having the biggest smile on her face and **Amelia** for working her socks off in our Roman topic, writing a super letter and making a wonderful shield. Well done both of you!

**4FB - Lydia** for being a good role model and an always child, **Bailey** for a fantastic fantasy story in literacy and **the whole of 4FB** for working so hard on the production and learning lines. Well done both of you!

**5/6HP - Max** for coming to school with such a positive attitude and being ready to learn and **Harrison** for always trying his best and focusing so well on succeeding in his SATs. Well done both of you!

**5/6JP - Travis** for a fantastic improvement towards everything and **Amelia** for a brilliant effort towards her SATs revision. Well done both of you!

**5/6W - Drake** for working brilliantly with RP in our collaboration project and **Ellie** for showing incredible perseverance and progress in her learning both in school and at home . Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – School reopens at 8.35am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Non-uniform (colour themed!) day - £1 donation  
St. George’s Day lunch

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – SEND meetings all week – parents will be contacted

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – School closed – May Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Tiny Forest Schools Team visiting school

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Star Wars lunch

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed – King’s Coronation

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 National Tests (SATs) begin

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Dinosaur lunch day  
Year 6 trip to Ascent

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**– Whole school sports week

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Long distance run – whole school

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Sports Carousel – whole school

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Sports Day – whole school

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – School reopens at 8.35am

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Fish and chip lunch

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 London Trip

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – World Music Day

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Themed week: Around the world – whole school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – End of year reports sent home

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3/4 trip to Gulliver’s World

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 high school transition days

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Children in reception to year 5 moving up day  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 production – 1.30pm  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 production – 9.30am  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Nursery graduation  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Leaver’s lunch  
    Wizard of Oz performance for the whole school  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of year awards ceremony  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Celebrations for year 6 leavers  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Leavers assembly  
    School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton  
Headteacher

**Coming up next term...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April  P.E. – 3SC	<b>School Reopens</b>  SATs Boosters – Year 6  Multi-Sports – Years 5 and 6	<b>8.35am</b>  8am – 8.30am  3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  P.E. – 3S 4FB 5/6W 5/6HP 5/6JP	SATs Boosters – Year 6  Dance – Years 1 and 2  Lego – Reception and Year 1	8am – 8.30am  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April  P.E. – 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M	Ball Skills – Reception and Year 1  Athletics – Years 3 and 4  Archery – Years 5 and 6  Dodgeball – Years 5 and 6  Storytelling in the tepee – Year 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April  P.E. – Early Years 3SC 3P 1/2M 1/2R	SATs Boosters – Year 6  Yoga – Reception and Year 1  Football – Years 1 and 2 Badminton – Years 3 and 4	8am – 8.30am  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm

1/2G	Rounders – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April P.E. – 4FB 3S	Archery – Reception and Year 1  Non-Uniform Day in aid of Autism - £1 donation  St. George's Day lunch	3.15pm – 4.15pm  All day  11.30am – 1pm

## What's Happening at Freedomcentre

**Martha's Kitchen**  
Monday to Thursday & Saturday 8.45am to 1.00pm

**Second Chance Charity Shop**  
Monday to Friday 8.45am to 1.00pm

**Activities:**

**Monday**  
1.30pm – 3.00pm Experience  
Group for over 50s (all are welcome though)  
Crafts, quizzes, trips, speakers etc.  
5.45pm – 6.45pm Rainbows  
7.30pm to 9.30pm – Mereside Community Gospel Choir  
Newcomers welcome, no experience required

**Tuesday**  
10.00am – 11.00am Coffee Morning  
Come and meet new friends and chat.  
1:30pm - 3:30pm Headway - A friendly place to meet friends, family and carers as well as survivors of an acquired brain injury. To attend this group please contact sam@headwayblackpool.co.uk

**Wednesday**  
1.30pm – 3.00pm Chatty Tots, Parent and toddler group

**Thursday**  
10.00am – 11.00am Woolly Wafflers  
Craft group for anyone interested in knitting, crocheting, wool craft. Beginners and experts welcome.  
6pm Beavers  
6.45pm Cubs  
7.30pm Scouts

**Sunday**  
Disco Divas Dance Group 9.30am to 12.00pm  
For more info contact Terri on: 07804474159 or visit their Facebook page: @DiscoDivasBlackpool

**Monthly**  
1st Sunday of every month  
6.00pm Bingo Night  
Eyes down at 6.30pm  
Martha's Kitchen open for refreshments  
2nd Saturday of every month  
10.00am-12.00pm Table Top Sale,  
Tables available - call 07784 325537 to book  
Martha's Kitchen open for refreshments

**For More Information**  
Email: [pete@freedomcentremereside.org](mailto:pete@freedomcentremereside.org)  
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Find us on Facebook

## Martha's Kitchen

**Hot Drinks**

Tea	£1.00
Speciality Tea	£1.20
Instant Coffee	£1.00
Espresso	£1.60
Americano	£1.60
Latte	£1.80
Cappuccino	£1.80
Hot Chocolate	£1.80
Hot Vinto	£0.50

**Cold Drinks**

Milkshake (Strawberry, Chocolate or Banana)	£1.00
Cans	£0.80
Bottle of Water	£0.80
Glass of Milk	£0.80
Kids Juice Bottles	£0.60

Please speak to a member of the team if you have any intolerances or allergies

## Martha's Kitchen

**Food**

<b>Toasties</b>	
Cheese	£1.60
Cheese & Ham	£1.80
Add Onion or Tomato	each - £0.20
<b>Barms</b>	
Bacon	£2.50
Sausage	£2.50
Bacon & Sausage	£2.90
Add Cheese	£0.40
<b>Jacket Potatoes</b>	
With Butter	£2.00
Add a choice of fillings (please ask)	each £0.50
2 Slices of Toast	£0.80
Jam	each £0.20
1 Slice of Cheese on Toast	£1.00
2 Slices of Beans on Toast	£1.40
Bowl of Beans	£0.60
Toasted Tea Cake	£0.80
Cereal	£1.00

**For daily specials please see our specials board**

A selection of cakes individually priced.

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