

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 4th April 2025



Hop into Spring - A fun filled week at Mereside!

Easter is a time for fun and celebration. This year, we organised a Family Easter Bingo Event, an Easter bonnet parade and an egg scene competition. These activities help foster creativity, teamwork, and tradition, and it's always wonderful to see the joy and excitement they bring to our community.

Ms. Peck's promotion - Ms. Peck, our wonderful SENCO, will soon start a new job working for the Local Education Authority. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her on this promotion but to also sincerely thank her for her many years of hard work, dedication and care towards our community. She has been a very important member of the team and has built very strong SEND systems across school to ensure our school is as inclusive as possible. For the Summer Term I am pleased to announce that we will have Ms. Shrewsbury, a qualified SENCO, and Ms. Craig an experienced SEND teacher join us.

Modern Foreign Language Guest Speaker - On Thursday we welcomed Ms Cutts into our curriculum assembly. Our children enjoyed learning about her career in Legal, Academic & Commercial Spanish & French to English Translation. It was really interesting to hear her life journey, where she lived abroad and the documents she translates now! At Mereside our children love to learn Spanish which really prepares them for a potential pathway into learning languages in High school.

Please have a wonderful Easter break with your family and stay safe over the holiday period.

Kindest regards Ms. Chapman



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 92.2%

Rec	91%	2R	99%	3B	89%	5M	94%
1M	90%	2P	91%	4D	96%	5D	96%
1G	94%	3D	92%	4B	88%	6B	89%

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

OUR NEW ACTING SENCO



Hello, I'm Suzanne, and I'm going to be acting SENDCo for the next term. I have been a primary school teacher since 1991, and have been SENDCo in a Poulton school for the past fourteen years. I love music and walking my dog Oakley, but I'm not so keen on frogs or snakes.

I'm really looking forward to coming to work with the team at Mereside Academy, and I will be organising a meet and greet coffee morning once I start, which will be at the end of April. Once in post, I'll share my email address with you all so you can contact me if you need any information.

Important Reminders

PE days will be shared before the end of the Easter. They will be posted on MCAS and on our Facebook.

May we also remind you that hair needs to be tied up and children should not be wearing earrings for PE



School is now closed for the Easter holidays.



We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd of April when school reopens.

READING CORNER



We have had great fun this week in our Phonics lessons and Fred the Frog has been helping and supporting us with our sounds and words. Children are really embracing the new scheme and teachers have already been commenting that they have seen children's phonics in action throughout the curriculum.



GET READY>>>Tonight, children will be bringing home a 'Book Battleship' Challenge for the Easter Holidays..

Can you sink a ship by reading one of the types of text?

Can you sink four in a row?

Can you sink the entire fleet?

Your teachers would love to see what you have been reading so please bring your forms back to show them!.

Finally, if you haven't already then why not use some time in the holidays to join the local library!

Book Battleships – Y1 Y2 - Range

Sink a ship by reading one of these types of text. Can you sink four in a row? Can you sink the entire fleet?

A	A traditional tale Date:	Recounts: letters Date:	Classic poetry Date:	A story from another culture Date:
B	An animal adventure story Date:	A fantasy story Date:	Other non-fiction e.g. labels, menus, invitations... Date:	
C	Poems on a theme Date:			
D				
E				

Book Battleships – Y3 Y4 - Range

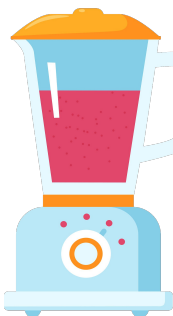
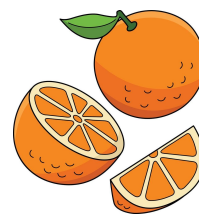
Sink a ship by reading one of these types of text. Can you sink four in a row? Can you sink the entire fleet?

A	A fairy tale/ folk tale Date:	A diary Date:	Poems with a structure e.g. shape, calligrams, kennings, cinquain Date:	An information booklet Date:
B	A biography Date:	A mystery story Date:	A discussion: for and against Date:	Poems on a theme Date:
C	A persuasive article Date:	A newspaper Date:	A fable Date:	A myth Date:
D	A playscript Date:	Classic poetry Date:	A fantasy story Date:	An explanation text Date:
E	1	2	3	4

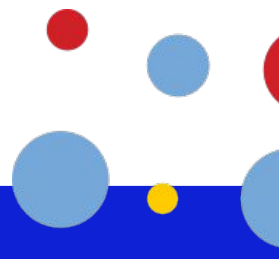


CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

This week in Design and Technology, our Year 1 students have been busy juicing and blending their way to delicious creations! They've been learning how to mix fresh fruits and vegetables to make tasty and healthy drinks, and as a special treat, we invited parents in to be our official taste testers.



From zesty orange blends to refreshing berry smoothies, our little chefs showed off their skills—and let's just say there were plenty of happy sips and big smiles all around!



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



1M	Maggie-Mae -For being a delight to have in class , being really helpful and always giving things her best effort.
1G	Jayden -For being a class superstar!
2R	Amber - For understanding the assignment by way of a great one-liner!
2P	Scarlett - For her fantastic attitude towards learning and for being a good friend.
3B	Cameron for a <u>HUGE</u> improvement in his attitude to learning and helping his friends come up with new and exciting games to play at break time.
3D	Paten - for being a class superstar!
4B	Jade for her wonderful performance skills, which never stopped ALL term! Reminding us daily with a huge smile on her face that she is indeed a parrot!
4D	Alfie - for showing great resilience during lesson time.
5M	Harvey - For working independently in his Maths and coming up with some fantastic ideas in Literacy!
5D	Dom - for being an all round fantastic member of 5D! Consistently trying his best in everything he does and being a brilliant role model to others - well done!
6B	Mira Bella - for being a class superstar!

Family Support



Blackpool Better start run a comprehensive timetable of family activities through the three family hubs in Blackpool.

- North: The North Family Hub (formerly known as Grange Park Children's Centre) is located at 31 Dingle Avenue.
- Central: The Central Family Hub (formerly known as Talbot and Brunswick Children's Centre) is located on Gorton Street.
- South: The South Family Hub is now inside Palatine Leisure Centre on St Anne's Road.

Please scan the QR code with your mobile camera to take you to the summer term timetable.

KS2 Easter Scene Competition



What an
'eggcellent'
display of Easter
Egg Scenes today!
Well done to you
all

THANK YOU!



We would like to thank the
organisers at Atletico Warton for
their kind donation of Easter eggs
for our Easter Bingo on
Wednesday.

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	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



EASTER MATHS CHALLENGE

THIS EASTER, WE HAVE A FUN AND CREATIVE CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

YOUR MISSION IS TO MAKE A COOL PIECE OF ART USING MATHS PATTERNS LIKE TESSELLATIONS, SYMMETRY, AND SHAPES. MATHS ISN'T JUST ABOUT NUMBERS—IT'S ALSO IN THE PATTERNS WE SEE AROUND US, LIKE EASTER EGGS, FLOWERS, AND HONEYCOMBS! 🌸🐰🥚

 HOW TO TAKE PART:

- PICK A MATHS PATTERN TO USE (LIKE REPEATING SHAPES, SYMMETRY, OR REFLECTIONS).
- GET CREATIVE WITH DRAWING, PAINTING, COLLAGE, DIGITAL ART, OR EVEN 3D MODELS!
- TRY MAKING YOUR DESIGN EASTER-THEMED FOR EXTRA FUN!
- THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

 PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR:

- THE MOST CREATIVE DESIGN
- THE BEST USE OF MATHS PATTERNS
- THE MOST EFFORT AND TEAMWORK!

HAVE FUN, GET ARTY, AND LET'S SEE SOME AMAZING MATHS MASTERPIECES! 🎉

