

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 6th June 2025



A brilliant week at Mereside!

We have made it into the Blackpool Gazette. The fantastic author, Phil Earle visited school on Monday. Please find the article [HERE](#).

Lots of exciting things have taken place at Mereside Primary Academy this week. Year 1 have been putting the final touches together for their Phonics Screening Checks that are taking place next week - our new phonics scheme has ensured that our pupils have had every opportunity to be successful.

In Year 4, they have been continuing to master their times tables knowledge and recall in preparation for their multiplications check that starts next week. The school has been filled with chants of times tables.

Year 6 have been completing their writing portfolios, ready for the local authority to visit school next week to have a look at their amazing writing. They have also been busy rehearsing for their end of year performance. We are all excited to watch this!

We are also super excited for our sports week that will be taking place very shortly. More details are included in this newsletter.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 92%

Rec	94%	2R	96%	3B	89%	5M	95%
1M	91%	2P	85%	4D	94%	5D	89%
1G	89%	3D	95%	4B	95%	6B	91%

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

SPORTS WEEK

MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

The children are really looking forward to our annual sports week.

We have an action packed week planned, with opportunities for the children to take part Commando Joes, Speed Staking, sports carousel, long distance running and of course....

our traditional sports day.

Thursday 19th June

Early Years 9:30

Key Stage One 10:30

Key Stage Two 13:30

Pupils from year 1-6 are invited to take part in the Blackpool Youth Games road race. This will be held at Stanley park, starting at the athletics arena on

Wednesday the 18th June:

Year 1 Boys = 4:30pm

Year 1 Girls = 4:45pm

Year 2 Boys = 5.00pm

Year 2 Girls = 5.15pm

Years 3 & 4 Boys = 5.45pm

Years 3 & 4 Girls = 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 Boys = 6.15pm

Years 5 & 6 Girls = 6.30pm

We look forward to seeing as many pupils taking part as possible!



THE MERESIDE WAY

Above and Beyond!

Kian 4B

Rayna 3D Sophie 3D

Betty Rec Dottie Rec Emily Rec Emilia Rec Isla-Rai Rec

Estienne Rec Kaylan Rec Chase L Rec

A special mention to our year 4 Times Tables Rock Stars as they continue to work hard in preparation for the Multiplication Tables

Check next week!

4B 1st - Frankie 2nd Archie and 3rd Grace

4D 1st - Harvey, 2nd Ella and 3rd Baila

Important Reminders

Year 6 parents are invited to a meeting on Thursday the 12th of June at 3:30pm to find out about the end of year events.

Parents please arrive via the school entrance. The meeting will be held in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you ..

Year 6



Year 1

Starts Monday 9th of June



**Phonics
Screening Check**

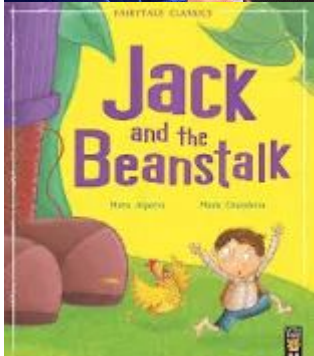
OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



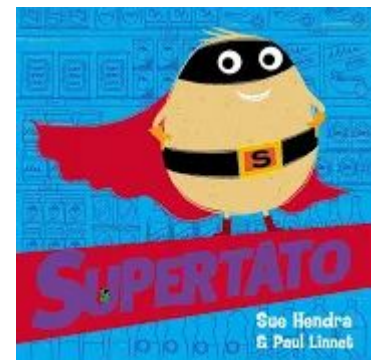
Reception	Ilona for her fantastic writing using her phonics knowledge and for managing her emotions and persevering more with challenges!
1M	Reegan for 100% effort in all aspects of school.
1G	Victoria for her great effort in maths this week!
2R	Harvey for writing an excellent letter of advice which included modal verbs and wow words such as predicament and suggestions!
2P	Bodie for making progress in his phonics and writing!
3B	Cameron for incredible ideas in his spooky setting description.
3D	Elizer for excellent behaviour this week and trying her best in all areas.
4B	Tina excellent engagement and recall about our science topic, digestion and teeth. Tina has shown this through wonderful work on LBO and contributing to class discussions. Keep it up!
4D	Nora for fantastic fluent reading in assembly and sharing her wonderful creative writing with the whole school. A true superstar in every way!
5M	Amelia for having a positive week and showing kindness to others.
5D	Jasmine for a great first week back and following the Mereside Way!
6B	Alicia for being a superstar!



CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT



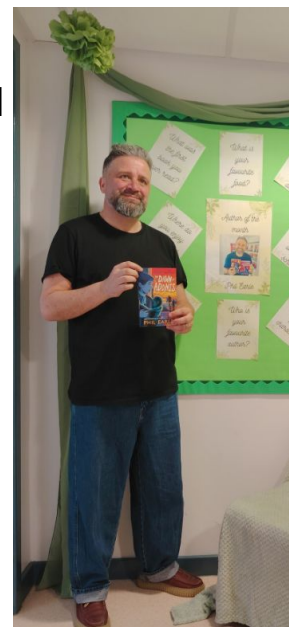
Despite the rain Nursery 2's have enjoyed exploring their new potion station. Mixing and creating magical potions to accompany the magic beans in one of this term's stories Jack and the Beanstalk!



Nursery 3+4's are superheroes! We have looked closely at what makes 'you a hero and have explored what are real life heroes do!

READING CORNER

Well, what a fantastic start after our half term! Monday was an excellent day full of smiling, happy children. Award winning and best selling author, **Phil Earle**, did not disappoint in any way! From the moment he arrived children were buzzing with excitement. He started by leading an assembly and the children were captivated from the moment they met him. They laughed, listened and were fascinated with his storytelling. Phil then took the time to meet each child and signed a copy of his new book for them to take home. Children will remember this day for a long time. We will be working to ensure we have other famous authors coming to visit our school to share their lives and be role models for the children in the future and enthuse their love of reading even more.



We have also linked with a famous publicist and next Wednesday all year groups will be taking part in an online virtual event with **Baroness Floella Benjamin**. This is another exciting opportunity and ties in with Windrush Day, which is celebrated on 22nd June. Celebrated annually on the same date, this day honours the contributions of the Windrush generation and their descendants to British society. Windrush Day commemorates the arrival of the MV Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks in 1948, bringing passengers from the Caribbean to the UK. This event marked the beginning of significant migration from the Caribbean, which greatly enriched British culture and society. Dame Floella Benjamin will be reading her popular memoir book 'Coming to England' to the children. The book follows ten-year-old Floella as she and her family set sail from the Caribbean to a new life in London. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected . . . What will her new school be like? Will she meet the Queen? Filled with optimism and joy, yet deeply personal and relevant, young children will resonate with Floella's experiences of moving home and making friends...she is a truly inspirational speaker and we are also very excited to have the opportunity to take part in a Q and A session with her!

Our library is looking fantastic now and is a real hub of activity, excitement and joy for our children. We have an extensive range of fabulous books for children to read and take home.

As JK Rowling once said - 'If you don't like to read, then you just haven't found the right book!'



SCHOOL

Uniform

It's that time of year again already!!

Uniform orders can start to be placed now ready for September 2025 return to school.

Please use your MCAS account to place your order and to make payment.

Orders should be placed and paid for in full by Friday 18th July in order to receive your uniforms before we break up for the Summer.

If you are struggling to access this or would like to pay in installments, please contact us at the school office where we will be able to help and support.



Item	Children Sizes Cost	Adult Sizes Cost
Royal Blue School Logo Jumper (Essential)	£10	£14
White School Logo Polo Shirt (Not essential)	£8	£10
Mereseide School Logo PE Jumper (Essential)	£16	£18
Mereseide Logo PE T'Shirt (Essential)	£6	£7.50
Royal Blue PE Shorts (Not essential)	£5	£5
Mereseide Logo Book Bag (Not essential)	£7	N/A

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 Sports Day (Thursday 19th of June)
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



We have an exciting opportunity to become part of our school community through the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

A PTA can play a significant role in enhancing the educational experience of our students by fostering collaboration between parents, teachers, and the school community.

The Purpose and Benefits of a PTA

A PTA could offer numerous benefits, including:

- **Supporting School Initiatives:** By working together, a PTA can help raise funds for school resources, extracurricular activities, and special projects.
- **Strengthening Community Ties:** Building a strong school community by facilitating communication and collaboration between parents and staff.
- **Providing a Voice:** Offering a platform for parents to voice their ideas and concerns regarding school policies and initiatives.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of the PTA at Mereside Primary Academy, please complete this short [form before Friday 13th June..](#)

We believe that with your support, we can create a vibrant and impactful PTA that benefits all members of our school community. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Mrs Taylor-Royston or Mrs Lydon by email at admin@mereside.fcat.org.uk or telephone 01253 761531.

