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This week our attendance was...

93.8%

Let's get to 96% next week!

6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you for all your Harvest donations this year which will be going locally to care and share. The response has been amazing and we know it will all go to a worthy cause so thank you for all your support.

Attendance Reward Week:

A huge congratulations goes to Alexander in year 6 for being in school and on time every day this week. He has won a food voucher for his family. Make sure you look out for the next attendance draw and make sure your children are in school!

Just a reminder that attendance will be sent home at the end of each half term and the magical number to achieve as a minimum is 96%. It is so important that all children are in school all of the time for them to reach their potential and for them to mix happily with their friends.

MFL Winners:

Wow! Our first European Day of Languages was super. It was so lovely to see and hear of the amazing things that were done across school. From making a leaning tower of Piza and Colosseum in EYFS, Ancient Greek Olympics in KS1, Frankfurters in LKS2 and very smelly cheeses in UKS2. I have loved speaking to children this week about what they enjoyed most. Each class chose one child who really embraced the day, I know this was very tricky for the staff as there were so many! I am happy to share these children who were given a certificate in assembly this morning. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success.

Nursery: Gracie, RT: Cameron, RM: Mason, 1M: Chimamanda, 1/2G: Amelie, 2B: Holly & Hunter, 3B: Donnie, 3/4D: Benjamin, 4FB: Scarlett, 5W: Jasmine, 6HP: Max, 6JP: Tiana.

Halloween:

Mereside invites all of our children to come to school dressed up in a Halloween costume on Tuesday 17th October. We are hosting a Spooktacular disco with games and delicious snacks. All we are asking for is a contribution of £2 which

includes money towards the disco and treats. Nursery will have their disco during the school day in the early years area. Reception and KS1 disco will take place in the school hall, 2-3pm. Collection will be at the usual time from their classroom. KS2 are invited to the disco that starts at 3:15-4:m. Please collect your child from the playground.

Black History Month:

Next week, all classes will be spending some time looking at Black History month following on from our assembly this week. As a school, we will then be putting our work on display in the children's centre for parents to come and view the last week of this half term. Further information for days and times will be on next week's newsletter.

Parent Champions Meeting:

Many things were discussed at last week's parents champion meeting including how we can support with Year 6 transition to high school and parents evening feedback. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute any thoughts or ideas around these two subjects please feel free to email them to admin@mereside.fcat.org.uk and we will make sure your ideas are added in to the mix. Our next parents champion meeting will be around feedback from the parental questionnaire, discussing any actions which need to be considered so look out for the next date and we hope to see you there!

Stay and Read:

Stay and Read is returning next week!

Every Thursday, this term you can come and join your children in their classroom and listen to them read. Bring your child to their classrooms as usual and stay with them until 9am. This provides you with dedicated time for reading and the opportunity to talk to Mrs Walsh or class teachers and TA's about anything reading related.

We look forward to seeing you!

Parental Questionnaires:

Thank you so much to all those who completed our parental questionnaire at parents evening last week. If you were unable to attend but would like to complete the questionnaire please let the office know and we will make sure one is sent home with your child. Please make sure all questionnaires are completed by October half term so that we can share the results with you the first week back.

Family Hub Updates:

Next Wednesday is our family hub coffee morning in school which also includes our Mereside Movers for 0-4 year olds. Please see the attached flyer for further information. We have also received the following information from Blackpool Council about #BlackpoolTogether which could be a useful service to many.

Blackpool Together offer support:



Help with food, energy, money and housing
Money saving advice and tips
Health and wellbeing drop-in clinics
Jobs, skills and training
Community events and activities for all ages

To find out more:

Head online to: www.blackpool.gov.uk/Together

OR Call: 0808 175 3379, Mon-Fri 9.00am - 3.00pm

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

Nursery – Emilia for becoming so independent and **Dylan** for using the toilet independently and being kind and caring towards others. Well done both of you!

RT – Reuben for always putting in 100% and being a super keen bean and

Maggie for being an always person. Well done both of you!

RM – Reggie for working really hard during carpet time and then modelling his new learning to his friends and **Victoria** for always being so proactive and helpful. Well done both of you!

1M – Maya for trying so hard with her writing and **Archie** for always setting a good example. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Dottie for some great work all week and **Marley** for settling in well and joining in. Well done both of you!

2B – Scarlett for an excellent effort in writing her own version of a story and **Amelia** for having such a positive attitude and consistent effort in her work. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – Donnie for working really hard with his assessments and **Teddy** for a much improved attitude and being so helpful in class. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Tilly for always doing the right thing and giving 100% effort and **Olivia** for being a model student and helping her peers. Well done both of you!

4FB – Harvey for fantastic thinking, designing and uplevelling of his groups ideas in DT and **Dante** for being everyone's cheerleader and a really supportive classmate. Well done both of you!

5W – Luke M for writing a beautiful biography of Phillipe Petit in English and **Bailey** for a super week, working hard in every subject and being a ray of sunshine every day. Well done both of you!

6JP – Makayla for trying really hard in literacy and **Akshath** for gaining in confidence so much. Well done both of you!

6HP – Mathew for demonstrating resilience and not giving up this week when facing challenges and **Redin** for some excellent work in athletics. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the term progresses)

- Monday 9th October** – Utilita Kids Cup Competition – Football Team
Wednesday 11th October – Coffee morning with Mereside Movers
Monday 16th October – Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am
Tuesday 17th October – Halloween fun day – All children – disco and dress up
Thursday 19th October – Unity Academy Football Tournament
Friday 20th October – Class Photographs
School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Tuesday 7th November – School opens
Themed week – Artists
Friday 10th November – Remembrance Service
Parents lunch and spend the afternoon in class
Wednesday 15th November – Coffee morning with our school nurse
Friday 17th November – Children in Need – Non-uniform day
Monday 27th – Friday 1st December – Waterpark Residential – UKS2
Friday 8th December – Whole school panto
Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December – Early Years production – 2pm
Wednesday 13th December – Early Years production – 9.30am
Friday 15th December – Christmas Fair
Monday 18th December – Early Years Christmas party
Tuesday 19th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party
KS1 production – 2pm
Wednesday 20th December – KS1 production 9.30am
Whole school Christmas dinner
Thursday 21st December – KS1 and Upper KS2 Christmas party
Friday 22nd December – Christmas celebration assembly and sing song
School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 9 th October	Story Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 1/2G 1M	Ball Games – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm

	Manga – Years 5 and 6 Early Years Book Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Tuesday 10 th October P.E. – 2B 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Dance Festival – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6 Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2 Zentangle Drawing – Years 5 and 6 Years 1 and 2 Reading tales in the tepee	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Wednesday 11 th October P.E. – 1M 1/2G	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2 Just Dance – Years 3 and 4 Archery – Years 5 and 6 Year 3 and 4 Book Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Thursday 12 th October P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Playground Games – Reception Lego Club – Years 3 and 4 Athletics – Years 3 and 4 Rounders – Years 5 and 6 Choir – Years 3/4/5/6 Athletics – Years 5 and 6 Keyboard Lessons – Years 5 and 6 Year 5 and 6 Book Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Friday 13 th October P.E. – Reception 2B	Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club) Year 6 library	3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime