

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 7th March



World Book Day: on Thursday, we came together to celebrate the power of books and the joy they bring to our lives. Reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge, and endless possibilities. As parents, you play a crucial role in fostering a love of reading. Whether it's reading together before bed or visiting the local library, your encouragement helps nurture a lifelong passion for stories and learning. Thank you for your part to play in supporting your child with their book character costumes.

Safeguarding audit success: we invited an external consultant into school for a two day audit and as expected we were praised and congratulated on our safeguarding culture, ethos and leadership.

First aid fun: as part of our PSHE curriculum, Years 2, 4 and 6 have really enjoyed their lessons this week! Year 2 have been learning about people who help us, Year 4 have been learning about asthma and Year 6 have been learning how to administer first aid to someone choking and using the recovery position.

Parents evening: it has been lovely to have the parental community in and around school this week. We trialled a more flexible approach this time around which we hope allowed for more convenience. Thank you for attending your appointment.

Punctuality and arriving to school on time at **8.35am** is essential for your child. If your child arrives late to school it will unsettle their routine and day and they will miss important learning and it adds additional.

Many thanks, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 94.4%

Rec	92%	2R	93%	3B	90%	5M	99%	Every child ✓ In school ✓ On time ✓ Every day ✓
1M	94%	2P	95%	4D	98%	5D	94%	
1G	92%	3D	98%	4B	96%	6B	93%	

THE MERESIDE WAY

Moving house

Today, we have done a room swap in school. We have moved the Hive to a new place, to allow our library to be accessible to all, with more space and the opportunity to develop a 'Secret Reading Garden'.

Rosettes

We have been awarding our special Fudge Rosettes for attendance and now for our efforts with the Mereside Play. Well done to 4B and 3B who have both got a green rosette.

Above and Beyond!

Elissa (2R) Madeleine (2R) Rea (2R) Millie R. (3D) Rayna (3D) Isabelle (R)
Mason (R) Ilona (R) Karlson (2HP) Raven (2HP) Harley (5M) Evie (6) Jade (6)
Lydia (6) *Well done to Evie, who was chosen during assembly this morning.*

Important Reminders



Please remember we are a smoke free school, this includes the use of vapes.

Family Support

Coffee mornings every wednesday.
Wednesday 19th March the school nurse will be available to speak to at coffee morning from 9-10

EVENTS



Exciting family event coming up!
Wednesday 2nd April
3.30pm - 5.00pm

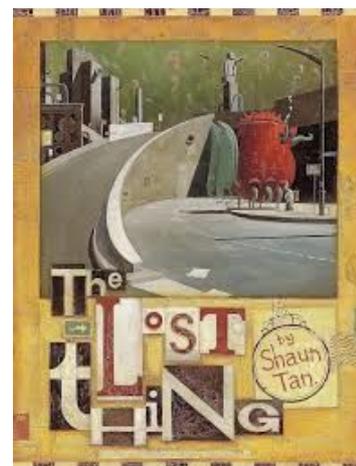
*Alongside our Easter Bingo there will also be a raffle for which we have some very special prizes for this years event.



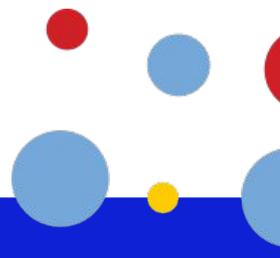
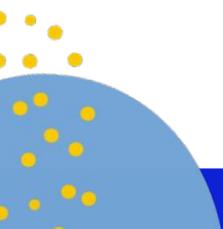
CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Year 5

We have had a fantastic week in year 5! We have celebrated World Book Day, and enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters! In literacy, we have been looking at our new book 'The Lost Thing', and the children have been planning and writing their own version of the story. Miss Denton and Miss Morrissey are looking forward to reading them!



In Geography, we have been researching the Great Barrier Reef as part of our oceans topic. The children worked together to find information and interesting facts about the environment. We also taste tested bolognese sauces as part of DT, to decide if branded or store bought products were better. We look forward to making spaghetti bolognese in the coming weeks!



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Dottie - For being an always child. Following the Mereside way, All day every day!!
1M	Arlo for always having a great attitude to learning!
1G	PJ for always trying his best and showing integrity.
2R	Elissa - for showing increasing confidence in class and in her work!
2P	Maya- For working hard at home and at school to improve her writing.
3B	Lilly - for being a kind friend to all and a superstar in class!
3D	Tine- for being a great student who consistently presents neat and well-organised work. She maintains a positive attitude at all times.
4B	Amelia - You have really impressed me this week with your efforts in english. You have written a super letter, diary entry and questions for our author! Well done.
4D	Nevaeh - for always having a 'can do' attitude in maths and accelerating her learning incredibly. I am so so proud of you!
5D	Jayden FW - for trying hard and working independently in maths.
5M	Tilly - For always following the Mereside way and brilliant Maths work this week!
6B	Lucas B - consistent resilience and always trying to improve himself!

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

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/ 11th	York Residential Trip (Y3-Y6)
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

Being A Parent



These fantastic free sessions are run by friendly local parents. They provide practical tips and advice on how to bring up confident happy and co-operative children. The group lasts for 9 weeks and free childcare is available.

Time	Venue	Starting	Ending
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Tuesday 22 nd April	Tuesday 2 nd July
9.30am – 11.30am	North Family Hub Dingle Ave FY3 7NX	Wednesday 23 rd April	Wednesday 3 rd July

Topics covered include:

- Communicating with your child
- Understanding their behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- Listening skills
- Coping with stress

“The course wasn’t what I expected at all. It’s shown me that I’m not alone and given me the confidence boost I needed. I’ve learned there’s no such thing as a perfect parent and my relationship with my son has grown so much stronger.”

For more information or to book, contact Blackpool Learning Rooms on 07796 994783 or email learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk