

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 9th May 2025



Wow! It's been a very productive week at Mereside!

Year 6 SATS - Our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their important exams next week. We are immensely proud of their work ethic and mature approach to learning and revision. Good luck for next week Year 6!

Parents Survey - Thank you to those parents who have completed our Parent Voice survey. Your thoughts and opinions are really important to us and we will review all feedback carefully. It has been useful to read the responses so far and thank you to those parents who have given some good ideas for improvements but also positive feedback. [Link Here](#)

Home Reading - Thank you to those parents who have shared their preference for home reading. If you are yet to share this with the school then your child's teacher will contact you directly so that we have responses from all parents across school. We appreciate your patience while we have been transitioning over to our new Phonics scheme. It takes over 6 weeks to do this and due to the many benefits we did not want to wait until September. During this period all classes have had double the amount of curriculum time each day dedicated to phonics/reading - so this has been recovered during school time.

Attendance Celebration - Some brilliant attendance this week!
Well done 4B for 100%, 5M and 3D for 99%, 2R for 98%.

Best Wishes, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 93.1%

Rec	90%	2R	98%	3B	86%	5M	99%
1M	96%	2P	89%	4D	91%	5D	94%
1G	87%	3D	99%	4B	100%	6B	89%

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

THE MERESIDE WAY

Above and Beyond!

Mason R Athena 5M Rayna 3D Lacey 5M Millie 3D
Nathan 2R Harley 5M Saffy 3B Mollie 35
Sophie 3D Nylah 5D Bella 3B Tommy 2R
Amber 2R Charley 5D Gracie 3D Alvie 2R
Rory 2P Lillie 2P Sallie Rec

Wow! So many purple stars this week! Well done to all the children listed above for being recognised as being above and beyond in school this week.

Important Reminders

☀ Sun Safety Reminder ☀

As the sunny weather continues, please remember to send your child to school with:

- **Sunscreen** (applied before arrival)
- **A hat** to protect them from the sun
- **A refillable water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout the day



Parents Quiz Night



Wednesday 2nd July

Family Support

Supporting our stars... Above and Beyond winners are taken for a treat with our wonderful friends at the freedom church cafe.

Here are a few of our winners...Look at these smiles.
What super stars!



Nurse drop in Friday 6th June
during coffee morning



CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

What a start to the Summer term it has been for Year 4!

We've started out swimming lessons this half term and are really enjoying them! The children are doing really well and we have been very proud of their behaviour.

Our computing lessons have been great fun - it's involved working together and learning about 'computational thinking' - have you ever tried to do a jigsaw with only straight edges? It's not as easy as it seems.



In art we have been learning about different artists and we have been making our own wonderful soap sculptures. They were so much fun to make. We also had a wonderful lesson making huge chalk drawing on the playground, experimenting with whole body movements to create our images.





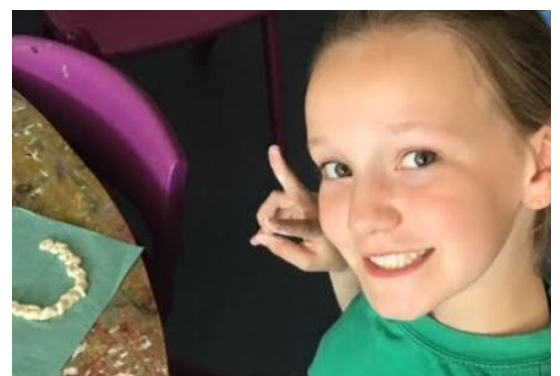
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The children have amazed us all in maths with their knowledge of fractions and decimals, each child making rapid progress and applying their knowledge through Sumdog and LBO.



Year 4 is all about times tables, especially this term - the children are working so hard in preparation for their MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) This will take place between the 9th and 13th of June.

Our science has brought out the gross and fun, learning about digestion and now moving onto teeth. More creativity as we enjoyed making our teeth out of salt dough, really thinking about the design and function of each type of tooth.





CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Fit 2 Go Festival @ Bloomfield Road

The children in year 4 went to participate in the annual Fit 2 Go festival on Tuesday. They took part in handball, football, athletics and dancing. We even had a picnic in the stands! It was a wonderful afternoon.



READING CORNER

This week has been another superb week for our children and we have some very exciting news to share with you...Our application process opened for librarian jobs and were thrilled at just how many children applied for the positions. After a difficult selection process, interviews were held and we can now announce that our Librarians are:

Jasmine 6FB, Oliver 6FB, Nikita 6FB, Scarlett 5M, Jayden 5D, Nylah 5D, Ruya 5D, Baila 4D, Tina 4B and Eliza 4B.

Their attitude and passion for reading will make them an excellent fit for our team! They will receive full training. Some of their job responsibilities will be managing library resources and services, assisting pupils with research and information needs, overseeing cataloging and classification of books and supporting the digital library. They are all very excited and we are all very proud of them. Congratulations!

Our reading assembly this week focused on Sun Awareness Week. We learnt all about the importance of vitamin D from the sun and how it helps maintain a healthy body. We discussed what foods it is found in and learnt all about how to stay safe. Our slogan was Wrap, Splat, Hat. The Bee movie clip created great discussion about pollination in the summertime. We then went on to watch our career spotlight... a weather presenter. It was really interesting! We finished with an Aesop Fable. It was all about a competition the wind and the sun held. The moral of the story was to be patient, kind and considerate, not forceful. Children really enjoy listening to stories being read to them.

It has been an important week this week for phonics. Children have started learning in their new groups. Settling can be a big change for some of our children, but with engaging lessons, supportive teachers, and a little encouragement, children have adapted quickly already. The children's enthusiasm has been very evident this week and they are really enjoying and getting the most out of our phonics sessions.



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



1M	Reagan - Super effort all week.
1G	Wiinter for great focus and demonstration of skills in PE.
2R	Isabella for consistently working hard and giving 100% effort in everything! Pleasure to have her in 2R!
2P	Raven - For excellent listening and concentration whilst learning about fractions in maths!
3B	For contributing excellent answers during class discussions and consistently following the Mereside Way by showing respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn. A fantastic role model for others!
3D	Marnie - for her warm presence, sweet nature, and constant smile, our new starter has quickly become a caring and positive addition to the class, bringing joy and kindness to everyone around her
4B	Georgia - for super science work creating her own set of teeth using salt dough. Georgia used fantastic observation skills and worked really carefully. Along with this Georgia ALWAYS shows the Mereside way and is a super role model! Well done.
4D	Evie for super creative writing and being a general delight. She is like Mary Poppins...practically perfect in every way! A great role model for everyone in school. I am so very proud of you!
5M	Theo - For being an 'always' child and showing enthusiasm in literacy songs!
5D	Ruya - for brilliant effort and improvement in her writing!
6B	Alicia - For always following the Mereside Way.

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