

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 6th December 2024



NEW Whole School Calendar!

We have been busy working on our whole school calendar so that as parents/carers you can feel more informed of upcoming events. Please see the end of the newsletter for the dates we have confirmed so far. If we add new dates to the diary we will highlight it in yellow for you.

Christmas Fair

Thank you for all your contributions towards our Christmas Fair. It is such a magical whole school event, and we could not have done it without your support.

Message to parents and carers from the family Hub

The dates for the EPEC Being a Parent groups starting in January 2025 have been announced. This peer led group is suitable for any parent of a child aged 18 months – 11 years who would benefit from some extra support. If any parent requires childcare to attend the group, costs will be covered. Parents can book their place by phoning/texting 07796 994783 or emailing learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk. There is a flyer at the end of the newsletter. Please let one of us know if you need further information.

Mrs Walpole, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Taylor Royston

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

This week our attendance was... **91.6%**

Oh no.... Let's get to... **96%**

Every child
In school
On time
Every day

THE MERESIDE WAY

Respect

We have discussed respect this week with pupils. Why do we show respect? When do we need to show respect? Why should we be respectful?

We asked the children to practice being respectful in school and out of school.

Next week our focus will be on how to be a good learner.

Above and Beyond!

Rayna (3D)

Gracie H (3D)

Olly (1M)

Jaxon (6FB) Nikita (6FB) Evie (6FB)

Important Reminders

Please be reminded that we use MCAS (My Child at School) App for all our school communications. If you have not yet activated your account, please ask at the office where we will be able to help you.

Family Support

Message from Mrs Thomas



Crochet club is growing!! Do I have any expert adult or child crocheters that would like to join with a helping hand???

After Christmas I would like to develop it into an after school club and invite all those who would like to come but I could do with some helping hands.

Please pop into the hub to see me or email me at dsl@mereside.fcat.org.uk

EVENTS

December 2024

Fri 6th - School Christmas Fair

Tues 10th - Early Years Christmas Show (2.30pm)

Wed 11th - Early Years Christmas Show (9.30am)

Fri 13th - Whole School Christmas Jumper Day & Pantomime Day

Tues 17th - Y1/Y2 Production (2pm)

Wed 18th - Y1/Y2 Production (9.30am) & Whole School Christmas Dinner

Fri 20th - Christmas Parties (Nursery-Y6) & School Closes at 1.30pm



CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Year 2 Coast Guard Visit

On Wednesday afternoon year 2 had a visit from our local Coastguards. They told the children all about their job role and some children even got to try on some of their equipment! The children learnt all about water safety and what steps to take in an emergency. Both classes demonstrated excellent Mereside listening and sitting throughout. Well done year 2!



Year 2 Panto Trip!

Today Year 2 travelled to the Blackpool Pleasure Beach to watch Aladdin the pantomime. We were all super excited and can't wait to sing along!





SCHOOLS ALIVE AUDITIONS

Tuesday 17th December - 3-4:15



Theme:

My teacher was born in the 80's V the tik tok teacher

Schools alive is a 12 minute performance which includes acting, singing and dancing. The successful pupils will be required to attend multiple rehearsals weekly as the performance is early February. This is a significant commitment for your child for the Spring term. Tickets will be released via the theatre.

The children will need to prepare the following for their audition:

Speaking : The poem Please Mrs Butler by Alan Ahlberg

Singing: Lord of the Dance (hymn) (verse 1 and chorus)

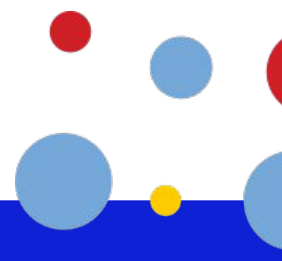
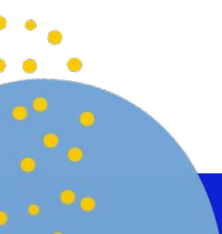
Dancing: A dance of your choice - theme modern /Tik Tok

Please let staff know the youtube link prior to audition so that we can prepare music.

It will not be necessary due to the short window of time to know each without words. Copies are available from Mr Birt.

Those successful will be notified before we finish for Christmas and set songs, dances and lines to learn.

Any queries then please contact Mrs Birt through the office.



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

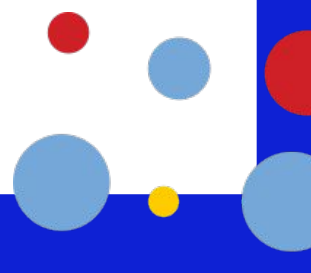


Nursery	Ezra for settling into Nursery routines and starting to be vocal. We are very proud of you!
Reception	Ella for using her words to tell grown ups what she needs help with Chase Logan for fantastic sounding out and blending when reading.
1M	Isaac for amazing reading. Mylah for a fantastic attitude towards learning.
1G	Isaac for his amazing resilience and effort in every lesson. Penelope for being a perfect role model for everybody in 1G and beyond.
2JP	All of 2JP for their excellent behaviour on the trip.
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3B	Lilly for outstanding effort, positive attitude, and willingness to help others. Hugo for showing resilience in PE and setting a great example to the rest of the class!
3D	Gracie H. for being cooperative and a great friend to everyone in the class. Megan for being helpful and always eager to help out with extra jobs in the classroom.

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4B	<p>Ben - for his creative writing skills across all areas of the curriculum. He often manages to include humour or facts which really add to his work.</p> <p>Jade - for consistently wonderful effort in her work and this week helping to keep the Christmassy classroom neat and tidy. Well done both of you.</p>
4D	<p>Harvey - for great participation in PE and athletics this week. You have some great skills and were very confident in demonstrating these to the class.</p> <p>Jayden - for really impressing me with your fantastic imagination in our English lessons. You came up with some excellent ideas about The Iron Man and suggested fabulous descriptive sentences too!.</p>
5D	<p>Ruya - for being resilient when working independently.</p> <p>Millie - for consistently giving 100% effort across all subjects.</p>
6FB	<p>Jade - for a fantastic effort with his handwriting and Maths this week.</p> <p>Jorgie - for giving 100% in everything!</p>





School Events

January 2025

- Mon 6th** - Inset Day
- Tues 7th** - Inset Day
- Wed 8th** - School Re Opens
- Mon 13th** - Early years reading workshop
- Mon 13th - Fri 17th** - Y6 Waterpark Residential
- Mon 20th** - Y6 SATS Parent Talk
- Tues 21st** - Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop
- Thurs 24th** - Y4 Multiplication Parent Workshop



February 2025

- Mon 3rd -9th** - Children Mental Health Week
- Mon 10th** - Oracy Week
- Tues 11th** - Safer Internet Day
- Mon 17th - Fri 21st** - Half Term holidays
- Mon 24th** - School Re Opens

March 2025

- Thurs 6th** - World Book Day (Dress up)
- Mon 10th - Fri 15th** - Parents Evening Week
- Fri 14th** - Comic Relief Day (Wacky hair day - full school uniform)
- Fri 21st** - World Poetry Day
- 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

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
- Wed 23rd** - Y5/6 Production 2pm
- Thurs 24th** - Y5/6 Production 9.30am
- Thurs 24th** - Y6 Leavers Event tbc
- Fri 25th** - School Closes at 1.30pm

August 2025

- Mon 28th - September 3rd** - School is closed for the Summer Holidays



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

8:45-10 AM IN THE
CHILDRENS CENTRE
18TH DECEMBER

COME ALONG AND ENJOY

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH WHIPPED CREAM,
MARSHMALLOWS AND CHOCOLATE DUSTING.
ALSO TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE.

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
12.30pm – 2.30pm	Gatehouse Community Centre 29 Waterloo Road, FY4 3AD	Tuesday 21 st January	Tuesday 25 th March
10.00am – 12.00pm	The Place (previously The HealthWorks) 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD	Wednesday 22 nd January	Wednesday 26 th March
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Thursday 23 rd January	Thursday 27 th March

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



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