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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.80%

Well done to class 1E for achieving the highest attendance this week.



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE **WATER SAFETY CODE**



Water Safety

On Monday pupils had an assembly on Water Safety. This is something particularly important to us as an island school and a topic, I have no doubt, you already talk to your child/ren about this regularly. I hope that they have been able to tell you all the key points for keeping themselves safe and what to do if they ever find themselves in trouble in the water.

Our School's Got Talent

Next week in school, we have our annual 'Our School's Got Talent'. We are hoping for a variety of acts to showcase all the talents and skills that our pupils have. The class auditions will take place between Monday and Wednesday and then on Friday we will have the final. It's not too late to come up with something this weekend! Good Luck to everyone entering.

Annual Awards Evening

If your child has been nominated to receive an award, you will receive an invitation, via email, to the awards ceremony on Tuesday 14th July.

Your child is asked to wear smart school uniform. The timings are as follows:

5.30pm – 6.15pm: Reception, Years 1 & 2

6.30pm – 7.45pm: Years 3 – 6

Whilst we are more than happy for more than one member of the family to attend, please do be mindful that we do have limited hall space.

Class Photos

It is the closing date today to order your school class photographs. If you have forgotten and would like to order one for £1, you can do so on Parentpay.

Ordering new uniform

If you would like to order new uniform, please do so on Parentpay and we will contact you to let you know when it will be available for collection. We have many items in stock so may be able to do this prior to breaking up so you have one thing less to think about!

Medications

If your child has medications in school, please do remember that you will need to collect these prior to the summer holiday.

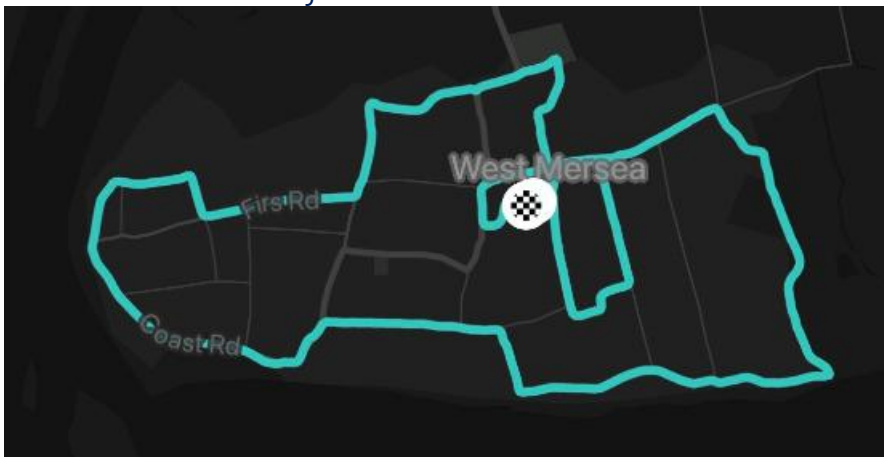


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School Council Fundraising

A huge well done to Tanner O in 3T for his very successful (and challenging) 10k run last week. Tanner wanted to raise funds towards the School Council drive for more speakers and his sponsored run raised £140. What a feat!



Millie and Ava took it upon themselves to set up and run a lemonade and Rocky Road sale during half term. It was a wonderful effort that raised £55.

For those of you that may have missed it, School Council wanted to raise money for more speakers to go the far playground by Reception and for the field. Their idea was that if every child in school raised just £2 in a way of their choosing, there would be enough money to purchase the speakers ready for the return in September. So far, children have held raffles, sold oysters, run a homemade lemonade stand, sold their plants grown from seed and done a car boot sale.



Don't forget the School Council will be selling ice lollies, for 50p, on the playground after school today and next Friday. It is cash only.

Music lessons

Individual, optional music lessons take place via specialist music tutors within school hours.

We currently offer: Guitar lessons on Mondays, I Rock (Group lesson) on Wednesdays, drum lessons on Thursdays and piano, woodwind lessons on Friday. Please contact the office for more information. If your child is particularly interested in learning to play another instrument, please do let us know. We will do our best to accommodate.

Have you booked your Wraparound care for the autumn term?

If you know you are going to require wraparound provision for your child/ren during the autumn term, please can you contact the school office to book your place/s. This will really help us in having an idea of numbers. If you are a parent who may need to book the odd days here and there, you will still be able to sign up last minute so please do not worry!



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Elsie is being celebrated in the Nursery this week for her fabulous, careful artwork. Elsie is always keen to draw, colour and paint and takes great care in all her drawings, making sure she carefully writes her name on everything so it can be displayed for all to see! Well done Elsie.
Rec 1	Please can I celebrate Maia H. Maia has got such a great attitude and is always willing to try a new activity and give it her best effort. Well done Maia, you are such a great role model to our class.
Rec 2	We are celebrating Annie Rose for her excellent attitude towards her learning and for always approaching challenges and new experiences with a smile. We are SO proud of you for: learning to read digraphs, careful letter formation and presentation and for your great work on number sentences to make 10. You are a super star!
1M	Olivia B for being a super scientist this week! Olivia has wowed us with her knowledge of different types of trees and used their leaves as a clue to identify them. Well done Olivia!
1E	Please can 1E celebrate Harrison K this week for being a fantastic role model of our school rules 'care' and 'be kind'. Harrison has shown how caring and kind he is by being there to reassure and help his friend when they needed it this week and it was noticed by all of the adults in 1E. Thank you for being a super friend Harrison!
2E	Juno O for her determination to succeed in maths recently. She has worked hard to master vertical addition and subtraction and never gave up when she found it hard at first, persevering until she had mastered the skill. Great attitude to learning Juno, well done.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Rosie for a super effort in all her learning this week. Rosie listened carefully during our PE lesson and modelled some excellent hurdle jumping. She has also taken extra care and time in all of her books to present her work beautifully. Well done Rosie.
3D	I would like to celebrate Ellis H for his positive attitude towards his learning. He has applied himself really well and put his all into our recent assessment. Ellis is incredibly supportive of his peers and is really encouraging when he can see someone needs a bit of a boost.
3T	Sarah B-T is a dream to have in class. She works incredibly hard, producing neat work of a very high standard and remains ever quiet and humble about her achievements. Sarah is a fantastic artist who produces detailed, thoughtful artwork and she even achieved an amazing 100% on two GPS assessments. We are so proud of you Sarah, well done!
4W	Millie S for great story writing. She used fabulous vocabulary and worked really hard, thinking carefully about each event in the story and describing it in the best way possible. Well done, Millie.
4R	Hector has been working exceptionally hard to create an imaginative, exciting and well-structured story. His use of language is fabulous and his description makes you feel as though you have stepped into the story.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Emilia S this week for being such an incredibly kind child, Emilia is always polite to all members of our class and wider school community. She always offers support to peers and her caring nature is something we really appreciate in school. Thank you Emilia and well done for being a superstar!
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt and Miss Meanley would like to celebrate Fraser G for his fantastic contributions in class and for checking his work thoroughly. Fraser was fantastic in history, writing an interesting diary from the perspective of an Ancient Greek. Well done, Fraser!
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Arron for his wonderful acting in our performance of Go For Gold as well as his brilliant attitude in class. As always, he has shown great listening and produced some lovely pieces of work. Well done, Arron!
6Y	We would like to celebrate Nate A for showing fantastic determination in PE and an awesome relay finish!

Next week:

- Nursery Tour – Monday 6th July - 9.15 – 10.00am
- Mersea's Got Talent – heats Mon – Wed, final Friday
- Year 5 Show – Thurs 9th July 2pm and 6pm, please book your tickets via ParentPay
- Year 2 Athletics Festival for 16 invited children – Thursday 9th July
- Transition Day – Friday 10th July – Children will spend the morning in their new classes.
- 'Welcome to' meetings for parents to meet next years teachers – Friday 10th July –
Yr 1 & 2: 3.30-4pm, Yr 3 & 4: 4-4.30pm, Yr 5 & 6: 4.30-5pm



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Nursery places for September

We are accepting applications for Nursery places for September – first come, first served. Currently we still have spaces for 3 and 4 year olds. There is a nursery tour on Monday from 9.15 – 10.00am if you know anyone who may be interested.

Please contact office@merseaschool.org with the subject line NURSERY PLACES.

Parentpay

Please can we politely ask that everyone ensures any outstanding money owed is paid by the end of term. Thank you for your understanding.

Year Five Kayaking by Emilia Saunders 5E

For the last four weeks, on a Tuesday, we have walked down to Mersea Island Watersports for our kayaking sessions to explore being out in the local area and kayaking. Kayaking was very fun. You have to sit in the kayak and use a paddle to help you move and the tide is very important. We learnt about water safety and how important life jackets are. Kayaking is a type of water sport. The instructors (Mark, Hayley and Ella and many more) were so helpful and gave us lots of excellent advice. All of the Year 5's had great fun and were extremely lucky to have such a great opportunity. Thank you to Mersea Island Educational Trust and Mersea Island Watersports for allowing us to have this experience, we are really grateful.



How lucky are we?!