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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 93.56%

Well done to class 4W for achieving the highest attendance this week.



Can you believe December is nearly here! Monday marks the start of our annual Advent of kindness and giving. To mark this, the children are invited to wear their sparkliest clothes or, if they prefer, sparkle up their uniform. We will be collecting items to make Christmas hampers which we will distribute to local food banks and the Porch Pantry, spreading kindness from our school at Christmas.

Donated items should be taken to the classroom please so that the children can put together their own hampers.

Last year, we had a super response and were able to make some very appreciative people, very happy.

Can we help you?

The current economic climate is presenting challenges and is affecting everyone in different ways. If your financial situation has changed you may now be entitled to additional support including free school meals, contributions towards trips and some school uniform provision. There is guidance for eligibility and the process does not require you to fill in a lot of paperwork or any online forms, this is something we can do for you. All families from Reception to Year 6 may apply. If you would like any additional information or would like to apply please contact Mrs Lee by emailing office@merseaschool.org



REMEMBER the Online Safety Parent Workshop – FREE ONLINE SESSION – I am sure you will find this really informative. I bet you will say ‘I had no idea..!’ on some of the things shared – it really is so helpful.

The 2 Johns will be back on Thursday 11 December, 8.00pm with one of their popular online sessions. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#).



Would you like a Nursery place for your child in January?

We have a few spaces for 3 – 4 year olds

Please contact Mrs Taylor in the school office via nursery@merseaschool.org for more information or call 01206 382736.



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Update from the EPC Wraparound team

It's been another energetic week at *Before & After school clubs with EPC*. Before school has seen 1v1 Football with Basketball tag games after breakfast.
For those staying until 5:15 & 6pm we've had the PlayStation out for some managed down/chill time after an active sport club/activity in addition to the crafts, fun and games.
We still have places remaining for the remainder of the Autumn term so to see what's on, learn more about before and after school clubs with EPC and arrange a booking, please visit:
<https://enrolmy.com/essex-professional-coaching-ltd/book-now/8-Wraparound-Clubs-Before-After-School?emyatb=4w7ygdi834>



Can you help?

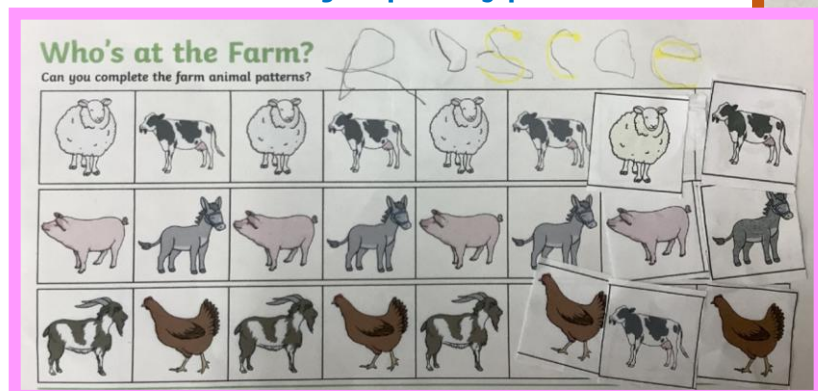
Sofia H's (Rec1) amazing Gruffalo painting

If you are having a sort out and have any of the following in good condition which you would like to donate to us, we would be most grateful for:

- *Toy cars
- *Toy animals (not cuddly toys)
- *Construction toys
- *Colouring books
- *Top Trumps cards and playing cards
- *Tea sets, dolls clothes, role play toys, dressing up clothes.



Roscoe's (Nursery) repeating patter work





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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Roscoe is the Nursery champion this week. He has demonstrated a super understanding of words, playing the claps to the syllables he hears. Also he has worked independently to stick animals to continue his repeating pattern. In the garden, Roscoe instigated a super-fun game of hide and seek, with the other children. Well done Roscoe for all your hard work again!
Rec 1	Please can I celebrate Sofia H in reception 1. This week Sofia followed instructions and painted an amazing Gruffalo.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Rex for his hard work with his speech and language. He is trying so hard when blending his sounds for reading and segmenting words for spelling. What a star! We are very proud of you.
1M	Arthur C for always being ready to learn and focused. Arthur has lots of great ideas and shares them with his friends. Well done Arthur, keep up the hard work!
1E	Bo has worked so hard in all his activities and learning this week. He always joins in our carpet sessions and shares his ideas. He has been showing off his super maths brain too by spotting number bonds to 10 as well as using them to solve calculations.
2E	Darcy M for her super poem 6 ways of looking at the sun. Her use of powerful adjectives was fantastic – well done Darcy.
2B	2B star of the week is Oscar for always trying hard to follow the classroom rules. Oscar shows super listening skills, shares some fab ideas during class discussions and puts his best effort into all of his learning.
3D	Max G for having a fantastic positive attitude towards his learning. He is focused on what he has to do to complete and then improve his work, demonstrating this across all subjects in the curriculum. Max worked well with a partner during our share phase of writing and really took on board the comments that his peer made to help him improve his work.
3T	Rose W is a fantastic role model in class, she is kind, helpful and supportive of others. She takes on every challenge given to her and enjoys making her own challenges to expand her learning even further. This week she has completed a fantastic set of instructions and has colour coded her time openers, imperative verbs and adverbs beautifully to show her understanding.
4W	Molly D for being so helpful and reliable around the classroom as well as being really kind and supportive to other children - and doing it all with a smile on her face!
4R	Isabella B-W could honestly always be nominated as Star of the Week. Her imaginative dialogue in our narrative writing has been lovely. Her behaviour and manners are always impeccable. She always gives maximum effort – well done Isabella.
5E	In 5E this week we would love to celebrate Jayden W for working incredibly hard in maths to answer long multiplication questions accurately using the grid method. Jayden displayed excellent resilience! Well done Jayden.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Maddie C for her excellent progress in writing and for showing great determination in maths. Maddie has also been helping many of her peers, which has had a positive impact on them. Well done, Maddie—keep up the good work!
6H	This week I have chosen Oscar for many reasons! He has produced a wonderfully powerful World War 1 letter, performed brilliantly in our PE lessons and worked really hard when making his 'on the go' snack in DT. A brilliant week all round! Well done, Oscar.
6Y	Please may we celebrate Morgan D for amazing work in Food Technology this week. He worked well during the practical lesson and was super helpful.



**Don't forget to sign up for your child to enter the
FOMISA Santa Fun Run via Parentpay!
Deadline extended until Monday.**