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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.65%

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

Let's Talk Trash

On Tuesday, some of the Eco Warriors and our Learning Ambassadors went to Braxted Park to attend the anti-littering and climate change festival 'Let's Talk Trash'. It was a great day with the children experiencing a range of activities aimed at raising awareness of our world and how to look after it. The children gave a resounding 'Yes' when asked if we should go again. We hope this becomes an annual event and are very grateful for the invitation.



FOMISA – Needs more volunteers – Can you help?

The FOMISA team are in desperate need of more help. If you are able to offer a little time or are kind enough to help support in the uniform shop or with events, please contact fomisa@merseaschool.org

They would like parents to know there are lots of coats in stock in the uniform hut.



School Council Pumpkin Competition

Our School Council have been taking ideas from their classmates and discussing them at School Council. This week the children decided that they are launching a Pumpkin Competition at the end of the term. The event will take place on Friday 24th October and children are asked to display their pumpkin in the main hall at 9am. It is 50p to enter and the money raised by School Council will be spent on resources for the children.



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Eco Warriors

Last week one of the children raised a question about the use of cling film on the snack tray. It got the Eco Warriors talking about what our school kitchen does to be 'eco'. The children asked Miss Surface if she would attend our Eco Warrior meeting and talk about the kitchen and allow the children to ask questions. We found out some very interesting facts.

Miss Surface is running a 'Market Gardening' Club and next week they are planting carrots and potatoes in the hope they will be ready for Christmas Dinner Day.

There is a food bin, a plastics bin (including cling film!) and tetra packs, a card and paper bin, recycling of tins and glass, and a black bin (that hardly has anything in it).

There are plant based 'plastic' pots called 'Vegware' that puddings are put in. These are compostable! By not using plates it means we save water and electricity, we use far less washing up liquid and we save money.

By listening to the children about their likes and dislikes and keeping an eye on the food bin, changes are made to the menu so that there is less food waste as it is being eaten!

MICA on Sunday

Our school choir had their first performance of the year, last weekend at the 'Songs for St Helena' show at the MICA. The children performed to a packed venue with standing room only and had the opportunity to sing with local adult choirs as well, a wonderful community event.

Miss Tokley and Mrs Deeks would like to thank all of the children and their parents for taking time out of their weekends to support this worthy cause, we are very proud of them all.



I was at Mica on Sunday and would like to congratulate all the children who performed at Songs for St Helena. They all performed beautifully and were a credit to the school. Well done also to the adults who taught them the songs.

L Fox, Mersea resident



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Swimming

Well done to all the children who have successfully achieved their 25m and/or Self Rescue, over the course of the last three weeks. Next Friday, the Year 4 children will begin their swimming lessons.

Individual Ship Assembly

A very well done to the Drake and Nelson Ship Captains and First Lieutenants on leading their first Individual Ship Assembly this week. The presentations they made were great and they kept their audience engaged. It is Grenville's and Beatty's turn on Tuesday and we are sure they will be equally as successful.

Last of the Coffee Mornings

Today was our last parent coffee morning of the year. Genuine thanks to those parents who came and chatted, shared their thoughts on transition and the start of the year, asked questions and gave us feedback on their experiences of our school. For those of you who didn't get a chance, please remember that we also have Parent Drop-Ins throughout the year.

Dates are below:

Wednesday 26th November 9am-10am

Wednesday 11th February 9am-10am

Wednesday 3rd June 9am-10am

Book Fair

Please remember that the book fair starts today and runs every evening straight after school from 3.15pm – 3.45pm in the library. The last one is after school on Thursday. Please be aware, we are unable to take cash, instead there is a QR code to scan and you pay online.

FOMISA Beauty Product Sale and Krispy Kreme doughnuts

FOMISA are holding their very first event of the academic year next Friday. This is a Beauty Product Sale and also a Krispy Kreme Sale on the playground at the end of the day, this is from 3pm. You can pre-order Krispy Kremes. Please see the attached posters from the FOMISA team for further information.

Parent Governor Election

Further to the recent advertisement for a Parent Governor, I can confirm that we received one application, therefore we will not need to carry out the voting process.

We are pleased to announce that the elected Parent Governor is Mr Elliott Gibbons.

Please come and support the Rapid Refill Shop!

Alice, Grace and Dexter have been working really hard in setting up the Refill Shop, in its new location, the beach hut, and ensuring it is well stocked. Please come along and have a look on a Wednesday morning or afternoon, before and after school. They have received excellent reviews from their customers, so do pop in and have a look.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	William S is being celebrated this week in nursery for his superb shared play with all children in the nursery and an excellent attitude to lunchtimes. Also, William has demonstrated brilliant speaking and listening skills on the carpet and joins in enthusiastically with class songs.
Rec 1	Emilia H for being such a great role model in her class. She always tries her best and joins in every activity giving other children the confidence to join her. Thank you, Emilia, for being so caring.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Georgie M for her kind and thoughtful nature. Georgie has been wonderful at initiating games that everyone can join in with, making sure her friends always feel included. She has shown great care in supporting her peers and has been a fantastic role model in helping others. Well done, Gigi!"
1M	Elsie P for her hard work in all of her subjects and always making good choices. Elsie is a great role model to her friends and puts a lot of effort into everything she does. Well done!
1E	Harriet E has had such a good week. She is so kind and helpful to her classmates and is always a good friend. As well as this, she has put so much effort into all her work and is always one of the first to be ready to learn. Really well done Harriet!
2E	Sienna A for her excellent listening and behaviour in the classroom. She has been a brilliant role model for others all week and has worked hard in all areas of our learning.
2S	Douglas T for his excellent attitude to learning this week. Douglas has worked hard to listen and used his learning to make thoughtful, positive choices within the classroom and on the playground.
3D	Musa A for enthusiastic participation in our phonics sessions, clearly sounding out and blending his words. He also has worked extremely hard in maths to understand all the different calculation strategies we have been learning.
3T	Sebi G has been a superstar writer this week, using lots of expanded noun phrases to improve his descriptive writing, well done Sebi!
4W	Jack B for being 'on it' all the time! He is always ready and participates fully in every lesson. What a great role model - well done, Jack!
4R	Ollie P for outstanding effort in all his written work across the curriculum. He has been showing a real flair as he develops his writing style.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Violet S for being a wonderful, kind and caring member of the class. Violet always takes pride in her work across all of the subjects and produces work to an extremely great level. Well done Violet!
5/6W	Mrs. Wyatt would like to celebrate Rosabelle C for her excellent listening skills and very positive attitude towards her learning. She took all the advice given to her on board and produced some fantastic writing. Well done, Rosabelle!
6H	Eliza P for not only being an excellent role-model this week but also for putting a lot of effort into her writing work. She has written a beautiful beach description along with a dramatic sea scene! Well done, Eliza!
6Y	Annie G, who has made a fabulous start to Year 6. In her writing, she takes on board advice and ideas and carefully considers how she can improve her work. Well done.
Maths	Eva P goes above and beyond in everything she does in her maths class. She thrives on challenges and sets about correcting any mistakes and learning from them, and always checks and double checks her work.