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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	95.84%
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Well done to class 3E for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Graduation day for Pupil Mental Health Champions



Yesterday we very proudly celebrated the graduation of seventeen pupils as Pupil Mental Health Champions. All of these children completed accredited training with One Goal, over the course of the past six months. They have learnt a great deal about the importance of looking after your emotional and physical health. They have made Calm Jars, learnt to recognise signs of someone not feeling at their best, practised different strategies for helping others and are now well equipped to use a range of strategies to help others improve their wellbeing. They understand how different emotions affect us and understand it is perfectly normal not to feel happy all the time.

Next year they will be embracing their roles to support their peers and to cascade their knowledge and skills down.

Well done to all of them; a special mention to Orla who sadly was poorly and missed the ceremony.

End of Year Reports and Transition Day

End of Year Reports will be emailed to you on Wednesday 16th July. You will also receive details on this day of your child's teacher for the academic year 2025-2026, along with any statutory test results.

All children will be spending the morning on the 11th July with their new teachers. As you can imagine there has been a great deal of work on transition taking place within school already to ensure this process runs as seamlessly as possible.

Welcome to...Year group meetings are scheduled to take place next week, Tuesday 8th July. These give parents the opportunity to meet the staff in the teams and to learn about the forthcoming year. Please note, classes are not shared prior to 11th July.



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Jacob's Jumbo Lift Fundraiser



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"Jacob's Jumbo Lift" will see a team of 12 men and women from FLOW gym on Mersea attempt to lift the equivalent weight of a fully laden Boeing 747-400 Jumbo Jet in aid of the charity Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Jacob was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy at the age of two. Jacob is an inspiration. Despite the physical difficulties he faces, he remains determined, joyful and full of life. He's joining this challenge, not just to raise funds, but to stand proudly among those working for a better future.

The funds raised will of course go to vital research into the disease, but also into providing essential support for the MD community.

Fundraising has already reached over £5,000. Amazingly that puts "Jacob's Jumbo Lift" in the top 5% of current Just Giving fund raising efforts across the whole of the UK.

Please help spread the word or donate if you can. www.justgiving.com/page/jumbo-lift

Roles of Responsibility

In September our current Year 5's will have the opportunity to take on a role of responsibility. The roles available are: Head Pupils, Ship Captains, First Lieutenant, and Learning Ambassadors. Next week, we have arranged times for the Year 5 children to talk to some of our Year 6 pupils in order to gain further understanding about the roles, and ask any questions that they feel would help them to decide whether to apply for the posts.

Please talk to your child at home and, should they wish to apply, we welcome letters from them outlining why they would like the role and feel that they would be the best candidate for it.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 3rd September.



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School Council and Eco Warriors

All children are welcome to put themselves forward to take on a role as a School Council Rep or an Eco Warrior in September (or both!).

There is a slight change to Eco Warrior elections for summer term but the School Council election process remains the same. Children can apply to represent their class by doing a presentation and saying why they would like to represent their views on the School Council.

The change for Eco Warriors has come about because we have many children who apply from the same classes who are passionate about our environment, particularly children in KS2, and who, historically, may have missed out on the opportunity when we have limited places to one per class. Therefore, the most eco-motivated and passionate children will be asked to join our Eco Warrior group and these children will be allocated a class to feed back to weekly. All children are still welcome to apply by doing a presentation to their class and saying why they would like to be an Eco Warrior.

In due course, you will receive an email from your child's class teacher informing you which day they will be asking the children to present.

Nursery Places for September

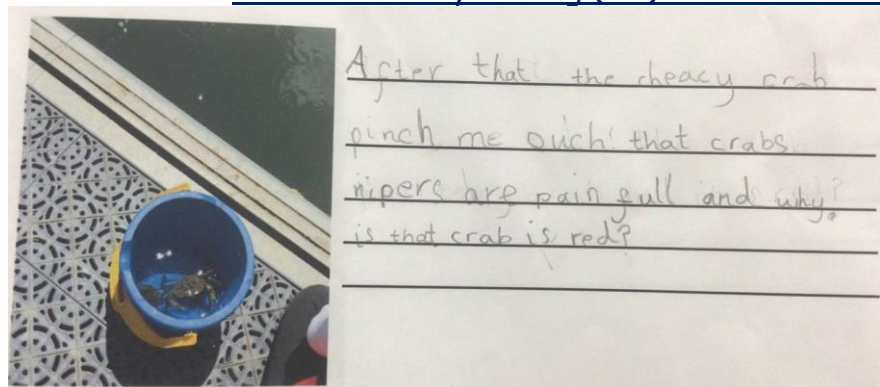
We still have a few spaces available for our Nursery in September. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information, either telephone: 01206 382736 or email: office@merseaschool.org

Sports Day

Don't forget, you are warmly invited to join us for Sports Day and a picnic lunch on Thursday 10th July. If you have a spare pop up gazebo, which you would be willing for us to use for the day, please can you let us know ASAP.

Nursery, Reception and KS1 from 9am followed by picnic lunch at 11.45 - 12.30pm
Picnic Lunch and KS2 from 11.45am onwards. Please see attached the menu for the day, should you wish to order lunch for your child.

Juno's Boat Day writing (1M) and Amelia K's monoprinting (2S)





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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Miah is being celebrated in nursery for kindness toward all the children. She has made lots of lovely friendships and with her friends explores all the activities. She also has a wonderful singing voice, joining in with our daily songs and rhymes.
Rec 1	Over the past few weeks Raine F has made amazing progress with her sounds and reading. She quite rightly shows great pride when she reads to me. Well done Raine.
Rec 2	Reception 2 are celebrating Harriet E for her hard work and determination to write independently. She is enjoying opportunities to write and remembering her finger spaces and full stops too.
1M	Juno O for her fantastic independent recount of Boat Day. She even included an exclamation mark and a question mark to make her writing even more exciting! Well done Juno.
1P	1P would like to celebrate Eleanor H for her excellent scientific knowledge this week. Eleanor could explain to the class the difference between a deciduous and evergreen tree and asked lots of interesting questions to further extend her knowledge. Well done Eleanor - it has been lovely to see you so enthusiastic about your learning!
2E	Artie D for his excellent work; looking at patterns and links between different times tables this week. Super work Artie!
2S	2S star of the week is Amber for always being so enthusiastic. Amber has been listening carefully and participating so well in whole class teaching, sharing some super ideas.
3D	Jack B for being an excellent role model to his peers. He has such a positive attitude towards his learning, checking his work, asking questions and using evidence to support his answers. He is also an encouraging talk partner, explaining how to do something rather than just telling them.
3E	Indy T has worked so incredibly hard this week. She has thrown herself into our writing phase for our Iron Man story and has tried really hard to include lots of description. Indy has also been determined to achieve her Level 2 times table award ... which she did! Her enthusiasm has been infectious in class and has helped others to go for it too! Well done Indy.
4W	Sam O'S for always handing in his homework the very next day after it has been set. He is also working impressively hard on his reading and spelling and making amazing progress as a result.
4B	Alfie P is star of the week because of the amazing vocabulary he has used whilst writing his story.
5F	5F would love to celebrate Angelique for working hard across all of the subjects this week, particularly in English, where she wrote a wonderful character analysis of Hatty from Tom's Midnight Garden.
5T	Joseph B has really impressed me this week with his positive attitude and fantastic efforts with his writing. Keep up the great work, Joseph!
5W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Daisie-Mae C for going above and beyond in all subjects, as well as performing well in all her assessments. Well done, Daisie-Mae—keep up the great work!
6H	We would like to celebrate all of year six for their amazing show performances during the hottest days of the year! They made us all very proud.
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On **Thursday 10th July**, in response to a request from the Eco Warrior team, we as a school, will be celebrating Blue Day. **All pupils are invited to come to school in their PE kits, with a water bottle, cap and with suncream applied.** During the part of the day the children are not participating in sports day activities they will be engaging in Blue Day activities. They will be learning about some of the things which have an impact on our oceans and the marine environment and thinking about the small things we can all do to make a real difference.

Many of our pupils have already been thinking about the impact of litter, during their beach cleans this term.

This is a topic close to our hearts, being an island community.

Well done to the Eco team for the great suggestion!

Awards Evening

If your child has been nominated to receive an award, you will have received an invitation, via email, to the awards ceremony on Thursday 17th 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

Please remember to order your class photos via ParentPay before Tuesday 8th July.

Medication

Please can parents collect any medication from the office that their child no longer requires, any not collected by 18th July will be destroyed.