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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.99%

Well done to class 3D for achieving the highest attendance this week.

How lucky are we?

Years 5 & 6 thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous weather, out on the water, having their kayaking sessions this week. As they set off from school, we were reminded, once again of just how lucky we are to live on such a beautiful island and have such amazing opportunities afforded to us through the kindness and generosity of local people. A huge thank you to Mersea Island Educational Tales Trust who have paid for all the sessions for the children, and to Mersea Island Watersports for doing such a fantastic job.



First Place at Consortium Sports

A huge well done to the athletics team who represented our school at the consortium sports athletics event, and came back jubilant as winners for the larger schools group. Their faces say it all – just brilliant!





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Super kind young fundraisers



Daisy S and Millie S, from 3D, took it upon themselves to run a lemonade stand, selling cookies and Rocky Road treats to raise money for both the Brownies and our school. They raised an amazing £106.98 and decided to purchase some new resources for the playground, with half of the money that they have donated to the school. A big thank you to both of them for their kindness and generosity.



On Tuesday a group of children from KS2 science club went to Colchester Zoo to represent our school for the annual Great Science Share event. This is an international day where children around the world come together to enjoy science and share with other schools what they have been doing and learn about how science is used every day at the zoo.

This year our team took work they have been completing about our school habitats. Mrs Bugg and Mrs Elson were really proud of them and they were great ambassadors for our school. Well done to Fearne, Peaches, Jake, Matilda, Lottie and George.

Vegetable Competition

This year our older Eco Warriors have been busy setting up and running 'Rapid Refills', our eco-friendly refill shop. Meanwhile, our younger eco warriors wanted to do a little project of their own and so decided on a vegetable growing competition. In early spring they did some research at home about what vegetables may be good to plant and when they could be harvested, they shared this with their classes and made posters which were put up across the school, they spoke in assembly about it and more recently have decided on the categories and the date. None of us have done such a thing before so we are not experts at the format. We have accepted that our ideas might take time to develop but, in future years, we hope this will be an annual event and there will be an increasing interest about gardening and growing vegetables from our children. For now, this year, they have decided on Thursday 17th July and the categories will be the longest/biggest, the most oddly-shaped and the most interesting vegetable. Children can bring any entries to the main hall at 9am. Tables for each category will be set up and labelled.



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We have rather a lot of lost property building up again with items not named and unable to be reunited with their owners! If you are missing something, please do check the lost property box as all items will be cleared at the end of term.



CPR Champions

We are very pleased to share that we have expressed our interest in becoming a CPR Smart School. This involves raising awareness of the importance of CPR and equipping all members of our school community with key knowledge and life-saving skills. This programme is offered by Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and is free to schools. We are hoping to get started in the new academic year, so more information on this will follow.

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.

Nursery, Reception and KS1 from 9am followed by picnic lunch at 11.45 - 12.30pm
Picnic Lunch and KS2 from 11.45am onwards.

Coming up next week...

- SEND Roadshow

Please see attached information about the SEND Roadshow which is happening next week in Tiptree.

- Parent Drop-in next week - Wednesday 25th June 9 - 10am. Everyone welcome, come and have a cup of tea and a chat, let us know about your experiences of being a parent of a child at our school and feel free to bring suggestions for future consideration. Please let the office know if you will be attending, so we have an idea of numbers.
- Year 4 and 5 parent Q & A session re structure for September - 3.30pm in the Main Hall.
 - Year 6 Induction days at secondary schools
 - Year 1 Boat Day - Thursday 26th June

Enjoy your weekend



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Theo is being celebrated in the Nursery this week for his excellent discussions about our texts, always asking and answering lots of questions. Theo is also a very confident speaker with his friends and helps to organise imaginative play.
Rec 1	Bobby W has been working so hard on his phonics this term and has amazed me with all the digraphs he can recognise within words. Well done Bobby.
Rec 2	Rec 2 are celebrating Hugo! Hugo is an excellent friend and a great role model. He is also trying his best in everything that he does. We are very proud of him.
1M	Florence K for her amazing effort this week. Flo works so hard and is very kind and helpful to everyone in our class. She has done some excellent writing using rhyming words. Well done!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Prudence S for her enthusiasm towards phonics this week. Prudence has been an excellent role model for her peers. She has displayed good synthesis and segmentation skills and has listened beautifully to class inputs. Well done Prudence.
2E	Joseph LM for his perseverance and determination in approaching his reading this week. He worked so hard to ensure he had attempted every question in the comprehension and sounded out his words carefully, never giving up when he got to a word he found tricky. Great work, Joe.
2S	2S star of the week is Harvey for making such amazing progress in his reading. Harvey has worked so hard on his fluency and understanding of what he has read.
3D	Sofia R for some super speech work. She has remembered to include inverted commas in the correct places, the correct punctuation within the inverted commas and used a variety of words for said.
3E	Stella is always a hard working, responsible and determined member of our class. She is a great role model to those around her and is always willing to help others. Stella would be a deserving Star of the Week every week! Really well done Stella, keep being your wonderful self.
4W	Connor L for never giving less than his best and showing great participation in lessons.
4B	4B star of the week is Logie for all the effort he has shown in English and some of the amazing vocabulary he has used. Well done.
5F	Class 5F would love to celebrate Martha S for working exceptionally hard in all subjects and working with increased independence! Well done Martha.
5T	Annie G absolutely embodies the 'CARE' ethos, she is kind and helpful to everyone and is always working incredibly hard, taking on every challenge with a positive attitude and resilience.
5W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Maddie C for her incredible contributions in maths. She really impressed us with her knowledge of shapes – very well done, Maddie! Keep up the great work.
6H	6H would like to celebrate Lucas C for his continued hard work and effort in all subjects but particularly when writing. He has ensured he has maintained the high standards he has continually strived for. Lucas also represented MIS at consortium sports this week and his positive attitude towards others has been commented on. Keep up the amazing work Lucas.
6Y	Chloe O this week for being kind, helpful and sensible at kayaking - taking another child 'under her wing' and ensuring that they had a lovely time.