



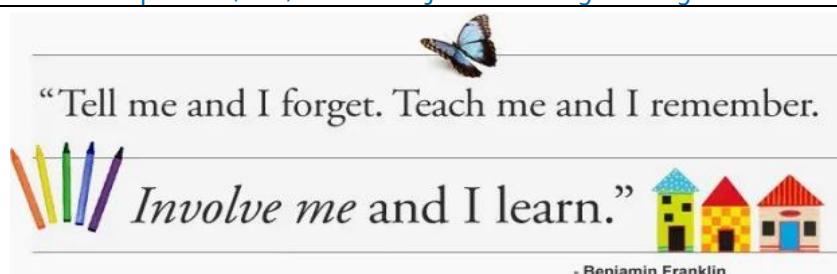
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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.1%

Well done to classes Reception 2, 1P, 2S & 6H for achieving the highest attendance this week.



I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Welcome back to the start of the spring 2 half term.

We have had a week packed with dress up days and exciting topic launches. Year 3's had a full day on Tuesday engaged in Art and DT, designing and making their own chocolate bars, as part of their topic launch on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Year 4's had their Anglo-Saxon dress up day on Wednesday and enjoyed a story retelling around the outdoor firepit, to set the mood. Year 2's arrived this morning as Victorian children and have been immersed in a wide range of exciting activities today. Year 5's are stepping up their rehearsals for their upcoming performances whilst Pupil Mental Health Champions have continued their training and the Rapid Refills shop had its launch! Year 6's have been continuing to work hard and have shown great enthusiasm towards their new key text 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. Reception and 5W have welcomed new LSAs, Mrs Sun and Miss Durrant. The midday team have welcomed Mrs Shanmugam and Nursery have also welcomed two more new children this week.



A message from the Rapid Refill Team

As you may know, we have been working extremely hard, completing training and writing our business plan and were very excited to launch Rapid Refills on Wednesday. We would like to say a big thank you to those of you who supported us and who brought bottles to refill. If you didn't get a chance to see us or visit us, we will be open every Wednesday from 8.30 – 8.50am and after school from 3.15 – 3.35pm. Our great products are all cruelty free and include: Laundry Detergent and Fabric Conditioner, Bubblebath, Liquid and bar soaps, Body Wash, Shampoo and Conditioner and Washing Up Liquid. We also stock some healthy snack bags which are Vegan, Dairy Free and Gluten Free. Please come and see us and remember to bring your containers! Please be informed we are a cash only shop. If you know anyone else who would like to make use of our shop, please let them know. Thank you for supporting us.

The Rapid Refill Team

World Book Day Competition Time

We are holding a competition with the prizes being book vouchers that can be spent at the Book Fair. Key Stage 1 - draw a picture or make a model of your favourite book character.

Key Stage 2 - draw a picture or create a model of a famous setting in a book. (You could make a snowy Narnia, a replica of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory or anything else you like.)

Get drawing or making and don't forget to get your costume for World Book Day ready!



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Nancy-Rose is the Nursery superstar this week. She has settled into Nursery beautifully and joined in with our routines, songs, counting, games and activities. A wonderful start to Nursery.
Rec 1	Miley C this week. She has been working so hard on her phonics and has come back to school after half term and continued to make good progress.
Rec 2	Reception 2 are celebrating Lucie W for her kind and caring attitude towards ALL of her classmates and adults in her class. Lucie is an excellent role model to her peers and approaches everything she does with a smile :O)
1M	Salah H for his great effort in history, making an excellent omnibus and trying really hard in his writing this week to use ambitious adjectives. Well done Salah!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Isla B for being extremely independent with her learning this week. Isla has developed such a positive attitude towards her learning and is always willing to help her peers. She is beginning to use all the resources in the classroom to help her complete tasks independently. Well done Isla, it has been lovely to see your confidence grow!
2E	Stanley S for his good listening and independent work during maths. Well done Stanley.
2S	2S star of the week is Ryker for being such a fantastic role model to other children. Ryker tries his hardest to always listen, participate in discussions and puts a super effort into all of his work.
3D	Dylan H for consistently going over and above with his home learning including bringing in lovely pieces of artwork for us to see. He is displaying a positive attitude towards his learning in school as well, trying really hard to improve his work and make it even better.
3E	Frankie P has been trying so hard this week. In English, he has been really engaged with our class text and shared some great thoughts and opinions about the characters. He has also shown his growing artistic skills and eye for detail when we were copying chocolate bar wrapper designs in preparation for creating our own. Really well done Frankie, keep it up!
4W	Emilia S for thoughtful and mature contributions to class discussions.
4B	Darcie C for making excellent progress in maths and also learning her times tables.
5F	5F would love to celebrate Albie G for fully immersing himself into our new Ancient Egyptian topic, Albie was keen to share facts and knowledge about Egypt throughout the week of learning! Well done Albie!
5T	Layla S-R for never being afraid to ask 'what if' when investigating, for pushing herself to discover things that no-one else thinks of and for showing an excellent sense of enquiry about the past.
5W	Belle B for her fantastic contributions in science and PSHE. During our sessions, she showed so much maturity and understanding that we were all very impressed with her approach to her learning. Very well done Belle.
6H	Martha for a fantastic attitude all round! She has been an exceptional eco-warrior and has even helped others to get their roles with the refill shop. She has worked hard to be an ambassador for the shop, feeding back regularly to our class. On top of all of that, she has been demonstrating a brilliant attitude towards her learning, especially in maths and art! Well done, Martha!
6Y	Frankie B this week for his enthusiasm for our new class text 'Wonder'. He has given some amazingly insightful and mature contributions to our discussions. Well done Frankie.



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Kitchen Inspection

This week we had an impromptu visit from the Food Standards Agency and are pleased to inform you that we have again, been awarded 5 stars.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 1st April

You will receive the email notification, inviting you to book your appointment, on Monday 17th March at 5.30pm

Reminder re deadline of 7th March



We would really like our children at Mersea Island School to get involved in the Show Racism the Red Card competition 2025. It is a competition which aims to educate children about racism through creative arts. The competition asks our Year 1 – 6 children to create a piece of artwork, creative writing (e.g. a story, poem, diary entry, letter) or a video (no longer than 6 minutes) promoting a positive anti-racist message. Entries need to be received by Friday 7th March. Artwork must not exceed A3 size (297mm x 420mm), film entries must not exceed 6 minutes and must be playable on Windows Media Player. Entries can either be emailed to your child's class teacher or delivered to the school office.

Part of our PSHE curriculum ensures that children learn about what racism is and how important it is to combat it. A message, I am sure, you continue to echo at home.

We are hoping lots of our children will enter. There will be one winner per class and an overall school winner. Good luck everyone!

Mrs Moore



We would like to wish Miss Edwards all the very best as she begins her maternity leave.

It is Book Week next week, along with Pancake Day and World Book Day!

Children are invited to dress up on Thursday to celebrate their favourite book character and to share the love of books. The book fair arrives on Friday and will be open, in the library from 3.15 – 3.45pm.



The next parent drop-in session is on Wednesday from 9 – 10am. If you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions for us, or would just like an informal opportunity to chat, please join me. Everyone is welcome.

Salah (1M) in action

