



Newsletter – 10th January 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	98.43%
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Well done to class 3D for achieving the highest attendance this week.



A very warm welcome back to the start of the spring term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. I have led many school tours this week and have been really impressed with how well the children have transitioned back in to school and have applied themselves to their learning. Year 3 and 4 have had a particularly exciting week with the immersive Stone Age and Harry Potter days. Thank you to all parents for the efforts with providing costumes and supporting these enhanced learning opportunities. I know the children have really enjoyed themselves. They could be heard applying their learning in lessons later in the week with great enthusiasm.

I would like to say a special welcome to all our new pupils, families and staff who joined our school community on Monday. Everyone has settled really well and already feels very much part of our school team.

Exciting news from our Eco-Warriors

Our Key Stage Two Eco-Warriors are excited to tell you that they are in the process of writing a Business Plan in preparation for opening an Eco-refill shop at school. They will be offering eco-friendly refills of items such as hand soap, washing liquid, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel. This is a project supported by the Local Authority and is designed to engage pupils in developing key life skills whilst making significant contributions to the local community. The shop will be located in one of the beach huts and will be opening after half term. Dates and times to follow.



Eco Refill
A Pupils Profit Initiative

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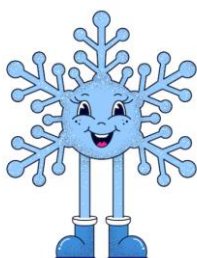
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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Georgie S in Nursery has been a role model of our CARE, Be Kind, Be Safe ethos. She has been so kind, caring and helpful to all our new children this week.
Rec 1	James S in Reception 1 has come back to school with a great attitude and confidence. James has really enjoyed taking part in whole class conversations and has been using his big voice during our daily phonics sessions. Well done James.
Rec 2	Fraser S for continually making brilliant choices and being an excellent role model in the class.
1M	Juno O for her amazing drawing of a winter tree in science this week and for always making good choices, well done Juno!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Henry W this week for his fantastic attitude towards learning this week and going above and beyond learning during the break at home. Well done Henry!
2E	Sienna S for her really positive attitude to learning this week. She has been brilliant at persevering with learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and created a lovely page about silhouettes for her art work.
2S	Sienna P for starting the year off with an excellent attitude to all of her learning and fabulous engagement in class discussions.
3D	Theo J for demonstrating some fantastic knowledge about the Stone Age, even before our experience day, and really getting into character and listening intently to the information during our time in the Stone Age tent.
3E	Pippa H has made a great start to the year with lots of extra effort and great focus. Every morning she has been the first to get her things organised, sat down and got straight on with early work, setting an example for everyone else as they come in. Really well done Pippa and keep it up!
4W	Beau R for always wanting to do his very best in reading and maths. He works really hard in lessons and always has his hand up to answer questions.
4B	Bella D and Beau B have both settled into Mersea Island School like ducks to water. You would think they have been pupils here since the reception class. Well done to you both.
5F	5F would love to celebrate Davut D this week for his excellent contributions in English, particularly his knowledge and contributions in class when we have been working on Cinderella.
5T	Olivia L is a great role model in class, she works hard in all subjects, shows excellent perseverance and will always strive to do just that little bit more. Keep being your wonderful self, Olivia!
5W	Belle B for her fantastic contributions in all subjects but particularly in maths and ICT, her attentive attitude is impressive.
6H	Charlie W for starting off the new term with a positive attitude towards his learning and for making an improved effort with the presentation of his work. Well done, Charlie!
6Y	Chloe O has demonstrated impressive maturity in her contributions to class discussions this week. She has shown a strong grasp of complex vocabulary and is able to explain her ideas clearly and coherently to her peers.





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Saving our school bell

As you will know, our school bell has rung to signal the start and end of the school day, every day, for many years. It is a really important part of our history and something which we would very much like to keep. You may have wondered why you haven't been hearing it, over the last week. Unfortunately, the weather has taken a toll on the bell and the ding-a ling has become detached! Sadly, we do not have the money to reattach the ding-a-ling (clapper) and wondered if there is anyone who could help us? If you can, please contact the school office – any offers of help are always hugely appreciated.

Well done everyone – look what we did!



Mersea Island School

for supporting Colchester Foodbank.

**We are extremely grateful for your amazing
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Of 80.15 kgs

**This will make a BIG difference to local individuals,
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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

PE Kits

Please can you ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday and brings it home to wash on a Friday. PE kits should consist of both indoor and outdoor clothing, in line with our uniform policy please. Do remember, the FOMISA uniform shop is there if you need any items of kit or spares.



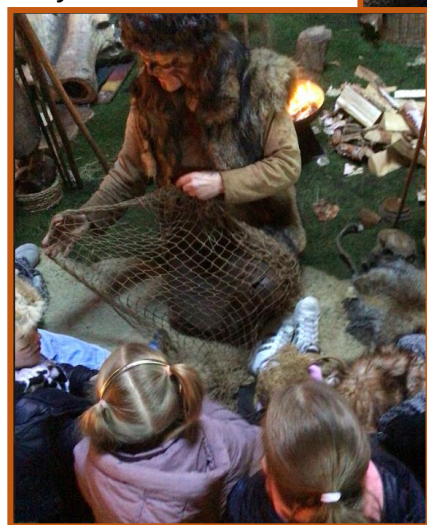
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Photos from the Year 3 Stone Age Day



'My favourite thing was when Scuff let us blow in the horn.'
Molly D



'I liked carving the lines in the bones with Twig.'
JJ

