



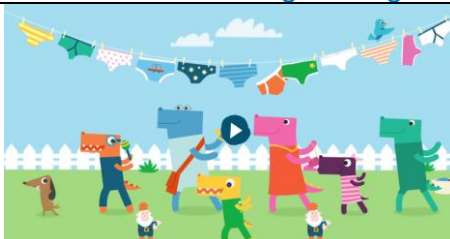
Newsletter – Friday 11th October 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	97%
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Well done to classes 1M & 1P for achieving the highest attendance this week.



NSPCC PANTS WEEK – Next week

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is used to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. We will be talking PANTS throughout next week to help keep our children safe from harm. There are some really nice resources for parents on the NSPCC website, if you would like to explore them via this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



FOMISA are very kindly organising a Halloween disco on Thursday 24th October from 4.15 – 5.15pm. This event will be open to all children from Reception to Year 6. **Tickets are only available to purchase via Parentpay and sales will close on Tuesday 22nd October. Please be aware, we will not be adding any further names to the list after ticket sales have closed** and you will not be able to turn up on the night to purchase a ticket on the door. This is so the FOMISA team can plan for the number of pupils who will be attending. Please be aware that we cannot allow parents to stay on site during the event, so please do consider whether your child, particularly those in Reception, is robust enough to cope with the hustle and bustle of a school disco, along with the costumes, before signing them up to come. We definitely don't want them to be upset or for their first experience of a school event to be anything less than positive. Pupils who are attending clubs on that afternoon, who would like to attend the disco, will be able to bring in any costumes and will be able to get changed and come and join the fun.



Get involved

We are looking at a London-Brighton Cycle event for 2025 and getting a team together to raise money for FOMISA in 2025. If you are interested in this please email fomisa@merseaschool.org

We have also pre-registered FOMISA for charity places in the 2026 London Landmarks Half Marathon. Please do contact us if you would like to pencil yourself (and a friend) in for a place.



Last week Grace and Annie announced at Eco Warriors that they had found a project called 'Toilet Twinning' which is run by Tearfund. The aim of this project is to supply sustainable resources for families to build their own toilets, to improve sanitation and reduce ill health. On Monday, there will be a toilet positioned inside the school gate, opposite St Helena Hospice, for you to place any donations in. Grace and Annie will be there as advocates for the project and will be most appreciative of your help. They would like to raise enough money to twin at least two toilets so are looking to raise £120.



Inspiration for all our young sailors - Did you know..? from Mrs Barnes

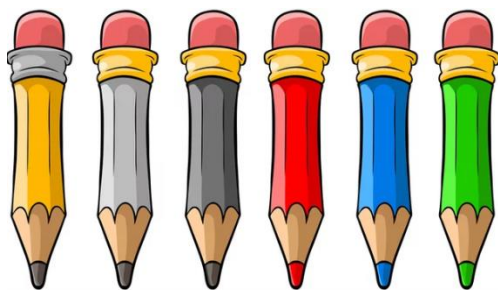
Great Britain ended the 60 year wait for an America's Cup challenger spot.

Sir Ben Ainslie and INEOS Britannia will be competing, as the challenger, in Barcelona on Saturday. They will be against the defenders New Zealand.

The America's cup is the oldest international trophy in the world. It started in 1851 and the Auld Mug has never been won by GB.

Let's get Mersea Island School behind these fabulous sailors, as we also have Saskia Clark, a local girl, taking part in the history making, first ever, all female America's Cup on Athena Pathway. They took victory in the opening race but they do have some way to go.

This weekend will be the start of a hopefully incredible moment. The winner is the first to win 7 races. Each race lasts about 25 minutes and it is a maximum of two races per day, so the competition could take up to seven days!



Stationery Shop

Evie and Isaac (Yr 6) are running a stationery shop on Tuesday and Thursday playtimes. Pupils can bring money if they wish to purchase anything. The shop stocks a range of items which range from 10p to £1.00. A particular favourite is novelty rubbers which are all 50p and under. This is run by the Year 6 pupils, under a watchful eye, giving them great experience of putting their maths skills into practice, in a real life context. If your child has money, please ensure they are not bringing in large amounts!

Beautiful Picasso artwork by Jacob D in 3D and Funnybones by Heston R1 with Flori 1P showing off her super gymnastics. Great work.





Stars of the Week

Nursery	This week Albert has been our stand out star for excellent listening during carpet time and then taking his learning about heavier and lighter and using it in his child led learning! Albert is also very good at deciphering Robot Talk!
Rec 1	Heston P is being celebrated this week as he has really enjoyed using tracing paper to draw skeletons from our story 'The Funnybones'. Heston concentrated really hard and has created some great pictures this week.
Rec 2	Hugo F-T is star of the week because he has been trying really hard with his phonics. His hard work means he is able to recall letter sounds and is beginning to "blend" sounds to make words too. Wow wee!
1M	1M star of the week: Kai G for working really hard on his must do activities and 2D shapes in maths. Well done Kai!
1P	Flori S for being a fantastic partner in gymnastics this week. Flori modelled the gymnastic shapes beautifully to her partner and displayed great patience and kindness. Well done Flori.
2E	We would like to celebrate Ryszard for his excellent maths this week. Adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers and using his reasoning skills to help him work out word problems. Well done Ryszard.
2S	2S would like to celebrate Edie B this week for all her hard work this week in every subject - especially in PE where she was able to demonstrate the movements to the rest of the class.
3D	Jacob D for some excellent artwork, applying all the drawing and sketching skills we have been learning to draw the missing parts of Picasso portraits.
3E	Jake H has an infectious enthusiasm for learning and this has really shone through this week. In particular, his vocabulary choices have really improved his story and he showed great skills in our cricket lesson. Well done Jake!
4B	Morgan L-H for fabulous work both in and out of the classroom, especially during PE. She produced some wonderful sequences during our recent gymnastics lesson.
4W	George W for settling into Mersea Island routines so well and for not only taking on quite a big part in the Year 4 play but knowing all his lines off by heart!
5F	Polly has continuously worked hard and her books are reflective of her dedication to learning. Polly has also made a beautiful space poster for the classroom with an abundance of space facts that we have immersed our class into over the past few weeks. Well done Polly.
5T	Cameron C for making me absolutely speechless with his fantastic early morning work this week! He has written the most beautiful, descriptive sentences and has taken on the extra challenge of including his year 5 spellings and phonics words too! Keep up the great work, Cam!
5W	Eva G for her fantastic performance in French; her pronunciation was particularly remarkable and for her excellent contributions in English- very well done Eva; keep up the good work!
6H	Lilly for her amazing attitude towards her learning. She has been very quick to start her work in lessons and has shown a real eagerness to do well. Also, Lilly never needs any prompting to go and do her purple penning as she always does it straight away! Well done, Lilly. Keep up the good work.
6Y	Cody M for his fantastic work in Maths recently - he had an amazing score, answering test style questions.