



Newsletter – Friday 27th September 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	96%
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Well done to class 3D for achieving the highest attendance this week.



It was lovely to see so many parents at the Harvest Festival on Monday. Thank you all for your kind donations of food items to the Porch Pantry and for your support for this annual event.



The Book Fair has arrived today and will be open after school at 3.15 – 3.45pm from Friday 27th September to Thursday 3rd October. It will be located in the library. Please enter via the main entrance to the Blackwater building.



Would you like your child to learn to play the Violin?

We are very lucky to be in a position to offer violin lessons. We have a teacher and a number of instruments which we are willing to loan. For more information re costs etc, please contact the school office.



Year Group Parent Coffee Mornings

Next week is Year 4, on Friday 4th October from 9 – 10am. All parents are welcome, please sign in at the school office.

Secondary School Admissions – for pupils going in to Year 7 September 2025

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on this website including a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-2026 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Please ensure you have made your application by the closing date!

Please be aware that you need to consider travel costs if you are applying for any place which is not at the recognised feeder school.

Nursery Places

If you are interested in a nursery place for your child, please email: office@merseaschool.org with the subject line NURSERY PLACES



How do you know your child is safe when using their devices?

Do you monitor their chat? Interactions? The content they are accessing?

Please check your child's online activity, regularly, to ensure they are not putting themselves at risk. Please talk to them about what to do if they see or hear something which worries them or they know is not okay.



Star of the Week

<i>Nursery</i>	Nursery are celebrating Lilia for her kindness and care towards others and the Nursery equipment. Lilia plays with lots of different children in the Nursery and always tidies away beautifully at tidy up time.
<i>Rec 1</i>	Arthur C who has really enjoyed joining in with our whole class maths sessions, showing great understanding as well as all the skills of being a great mathematician.
<i>Rec 2</i>	Lily H is being celebrated for her kindness and caring nature.
<i>1M</i>	Toby F for putting lots of effort into his English this week and writing his wanted poster for Evil Pea independently, using ambitious vocabulary. Well done Toby!
<i>1P</i>	1P would like to celebrate Eden S for her writing this week. Eden wrote some brilliant descriptive sentences about evil pea this week, remembering to use capital letters and full stops in the correct places. Well done Eden!
<i>2E</i>	Freddie H for a really positive week. He has worked hard to complete all his tasks this week and was a particularly brilliant role model in our PE lesson, demonstrating a sequence of moves on the bench and mat. Well done Freddie.
<i>2S</i>	2S would like to celebrate Poppy B this week for all her amazing efforts in writing. She has been using adjectives and conjunctions to write sentences about a hedgehog.
<i>3D</i>	Isabelle S for demonstrating an excellent understanding of weather and displaying her passion by delivering an interesting and informative child led assembly including a video and practical demonstration. Fantastic achievement!
<i>3E</i>	Stella F has had a great week, working really hard and being such a good role model to those around her. She has been especially careful about using our previous learning to help improve her work. Really well done Stella!
<i>4B</i>	Etienne T for always working at his best, settling down to work straight away and for superb listening skills.
<i>4W</i>	Georgia K for having such an awesome attitude to learning! She is always ready for lessons and always goes above and beyond.
<i>5F</i>	I am so impressed with Jacob's attitude to learning this week. His work has been incredible and I would like to celebrate his enthusiasm for learning, always seeking a challenge – well done Jacob C!
<i>5T</i>	Annie G for an excellent start to her Stephen Hawking biography writing, showing resilience in Maths and for some fabulous football skills! Annie tries her best at everything and is a joy to have in year 5.
<i>5W</i>	Harry Br for his fabulous contributions in geography and science and for working independently; we are all really proud of Harry- well done.
<i>6H</i>	Lucas C for his attitude to learning this week. Lucas has immersed himself in his writing and has produced some lovely artwork. Well done Lucas.
<i>6Y</i>	Jessica G for her informative and beautifully presented work on earthquakes.



Miss Meanley would like to say a special well done to Freddie G 5F who has been continuously going above and beyond with his maths learning.

Thanks to our wonderful FOMISA team and the help of Stroods, we are very pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the Uniform Hut – Thursday 3rd October 3.15 -3.45pm

Please pop in and see the amazing range of stock which is available at a fraction of the cost of new items.

Uniform

Please note, we move into winter uniform from after half term.



As you may have seen, we have a number of apple and pear trees on school site. Please feel free to bring a bag and help yourself to any fruit or windfall if you would like them. The Eco-Warriors have been collecting the windfall today which you are welcome to take.

'FAKEAWAY MENU' Thursday 3rd October

On Thursday 3rd October there will be a change to the menu.

We will be having a Fakeaway day!

Please see the attached menu for the available options.

SAFEGUARDING –Is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, please ask to speak to a safeguarding lead in school. If you are worried about a child outside of school, you can contact the Early Advice Hub on 0345 6037627 or alternatively, if it is an emergency, call 999.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs T Wright

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders: Miss S Poole, Mrs A Khan, Mrs C Jenkins