



Newsletter – Friday 13th September 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	97.51%
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Well done to Reception 2, 1M, 3E & 5W classes for achieving 100% attendance this week.	
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It is lovely to see the children all settled in their new classes and working hard. Our newly formed School Council have met for the first time this year, along with the Eco-Warriors. The Child-Led assembly schedule is already full for much of the autumn term which is a wonderful reflection of the high levels of engagement and enthusiasm from our pupils. If you have a child in Years 3 – 6, they can apply to lead an assembly, on a subject of their choice. It is brilliant for building confidence, resilience and developing key communication skills, and the rest of the children absolutely love hearing their peers talk about the things they are passionate about. Application forms are available from class teachers.



You may not be surprised to hear, with the return to school has come the return of nits! Please can everyone check their child's hair over the weekend so we can reduce any spread. Thank you, in advance, for your help.



School Uniform Collection

With the change in temperature recently, you may be thinking about purchasing winter uniform. Please can I ask that you check the uniform list so that you do not inadvertently buy items which are not part of our policy. Please note: black tights, skirts, cardigans and jumpers are not part of Mersea Island School uniform. If your child has longer hair, please can you ensure it is tied up before the start of the school day. Earrings must be taken out for P.E.

After School Clubs

If you have not yet registered your child for any after school clubs we still have a few places available for football (all ages) & girls rugby.

Nursery Places

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

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.



Star of the Week

Nursery	Nursery are celebrating Alfie B for a super start to Nursery. Alfie follows the Nursery routines to unpack his bag in the morning and tidy up at tidy up time. A great start Alfie.
Rec 1	Morgan W who has really settled well into school life. This week he has not only been remembering new routines but also helping others, especially at tidy up time. Thank you, Morgan.
Rec 2	Sophia L for being such a good role model in class and for amazing art work! Sophia has enjoyed exploring our art area and creating something new every day.
1M	Darcy M for always listening carefully and being a positive role model to her peers. Well done Darcy!
1P	Leo R for being a super helper and listener all week. Leo has sat on the carpet beautifully and listened to all of the adults' instructions. Well done Leo and thank you for all of your fantastic help!
2E	Tengri C for some really good quality writing about owl babies.
2S	Class 2S would like to celebrate Florence LC for her fantastic attitude towards all of her learning this week. She has really applied herself, especially in maths and PE and is starting to take real pride in her work.
3D	Jack R for coming back to school with a mature attitude towards his learning, trying super hard with his work and having a positive attitude when coming into the classroom.
3E	Isabella W has been such a super star this week, not only working really hard but also showing us how kind, thoughtful and helpful she is too! What a brilliant week Isabella, really well done.
4B	Dylan W for making an excellent start to all his year 4 work, especially in History.
4W	Alice H for being super-organised and helpful which has helped make the beginning of term a really good one.
5F	Ava L has worked extremely hard in her maths and english lessons this week, already making excellent progress. She is kind and considerate to her classmates, asks for help when she needs it, and always makes an extra effort to ask Miss Fenn and Mrs Weber how they are too. Keep up the hard work Ava!
5T	Zac C 5T - Zac has had a fantastic start to year 5, not only working hard in all subjects but also demonstrating his kind and caring nature by being an excellent support to his friends Thank you Zac!
5W	Zak A for his fantastic learning attitude and resilience, we were also impressed with his contributions in maths- well done Zak.
6H	Isaac P has had a fantastic first two weeks in year 6. He has been a kind, considerate member of the class, as well as one who has been very reflective and honest; all great characteristics that we love to see in our students. Well done Isaac!
6Y	Harry W for an AMAZING start to the year. He has been enthusiastic and hard working in all subjects. He has also been polite and helpful to all in the class.





FREE COURSE for parents – Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing

Thank you to those parents who attended the information evening on Wednesday. The feedback from this introductory session was really positive. This is a course for anyone who is interested in improving their own wellbeing and understanding behaviour. Please do not think it is just for people who are experiencing challenges with their children. If you are interested, please contact the school office. The course will run over a number of evening sessions, dates will depend on the preference of parents interested. The modules can be seen below:



Please help us raise funds...

If you have not yet signed up to the Asda Rewards App, please do! You do not need to even shop at Asda, just nominate our school and we will receive £1 donation. Please spread the word to your family. Every £1 raised will go directly to buying resources for the children in school.



FOMISA News

Help raise funds for the School with the Asda Rewards App

Asda have started a new campaign, Cashpot for Schools, where anyone with the App can help to raise money for the School.

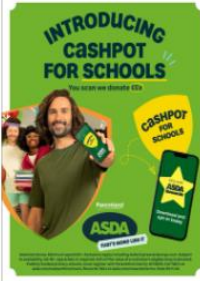
Every person that signs up and nominates Mersea Island School adds **£1** to our Cashpot

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate £1's to schools.



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

The easiest way to donate £1's



It is very quick and simple to do and does not take away from your own Cashpot earnings.

In addition, every time you shop with Asda, either in-store or online, 0.5% of your total spend will be added to our Cashpot.

If you don't currently shop at Asda, you can still support by downloading the app and nominating our school and adding £1 to the pot.

Please support us and tell your friends and family.