



Newsletter – Friday 6th September



A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather.

I would like to officially welcome our youngest pupils to Reception and also our new pupils who have joined us from other settings. We hope that all of you have been made to feel very much part of our school community.

Our main focus for this week has been all about the children settling into school and, both the adults and children, really getting to know each other. Strong relationships form the basis of good academic achievement and this definitely includes the partnerships we have with you, as parents. Our aim is to work with you to get the very best outcomes for your child/ren and to give them as many opportunities as we can, to broaden their skills and experiences. We always welcome your feedback so please do feel free to share if there is something which you feel has worked particularly well or if you have suggestions about how we can improve further.

It has been a really calm start to the year. The children have been a pleasure to have in school. We have witnessed excellent learning attitudes with so many smiley faces, enjoying their new classes. We hope that today's topic launches will have helped to inspire the pupils about the things they are going to be learning about in the coming weeks. The curriculum overviews for each year group are available for you to view on the website. We hope that you found the information sessions yesterday useful. Please do ask your child's class teacher, should you need any further clarification about anything.

This afternoon we had the pleasure of congratulating many pupils on gaining key posts of responsibility. A huge thank you to all pupils who took the time and effort to apply for the positions and a particular well done to the following children:

Ecowarriors 2024-25

Rosie B, Finley P, Rose W, Tengri C, Izzy W, JJ D, Fraser G, Alice H, Oscar O, Grace W, Annie G, Isaac P, Eleanor C, Martha S, Olivia G, Angus C, Chloe O, Fearne W, Vinnie J

Year Six Learning Ambassadors:

Amy F, Martha S, Ethan S, Chloe O, Fearne W, Leela J, Jessica G, Marnie H, Vinnie J, Letty S, Cody M.

Head Pupils 2024 - 2025

Evie Green & Monty Bennett

Ship Captains 2024-2025

Fearne W - SC	Leela J - SC
Kian D - SC	Olivia G - SC
Annissa C-P - FL	
Riley H - SC	Isaac P - SC
Evie G - FL	Summer L - FL
Blake H - SC	Chloe O - SC
Jack S - FL	Angus C - FL

School Council Representatives 2024 - 2025

Name	Class
Eleanor H	1P
Florence K	1M
Talulah C	2S
Elvie G	2E
Bea S	3E
Esther P	3D
Morgan L-H	4B
Ava D	4W
Angelique E-R	5F
Hannah C	5W
Laudie D	5T
Riley H	6H
Annissa C-P	
Isla K	6Y
Blake H	



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Year One enjoying team building games...



'This is me' portraits by Year Two



Year Five have been making scrapbooks all about themselves.



Year Three have been inspired by Picasso to draw their own portraits.



Exploring in Reception



Reception pupils enjoying their first week at school.





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Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing **Course for families**

In Essex, all schools/settings are being offered training to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people through a training approach called Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP).

We have completed this training for staff already and are enthusiastic about sharing the approach with our families. So, we have accessed further training to enable us to share it with you.

You are invited to attend an awareness session where you can find out more.

Date: 11th September 2024

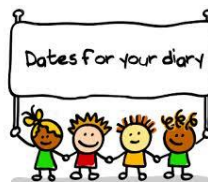
Time: 6pm

Venue: Mersea Island School

If you would like to attend this session, please send your name and contact details to: office@merseaschool.org with the subject line TPP

Polite reminders...

- Please note, pupils cannot wear tape over earrings for PE, they must be removed.
- Lunchbox trolleys will be outside classrooms during drop off
- Please encourage your child to come in to school independently. It is ok to say goodbye to them at the gate and let them walk to their classrooms to meet their teacher, as soon as they are ready.
- Please note, you can contact your child's class teacher via the class email account but staff are not expected to respond after 6pm, at the weekend or during the day when they are teaching. All staff will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.



Key dates for half term can be found on the attached calendar overview and can also be found on the website.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS IN SCHOOL:

Mrs T Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Poole, Mrs Khan, Mrs Jenkins (Deputy Safeguarding Leads)

If you have a concern about a child please act quickly – call the police immediately if you consider them at risk of imminent harm. For other matters, please contact a safeguarding lead.



FOMISA News

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Soon!



We have been fundraising to purchase a new Second Hand Uniform Shop, so that pre-loved uniform is much more accessible for all; is affordable for all and we are kinder to the environment by helping to re-use items of clothing.

We purchased The Hut out of funds raised by FOMISA, and were lucky to have the base kindly donated by

Stroods Specialist Contractors,
and the building completed by **The Roker Group,**
both businesses on the Island.

The Hut still needs a few finishing touches, but we are hoping for it to be open very soon on a regular basis.

If you need any second-hand uniform in the meantime, then please email fomisa@merseaschool.org with the item, size, child's name and class and we will have a look to see if we have the item for you.



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 ££s to schools.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Only with **ASDA Rewards**

Commit and opt-in today

with **Parentkind**

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store with Asda & Asda online and scan your Asda Rewards QR code at the checkout
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



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.

Please help your child to have the best possible start to the day by ensuring they are in school on time. Gates open just before 8.40am and school starts at 8.45am. If gates are closed, you must report to the school office, with your child, to sign them in late.