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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 95.60%

Well done to class 4W for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Party on the Playground!

This is your last reminder to book your child's tickets for the FOMISA Party on the Playground which is happening on Monday from 3.15 – 4.30pm. Send your child in with their summer party clothes and staff will ensure they are changed and escorted to the party! Pick up will be from the office gate at 4.30pm please.

Story Writing Competition

Last Friday was the deadline for the Story Writing Competition run by School Council. Mrs Waites was wowed by all the wonderful entries and the effort the children had invested.

A very well done to the winners of each category.

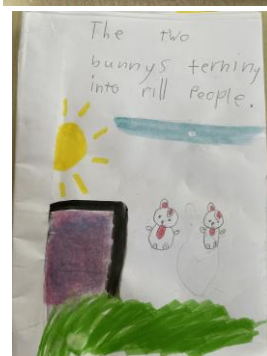
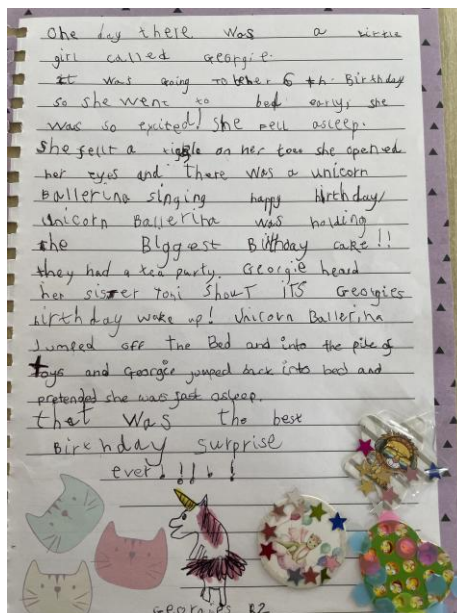
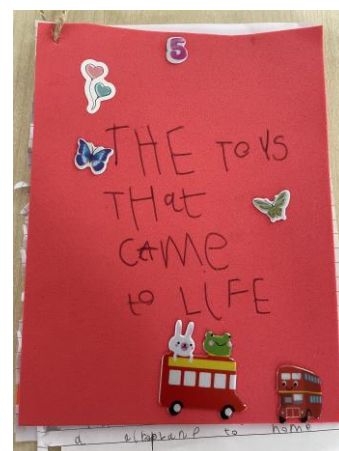
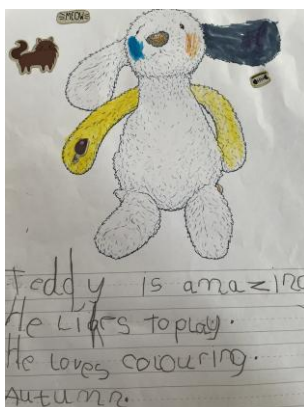
Reception – Betty N

Year 1 and Year 2 – Esme R

Year 3 and Year 4 – Poppy B

Year 5 and Year 6 – Laudie DD

A selection of photographs of the entries are below



Just a few of the entries...



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Vegetable Competition Winners

Biggest/longest

- 1 Henry M 2E
- 2 Freddie H 3T
- 3 George WR 5E

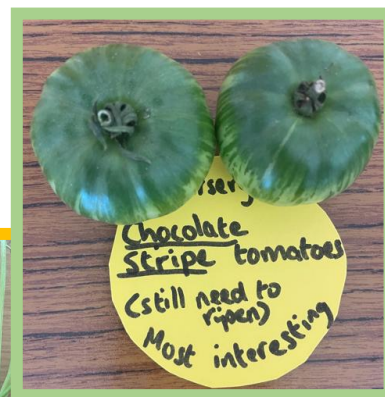
Oddly Shaped

- 1 Sara T R2
- 2 Sienna S 3T
- 3 Grace W 6Y

Most interesting

- 1 Nursery Chocolate tomatoes
- 2 Reception England Potatoes
- 3 Reception Patty Pans

Thank you to Mersea Farm Shop for donating the prizes. It is extremely kind and much appreciated.



A really fun competition! Well done to all those who took part and who have enjoyed growing their own vegetables.

End of Year

If any families are looking to buy new uniform, including PE kit, for September, the FOMISA team would be very grateful to receive donations of good quality items which your children have grown out of. They will be open and ready to accept donations on the last day of term, next Thursday!

Ordering new uniform

If you would like to order new uniform, please do so on Parentpay and we will contact you to let you know when it will be available for collection. We have many items in stock so may well be able to do this prior to breaking up so you have one thing less to think about!

Medications

If your child has medications in school, please do remember that you will need to collect these prior to the summer holiday.

Music lessons

Individual, optional music lessons take place via specialist music tutors within school hours.

We currently offer: Guitar lessons on Mondays, IRock (Group lesson) on Wednesdays, drum lessons on Thursdays and piano, woodwind lessons on Friday. Please contact the office for more information. If your child is particularly interested in learning to play another instrument, please do let us know. We will do our best to accommodate.

Have you booked your Wraparound care for the autumn term?

If you know you are going to require wraparound provision for your child/ren during the autumn term, please can you contact the school office to book your place/s. This will really help us in having an idea of numbers. If you are a parent who may need to book the odd days here and there, you will still be able to sign up last minute so please do not worry!

Please ensure you have checked your child has brought home all their belongings, prior to the end of the term and that you have checked lost property for any misplaced items.



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Nursery are celebrating Bronco this week for his wonderful singing and excellent rhythm when playing musical instruments! Bronco loves all things musical and he has wowed us with his singing both during carpet time and when he is exploring in the classroom and garden - well done Bronco!
Rec 1	I am celebrating Poppy-Rae G in Reception 1. Poppy always tries her best and is a really good friend to everyone in our class. Well done Poppy.
Rec 2	This week R2 are celebrating Olivia C for her fantastic child-led learning. Olivia is always busy exploring, creating, and following her own ideas. She has shown wonderful imagination (designing her own small worlds), completing detailed drawings and producing some impressive writing too. We are so proud of her! Well done, Olivia!
1M	Ivy B-H for always being polite, kind and helpful. Ivy is a great role model in our class and even offered to do the washing up after Art. Well done Ivy!
1E	Harriet E has had a really good week. In maths she has been working so hard on the finding the difference work and applied it to some problem solving activities in our measuring unit. She has also been really focused on the carpet, listening carefully and joining in with discussions and giving answers. Very well done Harriet!
2E	Sienna A for her excellent non-chronological report writing about castles. We look forward to seeing the finished piece next week.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Malin for his excellent efforts at our athletics event this week. Not only did Malin show super speed and agility skills when completing each event, he also modelled excellent behaviour and represented our school values excellently. Well done Malin.
3D	I would like to celebrate Stanley S for having a positive attitude in class. He comes in and gets on with every task that he is asked to the best of his ability. He has worked hard on being independent in his work. He comes in and says good morning with a smile on his face.
3T	Luna H has worked incredibly hard on her pop up book this week, combining her DT work and her English story. Not only has she worked hard in school, she has taken her learning home and created a beautiful pop up book to inspire younger children as well. Fantastic, creative work, Luna!
4W	Peaches H for her extremely conscientious effort in all her work and especially in assessments, and also for her very welcome helpfulness in the classroom - she is excellent at tidying and organising!
4R	Lucas is our star of the week this week! He has really impressed me with his engagement in English when using contrasting conjunctions. His presentation has improved drastically and he has shown amazing focus.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Boo S for a superb week. Boo executed her lines extremely well in our show 'Go for Gold' and has written a wonderful 'Be careful what you wish for' Viking story. Well done Boo.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Teddy B for his kindness and for being an excellent friend. Throughout the week, Teddy has supported his friends by helping them with tasks, encouraging them to make the right choices, and simply being a good listener. Well done, Teddy!
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Ollie B as he has been amazing in helping a friend learn to ride their bike. Ollie has been so kind and supportive; it made me so proud to call him a member of 6H. Well done, Ollie!
6Y	We would like to celebrate Zak A this week. We have been writing some letters as we approach the end of primary school and Zak wrote an amazing, thoughtful letter thanking a member of school staff for everything they had done for him.



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Kindness within our community

A huge thankyou to Mr and Mrs Haward for giving their time for coming in to school this week to teach the Reception children all about Oysters. They found out lots of information and after watching Autumn eat an Oyster some of the children were keen to go and try one. Mr and Mrs Haward were also kind enough to give each child a little pack containing a clean oyster shell, some paints and paintbrushes and a colouring sheet. We can't wait to see their creations.



Year 2 Athletics Festival

On Thursday, some of our Year 2 children took part in an Athletics Festival. The children put in a super effort in a range of track and field events throughout the morning. As a school, we came 1st and 2nd in all of our races which was an excellent result for Mersea. Well done to all the children who took part.



Nursery places for September

We are accepting applications for Nursery places for September – first come, first served.

Currently we still have spaces for 3 and 4 year olds.

Please contact office@merseaschool.org with the subject line NURSERY PLACES.

Parentpay

Please can we politely ask that everyone ensures any outstanding money owed is paid by the end of term.
Thank you for your understanding.

Transition Day and staff changes

Today the children have spent the morning in their new classes, seeing where their new classrooms will be and meeting their new adults. We were able to welcome Mr Strutt who is joining us in September and will be working in Year 3. Sadly we will be saying goodbye at the end of the year to Mrs Wyatt, who is retiring from teaching after completing over 30 years! We are also wishing a fond farewell to Miss Moore who unfortunately will be relocating to a different county for the start of the academic year. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both all the very best for the future and thanking them for all they have contributed during their time at the school.

Next Week...

- Monday 13th July - FOMISA Summer Party on the playground
 - Tuesday 14th July – Year 3 Freedom Boat Adventures
 - Tuesday 14th July – Awards Evening – EYFS & KS1 5.30 – 6.15pm, KS2 6.30 – 7.45pm
- Wednesday 15th July – Year 2 Castle Dress up Day and Year 3 Freedom Boat Adventures, reports emailed to you from 3.30pm, iRock concert 3.30pm
- Thursday 16th July – Non school uniform £1 voluntary donations to school funds will be greatly appreciated via Parentpay
 - Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. Colour Run and Tug-of-war from 2.15pm



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Community Event over the summer holidays

SKATE JAM

AUGUST 24TH
5-8 PM

AT WEST MERSEA SKATE PARK

- SKATE JAM AND COACHING
- SCOOTER JAM
- BMX/BIKE JAM
- DJ DECKS SKILLS
- FREEBIES
- POP UP BIKE MAINTENANCE AREA

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