

1st March 2024

Coming Up

Easter bonnet parade

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Friday 22nd March at 2:45. It will take place on the school playground (weather permitting). Both Easter bonnets and decorated eggs are welcome. There will be 3 prizes per class.

Diary Dates

This March!

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character.

Thursday 14th March 2:30 - Year 6 curriculum showcase

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day- wear something sporty

Friday 15th March 2:30 - Year 5 curriculum showcase

Tuesday 19th March 10:00- Year 3 curriculum showcase

Tuesday 19th March 3:30- 5:30 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th March 10:00 - Year 4 curriculum showcase

Thursday 21st March 10:00 - Easter service

Friday 22nd March 2:45 - Easter bonnet parade



Update from the Head

We have had a very busy week this week. The children have been learning lots of new things. They are able to talk about their learning and are keen to share ideas.

Next week is our focused attendance week, we are aiming to have all pupils in school for the full week. All children who attend for the full week will receive a certificate.

Just a reminder that hooped earrings are not a part of our school uniform policy, children are permitted to wear one pair of studded earrings.



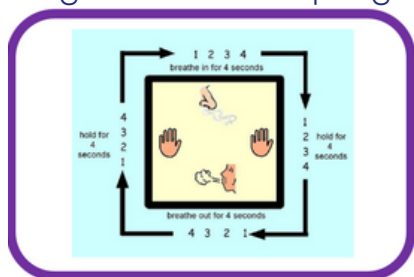
Updates

Thrive



What is THRIVE? 'Thrive is a systematic approach to early identification of emotional developmental needs in children and young people so that differentiated provision can be put in place quickly by the adults working most closely with the young people. 'What this means is that we identify children who are presenting with different behaviours which signal a developmental need which has not been met. By having an understanding of neuroscience (brain development), child development and attachment theory, we are able to create a safe space with trusted adults and allow children to begin repairing these 'developmental interruptions' and increase their emotional resilience.

We use breathing activities to help regulate our feelings. Here is a couple for you to try at home.



Lie down on the floor with your back in a comfortable position. Place your Breathing Buddy on your tummy. Focus your attention to the rise and fall of your Breathing Buddy as you breathe in and out.



Update

Mrs Hayward and Miss Brantuo are our Thrive Practitioners in the academy. They work with children both on a regular basis and also on a needs-led basis. Children enjoy visiting the Thrive room, where they have the opportunity to take part in lots of creative activities.

What's on next week's menu?

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Magherita pizza with baked potato wedges	BBQ chicken with baked potato wedges	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian pasta bake	BBQ Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Peas & sweetcorn Salad bar
Desserts	Marble sponge & custard	Sticky toffee muffins	Chocolate crunch	Chocolate & banana slice	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato & beans, cheese or tuna mayo OR cheese panini	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato & beans, cheese or tuna mayo OR cheese panini	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

Reading Legends

Top Class Home Readers:

Year 4 - Well done!

Emile Superstars!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



#AttendanceMatters

It is vital that ALL children attend school as much as possible.

One day's absence equates to 5 hours and 30 minutes of lost learning.

Which class is on top?



Year 5 98.74% Well done everyone



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Nursery

We've been up to...

This week we have made a whole class story map of 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. The children did a great job of this. We have enjoyed using our signifiers to retell the story.

In Phonics we have recognised animal sounds, sang our nursery rhymes and identified a beat with the instruments.

The children are very good at number matching and enjoyed playing colour dominoes.

Have a great weekend! See you all on Monday

Mrs Dixon



Stars of the Week!

Pola and Hannah

Pola for settling into our nursery routine so well..

Hannah for her independent story map of Jasper's Beanstalk



Reception

We've been up to...

Another busy week in reception.

In Literacy we have used our class story map and signifiers to retell our story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have also written some fabulous character descriptions of Jack and the Giant and enjoyed carrying out role play activities.

In Maths we have been exploring ways of making 10.

In Phonics we have worked on our segmenting for writing skills to write words and captions.

We enjoyed our PE session, exploring different ways of travelling.

In the creative area we explored a range of tools, materials and techniques including collage, modelling, painting and printing.

Have a great weekend! See you all on Monday.

Mrs Griffin



Stars of the Week!

Mia and Esther

Mia for her fantastic attitude towards learning and always giving 100%.



Esther for taking great care with the presentation of her work and producing some fantastic sentences this week.



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Year 1

We've been up to...

As always, Year 1 have had another busy week!

In Writing, they have innovated the story of The Magic Porridge Pot and have created The Magic Ice Cream Machine. They had some brilliant ideas and have used these to plan a fantastic story.

In Maths, they have been finding fact families, they have used tens frames to find two addition and two subtraction number sentences to match. This is very tricky but they were so resilient and did a fantastic job.

In Whole Class Read, they have been looking at key parts of the story and have been discussing what they think might happen next. They have also been looking at vocabulary too, they now know what emerged means. Why not ask them and see if they can tell you what it means?

PE was so fun this week, the children have continued to improve their target skills and have been learning all about under arm throwing.

Great job Year 1, well done on a brilliant week :)

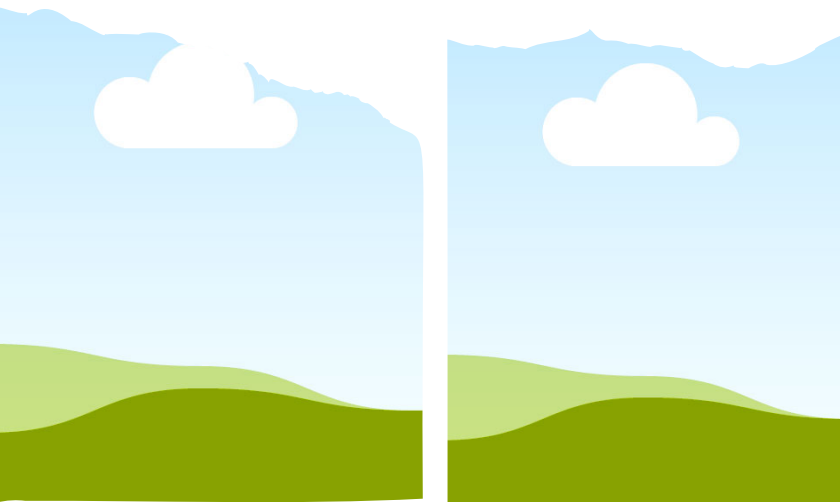


Stars of the Week!

Ellis C and Freya

Ellis has really impressed us with his reading this week, his fluency is amazing and he is beginning to use intonation when reading speech which makes his reading lovely to listen to.

Freya completed some beautiful art work this week, she mixed primary colours together to make green and orange. She then used these colours to paint characters from The Gruffalo.



Year 2

We've been up to...

We have had another busy week in Year 2!

In Maths, we have finished our learning on Multiplication and division. We have looked at our 10s and 5s times tables and dividing by these too. The children have really enjoyed doing their times tables and have done amazing with every piece of work!

In Writing, the children have enjoyed starting to map our new model text 'Peter Pan'. We have explored verbs and adverbs and used these to write sentences about Peter Pan and Tinkerbell! Additionally, we have looked at expanded noun phrases. The children found this a little tricky at first but soon got to grips with it.

In Geography, we have looked at different attractions of Mexico. We read part of our topic book and then used the map to label the different attractions within Mexico.

We had our first DT lesson of the term this week! We explored different fruits and vegetables and where they come from. We learnt that food can either come from the sea, be farmed or be grown.

Well done for another fabulous week Year 2. Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Evans

Stars of the Week!

Eadie and Sofia B

Eadie completed a lovely piece of work in Art last week. She really took her time over the pieces of work which was lovely to see.

Sofia B has tried really hard within all her lessons this week. In maths she has worked with her friends to help them answer the questions.

Year 3

We've been up to...

This week has flown by!
We have been extremely busy in our Maths lessons this week. We are continuing our work with fractions. The children have worked hard to identify fractions on a scale, fractions on a number line and even count in fractions; a tricky concept to tackle!

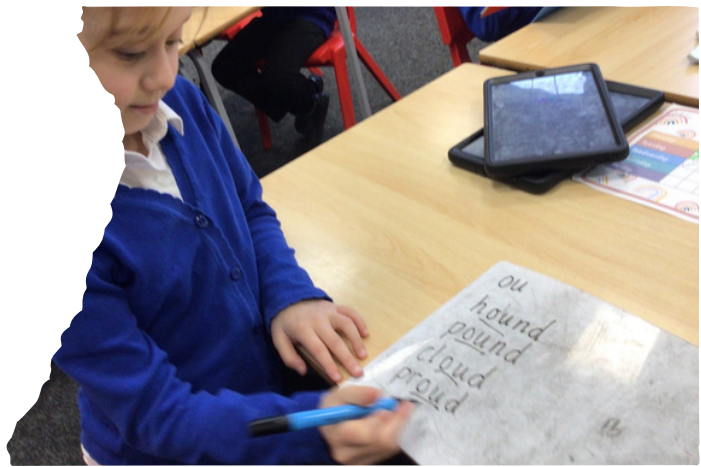
In our Writing lessons, the children have enjoyed story mapping our new model text, 'The Wardrobe', based on The Chronicles of Narnia. The children have used their imaginations to create their own ideas for what they might find if they travelled through a portal.

In our History lesson, we have learnt about the Triple Trawler Tragedy that devastated Hull in 1968. It was lovely to see the children enthusiastic about Lillian Bilocca and the legacy she left behind with the Head Scarf Revolution. Ask your child all about it!

Today was our PE lesson. We worked hard last week to understand the rules of Dodgeball and have been able to apply these to a game today, working in teams.

Have a lovely weekend! See you all on Monday.

Mrs French



Star of the Week!

Maria & Jakub

Maria has increased so much in confidence over the last couple of weeks! It is lovely to see after such a short time here at Mersey!

Jakub has worked hard to improve the legibility of his handwriting!

Well done to both of you!



Year 4

We've been up to...

We've had a very busy week again! Our Science lesson was definitely one of the many highlights of our week. We created simple electrical circuits using wires, bulbs, buzzers and cells.

In Writing, we have learnt a lot to improve our vocabulary, including generalisers, linking phrases and subordinating conjunctions.

In Maths, we have started learning more about fractions, which has been really tricky. We have learned about mixed numbers, placing them on number lines and comparing them using greater than, less than and equal to.

In PE, (which is now Tuesdays and we need to take earrings out or bring tape) we are learning about handball and have been focussing on our throwing techniques this week.

In Music, we had a brilliant, interactive lesson creating our own melodies on our tablets!

Make sure to follow our Twitter (X) page to stay updated with what we're up to!



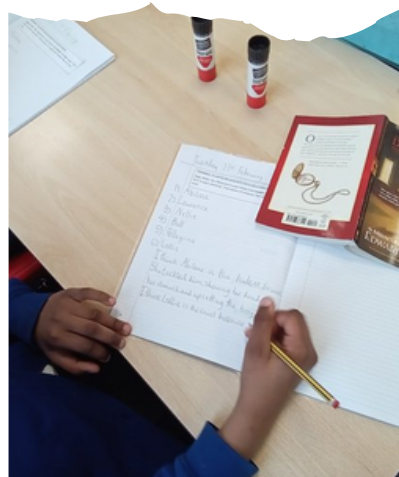
Star of the Week!

Harvey and Jaxon!

Harvey for showing great determination and resilience with his handwriting and attitude to learning.

Jaxon for his continuing hard work across all lessons and his brilliant focussing with his handwriting and maths work.

Well done boys!



Year 5

We've been up to...

Another busy week in Year 5!

In writing this week we have focused on progressive verbs, personification and show not tell in our writing. The children have created some amazing short burst write pieces and I look forward to seeing their innovated pieces next week.

In reading we have continued reading our whole class text *Street Child*. This week we have been looking at the vocabulary that the author uses and seeing what impact this has on the reader.

In maths we have been looking at thousandths and converting these to fractions and decimals this has been quite tricky but the children have shown a lot of resilience!

In science we have looked at forces and have introduced Newton Meters to measure mass. Next week we will move onto looking at gravity and the impact it has on us.

Well done Year 5, have a lovely weekend!



Stars of the Week!

Lily & Charlie

Lily for her amazing attitude towards learning and always putting 100% into everything she does.

Charlie for his dedication towards improving the presentation in his books, particularly in his extended pieces.



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Year 6

We've been up to...

Another great week in Year 6! We are working so hard and it is lovely to see the progress which is made every day. The children are transferring the skills from the lessons and using them within a range of SAT style questions. During Maths this week, the children were able to calculate the average within a set of results. We then looked at percentages of amounts and the children are gaining confidence in this. In Reading, we have looked at finding a range of evidence to match the emotion. We then used these skills to answer a 3 mark question looking at a positive message from a set piece of text. In Writing, we have begun to look at a new writing cycle linking to a portal story. The children did excellent with boxing this up, we are looking forward to developing our own ideas. In our SPAG lessons, we have looked at a range of grammatical features and then linked this to a wide range of questions.

A massive well done for attending the Booster sessions this week. 29 children came this week and this allowed us to work in small groups to answer the questions.

Keep up the hard work Year 6, well done!

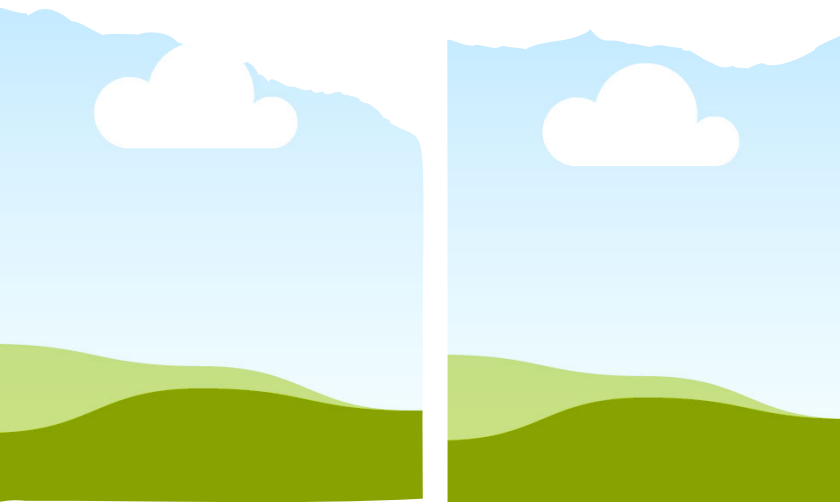


Stars of the Week!

Autumn and Lincoln

Autumn for another brilliant week. She has tried her hardest with every lesson given to her and joined in all class discussions.

Lincoln for his excellent presentation with all of this work. He always tries his hardest and takes great pride in this work.



Safeguarding

Staff you can count on

Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Mrs Milne Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Foster: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Gordon: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Hayward: Thrive Practitioner and Mental Health Leader.

Mr Blain : link Academy Advisory Board Member for Safeguarding.

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.



Do you need us?

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you can contact us on **01482 761320**.

Outside of school hours there is a 24 hour number that links to the duty team for social care. **01482 448879**.

This number can also be used during office hours to contact social care directly.

We also have lots of links on our website:
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