



Mendell Primary School

July News Letter 2022

A message from our Head Teacher

What a brilliant year we have had! Despite the ongoing Covid situation and sickness bugs, the children have shown real resilience in their learning and attitudes. All the staff at Mendell have worked so hard to support children's emotional well-being this year as well as boosting learning after two years of disrupted education and the results are clear – the children are doing so well and are a credit to you all.

As you know, we have rewritten our curriculum in Geography, History, Computing, Science and DT this year – a huge well done to the subject leaders for fantastic planning, super work from the teachers with wonderful delivery in the classroom and amazing work from the children learning it all!

AMAZING RESULTS!

Our Key Stage 2 SATs results this year have been amazing! As you can see from the table below, we are now above National Average for Reading, Maths and GPS. We are now in line with National average for combined (improving by 24%) and in writing where we are still below National Average, we have improved our %, whereas National Average has declined.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Combined Reading, writing & maths
National average 2022	74%	69%	71%	73%	59%
Mendell 2022	81%	59%	81%	81%	59%
National average 2019	73%	78%	79%	78%	65%
Mendell 2019 <small>(No data from 2020/21 due to covid)</small>	70%	55%	80%	85%	35%

Amazing well done to all the Mendell Team.

Staffing Update

- Mr Kearney, our Site Manager is leaving us to take up a new position at a Primary School nearer to his home. Mr Kearney has helped make so many improvements to our building and grounds and he is leaving big boots to fill! We wish him all the very best.

- Mrs Yates, our KS2 SENDCo is also leaving us to take up a position with the Local Authority! How wonderful that her expertise is going to be shared across the whole Wirral. We wish you lots of luck!

- Miss Jones will now be our SENDCo for the whole school. If you would like an appointment with Miss Jones, please contact the school office.

- We also need to say good bye and good luck to our lovely Year 6 class. You are ready to spread your wings and fly on to the next stage in your learning journey. Very best wishes and good luck!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday, you stay safe and get a good rest and look forward to welcoming you all back to Mendell on September 5th.

Mendell Pantry

The Mendell Pantry has been a fantastic addition to our school. It has helped so many of our families and families in the wider community, especially with rising costs of almost everything!

A massive thank you to the Neo team for their regular deliveries – none of this would be possible without them!

Also, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have staffed the shop and restocked the shelves – we definitely couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, thank you to our lovely parents and members of the community that make use of the shop which in turn creates money for Neo so they can continue doing what they are doing.



Diary Dates:

Thursday 1st September – *INSET Day*

Friday 2nd September – *INSET Day*

Monday 5th September – *Children return to school*

Friday 21st October – *Last day before October Half Term.*

Toast Club

Toast Club will be available on ParentPay during the holidays. A message will be put on Dojo when this is available!

All children are still welcome to bring their own healthy snack for break times instead or in addition to this. Please note, this is for Year 1 – Year 6.

Class News

Foundation 1

We can't believe we have come to the end of our year together in F1, it has been an absolute pleasure working with your children and watching them grow and develop. This half term we have continued looking at people who help us and learning about our bodies. We have enjoyed so many new books including 'The tiger who came to tea' and 'Day monkey, night monkey'. We hope you have a fantastic summer and can't wait to see you all again in September.

Foundation 2

F2 have had a wonderful summer term. We have been learning outside as much as we can. We have been reading and writing about the story Supertato. In DT the children built space vehicles or rocket structures. We went on the bus to Eastham woods as part of our Science and Geography learning. Thank you so much for your support this year! Have a lovely summer break.

Year 1

Where has this school year flown to? We have been so busy, the summer has crept up on us. Year 1 has really enjoyed looking at and making their own frame and free-standing structures during our design and technology sessions. During Science, we looked for signs of summer and made seasons wheels. We went on a field trip to Bromborough Village to look for and identify different plants. Every day we have practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to improve our fluency in number. During English sessions, we sorted fiction and non-fiction books and looked at features of information texts. I hope that you all have a restful summer and hopefully we all get to enjoy some lovely weather! I look forward to teaching your children in Year 2!

Year 2

What a fantastic year we have had in Year 2. The children have worked so hard in all areas of the curriculum. This half term the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Grandad's Secret Giant' and writing their own version of the story. They have also really enjoyed learning about coastlines in Geography and making puppets in Design Technology. They children used stage book 'Poo in the Zoo' as a stimulus for their fantastic zoo animal puppets, everyone really impressed me with their sewing skills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

Year 3

I can't believe how quick this year has gone! It has been lovely getting to know everyone in year 3, this term year 3 have gotten up to lots of different activities and learnt a lot.

This term we have gone on a trip to Chester to take a survey, it was lovely to see the children grow in confidence. We also visited St Barnabas Church and looked at how the gravestones have eroded over time and what they are made of. In DT, we have had lots of fun making puppets practicing running stitch for the very first time. It has been great to see everyone participate in Sports Day and get involved with all school activities. Good luck in year 4!

Year 4

Year 4 have had yet another fantastic half term! The children have enjoyed learning all about sound during our Science topic, they investigated how sound is made and the whether it can travel through solids, liquids and gases. Year 4 were very enthusiastic during our DT topic based on food and varied diet, they made healthy cookies to sell at Sports day to parents! Year 4 also enjoyed swimming week - they all made good progress and are excited to go again next year! We have had a lovely final half term together, I hope the children have a restful Summer break!

Year 5

Year 5 has had an extremely busy half term filled with lots of exciting activities. The children particularly enjoyed visiting the museum to deepen their knowledge of the Egyptians and Space that we had looked at earlier in the year. In geography, we were lucky to be able to visit our local allotments as part of our 'Sow, Grow and Farm' topic where the children got to experience new fruits and vegetables and understand small scale farming. In English, we have been looking at the text 'The Hunter' and the children have produced a lovely final piece of writing about a rhino. It has been a lovely end to the half term and I wish them all the best of luck in Year 6!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a hectic Summer Term! They worked their socks off in SATs during May and we are so proud of their achievements. They thoroughly enjoyed their residential at Barnstondale and made memories that they will treasure. To finish the year and their time at Mendell, they were treated to a Leavers Party (completed with water fight in the heatwave) and performed their end of year Leavers Assembly for the whole school, parents and relatives. We wish them the best of luck as they move onto secondary school!