

Mendell Primary School

May News Letter 2022

A message from our Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a remarkably bust half term it has been! It has been a short half term, however - extremely busy!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our year 6 children who made it through SATs week with flying colours. They all came to the breakfast before school which helped to settle them, they all did their very best and tried so hard... who could ask for more? Well done year 6.

Thank you to Ms Jackson for organising the year 6 hoodies, the school colour of grey looks great and the children are enjoying wearing their special hoodies for their final term here at Mendell, it was a great treat for them to get these at the end of their SATs week too - superb timing!

This last half term is 7 weeks long and will no doubt be full of fun activities such as sports day (save the date: 18th July 9:00) as well as cramming in as much learning as possible before the end of the year - where does the time go?

I hope you all enjoy the half term holiday and Jubilee, fingers crossed for good weather - remember the sun cream!





Platinum Jubilee

Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 kicked off the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Wednesday 25th May in the hall. They had some party food and participated in a range of activities, including croquet! Have a look on our social media for photos.

Thursday's Garden Party was a huge success, despite the rain! Our families came together on the field for food, games and all round fun to celebrate this once in a lifetime event.

We hope everyone enjoys the long Bank Holiday next weekend to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign!

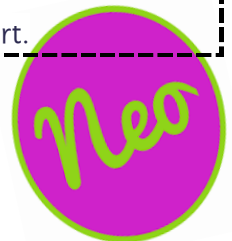


Mendell Pantry

From Monday 6th June, when school re-opens after the Half Term break, the Mendell Pantry will be open daily: 8:45 - 9:30am and 3:00 - 4:00pm.

We would love to be able to open our doors to the community at other times throughout the week. In order to do this we would welcome any volunteers that could commit to a regular slot to please get in touch.

Thank you for all your support.



Diary Dates:

Monday 6th June - *Children return to school*

Friday 10th June - *Class photographs*

Monday 18th July - *Sports Day*

Wednesday 20th July - *Back up Sports Day*

Week commencing 11th July - *Last week of after school clubs*

Thursday 21st July - *Last day of term*

Toast Club

Toast Club will be available on ParentPay soon. 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.

Class News

Foundation 1

Foundation Stage 1 have had a fantastic half term! We have been learning all about 'Dinosaurs' which our children have loved, they have found them in our sand area, in the water tray and we have even found dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs in huge blocks of ice! We have continued to read some new stories including 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the children have been asking questions about the setting and the characters. Our maths work has really developed and most of the class are now able to confidently work with numbers up to 5 using objects, numerals and number bonds. After the Half Term break we are learning about 'People who help us' and starting to look at maps.

Foundation 2

What a brilliant start to the summer term! F2 have been learning all about the Royal Family during History lessons and the lead up to Jubilee celebrations. We have created a 'Bug Hotel' in our Forest School sessions. The children have been practising doubling and halving up to 10. During our phonics sessions, the children have been practising fluency by reading familiar words without segmenting and blending. In addition to this, we have been coming more familiar with tricky words (all available at the back of reading records). Our theme has been all about animals and we have looked at various habitats around the world. Next half term, we will be learning all about Space. Have a lovely half term break!

Year 1

Year One have enjoyed a super busy term! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about The Great Fire of London and the cause of the fire. In Science, the children have been learning all about plants and planted their own seeds. We went on a walk in our local area to identify different plants.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic half term learning all about early flight and space travel in History. As part of our plants work in Science, the children have had a great time planting seeds and investigating the conditions a seed needs to germinate and stay healthy. During our DT work the children made amazing carts for the Easter Bunny to transport his eggs whilst learning about fixed and free axels. Most recently, the children have enjoyed reading the story 'The Last Wolf' and have thought carefully about the importance of caring for our environment.

Year 3

Year 3 have been continuing their study of the Romans this half term following on from our trip to Chester. We have looked at the chronology of the Roman Empire and how that affected life here in Britain today. In Science, Year 3 have been looking at plants and the conditions they need to help them grow. Also, we have completed some experiments observing plants. In English, we have learnt lots about blue whales and know lots of facts about their size, the food they eat and where they travel in different seasons. In PE, we have been taking part in different athletic sports, it has been great to see everyone get involved and show their strengths. Have a lovely half term!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting half term! We have been learning all about 'living things and their habitats' in Science and have explored micro-habitats found on our own school field. We have also started ukulele

lessons in Music, they have been learning various songs and are demonstrating some impressive musical talent! The children have also thoroughly enjoyed reading the book 'Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet' during guided reading. They have been eager to learn about how their work inspired so many different people through hard work and determination. We look forward to more fantastic learning next half term!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a lovely half term learning about lots of new topics! The children have particularly enjoyed learning about the life cycle of plants and growing our own mint plants using off-cuts. In History, the children have spent time looking at the early Islamic civilisations and the significance of Baghdad. During our PE lessons, we have been challenging ourselves in athletic – which will hopefully prepare us well for Sports Day!

Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard this term towards their SATs and showed super resilience during the test week, we are really proud of them all. They have also thoroughly enjoyed our new Science unit, learning how animals and plants adapt to their environment.