

Mendell Primary School

October Newsletter 2022

A message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! We have all got back in to the routine of school and it is lovely to see the children's happy, smiling faces coming in each day.

We have welcomed four new members of staff this half term: Sara Williams; Kitchen Assistant, Lucy Ebbrell; Midday Assistant, Erin Rowlands; Teaching Assistant and Kelly Sell; Teaching Assistant. What wonderful additions to our strong, passionate team.

The Halloween discos were a resounding success with the children having a 'thrilling' time – thank you to all the parents who helped us decorate the hall, it looked wonderful.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Bride has had a bouncing baby boy who weighed in at 8lb 1oz, both Mum and baby are doing well – I know you will join me in congratulating her.

Thank you to those children who entered the governors writing competition, this will be judged over half term and the winners announced the first week back – watch this space!

We are always looking for volunteers to come in and listen to children read in school, if you can spare us any time, an afternoon or even an hour a week, we would be very grateful – please contact the school office or Mrs Eason.

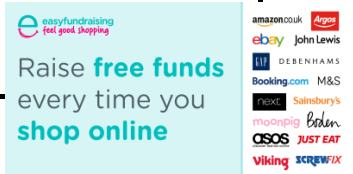
Another thank you to those parents who have donated books from our Amazon wish lists – that you so much – the children have thoroughly enjoyed received these as class presents. If anyone has any old books they no longer want, we would also welcome these for our book swaps.

Next half term will be a busy half term again with the build up to Christmas, have a good rest and enjoy the half term break. See you on Monday 31st October.

Mrs O'Neill Edwards

Easy Fundraising

We have registered Mendell Primary School with easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help experiences and resources for our children, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Please see the letter that has been sent home with further details on how to do this. With Christmas coming up, this is a great way of raising money for our children whilst you shop!



School Menu Changes

Monday 31st October – *Spooktacular* Halloween desserts will be served after the usual menu options (week 2).

Friday 4th November – Instead of fish and chips, children will be able to have a special bonfire lunch of: hotdogs, wedges, baked beans or corn on the cob and cake pops for dessert! Jacket potatoes will be available. There will be no deli-bar option.

Dates to Remember:

Term Dates

31st October – Children return to school

20th December – children break up for Christmas holidays.

Upcoming Events

Children in Need

Elf Run

Winter Movie Night

Christmas Dress Up Day

Breakfast with Santa

More information regarding these events will be posted on Class Dojo soon.

Parents Evening

Parents' evenings will be week commencing 14th November. No clubs will run that week. Exact dates for class teachers and times will be sent out shortly and how to book.

Book Fair

Please do not forget we will be hosting a Book Fair **week commencing 14th November**. The School Hall will be open **after school each day** that week for you all to come and browse the range of books and purchase copies if you want to! The more books bought, the more books we can get for our School Library!



Class News

Foundation 2

It has been a pleasure to get to know the F2 children and their families this half term. We have been establishing daily routines and developing attitudes to learning. The children have looked at a timeline of their own lives looking at themselves from the past to the present day. We have explored Autumn changes and used our senses during science sessions. F2 have particularly enjoyed music sessions and singing nursery rhymes. A brilliant start to a wonderful year aged!

Year 1

Year One have thoroughly enjoyed settling in to this year so far and are currently learning about 'Nibbles' and all of his mischievous behaviours. He has nibbled our book covers but we are going to make traps before the end of half term to put an end to this! We have been learning about the history of school and we were lucky enough to have Mrs Wheelan explain how the school has changed over the years. We also discovered a time capsule which has lots of interesting artefacts. In Science, we have been investigating materials and their different properties. Well done to everyone who has consistently played Numbots, this is having such a positive impact on our Maths, keep it up!

Year 2

Year 2 have made a superb start to the year ahead! In English, the children have really enjoyed reading and exploring our nonsense poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat', where we looked at alliteration and rhyming patterns. The children have worked really hard to build their maths fluency this half term. They have also really enjoyed learning about materials in Science and making their own prints in Art and Design.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic half term! The children have settled into their new classroom brilliantly and have shown determination taking on new challenges and expectations. In Maths we have been learning about Place Value and Addition and Subtraction - we are currently conquering column methods. The children made an outstanding effort in our Times Table Rock Stars Battle of the Bands competition and have enjoyed extra play time for reaching our Dojo Points targets. In English we have been reading 'Seal Surfer'. The children have been writing letters all about the boy's adventures whilst grandad has been away. We are also enjoying reading The BFG by Roald Dahl during our Just Listen time - the children love guessing what dreams they might be given if they were visited by the Big Friendly Giant! Miss Holland has brought in her guitar a few times this half term and the children have sung together beautifully. Overall, we have had a great start to Year 3.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the year! In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our text 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and they had so much fun planning and writing their own versions of the story. We have also enjoyed learning all about The Anglo-Saxons during our History lessons and experimenting with collage during our Art lessons. The children have worked so hard this half term, we are looking forward to more fun next half term!

Year 5

Year 5, have had a wonderful first half term settling into Year 5! The children have enjoyed exploring forces in Science by taking part in a range of practical investigations. Year 5, have also particularly enjoyed reading our new text 'Queen of the Falls' to find out if Annie survives her feat and writing a series of diary entries as her character. We have also had many in-depth, exciting discussions in History exploring the lives of the Ancient Egyptians and discovering their significant achievements. Keep up the fabulous work!

Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing time at Barnstondale this half term where they took part in a huge range of activities including rock climbing, abseiling, archery, and rifle shooting. The children really developed their independence and team work skills. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to take the children away

