



Mendell Primary School

Newsletter March 2023

A message from the Deputy Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Spring Break and we hope you had a relaxing two weeks. What a fantastic Spring term we have had in school, all the children have done so well producing some outstanding work and having fun too.

A huge congratulations to Year 6 who worked hard to raise money for Alder Hey, we are so proud of your effort for such a good cause.

As always, reading has been one of our priorities this term and the children really enjoyed our Story Telling Week and our Bedtime Reading event which were really successful. Don't forget that we have our book-swaps running in school (there are separate ones for babies, infants, juniors, staff and a parents one!) so feel free to call in and choose a new book to enjoy.

The summer term is always a busy time and will be full of exciting activities so keep your eyes on Class Dojo for all the information, we are also looking forward to the King's Coronation and have some exciting activities planned for the children (school is closed on 8th May).

We hope you are looking forward to this term as much as we are and good luck to all our children who are taking their SATS in the coming weeks, we know you will do us proud.



Alder Hey Fundraising

For PSHE, our year 6 children decided to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. They organised an own clothes day, cake sale and Easter raffle. A huge well done to the children for raising around **£300**! Also, a huge thank you to all of our children and families for helping raise this money.



Toast Club

Don't forget, the option to pay for toast for next half term is now on ParentPay. Please pay by the Friday before the week your child wants toast (Year 1 –Year 6)

Dates to Remember:

Term Dates

Monday 17th April – *Children return to school*

Monday 1st May – *Bank holiday*

Monday 8th May – *Bank holiday due to the King's Coronation*

Friday 26th May – *Inset Day*

Red Nose Day



A huge thank you to those tha donated money for own clothes day and cake sale for Red Nose Day. As a school, we raised **£247.80** for this fantastic cause!

Attendance

Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to our end of term attendance awards assembly. Well done to all the children that received a certificate. Keep it up for the Summer Term!

Miss Jones

Class News

Foundation 1

What a fantastic Spring term we have had in F1! We have learnt all about the changes we see around us as the seasons have moved from winter into spring, exploring our school grounds to identify things that are starting to grow as the weather has improved. The children have shown that they are not only creative with paints and pencils but they can use technology to create some great pieces of individual art. Our maths knowledge has continued to develop and we have all been working so hard on strengthening our hands so that we can really control our pencils and make them go where we want them to on our paper. As a school we are inviting parents and grandparents in to be 'secret readers' so if you would like to come in and read to our class then just let us know. When we come back after Easter we are learning all about dinosaurs and also different people who help us such as police officers, paramedics and firefighters so if you see any of these over the holidays be sure to talk about them with your children.

Foundation2

This term has been jam packed! F2 has been learning about toys from around the world during our Understanding the world sessions. We enjoyed our Stay and Play session with you all. The children learned about different animals during a hands-on workshop. The children have been joining in with daily handwriting sessions to improve letter formation as we move into the summer term when the children will be getting ready for Year 1 (can you believe how much they have grown?). The children have been learning about light and shadows each week through fun and practical activities planned by our Science lead. This week the children are making a rhubarb compote as planned by our DT lead. In addition to this, the children went to the church for an Easter service to learn about why we celebrate Easter as part of their learning. A huge thank you to our secret readers that have surprised their little people by coming in to join us for 'Just Listen' time. You can come in again or send a grandparent in, everyone is welcome to get involved in secret readers.

Year 1

Year One have made amazing progress in this half term. We focused on numbers up to 50 in Maths and are now enjoying our unit on Weight and Volume. In English, we have begun exploring our class text and can't wait to see what Teddy the Wolly Mammoth gets up to next. We loved our Zoo Workshop experience as we got to see and learn about different animals. It has really helped us remember our animal groups and their different characteristics. In Geography, we have been learning about the UK and we have been doing our best to spot any flags in Bromborough that we know. Our reading as a class is improving so I would like to thank all parents who continue to use Bug Club and reading books with their child at home. I hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and return ready for our last full term in Year One!

Year 2

Year Two have enjoyed a super busy and creative term! The children thoroughly enjoyed our Zoo Lab workshop where they got up close and personal with a number of fascinating animals including a snake, snail, lizard and beetle. We discussed the life cycle of each animal. In our Design Technology lessons, the children looked at different wheel and axle mechanisms. They then designed and created their own Easter carts to help the Easter Bunny deliver chocolate with these mechanisms.

Year 3

We have had a brilliant half term in Year 3! The children have loved learning all about blue whales in our story 'Big Blue Whale' and writing for persuasion to encourage everyone to save our sea animals. In science, we have explored Animals and Humans further by engaging in an exciting live zoom with Scottish farmer Amy for 'Farmer Time' - the children demonstrated brilliant curiosity and loved sharing their knowledge from our investigations in the classroom.

We are so proud of the children's efforts with online learning this half term, and have had several competition winners for super engagement. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful spring term! In History, we have enjoyed learning all about the Vikings and were lucky enough to have a Viking specialist visit school to deliver an interactive workshop! In Geography, we have been learning all about rivers and are looking forward to a planned trip to explore and observe the journey of a local river. Year 4 are also enjoying taking part in weekly online zoom sessions to learn songs and dances as part of practising for the 'Amazing' performance for local schools which will be performed at the Floral Pavillion in summer term.

Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have enjoyed looking at our topic of Space in our Science lessons. We have looked at the solar system as a whole and more specifically the Earth and the moon. The children have also enjoyed a trip to Liverpool World Museum where they investigated the lives of the Egyptians and got to visit the planetarium. We have also been looking at mechanical systems (CAMs) in our DT lessons to help us make a working toy. Well done everyone, I hope you all have a well earned and restful spring break!

Year 6

It has been another busy term for Year 6 who are working really hard to prepare for their SATs in May. As part of their PSHE unit, they have organised fundraising events to raise money for their chosen charity Alder Hey. They have finished the term off by planning and preparing their own soups and stews as part of DT - yummy, yummy!