



Mendell Primary School

Newsletter May 2023

A message from the Head Teacher

This has been a short half term and very busy! A huge well done to our year 6 team who did so very well with their SATs! They conducted themselves brilliantly and tried their very best... who could ask for more?

At the end of this half term we are saying farewell to Mrs Eason as she is leaving to have her baby – I know you will all join me in wishing her the very best of luck for the arrival of baby Eason! After half term F2 will be taught by Mr Cowley, he is really looking forward to teaching his old class again! He will be supported by Miss McKinney. In F1, Mrs Sell will be stepping up to be the children's class teacher and she will be supported by Miss Rowlands.

As we all know, we are currently in a cost of living crisis and energy bills have sky rocketed. This is also the case in schools. Our energy bills have increased by over £20,000. As a school we are looking to make savings where possible whilst maintaining our wonderful staff and curriculum offer providing the very best learning experiences for our children.

We are currently reviewing our lunch service and for the remainder of the summer term we are changing our offer. Monday-Thursday we will be offering deli bar and hot jacket potato and on Fridays we will have our usual 'Fry-day' lunch with chips and sausage/fish/hot dog. We are trialling this change of offer to see if we can secure savings for the school whilst still delivering wholesome, nutritional food for our children. If you have any feedback on this, we would welcome your comments or suggestions, please send them to support@mendell.wirral.sch.uk

Have a wonderful half term holiday, we will see the children back at school on **Tuesday 6th June.**

Mrs O'Neill Edwards



Mendell Pantry

Neo is now providing our pantry with tasty, homemade meals that can be microwaved! Don't forget our opening times are:

Monday-Thursday approx. 8:50am – 9:30am and then 3:15pm-3:45pm

Friday approx. 8:50am-9:30pm. The Mendell Pantry is closed Friday afternoons.

All members of the community!

Attendance

Term-time holidays:

As we prepare for the last half term of the year I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our policy surrounding term time holidays. Taking a leave of absence in term time does affect a child's educational progress and parents and carers are strongly discouraged from withdrawing their child from school during term time.

"There is no entitlement for parents to withdraw their children for authorised leave of absence in term time. Head Teachers can only grant leave of absence during term-time if there are '**exceptional circumstances**' surrounding the request, **and** parents have made **an application at least 2 school weeks in advance.**"

"Principles for defining exceptional are: 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short', with 'unavoidable' meaning an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time."

As always, any worries or concerns please come and speak to me in the school office. We are here to help and support.

Miss Jones

#everydaycounts!



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:

Monday 5th May – *INSET Day*

Tuesday 6th May – *Children return to school*

Thursday 8th June – *Sports Day*

Thursday 20th July – *Last day of term*

Class News

Foundation 1

F1 have had a great half term learning all about 'People who help us' including a visit from Officer Andy who talked to us about what a Police Officer does and all the equipment they use. We have also been looking closely at how the school around us is changing as the season moves into Spring, taking regular trips to our Forest Skills area and planting seeds in our outdoor classroom. In our role-play area we have set up a doctor's surgery including a reception, waiting room and treatment area where the children have really enjoyed using their imagination and learning new ideas. We are all looking forward to our next topic which is dinosaurs so enjoy the half term break and prepare for a prehistoric next half term.

Foundation 2

What a brilliant start to the summer term!

F2 have been learning all about animals. In Science we have compared habitats, looked at differences between the North and South Pole and learned how to look after tropical pets from our various friends at Mendell. During History sessions we have learned about how animals such as horses are used differently now than in the past. During our creative learning we have recreated animal camouflage after matching animals to their special fur or skin. In our forest school sessions we have been pollinating flowers using paint brushes gently pretending to be busy bees.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children and be part of their journey at Mendell. I wish all of them luck and look forward to seeing them and you all next year after my maternity leave!

Year 1

Year One have had a lovely half term. In English, we are writing our own stories about a toy that gets lost. We really enjoyed Computing and learning how to edit text on a poster. In Science, we have been learning about plants and we enjoyed our field trip discovering what flowers are in our local area. The Great Fire of London was a great event to study in History and we designed our own cities that could never burn down! I can't believe we are in our final term and I'd like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support.

Year 2

We have had a brilliant half term in Year 2! The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Port Sunlight. The trip included learning about the special village at Port Sunlight Museum, experiencing what life was like there over a century ago in the Edwardian Worker's Cottage, and immersing ourselves in the story of soap at the interactive SoapWorks. In History, we have been learning about significant people and events in the development and innovation of flight. The children used a range of sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations. The children have worked so hard and I am very proud of them.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant half term! We have been taking on challenging problems with fractions in maths and using fantastic vocabulary to retell our fantasy picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker in English. In PE, the children have made super progress with techniques for throwing, jumping and sprinting which they will be utilising on Sports Day next half term!

Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy during this half term! They have carried out a 'UK study' during Geography to learn about counties/cities in the UK alongside human and geographical features. Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed our Art topic of 'Printing' this half term, they explored mixing colours, using watercolour and acrylic paint, observational drawing and printing/engraving. Year 4 have also been learning to play the ukulele during music lessons this half term!

Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have explored a range of different topics. They have enjoyed learning about living things including plants and animals through investigations as well as understanding the Golden Age of the Early Islamic Civilization by looking at a range of sources. They have also enjoyed developing their art skills by focusing on self-portraits using a range of drawing and printing techniques. The children have all done very well creating CV's and doing interviews as part of their business challenge and we are all looking forward to our trip to the Hilton Hotel after the break!

Year 6

Year 6 worked really hard during their SATS week and we are really proud of them all. Since then, we have been enjoying our new Art unit focusing on the formal elements of drawing, sculpture in clay and batik textiles. Their final pieces are particularly impressive! In Science, we have been studying Evolution and Inheritance and finding out about how animals adapt to their environments. This has also supported us in our English unit where we have written a journalistic reports (based on the book The Island) about Charles Darwin, his discoveries on the Galapagos Islands and his Theory of Evolution.