

Merley First School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

After four immensely enjoyable and successful years at Merley First School, this will be my last newsletter. I will take with me many memories of my time here. I have had the wonderful privilege of knowing so many children and watch them grow and develop into independent, confident and successful learners. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Merley and especially seeing the school develop over the years. It has been exciting and rewarding, with the support of a happy, committed and highly professional staff, and an outstanding leadership team.

Our school has an excellent reputation and this can be attributed to the excellent behaviour of our children and the quality of care and education that is provided by all the outstanding staff here at Merley. I know I will be leaving the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Waldron.

I would also like to thank you as parents for choosing our school, your continued support and wish everyone all the best for the future and a lovely Easter break.

Family Outreach Worker

Our Family Outreach Support Worker, Di Hyler, will be in school on Tuesday 2nd April from 2:15 until 3:00 pm, if you want to drop in for a chat. Di is able to support parents with strategies for managing difficult behaviour and also bedtime routines.

Dates for your Diary

28th March

Am Sponsored Sports Event
2.15pm Year 3 Mother's Day Café

29th March

2.00pm Year 4 Egyptian Museum

2nd April

2.15 Family Outreach Worker
3.00 School netball team at Broadstone Middle

3rd April

9.15 Easter Hat Parade

4th April

End of Term 3.15pm

23rd April

School reopens

25th April

Inflatable Planetarium provided by MSA

26th April

Reception New Forest Trip

3rd May

Movie Night for R/1/2

7th May

Class Photographs

10th May

Movie Night for 3/4

13-15th May

Year 4 PGL Trip

24th May

End of term 3.15pm

Attendance for February 2019

Ladybird 95.7% Butterfly 96.4% Sparrow 96.6% Robin 96.9%

Rabbit 96.8% Hedgehog 96.4% Kestrel 96.8% Owl 97.8%

Fox 97.3% Badger 98.1% Whole School 96.9%

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Easter Hat Parade



On Wednesday 3rd April at 9.15am we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade in the playground. We ask that the children make and decorate their own hats. Judging will take place in the classroom prior to the parade, with prizes provided by the MSA. Every child will receive a small chocolate egg.

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Reception



Our Reception children are learning all about new life this week. Last week they saw the ducklings hatch and are now thinking of names for them. The children are really enjoying looking after the ducklings and watching them grow. Amy said they are fluffy and Henry said they are soft.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Pirates. They went on a trip to The Water Front Museum. Jack said “We had to pull the rope up to pull up the sails” Flo said “I was the rope master and whenever the captain said to everyone drop the rope I had to still hold it so the sail did not go down.” The children thought the best part of this learning experience was when the pirates fought and found buried treasure.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning all about Healthy Eating and what makes a balanced diet. On Friday they held a Bake Sale. Lilly said “We have been making flapjacks, cookie and apple cake.” Sam explained that on Friday they sold the Scrummy Snacks to their parents. It is intended with the profit they make to use this for their treat days and maybe even something for Mother’s Day.



Year 3

Our Year 3 children were very lucky the other week to have a visit from John from Hawk's in the Forest. He brought in a Sparrow Hawk, a Tawny Owl, a Kestrel and two Barn Owls. Grace said, "We got to stroke the tawny owl and it was good fun because we got to see a lot of birds." Gracie said "My favourite was the Tawny Owl because I liked the colours."

Year 4

Our Year 4 children have been learning about Ancient Egypt this term. Ollie said "Do you know that Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered on 3rd of November 1922?" Grace said, "That he died unexpectedly at the age of 18." The children all agreed that the best part was making the mummies and especially when they wrapped each other up as mummies. This Friday Year 4 will be opening their class museum and sharing their work with their parents and the rest of the school.



World Book Day

On World Book Day we had Usborne Books in and the total raised through Community Book Pledge was £270. We are grateful to the following donors: Pam at Chine Financial, Richard's Menswear, Minster Plumbing www.minsterplumbing.co.uk and Rob at Hillier Wilson www.hillierwilson.co.uk. The total raised by pupils = £390.43 and the 60% free books donated by Usborne = £395.65. The grand total free books for the school (community book pledge + donated books) = £665.65.

A note about safeguarding....

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children please contact the school to speak to Jane Phillips (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Carolyn Waldron and Mike Wheeler (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.