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Mersey Drive Newsletter

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'Artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities add to the focus on academic success' (Ofsted 2017)

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back!

As we begin the Spring Term of 2020 we would like to thank everyone for all the gifts and cards we received at the end of last term. We would also like to announce that we are excited to welcome Mrs Reed to Mersey Drive this term. She will be working with pupils in our Enhanced Provision base.

Values Week

During our 'focus on values' week every class had their own wonderful book through which they enjoyed exploring our key values. The children thoroughly enjoyed giving thought and consideration to issues related to the importance of caring for our planet, such as: deforestation, animal captivity, reducing plastic waste and the decline of the bee population. During the week, the children produced some outstanding pieces of work and then shared their learning in Assembly on Friday. Ask your child about some of the values they have learnt about last week, we are sure you'll be amazed!



Caring for the World

Our Core Values

Aspiration

Friendship and Tolerance

Keeping Healthy

Creativity and Curiosity



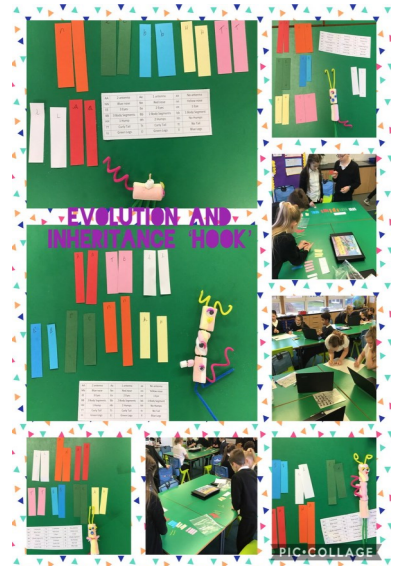
To develop the children's understanding further, our whole school value focus for this half term will continue to be: 'Caring for the World'. There will be lots of exciting opportunities to consider aspects of this value through drama, art, writing and group discussion.

Science Week



This week at Mersey Drive, our love of learning was ignited with a sensational Science showcase! We launched our week with an amazing visit from our STEM ambassadors, and each class conducted their own exciting, practical science experiments in their classrooms. We were also visited by Sublime Science, where children were wowed with an interactive assembly and even had the opportunity to make sherbet and slime. What a fantastic start to our Science topics!

In Year 6, the children explored DNA and inheritance. They used their unique genetic codes to create alien creatures that were similar, but not identical, to their parents. The children had lots of fun creating their alien crea-



Diary Dates	
January 20120	
Friday 24th	Treasure Chest Assembly—all welcome
Monday 21st	Martin Luther King Day
Friday 24th	Chinese New Year assembly and school dinner
W/c 27th	Big School Birdwatch Week
February 2020	
Monday 3rd-Friday 7th	E safety week
Wednesday 5th	Parent Workshop
Friday 14th	Treasure Chest Assembly—all welcome
Monday 17th-Friday 21st	Half Term—School Closed
March 2019	
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Monday 9th-Friday 13th	Waste Week
Tuesday 10th	Y5 parents meeting for Robinwood 2021
Thursday 7th	World Book Day

Attendance Matters

Welcome back! This year we are striving to achieve our best attendance ever at Mersey Drive. In order to do this we need your support, our current attendance needs to improve! The National Average is 96%. Last half term our overall attendance was 93%. This half term our target is 95%.

Children with high attendance build good friendships, keep up with their work and make good progress. This is exactly what we want for YOUR child and all the children at Mersey Drive Primary. So please help your child to be an 'Attendance HERO':

**Here
Everyday
On
Time**

Wet Morning Reminder

On very wet mornings when the rain/snow/sleet is heavy, we will open your child's classroom door five minutes earlier and the class teacher will supervise them in the classroom. Staff will meet and greet at the classroom doors and will be available to pass any messages onto. On these wet days the classroom doors will open at 8:45am instead of the usual time of 8:50am.

Please do not try and enter via the main entrance as staff will direct you to your child's classroom door.

Clubs... What's on this half term?

It's a new term which means a new timetable! (Note: no clubs are held on Fridays).

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
Hockey Club EdStart 3.20pm-4.20pm	Minecraft Mr Oliver 3.20-4pm	FAMILY FITNESS EdStart 3.20pm-4.20pm	Multi sports EdStart 3.20pm-4.20pm
	ECO Club Mrs Mistry 3.20pm-4.00pm		



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