



22nd October 2021

Mersey Drive Newsletter

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Year 4's Ancient Maya Workshop

As part of Year 4's history topic about the Ancient Maya, the children had an exciting opportunity to participate in a fabulous creative workshop. The children enjoyed taking part in a wide variety of activities including drama and role play and created a living timeline. They were involved in lots of discovery activities which helped them to understand different aspects of the Maya society- they even explored cultural customs such as rites of passage and human sacrifice!



Our special Mersey Drive Art Project... 'Feathered Friends'

Working with our visiting artist, children from Key Stage 2 explored the work of paper-cut artist Claire Brewster. Using old maps, A-Z's and recycled card they have been very busy creating their own paper birds inspired by her designs. There was even opportunity to improve their knowledge of the geography of the UK as they discussed the towns and cities featured in their artwork. Look out for their feathered friends which will soon be on display in the school entrance area.



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	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Hive
Star of the Term Awards	Millie	Jaelyn	Daisy	Musab	Hope	Jenson	Saleh	Yahya	Rhyley
	Tyler	Bethany	Ella	Charlotte	Reggie	Ellie	Lacey	Armani	
Children's Champions	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Harmony	Charlotte	Joel	Savannah	Harley	Ethan	Thomas	Emilia	

Awarded weekly to the class with best attendance

Rigby Bear Attendance Award winners	Last Week	This Week
	On time Here Everyday Ready On time Year 5 with 98% Well done!	On time Here Everyday Ready On time Year 2 with 98% Well done!

Pupils who have been noticed for their excellent behaviour at lunchtimes

VIP's	Last Week	This Week
	 FSU- Liam Y4- Harper Y1- Carter Y5- Jacob RD Y2- Jack Y6- Kezrah Y3- Yusuf The Hive- Rio	 FSU- Robin Y4- Scarlett Y1- Joel Y5- Cali Y2- Thomas Y6- Harley Y3- Curtis

Pupils are awarded team points for aiming high and making good choices in school. Pupils can earn points for good work or behaviour, or to acknowledge outstanding effort or acts of kindness in school. On Thursday lunchtimes, Year 6 Team Captains are responsible for collecting points and then sharing the results in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Team of the Week	Last Week was... Red	This Week is... Red

The overall winning team for this half term is ...



RED! Well done!



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Porch Box Appeal 2021

Porch Box is a local charity which supports people in Bury. We have proudly supported this charity for a number of years.



Thank you to you all for your generous donations!

Black History Month: What a Performance!

The whole school worked together in Black History Month to produce some amazing performance poems. Each poem had a social justice theme .



Well done to all pupils for their hard working and passion to deliver outstanding performances.

A **BIG** thank you to all parents/carers for your support throughout this half term! School will re-open on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to wish you a happy and safe break.



Date for your diary - School Photo Day

The school photographer will be on site on **Tuesday 9th November**. Please ensure all children have their full uniform in school. As usual, envelopes will be sent out with after photo day with the sample pictures, if you wish to purchase pictures please follow the instructions on the forms.



School Council

The School Council consists of pupils from each class, who will be working together to ensure that Mersey Drive is a happy place where children enjoy learning and aim high! They will be involved in lots of discussions and decision making- from making decisions about which charities we support, to completing surveys and telling us what they think about their learning. Every pupil has the opportunity to join the school council at the start of each academic year. Elections take place across school and councillors are voted in by their class. Two meetings take place each half term in the Hub. During the meetings an action plan is drawn up, progress is discussed and new suggestions are put forward. With the support of staff, the ideas are then put into practice. Following the meetings, the School Council feedback to other pupils in class time and assemblies. We'll keep you posted with regard to their plans for this year!



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