



Mersey Drive Newsletter

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'...artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities add to the focus on academic success and are greatly appreciated by the pupils...' (Ofsted 2017)

Thank you

Thank you to those parents who attended our welcome meetings.

Thank you also to those parents who have volunteered to be part of our new **Parent Council**. We are looking forward to our first meeting on **Friday 13th October**. **A letter will follow shortly with further details.**

Help us to be an Eco School...

Thank you to those parents who completed our recent survey regarding the school newsletter. A number of parents have now signed up for email delivery, helping us to save paper and be an eco school.

If you would like to help us to be an eco school by receiving our newsletter by email, please give your email complete the form attached to our newsletter or give your details to the school office.

Thank you.

Global Citizenship at Mersey Drive...

We are now a Global Learning Partner School: We are excited to introduce our new Global Citizenship Programme this year, led by Mrs Binns. The programme brings together aspects RE and PHSE to promote pupil's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development in an engaging and exciting way. The children will be working on small projects with social justice themes, identifying the values that unite us all as a global community. They will explore these values through art, writing, story and drama and the themes will be further developed through assemblies and other special events .

Who came to visit Foundation Stage...?



There was much excitement in Foundation Stage on Monday morning... The children found a set of enormous footprints. Each morning the children have found something exciting: green slime, acorns and brown feathers! Can you guess what it could be?

The FS detectives are on the case...



Viking Visit in Y6!

Y6 had an exciting visitor to help launch their Viking theme. We spent the morning with our Viking visitor and learnt many interesting facts about Viking life. We discovered that the Vikings were great warriors but also had many fascinating tools and ideas. We even had the opportunity to explore some of the weapons and helmets that they would have used.



Mersey Drive Eco Student Council 2017/18

We are delighted to introduce our student councillors for 2017/18:

FSU- Scarlett Tomlinson, Fabian Vondra

Y1 - Emma Foley and Mason Molyneux

Y2 - Ben Latham, Emma Redfern and Charlie Allen

Y3 - Sebastian Brickles and Willow Carter

Y4 - Freya Povey and Oliver

Y5 - Ryan Bell and Brave Su Kinsumba

Y6 - Jayden Popovski and Faith Rowley

Bridges and Arches - Jacob Ramsbottom

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 6th October	9am Treasure Chest Assembly
Wednesday 11th October	2.30pm Living museum Theme Challenge Event- all classes
Thursday 12th October	Parents Consultations
Friday 13th October	9:00 a.m. Parent Council meeting
Monday 16th Friday 20th October	Design & Technology week
Friday 20th October	3.20pm School closes for half term and re-opens Monday 30th October
Friday 3rd November	Harvest Festival 9:30 St Andrew's Church
Friday 17th November	9am Treasure Chest Award Assembly
Tuesday 12th / Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Service
Wednesday 20th December	School closes 2pm

Rigby Bear Attendance Award

Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 3. Well done!



Homework via Email!

We are pleased to announce that we now have special email addresses available for pupils to send homework into school electronically.

Please see below for your child's class email address:

year1homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
year2homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
year3homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
year4homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
year5homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
year6homework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
bridgeshomework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
archeshomework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk
fsuhomework@merseydriveprimary.co.uk

Parents Consultations

Our next parents consultations will be held on 12th October 2017. As last year, booking appointments is done through our online booking system. All parents should receive a link via SMS on Friday 29th September to book a place for their child. If you do not receive a link or are unable to book a slot please contact the school office immediately to ensure an appointment is made.

School Dinners

We would like to remind parents that all children in **Reception, Y1 and Y2** are entitled to a **Free School meal**. The kitchen prepares fresh nutritious meals every day.

If you feel you are entitled to means tested free school meals please contact benefits office to register as the school receives vital funding for children on FSM.

The kitchen can accommodate any dietary requirements.

The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

Please note that we will be following Bury MBC guidelines and will be unable to allow dinner money arrears to go over £23. Please could we remind parents that **dinner money should be paid every Monday morning and not in arrears.** Many thanks.