



Mersey Park Primary School

June 2018 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Respect

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month: ‘Every child must be free to say what they think and to seek and receive all kinds of appropriate information.’ (Article 13)

Dates to Remember

Friday 25th May – School closes for half term holiday

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Half Term

Monday 4th June – School Re-opens after the half term holiday

Wednesday 6th June – Year 6 Royden Park Trip

Friday 8th June – Trophy Assembly 9.00 am

Tuesday 12th June – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day 10.00am

Monday 18th – 22nd June – Year 6 Oaklands Week

Tuesday 19th June – Foundation Sports Day 9.30am

Tuesday 19th June – KSI Sports Day 10.30am

Thursday 21st June – Year 5 Royden Park Trip

Friday 22nd June – Whole school Vocabulary Parade

Tuesday 26th June – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day 10.00am

Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 27th June – Year 4 Barnstonedale Residential Trip

Wednesday 27th June – Year 2 performance 2M 10.00am

Thursday 28th June – Year 2 performance 2S 10.00am



Message from our Chair of Governors – Mrs Val Maher

Now that year 6 SATs are completed and they have been sent to the external markers I have been to Mersey Park to look at the papers. The children are well prepared for these difficult, timed tests which require concentration and perseverance. The Reading test expects children to have a wide knowledge of vocabulary and to be able to explain the author's purpose and intention in using particular words. The Spelling test often requires them to know the less well used rules and I found one or two very tricky! In Maths the children may have had to complete several steps before reaching the answer and Arithmetic now has a paper of its own. Well done to all Year 6 pupils and the team of staff that have supported and nurtured them.



I also attended the Year 5 performance of 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams. It tells the story of a boy (superbly played by Hayden) who has a fascination for ladies' fashion and appears in school one day wearing a dress. With the help of his peers he is able to convince the adults that differences are to be respected and accepted, a message which is part of the Mersey Park Mission Statement. The children sang, danced and spoke with confidence and assurance and I am sure all the parents were very proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations to Year 5 pupils and staff.

Parent Partnership Group

At our meeting on Friday 18th May we looked at what school is doing to improve attendance and punctuality, as this is one of the areas that Ofsted have asked the school to work on. As parents we are aware that some mornings it would be useful to have some extra help getting our children to school. If you would like to become a parent 'Attendance Buddy' and could occasionally help another parent to get their children to school on time, by walking them in with your own children, please call into the school office for a form. If you have any suggestions about what school could do to improve attendance and punctuality, please leave a message for the Parent Partnership Group at the school office.

Bug Busting

A reminder that the 10th of the month is 'Bug Busting Day' when we encourage parents and carers to check their child's hair.

If you have any concerns about persistent headlice please speak to Mrs Hardy, our Home School Liaison Officer.

CAMHS ADVICE LINE

CAMHS have set up an out of hours advice line, this will be for children and young people and their families to use outside of the normal hours. The advice line can be accessed by calling **01244 397 644** between 5pm and 10pm Monday to Friday and 12pm-8pm Saturday and Sunday. Please be aware of the following normal hours numbers for CWP CAMHS. Advice and Duty Line: 0151 488 8453

Choice Clinic: 0151 488 8450

Email: info@cwpa.nhs.uk Website: www.mymind.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Week



As part of our work for last week on Anti-Bullying, your child has shared one of these books with their class. They have discussed the bullying incident within the story and whether the different characters acted appropriately. Ask them if they can remember the clear anti-bullying messages.

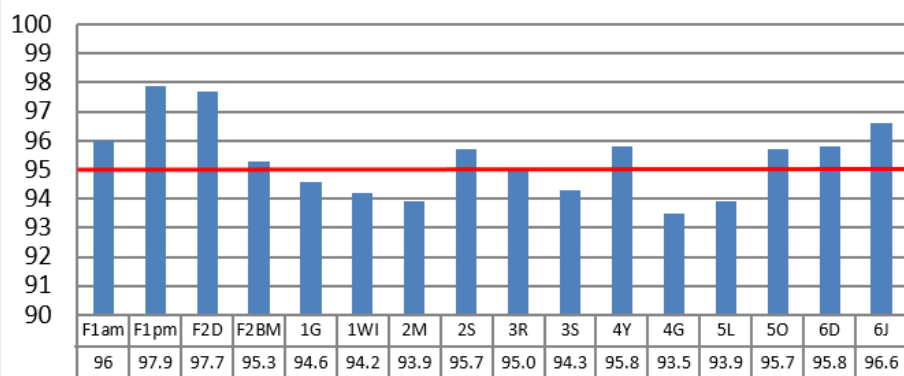
Year 5 production – The boy in the dress



Year 5 really enjoyed putting on their surprising and hilarious performance of 'The Boy in the Dress', by David Walliams. It touched the hearts (and funny bones) of everyone in the audience! Well done Year 5, we're so proud of you all.

Attendance

Attendance September 2017 - May 2018



School attendance (Years 1–6) is currently at 95.3% which has remained the same since last month, and is above our school target of 95%. Please note, that as from September 2018 the school target will be set at 97% as this is the National Average for attendance primary schools. We will be working hard with the pupils to ensure that we meet this new higher target, and will need the support of their families to be able to achieve this.

Could the children in all the classes that are below the 95% red line (on the graph above) make a huge effort to be in school every day, so these classes can reach our target.

Congratulations to **F2D**, **1WI**, **2S**, **4G**, **6D** and **6J** who have all improved their attendance since last month.

Holidays during Term-time

If you need to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a leave of absence form at the office. School will let you know if this holiday can be authorised due to special circumstances. Seven families have received Fixed Penalty Notices so far this year, due to taking holidays during term time, which were not authorised.