

# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Making a difference'

## Deputy Headteacher Update

It has been another busy week in school. The week started with the sun shining and it was hard to believe that we were in October! Unfortunately, this didn't last long and the Autumnal weather is upon us again. Please ensure your child brings a coat into school everyday.

As we are fast approaching half term, it is important to reflect on the successes we have had already this academic year. Children have settled extremely well into their new classes, routines and expectations are now established and handwriting and presentation is looking excellent across school. Children are thriving with their 1-1 devices which are being used purposefully to enhance teaching and learning.

This week, I would like to celebrate all the children who have participated in a sporting event, representing Team Mere Green. Although we are only 5 weeks in, we have already taken part in a number of events such as tag rugby, football and cross country. The team spirit, determination and engagement with these events have been exceptional and we are so proud of the efforts from our children.

Next week, we will be celebrating Black History Month. This year, the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Look out for more information in next week's newsletter.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy weekend.

Lucia Thornton  
Deputy Headteacher

## Parking

We are aware of unsafe parking in the local vicinity such as on pavements outside school grounds. A gentle reminder to respect pedestrians when parking in Mere Green. We advise that you use a car park such as Lidl, Sainsburys or Marks and Spencers' when dropping your child to school or collecting them. Parking on the pavement is not safe and puts children and adults at risk. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

## Communication

Emails and Dojo messages will be responded to in 3 working days. Please note that staff will only have access to Class Dojo during the hours of 8 am and 5pm: We kindly ask that you respect these times when sending messages too.

## Safeguarding

### Mental Health Awareness

This week we have been learning about Mental Health Awareness Week. The children have been exploring how they can keep themselves healthy both physically and mentally. They have been exploring their feelings and discussing who they can talk to when they are not feeling so good. It is important to recognise that anyone can suffer with their mental health and seeking support can help. Just like children, adults too, may need support with their mental health. Please check out some of the suggested resources below for both children and adults.

Child support - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

| Class                         | Attendance 06/09/23- 13/10/23 | This Week's Attendance |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8AM                           | 95%                           | 95%                    |
| RD                            | 95%                           | 92%                    |
| 11                            | 97%                           | 92%                    |
| 1M                            | 98%                           | 95%                    |
| 2S                            | 98%                           | ★100%★                 |
| 2H                            | 92%                           | 95%                    |
| 3B                            | 96%                           | 95%                    |
| 3D                            | 95%                           | 95%                    |
| 4H                            | 92%                           | 90%                    |
| 4S                            | ★99%★                         | 99%                    |
| 4P                            | 97%                           | 97%                    |
| 5S                            | 95%                           | 92%                    |
| 5H                            | 97%                           | 98%                    |
| 6HQ                           | 96%                           | 96%                    |
| 6L                            | 97%                           | 97%                    |
| Whole School Attendance (YTD) |                               | 96.4%                  |



## MAD Award

Congratulations to this week's MAD nominees:




These children have been nominated by their class teacher for Making A Difference, this is either through demonstrating our school values or school rules.

## Key Dates

Royal Albert Hall Trip—17th October 2023


Individual and Sibling Photographs—  
Wednesday 18th October 2023

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## SPORTS BULLETIN

### October 2023

12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Cross Country—What a way to start the new school year! Our KS2 Cross Country team had their first competition. The weather wasn't great, however our boys cross country team did not let us down. Every member of the team completed the course and crossed the line. We did have a late start due to traffic to the venue, however we pulled it back and managed to complete the course. This was imperative to our rankings. Every member of the team must complete the course to gain points.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Cross Country So with nerves we had the second round of the tournament. This time it was just for Y6. It was a beautiful day and with sheer grit and determination they ran their hearts out! They all completed the mile course within 12 mins. (Some finished in 8 minutes) From being ranked 11/18 we increased our points and at the final we are now 7<sup>th</sup>. Climbing up that table! Looking forward to the next round in March 2024!



19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Y4 Mixed Football Team - Mixed matches are making a statement, and so are the members of the Y4 Mixed Football team. What a fantastic team we have. The tournament was held at Bishop Vesey Grammar school. Mere Green Y4 mixed team won their group, went on to the semi final but lost to penalties. We went on to the play offs and our children did not let us down. They came home with Bronze Medals!



10<sup>th</sup> October 2023


Y6 Boys football Team—Maney Hill v Mere Green. Definitely a game of 2 halves. First match back and probably did need a couple of friendly's before we played a league match. So the boys took defeat with this match, but there will be many more to follow.

4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament—Celebrating another fantastic triumph. Mere Green Y6 Mixed Tag Rugby team played a phenomenal tournament. We did not concede one single Try in the Group Stages. We did not play one single forward pass. Our team was tight both attacking and defensive. I could not be more proud! We drew in the semi final. In extra time a try was scored against us, and then an injury to the other team prevented play. So sadly we ended up in the play offs. Again we drew and went into first try, which sheer grit and determination came our way and we took home the Bronze medals! Our Children had the hearts of giants!




**We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and parent volunteers involved in supporting the events. The children could not participate without minibus drivers, first aiders, chaperones and coaching. Thank you.**

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