

# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

## Deputy Headteacher Update

It may have been a shorter week in school this week but it certainly hasn't been a quiet one. Year 5 have ventured off to Aberdovey for their adventurous residential and have wow'd themselves and their teachers with their own capabilities as well as making lasting memories. We wish them a safe journey home tomorrow and look forward to catching up with them on Monday.

Reception had an exciting trip to the play village and immersed themselves into Christmas festivities. Meanwhile, year 6 have had the opportunity to watch the Nutcracker at the Hippodrome this afternoon. We are delighted to be able to give our children such great experiences.

During this week's assembly and follow up in-class discussions, the children have been exploring 'Challenging Derogatory Language'. Within the assembly and subsequent discussions, children have learnt the importance of understanding their word choices and how these could affect others. Using scenario-based discussions, there have been some really thoughtful conversations and understanding shown.

To continue this positivity, your child may wish to discuss words and their connotations at home as this is something that we have encouraged in school.

A reminder that that school is closed to all pupils tomorrow and we will be open as usual from Monday 4th December.

Lucia Thornton  
Deputy Headteacher

## Safeguarding—'Speak out stay safe'

The children recently took part in a "Speak Out Stay Safe" session at school, facilitated by the NSPCC. This empowering session focused on providing essential tools and knowledge to help our students stay safe and protected. The children took part in an age-appropriate assembly, followed by a class discussion and activity-based lesson. The children learnt about recognising different forms of abuse, the importance of speaking up, seeking support when needed and informed about Childline if they're worried or need to talk. It was an impactful and informative experience, reinforcing our commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment for every child in our school community.



If you would like to explore additional resources related to the 'Speak Out Stay Safe' initiative, please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

## Twitter

Check out our school twitter page for more updates on children's learning and experiences in school. Our twitter page is @Mgcps\_b75

## Cold Weather

As the weather has turned bitterly cold in recent days, please ensure children bring a coat to school. Children should be wearing their coat at break and lunch times.

## Christmas Fair

Next Friday, our Christmas Fair will be taking place from 3.15-5.15pm in the KS1 and KS2 halls. You should collect your child as usual before heading to the fair. Please note that the back gate will only be open at the usual time between 3.05-3.30pm and will **not** remain open for the duration of the fair.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school in exchange for a £1 donation which grants them entry to the fair. Adults will be a charged a £1 entry fee into the fair which will be taken on entry to the event.

This is an event not to be missed and we look forward to welcoming in to the enjoy the event. This year, we are raising money to purchase a bike shelter for the pupils of Mere Green, allowing children to cycle to school and keep their bikes dry ahead of the ride home.

Class	Attendance 06/09/23-30/11/23	This Week's Attendance
RBM	97%	93%
RD	95%	99%
1J	95%	85%
1M	97%	99%
2S	97%	96%
2W	93%	94%
3B	96%	93%
3D	95%	92%
4H	93%	95%
4S	97%	95%
5P	97%	98%
5S	96%	99%
6H	96%	98%
6HG	95%	98%
6L	97%	96%
<b>Whole School Attendance (YTD)</b>		<b>95.5%</b>



## 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.

## Christmas Fair—Donations


We are still accepting chocolate, jam jar, Teddies and bottle donations.


## Key Dates

School Closed Training Day—Friday 1st December

National Christmas Jumper day—Friday 8th December

Christmas Fair—Friday 8th December


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