

# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

## Deputy Headteacher Update

As we welcome you to this week's newsletter, we acknowledge the brisk cold weather that has embraced our school. Despite the chill, we eagerly anticipate the warmth of spring. Nonetheless, amidst the wintry days, we are delighted to share the great happenings across our school this week.

We are excited to inform you that our school libraries have recently been enriched with a collection of new books that centre around equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI). These books aim to promote understanding, celebrate diversity, and encourage open conversations about these important topics. We encourage you to explore these resources with your child and engage in meaningful discussions to foster a culture of inclusivity.

On Tuesday, we were fortunate to host our second phonics workshop of the academic year for Reception parents. It was wonderful to have many of you in attendance, providing an opportunity to share our outstanding phonics programme and discuss strategies to support your child's reading development at home.

In assembly, we explored children's mental health ahead of mental health week which is planned for w.b. 5th Feb. The children explored how their mental health is just as important as their physical health and explored ways in which we can look after this.

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in graffiti incidents around the school. In response, we invited our local PSCO to educate our KS2 children about the risks associated with vandalism and graffiti through a dedicated assembly. I recommend discussing with your child the significance of respecting property and the potential consequences of engaging in vandalism to prevent such behaviour.

The week finished with our second parent voice session of the year focusing on our behaviour policy. Thank you to those who have given up their time to share valuable contributions which will directly impact school policy.

Wishing you a happy and safe weekend.

**Lucia Thornton**  
Deputy Headteacher

## ITV News

Our wonderful children in class 6L had the fantastic opportunity to be filmed for a feature on the local TV news. It's a celebration of their achievements in handwriting and the vibrant spirit of our school community. We're proud to showcase their talents and accomplishments. Stay tuned for the broadcast on 1<sup>st</sup> February and thank you for being part of these memorable moments with us.

## PTA Pledge

We are revamping our lunchtime offer for children and looking to purchase a wide variety of games and equipment for children to use. We are proposing £1000 contribution from the PTA to purchase a wide selection of resources such as giant games, goal posts, hockey sets and games for calming zones. If you have any objections to this request, please contact Mrs Franks via dojo by Wednesday 24th January.

Class	Attendance 06/09/23-19/01/24	This Week's Attendance
<b>RBM</b>	★ 100% ★	96%
RD	85%	95%
IJ	95%	94%
<b>1M</b>	97%	★ 99% ★
2S	96%	94%
2W	93%	96%
3B	96%	96%
3D	94%	89%
4H	92%	95%
4S	96%	95%
5P	96%	95%
5S	95%	97%
6H	96%	94%
6HQ	95%	97%
6L	95%	92%
<b>Whole School Attendance (YTD)</b>		<b>95.1%</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.

## Key Dates

- Young Voices Concert—Monday 22nd January
- Year 6 Maths Parents Workshop—Tuesday 23rd January
- Year 6 Art Day—Friday 26th January

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## Parking

Parking dangerously or inconsiderately around schools at drop off and pick up times endangers other road users, particularly pedestrians crossing the road. What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?  
How can we make it safer outside our school?

### You can help by:

- keeping your speed low;
- always letting your child out of your vehicle on to the pavement - never on to the road (see points below as you should not be dropping your child off on Mere Green Road/pavement);
- checking for pedestrians and cyclists before you or your child open the car door; and
- always stopping for the school crossing patrol.
- park in local and designated car parks in Mere Green

### Please don't:

- park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance;
- park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways;
- park opposite or within ten metres of a junction;
- stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds; or
- block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access.

### Have you thought about:

- The health benefits of walking or cycling one (or more) days a week?
- Setting up a walking bus with other parents and the school?
- Car sharing?
- Using public transport?
- Parking nearby and then walking the rest of the way.

Further reading/resources regarding Road safety can be found on the following links:


[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents \(rospa.com\)](#)

[Advice for parents and families | Brake](#)

## Mental Health Week

From **February 5th to 11th**, we will be participating in **Children's Mental Health Week**, focusing on the theme 'My Voice Matters.' This initiative aims to empower our children by equipping them with the tools needed for self-expression. To celebrate, we're organising a **non-school uniform day on February 9th**, encouraging children to wear something that reflects their individuality. To support this cause, we kindly request a **£1 donation**. Your donations will be used to purchase resources to support children in our calm zones over break and lunchtimes. Your contribution will make a meaningful impact, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for our students.




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