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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by sharing some information that reminds us all how wonderful our EVS community is. During the week, our Year 5 classes have braved the storms and been on a local visit organised by the Parks Trust as part of their learning about rivers. It was so lovely to receive such a glowing report about how our staff and children engaged with these visits, and I would like to share with you a snippet from an email that Mr Roxburgh received after Wednesdays trips:

"I just wanted to pass on some feedback from this morning as we all left the session with massive smiles on our faces, and in absolute awe of the children and staff that attended. We had a great time with this afternoon's class as well, but this morning really stood out to us as probably **the best River Explorers session we've taught in the past 4 years of employment at the Trust.** The knowledge, engagement, enthusiasm of the students and assistance from adults was just all round, really impressive. I really would love to pass on our compliments to all of this class, as they were superstars!"

A big well done to everyone in Year 5, and in particular 5LS for your engagement in these sessions.

I am sure that you will have seen on the news that there have been **recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands.** There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations. **For more information about the symptoms to look out for, and the precautions you need to take if you think your child has measles please visit:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Our next SEN Coffee event will be held at EVS at 2pm on Thursday 8th February during Children's Mental Health Week. There will be a 45 minute presentation from the **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**, who are now working with us at EVS to support children, families and staff. During the session, the Mental Health Practitioners will explain what the service is and help parents and carers understand how to support your child at home with their mental health. Our SENCo, Mrs Protheroe, and the Learning Mentors will also be available during this event. This is open to all families that feel that they might benefit from some support, not just parents and carers of children with special educational needs. If you are able to come, please complete the google form so we have an idea of numbers: <https://forms.gle/UXsN3VvmLbBcLeig9>

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Ricky 3JT, Jamie 3EM, Ryan 3JP, Sergei 3JR

Year 4: Tayyab 4CM, Camden 4PH, Dihen 4NB, Harry 4BM

Year 5: Zainab 5AR, Kaylie 5LF, Sheikeldeen 5LS

Year 6: Leo 6RR, Lilianna 6DC, Evie 6AM, Nathan 6GB

PE awards: Lena 3JR, Leo 6RR, Tay 3JP, Salaar 4CM

Music Awards: Rosie 3JR, Sennan 6RR





Merevalley Federation: Spring term 2024



These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley
unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**

24th & 26th January 2024	Year 5 classes Parks Trust trip
29th January 2024	Year 6 to Bletchley Park
30th January 2024	Young Voices Choir to the O2
5th February 2024	Children's Mental Health week
6th February 2024	Sibling photographs taken at Merebrook Safer Internet Day
7th February 2024	Year 1 celebration of work at 2:45pm Year 4 celebration of work at 3:35pm
8th February 2024	SENCo coffee afternoon at Emerson Valley at 2pm
12th February 2024	Year 6 celebration of work at 2:45pm
14th February 2024	Year 2 celebration of work at 2:45pm Year 3 celebration of work at 3:25pm
15th February 2024	Random Acts of Kindness Day Year 5 celebration of work at 3:25pm
16th February 2024	INSET day. School closed to pupils.
19th—23rd February 2024	Half term break
26th February 2024	Year 3 and Year 4 Reading workshop 3:30-4:15pm
27th February 2024	EYFS celebration of work afternoon 1:30pm
4th —8th March 2024	Year 6 Mock SATS week
4th March 2024	Year 5 and Year 6 Reading workshop 3:30-4:15pm
6th March 2024	Karin Littlewood author visit to Merebrook Friends of EVS Mother's Day shop
7th March 2024	World Book Day
11th—15th March 2024	Science Week
21st March 2024	Friends of EVS Discos after school
26th March 2024	Parents' consultations 3:30-6:00pm
27th March 2024	Parents' consultations 4:00-7:00pm

TERM DATES 2023-2024	
Spring Term	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
Summer Term	15th April 2024– 19th July 2024