



INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, our **Year 6 boys football team** competed in the last week of the football league. After a tricky season this year, all of the boys can be proud of their efforts battling against some of best footballers in Milton Keynes. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to win any of our games last week, but the boys can be proud of how they represented the school. A special mention to Leo in 6RR for his performances in his first games back after a lengthy injury.

On Tuesday Mrs Bosdet, Mrs Prince, and Mrs Pitcher took 30 of the year 5s and 6s to our **Young Voices Concert at London's O2 Arena**. The choir have been working hard for months to learn all the songs and dance moves and it really showed in the concert. The choir was an absolute credit to themselves and to the school and really showed our school values, Community, Pride and Aspire, throughout the whole day. A huge well done to every single member of the YV Choir for representing our school so brilliantly.

From Monday, we are taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week across the Federation. Launched in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. **Please find attached to this newsletter some top tips that can support you in speaking to your child about their general wellbeing and mental health.**

It is also **Safer Internet Day on Tuesday** and we will be marking this in school. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly. Please talk to your child about their learning in class next week. You may find the following website helpful when discussing online safety with your child: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Earlier this half term, **the Government launched a national campaign to remind Parents and Carers about the importance of school attendance.** Every day of school is important, and their slogan **'Moments matter, attendance counts'** aims to help schools and families work together to ensure that every child's attendance is above 95%. This is particularly aimed at Parents and Carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence – or "avoidable absence" – rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance. As a Federation, we are committed to supporting families with their child's attendance. If we have concerns about your child's attendance, in particular where we notice that these 'avoidable absences' are increasing, you will be contacted to discuss any challenges and offered support to improve your child's attendance.

Next week we invite **Year 4 parents into school on Wednesday for our celebration of work event.** This will take place after school in the hall. Please collect your child as normal and then make your way to the hall via the side hall doors at the back of the school.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Have a great weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Ann-Marie 3JT, Rithuska 3EM, Ella 3JP, Bradley 3JR

Year 4: Andre 4CM, Kanushan 4PH, Bilal 4NB, Aliya 4BM

Year 5: Jason 5AR, Evie 5LF, Shrey 5LS, Geena 5KH

Year 6: Austin 6RR, Dylan 6DC, Heidi 6AM, Elena-Mae 6GB

PE awards: Ishta 6RR

Music Awards: All of the Young Voices Choir & Emily 4PH



Merevalley Federation: Spring term 2024

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley

unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**



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| 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 3:25pm |
| 8th February 2024 | SENCos coffee afternoon at Emerson Valley at 2pm |
| 12th February 2024 | Year 6 celebration of work at 2:45p.m |
| 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 |
| 15th March 2024 | Non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief |
| 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 |
| 28th March 2024 | Last day of Spring term |
| 15th April 2024 | Children return to school following Easter break |

TERM DATES 2023-2024

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| Spring Term | 8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024 |
| Summer Term | 15th April 2024– 19th July 2024 |