



INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at EVS. **Year 3 visited Shenley Brook End for their first sports festival** since joining our school and had a wonderful time! Children across the Federation have engaged in **Place2Be's Mental Health Week** and we welcomed members of the Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team into school to lead assemblies with Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. They also attended the parents and carers coffee afternoon yesterday.

As you know, before Christmas the Merevalley Governing Board agreed to start the formal consultation process to become Academies and consider joining the 5 Dimensions Trust. Thank you to everybody that put forward their views as part of this consultation. **Please find attached to this newsletter the updated FAQs**, with answers to questions that were raised.

Next week we are looking forward to our **Celebration of work events for years 3, 5 and 6**. These are all taking place at the end of the school day. Please note the change of time for the Year 6 event (this will also be at 3:25pm and not 2:45pm as previously listed in the spring term dates).

Please remember that the last day of this half term is next Thursday, 15th February. Children then return to school after the half term break on Monday 26th February.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Year 3 Multi Sports Festival

On Tuesday 6th February, all the Year 3 classes took part in multi-sport events activity at Shenley Brook End. The children walked very sensibly to the school and all demonstrated the school values of 'Community, Pride, Aspire', as well as our current value of 'Cooperation'. You represented the school brilliantly and Mrs White and Miss Warren were so impressed by your enthusiasm and willingness to have a go. Takuma from 3JT said- 'Best PE day ever and I really enjoyed dodgeball'. Sophia from 3JT said - 'The girl teachers were all really kind at Shenley and I enjoyed bench ball the best, it was fun!'



Report by Ollie 6AM



Emerson Valley Junior School

Do you follow our school Facebook page? If not, give us a follow and check out our page for updates, reminders and photos of the exciting things we get up to at EVS!



From next week, we are introducing **Wake Up Wednesday!** You will receive weekly communication every Wednesday on Parentmail about how to keep your child safe online from our PSHE Lead, Miss Roche. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. Let's work together to keep our children safe online!



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Coral 3JT, Amuthan 3EM, Zara 3JP, Sophia 3JR

Year 4: Lydia 4CM, Hannah 4PH, Joy 4NB, Mia 4BM

Year 5: Katherine 5AR, Cassis 5LF, Kevin 5LS, Eden 5KH

Year 6: Ethan 6RR, Bobby 6DC, Joshua 6AM, Riley 6GB

PE awards: Selena & Amelia 6DC, Edward 3JP

Music Awards: Riley 3JR, Aanya 5KH



Merevalley Federation: Spring term 2024

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley



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

5th February 2024	Children's Mental Health week
12th February 2024	Year 6 celebration of work at 2:45p.m-3:25pm
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 . Book signing in the hall at 3:10pm. Friends of EVS Mother's Day shop
7th March 2024	World Book Day Second hand book sale in the Merebrook Hall at 3:10pm
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

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