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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! It has been great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents in school this week for our celebration of work events. I am sure you will agree that our art galleries from children in years 3, 5 and 6 were fantastic. **We have some very talented artists amongst our school community. See pages 3, 4 and 5 of this newsletter for a snippet of some of the fantastic work that the children have produced.**

Year 4 enjoyed their music showcase yesterday. They have worked really hard with Mrs Bosdet in their music lessons this half term and were really proud to share ensembles, which are inspired by the work of musician Henry Purcell. [Click here to listen to their fabulous work!](#)

Our PE coaches have been very busy over the past couple of weeks helping children train for various sporting events. **See page 2 for football and netball news.**

Today, we break up for half term. Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October 2023. Coming up early in the next half term are our **parents consultations on Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th November.** Booking is now live via parentmail. Our Anti-bullying week will take place during the week beginning 13th November, and will start with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th.** Please see page 2 for more details. And last but not least, our **Friends of EVS will be holding their first discos of the year on Thursday 16th November.** Please note the change of date from the original date of 1st November. These will run from 4:30-5:30pm for children in years 3 and 4 and from 6:00-7:00pm for children in years 5 and 6. More details about how to purchase a ticket will be sent out after half term.

As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, I would like to thank everybody in our school community for their support and wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

BBC 500 words competition

The BBC are running their 500 words competition again this year for children aged 5-11. The theme is 'Write a story you would like to read.' There are great prizes including having your story read by a celebrity and lots of books. If your child enjoys writing, this could be the competition for them, particularly with half term just around the corner. The competition opened on the 26th September 2023 and closes on 10th November 2023. All the detail and how to enter are on the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>
Happy writing!



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Benicio 3JT, Imogen 3EM, Ben 3JP, Liyana 3JR

Year 4: Eden 4NB, Cole & Amato 4CM, Esme 4PH, Andrew 4BM

Year 5: Jensen 5AR, Zain 5KH, Paige 5LF, Kieran 5LS

Year 6: Adrija 6RR, Jackson 6GB, Neel 6DC, Alyssia 6AM

PE awards: Cassis 5LF, Aleah 5AR, Joshua 6DC, Anna 5KH

Music Awards: Olivia 3JR, Neel 6DC





SPORT NEWS



On Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October, children from EVS attended the **Year 6 Netball festivals** with 16 girls involved across the two days. The children had an opportunity to play full size court games which helped them to learn all of the rules of the sport and practise some of the key skills.

On Thursday 5th October, the upper school EVS team attended their first week of the **Year 5 and 6 football league**. The team played two games, winning the first game and drawing the next one. This sets the league up to be an exciting one for the remainder of the games!

Apply online from
1 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

You must apply by
31 October 2023
or you will
have limited choice

Moving up to secondary school in September 2024

As your child is now in Year 6 it is time for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024.

You can apply online and find out more information on the council's website at **Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council** (milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Please read carefully the **Guide for Parents and Carers** on our website. To help you understand the likelihood of securing a place at one of your preferred schools, you should make particular note of the 'key facts' section for each school which tells you the cut off point for places offered last year.

Make sure you read the oversubscription criteria for each school that you want to apply for as many schools are over-subscribed each year.

Details of open events for all secondary schools in Milton Keynes are also included in the guide.

Parents and carers can express a preference for four schools.

If you pay your council tax to Milton Keynes Council, apply on our website. If you pay your council tax to another local authority you must apply through that local authority even if you want to apply for a Milton Keynes school.

To access support with making an application, face to face drop-in sessions are available at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates between 10.00am - 2.00pm

- 20 September
- 11 October
- 25 October
- 13 December
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 6 December
- 10 January

Following date will start from 11.30am

- 4 October

Find out more at:

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Apply here



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**WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

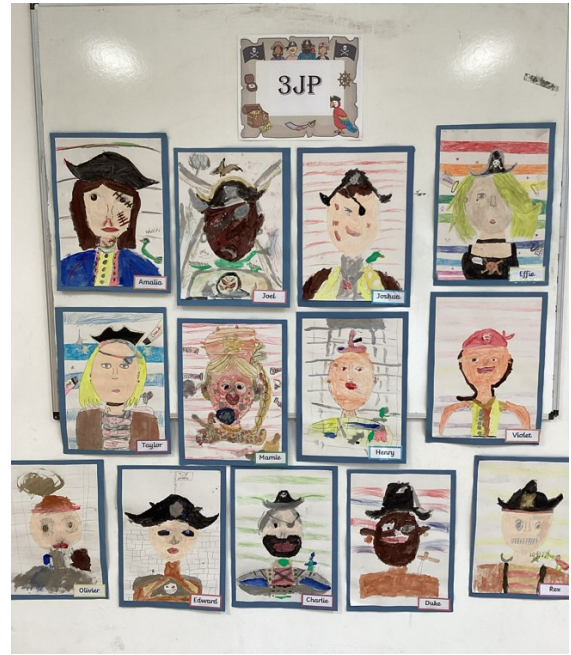
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to work on Monday 13th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Year 3 Art Gallery



Year 5 Art Gallery



Year 6 Art Gallery





Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023



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

30th October 2023	INSET day. No children in school.
31st October 2023	Children return to school following half term break
2nd November 2023	Prospective EYFS and Year 3 parents open mornings. Book with school office
3rd November 2023	Individual and sibling school photographs for Emerson Valley children
6th November 2023	Parents consultations 3:30-6:00pm
8th November 2023	Parents consultations 4:00-7:00pm
13th November 2023	Anti Bullying week. Monday 13th November —Wear odd socks day
15th November 2023	Individual and sibling photographs for Merebrook children
16th November 2023	Friends of EVS Disco after school
22nd November 2023	Year 3 Stone Age day (more details to follow)
23rd November 2023	SENCo Coffee morning 9am
7th December 2023	Christmas jumper day
8th December 2023	Visiting Pantomime to school (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
13th December 2023	Christmas dinner day Year 3 & 4 Carols on the playground 3:25pm
15th December 2023	Flu vaccinations for children at Emerson Valley
19th December 2023	EYFS Christmas performance 9:15am Key Stage 1 Christmas carols 2:15pm
21st December 2023	EYFS celebration of work afternoon
22nd December 2023	Last day of the autumn term.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term	5th September 2023 – 22nd December 2023
Spring Term	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
Summer Term	15th April 2024– 19th July 2024