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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a busy week for the children with sports fixtures and a wide range of learning taking place across the school. Students have shown focus and involvement in every area of school life.

This week, Year 6 participated in an engaging online session with guest speaker Mark McKenzie, who provided a thought-provoking presentation on World War II. The session complemented the pupils' current History studies and offered valuable insights into the experiences of both British and German people during the war. The children demonstrated great curiosity and maturity, asking perceptive questions and deepening their understanding of this pivotal period in history.

In the sports fixtures last week, our hockey team took part in a tournament at Fallibroome High School, putting on an outstanding display of skill and determination. The team finished in second place, winning four out of their six matches. A fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and teamwork on the pitch. Meanwhile, in football, our pupils competed against Dean Valley at home. Both A and B teams demonstrated excellent teamwork, strong marking, and solid defending throughout their matches and the A team secured a 1–0 victory. Congratulations to all the players for their effort, sportsmanship, and impressive performances!

The two Halloween discos for infants and juniors, organised by the WSA on Friday, were a great success. It was wonderful to see the wide variety of costumes worn by the children, all contributing to a very enjoyable evening. The school extends its thanks to the WSA for once again organising such a well-run event, which raised money for school projects.

This week, we are welcoming the Cheshire Wildlife Trust to our school to begin the next stage of our pond project. They will be working around the edge of the pond to create planting layers for aquatic plants and adding gentle slopes to allow amphibians and birds easy access to the water. We are very excited to see the progress and will continue to share updates as the project develops!

Thank you so much to all who completed the Parent and Carer survey. I will be feeding back findings to you all after half term and celebrating what we are doing well and actioning areas we could do better.

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

Once again, it's been a pleasure to see the excellent work the children have shared. It is always the highlight of my week to acknowledge and celebrate their hard work and achievements.

This week, Headteacher's Awards go to Rohan and George in Year 1 for their excellent Geography work. They used mapping skills to accurately map the school playground using photographs and drawings. In Year 2, Edith is awarded for her English work, where she wrote detailed instructions about 'How to brush your teeth'. She consistently shows care and pride in her presentation, in all lessons.

In Year 3, Gracie and Halle are both celebrated for their knowledgeable work in PSHE about how we should look after ourselves through self-care and hygiene. They both clearly explained what people should be doing and why.

In Year 4, Monty and Avni are awarded for their well-presented RE work on Jewish festivals, where they were able to confidently explain the difference between Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah and other Jewish festivals.

In Year 5, Ella and Evelyn are awarded for their excellent Science work on the movement of the Earth and Moon. When questioned, they both gave confident and accurate answers, and shared their enthusiasm for the topic they are learning about.

Also, in year 6, Jacob is recognised for his detailed Geography work on collecting data through interview questioning.

Well done to all our Award winners this week!

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts this week: Theo (Y1) for Respect, Sam (Y2) for Collaboration, Lucas (Y3) for Independence, Amelia (Y4) for Respect, Isla (Y5) for Independence and Orla (Y6) for Respect.

Winning House



The children have been working incredibly hard this week, showing fantastic behaviour, teamwork, and effort across the school! Every Dojo point earned has been added to the House totals, and it's been an extremely close competition.
There were only **7 points** separating **4th place and 1st place**. What an amazing effort from everyone!
The winning house this week is Birtles with a total of 148 dojo points!
Their House trophy is proudly on display in the school hall.

Medical Appointments

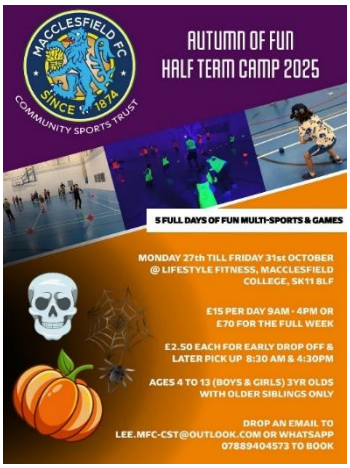
If your child needs to be taken out of school for an appointment or is late into school because of an appointment, please could you email the school office with the appointment details attached.
Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 97% last week.

- Reception: 96%
- Year 1: 93%
- Year 2: 100%
- Year 3: 100%
- Year 4: 95%
- Year 5: 97%
- Year 6: 100%

Local Half Term Clubs/Camps





Autumn Term dates up to the Christmas Holiday

WB 20th October – TEAMS Parents' Evenings
23rd October – Harvest Celebration EYFS/KS1
23rd October – Trust Swimming Gala (Y5 and 6)
27th – 31st October – Half Term
3rd November – School INSET day
4th November – children return to school
5th November – Y2 Nantwich Class Trip
17th November - ALTRU Theatre (Anti Bullying) Assembly and Workshop
18th November – Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip
19th November – Reception hearing and vision check
24th November – Individual School Photographs
25th November – Chester Zoo Year 6
2nd December – Influenza (whole school)
10th December – School Christmas Dinner
16th December – Reception Nativity
17th December – KS1 production
17th December – Echo Club performance after school for parents (4.15 – 4.45)
19th December – Henbury Church Christmas Service (morning)
19th December – School closes at 12.30 for Christmas Break
School Reopens: Tuesday 6th January 2026

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club 3.30 – 4.30
Thursday – MAD Science 3.30 – 4.30 beginning on 13th November

Teacher Led School Clubs

Monday 3.30 – 4.30 beginning on 6th October – Netball club (years 4, 5 and 6 Mrs Tomlinson)
Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 beginning on 30th September – LEGO club (KS2 Mr Salmon)
Tuesday lunchtime beginning on 4th November – Sewing club
Tuesday Lunchtime beginning 4th November - Choir

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher