

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/ carers,

As we look forward to September, it is time to reflect on the year that we have had as a community. Firstly, I just wanted to say thank you to the staff team for their hard-work over the past year. I would also like to express my appreciation for your support and for following the systems that we have had to implement in order to keep our school community safe. Despite these challenges, our amazing pupils have managed to thrive and they have been provided with some excellent learning opportunities, which have included:

- Wear Purple for Manchester Deaf Day
- World Ocean day
- Year 6 enterprise event
- Careers event for Year 5/6
- Diversity week

### **Curriculum and Achievement**

Last Friday, you will have received your child's end of year report. We are pleased with our end of year data across all phases, despite eighteen months of disruption, including three lockdowns and several year groups and individuals isolating during this time.

As a Senior leadership Team, we have analysed the end of year progress data to assess how the pandemic has affected our pupils' academic achievements and have identified the next steps that are needed.

This year our primary target has been on pupil well-being, through the implementation of well-being trackers in every classroom and Mindfulness Mondays, these initiatives have really helped to ensure that our pupils develop a range of skills to support them in maintaining good mental health.

Our outdoor learning has remained integral to our curriculum and the staff have accessed orienteering training, which is being utilised across the curriculum. In September, a group of staff and parents are going to work collaboratively to ensure that our provision is developed further.

In the autumn term, we are looking forward to providing more opportunities for parents/ carers to get involved in our school community. We are particularly interested in anyone who would like to train to become a TA. If you are interested, then please email the school office.

### **Staffing Update:**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff who are leaving this term. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Prill for her commitment to computing and PE. Mrs. Prill has been a valued member of the staff team, who has always been willing to go above and beyond. She has encapsulated the spirit of Mesne Lea, you will be sincerely missed.



Next, I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Whitehead for her passion and dedication to Early Years, not only has she created a beautiful learning environment, her commitment to the children has been admirable. She was able to lead a highly successfully DT project across school, which the children immensely enjoyed.

Mr. Peers, an inspirational teacher, who thinks out of the box. His lockdown videos meant that he had the potential to become a YouTube Star. His creativity and readiness to have fun has ensured that all the pupils in his class want to make him proud. Mr. Peers's commitment to well-being ensures that he creates a positive atmosphere wherever he goes.

Miss. Bartholomew's passion for teaching has led her to become an entrepreneur, who will inspire young minds. She has undertaken her role as Writing Lead with outstanding commitment and she has had a huge impact on the outcomes in English across school. I know that she is going to be very successful in the future.

We cannot forget the amazing support staff, who will be leaving Mesne Lea. Since arriving at Mesne Lea last year, Miss. Newsom has quickly established herself as a highly effective TA in Nursery. She has been able to cover classes at a moment's notice and she has established positive relationships with pupils and parents.

Miss. Deacon started off her time at Mesne Lea, as a volunteer. Since obtaining employment at Mesne Lea in January, she has been an invaluable member of the staff team. We will all miss her smile and positive attitude.

It is lovely to welcome back to school Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Faulkner and I know that everyone is happy to see them and will help them to settle back into school life.

I just wanted to let you know that Mrs. Vania has agreed to cover Year 5 Blue for one term on a fixed term contract, whilst we recruit a permanent replacement.

The Senior Leadership Team is already planning for the new academic year, this information will be published on the school website by the 2nd of September.

I would like to end this letter by wishing you all a great summer holidays. I hope that everyone has a well-deserved break and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes,

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