St Meryl News

February 2025

We are very close to one of our favourite weeks in the school year! Next week **World Book Week begins!** I know that you all received a letter in the final week of last half term outlining what we are doing – highlights this year are as follows:

- **Come to school dressed as a mouse or a detective** on World Book Day. One this day, feel free to make a donation. Your donations will be put towards ensuring we provide the children with books that they are interested in and want to read. This can be done on ParentPay, but we also will accept cash.
- The **Masked Reader,** where children need to use their detective skills to discover the teacher who is reading.
- Our termly **Read-Around**, where staff visit classrooms reading their favourite books.
- **Reading Buddies,** where classes will pair up to read to each other.
- Our **Stay and Play** will have a Book Week focus.
- Our letter last half term invited **parents** to come in at the end of each day of next week to read to children. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to do this.
- Children will receive a **book token,** which can be used on a number of books from participating stores.

Next week, we will be basing a great deal of our learning on the brilliant children's book "Hermelin, the Detective Mouse", by Mini Grey.

A brief synopsis from the blurb..

" Things are going missing – is Hermelin the one to find them?

Although Hermelin is just a mouse, he's also a brilliant detective! Will he be appreciated for his talents? And will he ever find a friend to help him? Find out in this heartwarming caper from the award-winning Mini Grey.."

Miss Pomfret has even managed to find an actual typewriter – just like the one in the book!

Star Readers for February 2024

Reception	Sophie, Irina, Jessica, Jake, Kheandraa, Aarohi, Anokhi, Shine, Fred and Alexx
Year 1	Alina, Beau, Bryan, Eleanor, Emma, Henley, Henry, Isabella, Leticia, Linus, Micah, Amanda and Riley
Year 2	Rayan, Harry, Henry C, Sarah, Safiya, Valenciaa, Diya, Henry K, Drew, Philip, William, Edward, Savv, Arjun, Ege, Rosie, Timeea, Laura and Andrew
Year 3	Alecia, Iqra, Taylor, Estera, Mathias, Minha, Frankie, Dorthea, Chloe, Lucy and Emily
Year 4	Henry, Reyhaneh, Amelie, Amelia L, Siya, Tilly, Arthur, Nicholas, Oliver, Krish, Lilly, Jessica
Year 5	Aarya, Abigail, Annabel, Bleu, Diana, Edward, Filip, Laila, Lewis Me, Lucas, Marcus, Marley-Joe, Phoebe B and Vienna
Year 6	Leo, Darius, Lauma, Richard, Alex, Callum, Leah, Lynn, Anayah, Indi, Alice, Ruth, Hritvi, Jiya, Kevin and Janmita

Kickboxing His Way into Europe!

More sporting success for this young man, who over the half term competed in the National Kickboxing Championships, where he secured first place in his age category! This outstanding achievement has earned him a spot in the European Championships.

Well done! What an astonishing achievement.

Attendance

Class	Pupils with 100% attendance for February
YN	Maisam, Isla, Hudson, Veer, Evelyn, Myilah, Radha, Rosie, Atharv, Jack and Jaiveer
YR	Matin, Rocco, Irina, Jessica, Sidiqa, Kheandraa, Aarohi, Anokhi, Shine, Melissa, Beau, Fredrick, Reva, Kashi and Allexx
Y1	Linus, Ryan, Alina, Emma, Tiana, Riley, Amanda, Leticia, Eleanor, Henry, Sophia, Lacey, Micah and Henley
Y2	Rayan, Harry, Luca, Agnes, Eva, Henry C, Liam, Safiya, Valenciaa, Henry K, Drew, Philip, William, Edward, Savv, Veera, Rosie, Timeea, and Andrew
Y3	Iqra, Megan, Jaxon, Daniel, Radu, Minha, Estera, Zohaib, Emily, Arthur, Chloe, Taylor, Lucy, Jessica, Mathias, Aaron and Isla
Y4	Dominic, Isabella, Teo, Mason, Thomas, Reyhaneh, Safa, Amelie, Eliyas, Amelia L, Tilly, Nicholas, Oliver, Lucia, Amelia P, Krish, Maxx and Jessica
Y5	Marley-Joe, Phoebe B, Victoria, Vienna, Annabel, Sophia, Filip, Tommy, Frankie, Erinné, Lewis Mc, Phoebe M, Lewis Me, Lucas, Laila, Poppy, Abigail, Marcus, Zahra S, Aarya, Edward, Gabriel and Willow
Y6	Leo, Darius, Richard, Andrian, Alex, Callum, Louis D, Leah, Lynn, Gracie-Mai, Anayah, Fred, Jack, Ruth, Aarush, Hritvi, Jiya, Brodie, Teddy, Janmita and Kevin
Whole school: **94.2%** February monthly winners: **Y5 – 97.1%**	

Lunar New Year

Part of Early Years' learning this month was all about Lunar New Year. Children made lanterns, created art and tried different foods.

Writers Corner

This month, Year 4 became a crime scene. During assembly on Friday 7th February, Mr Knight's comfy desk chair went missing! There was much speculation as to who took it – many staff members were put under the spotlight. The following is a is a written report from Siya:

'Between 9:30-9:45am, the teacher Mr Knight found his chair missing – in its place were 2 post-it notes saying – "SORRY – BUT I LIKE YOUR CHAIR", AND "IT'S NOT FAIR YOU HAVE SUCH A GOOD CHAIR".

Of course, Mr Knight was thinking where they came from. Those notes were just shocking! Why would anyone steal his chair?

When Year 4 came back, Mr Knight immediately realised that his chair disappeared into thin air and all that was left behind were the 2 sticky notes.

Year 4 first asked Mr Davies. He replied that he was not involved in this and didn't steal the chair.

Next was Miss Pomfret. She claimed that she didn't take the chair, and she was highly offended.

Since they both said that they didn't do it, Year 4 went to ask other people. They asked Mrs Peiris, Mrs Pegg and other members of staff, but they all claimed that they didn't do it, but Mrs Pegg heard noises, like a wheel being rolled on a chair. At the time she was putting reading records into the children's bags. There were no further details about what happened so far.'

Thank you for the update, Siya. I am looking on with interest to find out who the culprit was, and where the chair is!

Safer Internet Day

Earlier this month, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is "Too Good to be True?". Children attended an assembly, where they learnt all about the potential dangers of "scamming" when they are online. At school, we teach pupils to always be responsible when they are online. They learnt important rules, such as never to give away your identity to anyone online, always use passwords when signing up to websites and the most important of all - ALWAYS speak to a trusted adult when you see something that you are not sure about online.

The fantastic people at the UK Safer Internet Centre have also given some tips for parents and carers:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers

Please do take some time to read this - they are really helpful pointers from experts!

St Meryl Stars

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week for February!

YR	James, the Whole Class and Muraad
Y1	Sophia, Tiana and Amanda
Y2	Andrew, Philip and Ege
Y3	The Whole Class, Diana, Chloe and Jessica
Y4	Isabella, Lucia and Reyhaneh
Y5	Aarya, Erinné and Marley-Joe
Y6	The Whole Class, Alice and Jack

HANDYPERSON / CARETAKER REQUIRED

We are still looking for someone to join our Site Management Team. Please contact our School Business Manager to request a full job description and further details on the position – sbm@stmeryl.herts.sch.uk

- Week beginning Monday 3rd March: Book Week
- Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March – Parent Teacher Consultations
- Wednesday 5th March – Stay and Play (Book Week focus)
- Wednesday 5th March: Y5 and Y6 Go Construct Challenge
- Thursday 13th March - Wednesday 19th March: School Book Fair
- Week beginning Monday 17th March – Year 5 Cycle Training
- Thursday 20th March (11.30am) Nursery Rhyme Time (in Hall)
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day
- Monday 24th March – Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
- Monday 24th March and Thursday 27th March - PTA Mother's Day sale
- Thursday 27th March – Year 5 to South Oxhey Library
- Friday 28th March: PTA Spring Disco
- Week beginning Monday 31st March – STEM Week begins
- Wednesday 2nd April – Stay and Play – Science
- Thursday 3rd April (10am) Rocksteady Concert
- Friday 4th April – PTA Easter Raffle
- Monday 7th – Monday 21st April – Easter holidays
- Tuesday 22nd April – INSET Day
- Wednesday 23rd April – First day of Summer Term for children
- **Class Assemblies**
- Thursday 6th March – Year 6
- Thursday 13th March – Year 5
- Thursday 20th March – Year 4
- Thursday 27th March – Year 2
- Thursday 3rd April - Nursery

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Our Vision

At our school we will provide a safe and stimulating learning environment which challenges all learners and promotes outstanding achievement.

We encourage all members of our learning family to be open, honest and accepting of others.

We seek to instil a thirst for and love of life-long learning in everyone who is a part of this family.

Everyone at our school works as a team; supporting, encouraging and caring for all who join us on their learning journey.