

Mersey Vale Primary School

Working Together for a Brighter Future

2023-2024

You Said	We Did
<p>To improve communication between home and school - including supporting parents/carers with communication apps and streamlining the information you receive.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mersey Vale continues to distribute the popular 'Calendar of Events' at the end of the Summer Term through pupil reports. ➤ Half-termly newsletters share recent and upcoming events ➤ School Spider and Class Dojo continue to be our main forms of communication. ➤ Supportive guides are sent home for parents/carers. ➤ Parents/carers welcomed into the office to support any access difficulties. ➤ School Spider used by the school office to communicate and share important messages and information. For example: letters, wrap-around care updates, health updates; school meal choices; letters from the Local Authority etc. ➤ Class Dojo used by teaching staff to communicate all things teaching and learning. For example: photographs of learning; timetable updates; homework expectations; celebrations of awards; weekly Headteacher messages etc. ➤ Class Dojo individual messaging function continues to be used by teaching staff. ➤ Mersey Vale website continues to be a vital source of information for parents/carers and external partners. For example: school policies and procedures; copies of letters and newsletters; Governor information and updates etc. ➤ Calendar function on the Mersey Vale website now being used and updated by the office staff to communicate events.
<p>To provide further opportunities for pupils to continue learning at home - including online activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mersey Vale Home Learning Policy (Homework Policy) reviewed and published February 2023 ➤ https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/565/files/Policies%20Oct%2023/Home%20learning%20policy%202023.pdf ➤ Additional online activities for Reading, Maths and Online Safety shared via class dojo and accessible on the school website. ➤ Codes for any Learning By Questions (LBQ) activities started in class are shared via Class Dojo to enable pupils to continue this at home. ➤ Each class page on the school website has a section with links to suggested websites to support independent learning. ➤ Whole school competitions to support theme weeks and special events continue to be well received. For example: Eco Committee posters; Anti-Bullying Posters etc.
<p>To continue to enrich our school curriculum with extra-curricular clubs, visits, workshops and visitors to school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mersey Vale continues to improve our Wider Curriculum Offer with Rachael Mather (Assistant Headteacher) being responsible for an oversight of this. We will continue to develop this through our school improvement plan throughout 2024-2025. ➤ This year, children have had the opportunity to access extra-curricular clubs such as Football, Choir and Eco-Club. ➤ We have also been able to increase our extra-curricular tutoring offer to more children within Y6 throughout this year. ➤ Our curriculum has been enriched by some educational visits, however this is a significant area for development for 2024-2025. ➤ All children in Y5 and Y6 had the opportunity to attend the 3 day residential to Robinwood's Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden and we are pleased to be able to offer this again this year – initially to pupils in Y6 and then to pupils in Y5 if places remain available. ➤ A highlight of the year was attending the Young Voices concert at the AO Arena in Manchester. This event saw children from schools all over the North West come together to perform to family and friends alongside world class performers. ➤ A variety of workshops in school enriched learning for our pupils such as an Electricity Workshop; Christians in Schools workshops and even a Magic Show!