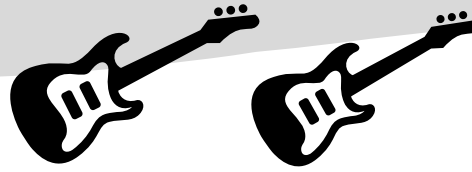


15th September 2023

Rock Kidz



We've had another fabulous day with the team from Rock Kidz – the school was quite literally 'rockin' all day. We were so impressed with the way that all our children and staff engaged with the day and joined in and we're especially proud of how confident our children in EYFS were! As ever, the whole school community went above and beyond to look and feel the part – Mr Jones and Mrs Dutton taking it a little further with actual haircuts in honour of the occasion!

The theme this year was linked to self-esteem – being yourself, never giving up and shining bright. They're important messages for all our children. Miss Merry – Assistant Headteacher



Rock Kidz is always amazing but this year, it was the best it's ever been! The children were AMAZING and joined in brilliantly and it was great to see the staff up rocking their best moves for the entertainment of the children and the adults watching on – we know a few need dance lessons! Miss Hoey, SENCO.

Dates for your diary

28th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning – we will be asking for cake donations please.

3rd October – PGL meeting for parents of children attending the residential. 3:30pm in downstairs hall.

5th October – National Poetry Day – we will celebrate in school.

10th October – World Mental Health day – we will celebrate in school. Nothing needed from home.

19th October – School closes for half term at the usual time. Staff training day on 20th.

PE and Fit Friday!



As a school, PE is very important to our curriculum and what we offer. We pay for specialist coaches to support our curriculum delivery, and this contributes to our whole-school Fit Friday each week. Our children start their PE journey in EYFS and work with Mark from @mwprimarype – this then continues throughout KS1. When the children move into KS2, they then have sessions with Kris from @BreakTheMouldGB and develop their understanding and experience of more competitive sports. Being fit and active and having the skills to play sports is something we aim to foster in every child and the positive experiences they have at primary school should provide a firm foundation for long, healthy, and active lives.

Did you know that our after-school sports club takes place each day from 3:15-4:20? The cost of this session is just £3. Kris runs the club between Monday and Thursday and it's Mark on a Friday! If you would like your child to attend any sessions, please speak with the school office.

FIT FRIDAY CLOTHES

Please remember that on a Friday your child can wear their school uniform, school PE kit or a plain, non-branded jogging suit. If your child does not have a PE kit or a plain jogging suit, please send your child in their uniform.

Free School Meals

Please be aware that Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 only - when the children move into Year 3, meals will need to be paid for. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office to fill out a form. If you are unsure about eligibility, it is worthwhile checking with the school office.

Homework

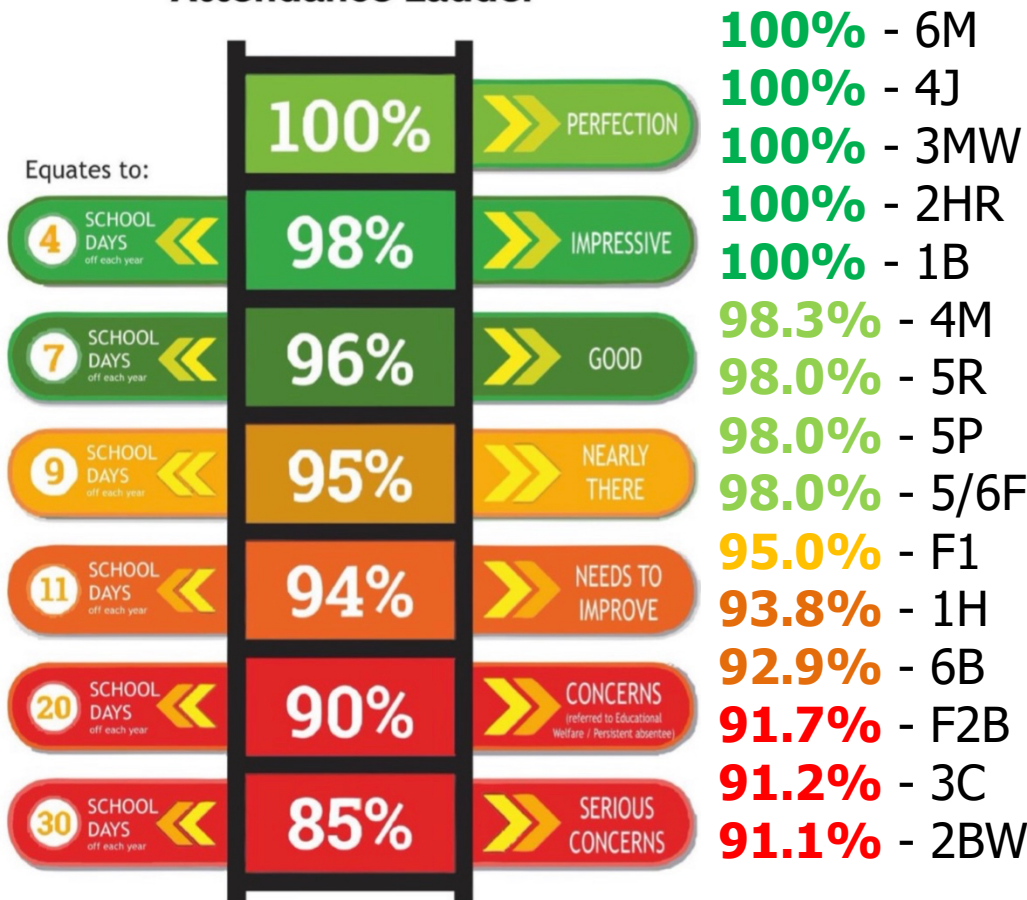
TTRS - Your child should now have their login for TTRS, and we ask that children have the opportunity to use this to practise times tables at home each evening. Times tables are vital to ensuring that the children are successful when it comes to arithmetic. The children are tested nationally when they are in Y4 and by this point, they should be fluent up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practise as often as possible at home.

Reading – We have what we call 'Strive for Five' at school – essentially, we encourage all our children to read at least 5 x per week at home with an adult. Again, this can be for 10-15 minutes per evening. Being able to read is the most important skill that children can have and daily reading at home, on top of the reading that we do in school, makes such a difference. We would also encourage the use of the local library – use it or lose it!

Spellings – Some children will come home with spellings – please encourage your child to practise writing them out and learning them. All year groups will be sending home key word lists – your child should be able to read and write these words this year.

Attendance

Attendance Ladder



Regular school attendance is vital for all children, and we will be working with all parents/carers where there are concerns around attendance levels. We follow Wirral's policy for attendance and our whole school target for all pupils is at least 96% attendance.

We understand that children can be poorly and sometimes absences are unavoidable – if your child is too poorly to come to school, please call the school office before 8:30am.

Please be aware that term time holidays are **not** permitted, and all holidays taken within term time will be subject to a fine – this is in line with Wirral's policy.

