

## Mersey Vale Primary School

### Working Together for a Brighter Future

#### 2022-2023

You Said	We Did
<p>To continue to foster a love of reading and ensure whole school consistency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Throughout the year, reading has continued to be a priority at Mersey Vale. Each classroom has a library area, with a 'Recommended Reads' section to inspire and enthuse children to read a variety of books based on recommendations from friends and adults. Children enjoyed taking part in 'World Book Day' and shared their favourite bedtime story with children from other classes.</li> <li>➤ We have been fortunate to have a number of visiting authors this year, including the return of the fabulous Sean Perkins who delivered a number of workshops - he was very inspiring indeed!</li> <li>➤ Our Library has been relocated and enhanced, creating a welcoming place for children to read and relax. The new beanbags have certainly been a hit! We have purchased a number of 'Little People' books that are shared through our weekly values assembly and introduce our children to inspiring people both past and present that share and promote our whole school values.</li> <li>➤ We have been developing our curriculum to ensure it is 'book based' meaning that children are immersed in high quality texts across the curriculum. This has proved to have a very positive impact on children's writing, as can be seen from our 2023 results.</li> </ul>
<p>To develop further opportunities for parental participation and involvement in school life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Throughout the year, exhibitions at the end of our theme weeks, such as 'Sensational Science' were very well attended by parents/carers and a lovely opportunity for children to share their learning.</li> <li>➤ Our 'Friends of Mersey Vale' group successfully planned, organised and held popular events such as our 'Winter Fair' and our 'Food and Drink Festival' to celebrate Eid. These events help raise vital funds for curriculum enrichment and we will keep everyone updated on what the money has helped us achieve through our half-termly newsletters next year.</li> <li>➤ This year saw the return to face-to-face parents' consultations. Feedback from our whole school community was very positive and therefore we intend to continue this approach next year.</li> <li>➤ One of the highlights of the year was our 'Sports Afternoon' which wasn't spoilt by the weather and was a true celebration of inter-school competition in which all children could be included.</li> </ul>
<p>To increase opportunities for pupils to access extra-curricular events and clubs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This year, children have had the opportunity to access an increased range of extra-curricular clubs such as Dodgeball, Football, Choir and Eco-Club. We have also been able to increase our extra-curricular tutoring offer to more children within KS2 throughout this year.</li> <li>➤ Our curriculum has been enriched by a variety of educational visits from watching the Halle Orchestra perform at the Bridgewater Hall to learning about endangered animals at Blackpool Zoo.</li> <li>➤ All children in 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 next year!</li> <li>➤ 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 such as Heather Small. This will now be a regular event on our school calendar for years to come.</li> </ul>

