



Millbrook Combined School

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School Newsletter



Issue 10

Friday 9th March 2018

A message from Miss Mansfield...

I would like to thank the staff for braving the weather conditions last Thursday enabling us to open the school despite the snow. I would also like to thank the parents who brought their children to school. I appreciate the disruption and inconvenience snow can bring to us all. I would also like to thank you for your understanding and apologise that we were unable to open on Friday.

It was great to see so many of you attending parents evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you were unable to make an appointment or attend please contact the school office and we will arrange an alternative time for you. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you attend and work with us to support your child's education.

Making Music

You may or may not be aware that Millbrook is also the home of High Wycombe Music Centre. This is one of the things that makes our school so special.

The Music Centre runs sessions for all children from pre-school age up to nineteen at incredibly low cost. I am always quite shocked that so few of the children who attend Millbrook take advantage of the Music Centre in their school!

So, if you sing, play an instrument in Y4, Y5 or Y6 bands, have lessons outside school for guitar, piano, percussion/drums, would like to learn how to play or just love making sound—music centre is for you.

Playing and singing together is great fun, it helps to grow your brain so improves learning and test scores, and, you will make lots of new friends.

So please do come and join in the fun, you'll love it, so give it a go. Do phone the Music Centre on 01494 475166 or ask at the school office.

Attendance figures

To date

Attendance Percentage	Class
95.9 %	4GW
95.6 %	5YA
95.2 %	6NH
95.2 %	4SS
95 %	2RG
94.7 %	3EB
94.5 %	3SI
94.4 %	2AC
94.3 %	5LD
93.8 %	6SZ
93.1 %	1CU
92.9 %	2AR
92.7 %	1SJ
92.1 %	RKR
90.8 %	RBM
90.7 %	RCE
89.3 %	1AA

Praise

I am, as I'm sure you all know, thoroughly proud of the pupils at Millbrook, particularly of their attitudes to learning, their behaviour and achievements. However, although we recognise this in school it is always wonderful to receive praise from visitors and the community. With this in mind I thought I would share part of an e-mail that was sent to me further to a visit from the School Nursing Team on Tuesday.

"My colleague and I visited Y6 as arranged on the morning of Tuesday 6th March. Mr Isaacs met us and directed us to the IT suite where we were joined by a delightful student who introduced himself and logged on to all the computers for us to enable us to put in the website for the questionnaire. The children were incredibly well-behaved, completing the questionnaire in silence as requested. I wanted to express my thanks to Mr Isaac and the Y6 students for being so delightful. It made a huge difference to us and enabled us to complete the session in a timely manner. We see students from this year group frequently during our working week and I have not met any yet who behaved in such a delightful way.

Thank you Mr Isaacs, the Year 6 staff and the pupils for making Miss Mansfield burst with pride.

Parking and site access

I have been aware of the issues recently regarding parking and have tried to ensure I have been on duty at the front of the school as much as possible to prevent any accidents.

I would like to remind you all, with the warmer weather approaching, to please take this opportunity to walk to school. If you need to drive, please park up away from school and walk the rest of the way. We have **no onsite parking** for any parents. We would also be grateful, if you arrange for your child to be collected by another family member, that you inform them of this too.



Please do not park in front of the 'entrances' to school (this is where the barriers are placed at the dropped kerbs) as they provide access for emergency vehicles. When we have a school trip planned, we place cones outside the front of school to ensure the children can safely board the coach. There have been times when parents have ignored these cones or even moved them. Please don't, this is for your child's safety!

Millbrook Message

I would like to remind parents of the Millbrook Message as we do expect all members of our school community to follow it, not just the pupils.

- * We always try our best
- * We take responsibility for ourselves, others and the environment
- * We make the right choices
- * We think before we do something
- * We reflect on our experiences
- * We try never to do or say anything that makes another person unhappy.

I know that many of you reflect this message in your own daily lives, however recently, we have had several incidents whereby parents have been disrespectful to each other or towards school staff especially at the front of the school in relation to parking. This will not be tolerated! I understand at times there may be issues that can be frustrating but I ask you to be mindful of one another and remember the children are watching you.

School Trip Consent

Following our recent communication regarding our drive to reduce our carbon footprint and save money on the cost of printing. We will no longer be sending home paper copies of letters, unless specifically requested, and therefore all communication will be sent electronically. This means we are changing the way in which you can consent to your child attending a school trip. Gone are the days where we send home the Parentpay letter and a permission slip.

Parents will now receive an e-mail with an electronic letter. The letter will identify a school trip and provide details of the trip, it will ask parents to log in to their Parentpay account to pay for the school trip and at the same time provide consent.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help. We will be providing parents with a guide to Parentpay in due course.

Staffing updates

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you the following staff left at half term:

- * Mr Draper, Deputy School Business Manger
- * Mrs Beeson, School Admin Assistant
- * Miss Shaul, Y4 class teacher

We wish them lots of success as they embark on their next big adventure



We are pleased to confirm that Mr Sweeney will be covering as class teacher for class 4SS for the rest of this term whilst we recruit a permanent replacement for Miss Shaul.

I am delighted to inform you that we have welcomed Mrs Payne, as our new School Receptionist on a temporary contract until we break up in July.

I know you will support us in making them feel very welcome.

Sadly I would like to inform you that Mr Slater, our School Business Manager has been absent for quite sometime now following an accident at home. At the moment we do not know when he will be well enough to return to work. For the past couple of months Mr Draper was supporting this role however following his departure we were left with a gap. Therefore I am pleased to confirm I have extended our collaboration with another local school and have arranged through the Wycombe High Multi Academy Trust for Mrs Sanders from Bourne End Academy to support us with the finances, alongside Mrs Crouch (from Bucks County Council), Mrs Day will continue one day a week to assist with the management of HR and Personnel.



Year 1 Superhero Workshop

On Friday the 23rd of February Year 1 attended a superhero workshop that was brilliantly done!

Each class had the opportunity 'to go on an adventure to save a planet that had lost its flowers'. They were taught 'how to be a superhero' and more importantly how to work together as a team! All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank parents for the contributions which enabled this workshop to go ahead!



School Uniform Shop—changes to the opening days

We would like to inform parents that we do have a uniform shop in school with a limited stock of uniform available. Due to the recent changes, we are only able to sell uniform on a Tuesday. Therefore the uniform shop will be available every Tuesday between 8:30am to 9:15am and again between 3pm and 3:30pm.

Alternatively you will still be able to purchase uniform from PMG Schoolwear, in Wycombe Town Centre.

Y3 trip to London Zoo

Well what an ironic experience searching for African animals in Arctic conditions!

Despite the snow, wind and cold temperatures, Year 3 managed to find a variety of animals (mostly indoors), before having lunch and returning safely to school.

The adventure will certainly have inspired their writing. It was definitely one of our more interesting trips and the pupils represented Millbrook very well.



World Book Day

Despite the snow, the costumers were up to their usual very high standards, as you can see from the photos, and the children enjoyed sharing their favourite books and authors. Thank you to all who made the day such a success.



Sporting fixtures

Y5/6 Basketball Competition

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school amazingly at the basketball competition held on Tuesday 27th February. They showed brilliant sportsmanship and played particularly well as a team. Well done to all.

Y4 Hockey Tournament

In their first competitive experience, our Year 4 Hockey team did brilliantly on Tuesday 6th March. They played 6 games, they won a couple, drew a couple and lost a couple. They showed good teamwork, passing to each other to move the ball down the pitch and scored some great goals. Well done to all.



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Achievement Assembly

"being friendly and supportive"

"being a special member of the class"



Congratulations to the children who received certificates in the recent Achievement Assemblies

Friday 2nd February

1AA	Matteo	For excellent behaviour and settling in well to Millbrook school.
1SJ	Alma	For her amazing spelling scores every week.
1CU	Tanya	For growing confidence when speaking in small groups and large groups! Also very proud she got full marks for the first time in her spellings this week!
2AC	Archie	For his enthusiastic approach when writing a story during English.
2AR	Saara	For always being polite and helpful in the classroom – excellent manners!
2RG	Eshal	For trying really hard in all her lessons and improving her handwriting.
3EB	Ali	For the positive attitude towards his learning that he had displayed this term.
3SI	Rayaan	For much improved behaviour this week!
4SS	Alex	For amazing academic advancement from home learning, spellings and maths.
4GW	Hannan	For improved effort and making great contributions in all lessons.
5YA	Cartel	For working his way out of the learning pit when multiplying using long multiplication and going on to complete the mastery.
5LD	Julita and Hassan	For working well as a team when demonstrating a Science experiment to 5YA.
6NH	Aqsa Rasab	For always following the Millbrook Message and being a good role model.
6SZ	Summer Hodgson	For her excellence and dedication for anything sports related.

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1AA	Khadija	For overcoming her fear on the balance beam in P.E.
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1SJ	Aadam	For a big improvement in his maths work!
Class 1SJ		For an amazing assembly all about Canada!
1CU	La'Shan	For a very good piece of writing on the Freedom song poem!.
2AC	Fatiha	For using her imagination when creating a story.
2AR	Nikola	For always following the Millbrook message and trying hard in all lessons.
2RG	Owen	For an amazing improvement in his writing. Going from not being able to write a sentence, to writing a story!
2RG	Cruz	For excellent effort in his writing, using his developed phonics knowledge.
3EB	Dawid	For working with greater confidence in all areas of the curriculum.
3SI	Konrad	For writing an extremely entertaining story using the concept of 'The Freedom song'!
4SS	Salah-Udeen	For outstanding improvement in literacy.
4SS	Miss Shaul	For being a kind, outstanding and athletic teacher. Awarded by everybody in 4SS.
4GW	Namra	For always putting in a great effort into her work.
5YA	Fatima	For demonstrating improved reasoning skills in maths and application of key skills.
5LD	Olus	For improved focus in lessons and for putting a smile on everyone's face.
6NH	Riana Volocar	For making great progress this half term in all the subjects. Well done!
6SZ	Hashim Hussain	For improved behaviour and attitude. Well done, keep it up!
6SZ	Anel Sultanovic	For consistently being a responsible and reliable member of the class.

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All of 1SJ		For amazing 100 day collections, writing and math work all week long!
1CU	Sophie	For increasing confidence when talking in front of the class and answering questions.
2AC	Ishell	For always trying her best. Keep it up!
2AR	Ernest	For exceptional effort in all lessons this week! Keep up the hard work!
2RG	Nicholas	For persevering with using a number line to add and subtract.
3EB	Rayaan	For being patient when helping another child to successfully learn their spellings.
3SI	Oscar	For consistently demonstrating positive behaviour for learning!
4SS	Salah	For good concentration and writing a good letter to Peach Cranyon during English.
4GW	Zahara	For an excellent written hot write based on our Talk-4-Writing work.
5YA	Alfie	For actively participating in class and giving things a go! Keep it up!
5LD	Hashim	For improved focus and behaviour during the Spring term which is reflected in the good progress he is making in Maths and Writing.
6NH	Olivia	For always applying herself in everything she does.
6NH	Philip	For always displaying impeccable manners to everyone in the Millbrook Community (held the door open for one of the builders)
6SZ	Iqra	For being a friendly, well mannered and hard working member of the class.

Friday 2nd March

1AA	Kwame	For excellent number bonds to 20 work in maths.
1SJ	Michal	For making a big improvement in both maths and writing through working hard and focussing.
1CU	Emil	For his wonderful handwriting and for making great progress in Phonics.
2AC	Sarah	For following instruction and always trying her best.
2AR	Zaina	For consistently following the Millbrook message.
2RG	Igor	For trying hard in maths and getting a good score in a practise test.
Class 3EB		For being enthusiastic on our trip to London Zoo despite the challenging weather conditions.
Class 3SI		For super behaviour during our trip to London Zoo in the extreme weather conditions.
4SS	Noor	For wonderful art and DT homework designing clothes for peach crayon
4GW	Saif	Always putting in a good effort and setting a great example to all.
5YA	Muhammad	For improved focus in lessons, thus resulting in some good work being produced.
5LD	Lindsey	For a well written piece of science homework about how humans develop and grow.
6NH	Aiesha	For being a kind, caring and helpful member of the class. Keep it up!
6SZ	Emily	For making 6SZ a happy place to be with her bubbly character

Important Dates for the Spring Term

13/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1AA—group 2 5LD Forest Schools 15 selected pupils from Y6 attending Matrix at WWFC (12:30—3pm)
15/03/18	Class 2AC Assembly Y6 Swimming @ John Hampden School
16/03/18	Sports Relief Day Energize Rehearsals (during the school day) Energize Concert (drop off 6:30pm, concert starts at 7pm, collect at 9:20pm)
17/03/18	Energize Concert (drop off 1pm, concert starts at 2pm, collect at 4:20pm)
19/03/18	Phonics Meeting for Y1 Parents (2:30pm & 6pm)
20/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1SJ—group 1 5LD Forest Schools Y5 Athletics @ John Hampden School
21/03/18	Nursery Induction Meeting at 5pm
22/03/18	Class 5YA Assembly
23/03/18	Y2 trip to Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Gallery
26/03/18	Nursery Settling in Workshop (2-3pm) LKS2 Dress Rehearsal
27/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1SJ—group 2 Nursery Settling in Workshop (2-3pm) LKS2 Performance (2pm)
28/03/18	NURSERY and NURSERY PLUS TWO CLOSED (Home Visits) Y6 trip to Wycombe Museum LKS2 Performance (7pm)
29/03/18	NURSERY and NURSERY PLUS TWO CLOSED (Home Visits) Class 5LD Assembly Easter Egg Raffle Y2 & Y3 Kurling / Boccia festival @ John Hampden School SCHOOL CLOSES (at the end of the day)

Important Dates for the Summer Term

16/04/18	INSET DAY—School Closed to children
17/04/18	School opens to pupils
19/04/18	Y4 trip to Legoland
23/04/18	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
24/04/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1CU—group 1 Y3 & Y4 Tennis @ John Hampden School
01/05/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1CU—group 2
02/05/18	Y3 trip to Shortenhills
03/05/18	NP & NP2 Closed due to Elections
04/05/18	Y6 Annual Games @ John Hampden
07/05/18	BANK HOLIDAY—School Closed
08/05/18	Bring Parents to lunch for Class RCE—Group 1 Y5 & Y6 Volleyball @ John Hampden
11/05/18	Reception pond dipping trip to Mop End Y5 trip to Hazard Alley
14/05/18	Y6 SATs Week
15/05/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class RCE—Group 2 Y3 & Y4 Tennis @ John Hampden
16/05/18	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle



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WYCOMBE SWAN

Programme 1: Thu 16th & Sat 17th March 7.00pm

ACT 1 - INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

- Dr Challoner's High School
- Hamilton Academy
- St Mary's & All Saints C of E Primary School
- St. Michaels Catholic School
- Highcrest Academy

ACT 2 - COLLABORATIVE "HISTORY MATTERS"

- Burford School
- Bullers Court School
- Rademere C of E Combined School
- Highworth Combined School and Nursery
- High Wycombe C of E Combined School
- Holmer Green Junior School
- Hughenden Primary School
- Iver Village Junior School
- Leathwater Combined School
- Naphill & Walters Ash School
- Spinfield School
- The Meadows School

Programme 2: Fri 16th March 7pm & Sat 17th March 2pm

ACT 1 - INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

- Cresser Community College
- Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
- Carrington Infant School
- St. Marlow School
- Stony Dean School

ACT 2 - COLLABORATIVE "THE BUTTON BOX"

- Ash Hill Primary School
- Chipping View Primary Academy
- Chilren Wood School
- Curzon C of E Combined School
- Danesfield School
- Fleeth C of E School
- Manor Farm Community Infant School
- Manor Farm Community Junior School
- Marlow C of E Infant School
- Marsh Infant School
- Millbrook Combined School
- Menks Pledenough C of E Primary School
- Radnage C of E Primary School
- Sozen C of E School