



**Friday 18th November 2016**

## **A message from Miss Mansfield...**

Welcome to this bumper issue.....

September and October have flown by, with half term a distant memory. Reflecting back since the start of this academic year we celebrated lots of events and activities both inside and outside school including:

- Jeans for Genes
- Roald Dahlicious Day
- Open Day and Evening
- Black History Month
- Y6 Residential to PGL Liddington
- Forest Schools for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children
- Cinema trip for Y6, School Council, Millbrook Messengers and the Librarians
- Spokes Bikeability Training

This week we have raised awareness of bullying in Anti-bullying week and celebrated Children in Need. With only 6 weeks left until Christmas and this half of the term is as busy as ever with lots more activities and trips planned including the Mayors Festival of Carols, a Charity Carol sing-a-long at the Eden Centre, EYFS Christmas Performance, Christmas Lunch and not forgetting the pantomime.

Tickets are selling fast for the annual Pantomime trip, so if you haven't already done so, please log on to Parentpay to purchase and secure a ticket for your child. We do want to avoid disappointment as there are limited places.

Nursery and Reception are busy practising for their Christmas performance and we look forward to seeing you all here to watch your children. Letters will be going home shortly with more information.

We do hope you can support the many events planned and look forward to seeing you in school.

On a final note, I am meeting with the architects and Bucks County Council in the coming weeks to discuss the next phase of building work and hope to have an update for you in the New Year!

## **Attendance figures**

Year to date

<b>Attendance Percentage</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>97.4 %</b>	<b>1CS</b>
<b>97.3 %</b>	<b>3GM</b>
<b>97.2 %</b>	<b>6NH</b>
<b>97.1 %</b>	<b>4SB</b>
<b>97 %</b>	<b>5LD</b>
<b>96.6 %</b>	<b>2AC</b>
<b>96.6 %</b>	<b>4CU</b>
<b>96.1 %</b>	<b>2RH</b>
<b>96 %</b>	<b>RBM</b>
<b>95.8 %</b>	<b>RKR</b>
<b>95.4 %</b>	<b>3EB</b>
<b>94.9 %</b>	<b>1AA</b>
<b>94.9 %</b>	<b>6SZ</b>
<b>94 %</b>	<b>5EO</b>
<b>93.8 %</b>	<b>RCE</b>
<b>92.7 %</b>	<b>1AR</b>

## Staffing changes

Sadly before we broke up for half term we had to say goodbye to Mrs Philips who has decided to take a break from teaching to look after her little boy, in addition, we also said goodbye to Mrs Chettibi, a lunchtime playworker, and Miss Toffe, a Nursery Plus Two Keyworker, I know you will join us in wishing them all the best. I also need to inform you that Mrs Mirza and Miss Hackney are very poorly and unfortunately are unlikely to be back before Christmas. In the meantime I know you will support the school in wishing them both a speedy recovery.

However, with sad news comes good news.... we have welcomed the following members of staff to Millbrook:

- Teaching Assistants: Mrs Morris, Miss Calton, Mrs Das and Miss Douglas
- Learning Support Assistants: Mr Cranston

Thank you for extending a warm welcome to them.

## One Can Trust Visit

On Friday 7th October, after the generous donations from everyone at our school for 4CU's Harvest assembly, we (with Mrs Taylor and Miss Mansfield) visited the One Can Trust to deliver the items into the vast warehouse.



We travelled there in Miss Mansfield's new car, which was exciting. We were greeted by a lady who was pleasantly surprised at the amount of donations we brought, she was really grateful. A huge thank you for all your contributions!

**By Senthur Senthilnathan and Hassan Hussain, 4CU (School Council)**

## Emergency Closure Procedure

In preparation for the winter months, it would seem prudent to remind parents of what will happen should bad weather require the school to close. If it is deemed necessary to close the school a text message will be automatically sent to the main, designated contact which we have on file for each child. The system will only send one message to this number so families with several children at our school will not get multiple messages!

For this system to work:

- The telephone number supplied must be correct! If you have a new phone please ensure that you have updated your contact details.
- Your phone must be capable of receiving text messages. Not every family has provided us with a mobile phone number. The text service will not work with landlines.

In addition to sending text messages, we are also required to inform Bucks County Council of any closure. They publish the information on their website. <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>

## School Council

Congratulations to the following pupils on becoming the school council representative for their class:

1CS - Nomaan	1AA - Hassan	1AR - Daanyal	2RH - Connor
2RH - Samuel	2AC - Oscar	3GM - Jason	3EB - Isabelle
4CU - Senthur	4SB - Stephanie	5LD - Oliwia	5EO - Kharis
6NH - Alexia	6SZ - Zayan		

## Mayors' Festival of Carols

We are pleased to announce our choir has been invited by The Mayor and Charter Trustees of High Wycombe to sing at the Festival of Carols on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints Parish Church in High Wycombe Town Centre. We are very privileged to be invited to this exclusive event for the second year in a row.

Parents, family and friends are invited and tickets can be purchased from the School Office, High Wycombe Tourist Information Centre or The Mayor's Office on 01494 421134. Tickets will also be available on the day at The Church. Tickets cost £10 per adult including 2 children under 16 years of age or £8 per pensioner. All the proceeds will be shared between Scannappeal and Wycombe Homeless Connection.

## Starting school in September 2017

Buckinghamshire County Council



Was your child born between the 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013?

If you can answer yes to this question then you will need to apply for a place at the primary school of your choice even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time is available on the Buckinghamshire County Council website at [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk).

The deadline for applications is 16th January 2017. Admissions to primary schools are managed by Bucks County Council and applications must be made directly to them.

You may be interested to know that there is a waiting list for places in Reception at Millbrook. Last year some parents missed the deadline for applications and were not included in the first round of allocations. As a result they were unable to get a place at Millbrook despite living in the school's catchment or having siblings attending the school.

We are providing two workshops to help parents to complete their online applications which are being held at **9am and again at 12:30pm on Wednesday 23rd November**. If you would like to attend the workshop please contact the school office.

**\*\* Please don't forget the deadline for completing the application to primary school is Monday 16th January 2017. \*\***



*"Trying his best and working really hard"*

## 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 14th October

1CS	Theo	For following the Millbrook message and always trying your best.
1AR	Ruqia	For always following the Millbrook messages with a smile!
1AA	Zaina	For challenging herself in English to write more than she needed to do. She went the extra mile.
2AC	Amelia	For always putting in a great deal of time and effort with her learning log tasks. Keep it up!
2RH	Millie	For following the Millbrook message and writing fantastic information page in her English. Well done.
3EB	Salah-Udeen	For making great contributions to class discussions, most notably in R.E. lessons
3GM	Sandra	For always producing immaculate work and expanding her understanding of English.
4SB	Munibah	For a fantastic effort at editing and improving her diary entry.
4CU	Alexandra	For working well with a partner to create a fact file for Lilian Bader!
4CU	Laiba	For working well with a partner to create a fact file for Lilian Bader!
5LD	Diana	For writing a brilliant letter in English, taking on the role of a character, and using a range of techniques to create an angry tone.
5EO	Klaudia	For trying her best to work independently in all subjects. Keep up the great effort!
Everyone in 6NH		For a fantastic class assembly; using loud and clear voices. Well done!
6SZ	Joshuah	For always putting 100% into his work, and using the learning skills wall to share that he is always thinking about his learning. Well done.

### Friday 21st October

1CS	Kaitlin	For following the Millbrook Message.
1AR	Razvan	For settling in well to life at Millbrook and making new friends.
1AR	Ishell	For settling in well to Millbrook and adapting to school life.
1AA	Faith	For a lovely poster on Andrew Watson.
2AC	Kai	For improved attitude towards his learning.
2RH	Mohammad	For working so hard in his Maths this week and following the Millbrook message.
3EB	Indumini	For making a great start to her time here at Millbrook.
3EB	Adam	For making a great start to his time here at Millbrook.
3GM	Nithuja	For making such a great start in her new school and fitting right in.
4SB	Aleksandra	For growing in confidence this term!
4CU	Daud	For always trying his best and setting a good example for the rest of the class!
5LD	Bartek	For independently researching our science topic (Earth, moon and sun) at home, and sharing lots of interesting facts with the class.
5EO	Vlad	For settling down quickly and quietly and finishing the task to a high standard.
6NH	Abuzar	For giving 100% during Maths and English. Well done.
Everyone in 6SZ		For their amazing acting skills and retelling of the famous Diwali story.



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### Friday 3rd November

1CS	Nicholas	For excellent homework and following the Millbrook Message.
1AR	Daanyaal	For always following the Millbrook Message and being extra helpful during tidy up time.
1AA	Muhammad	For trying hard in phonics.
2AC	Mohammed	For showing improvement in his handwriting and presentation. Keep it up!
2RH	Gabriel	Trying his best in Maths this week and being a kind friend.
3EB	Murtaza	For consistently trying hard in all maths lessons.
3GM	Onissa	For settling into her new class and school so well and taking part in our assembly!
Class 3GM		For travelling back in time to 1605 and finding out all about Guy Fawkes.
4SB	Eshaan	For an amazing independent effort in English.
4CU	Asia	For really trying her best in Maths this week. Keep it up!
5LD	Ahmed	For fully involving himself in all of his learning and showing kindness to his classmates.
5EO	Lewis	For an excellent improvement in his behaviour and settling down quickly to work.
6NH	Amelia	For always following the Millbrook Message. Well done, keep it up!
6SZ	Labeebah	For scoring 100% in her maths test. Well done.

### Friday 10th November

1CS	Igor	For learning your number bonds to 10!
1AR	Elsie	For always following the Millbrook message and trying her best in all lessons.
1AA	Nikola	For always following the Millbrook Message and being an excellent role model for the rest of the class.
2AC	Farheen	For showing great improvement in her reading and comprehension skills. Well done!
2RH	Maisy	For showing great improvement in her Maths and following the Millbrook message.
3EB	Alex	For working hard in all maths lessons this week.
3GM	Michali	For making a great effort in Maths and English lessons even when he found it challenging.
4SB	Stephanie	For interest and care taken in producing a good homework.
4CU	Lindsey	For excellent effort in maths. Working independently to multiply and divide two digit numbers by 10.
5LD	Zain	For excellent improvement in all aspects of his behaviour.
5EO	Brandon	For an improvement in his behaviour and attitude towards all subjects. Keep it up!
6NH	Mackenzie	For always following the Millbrook Message. Well done, keep it up!
6SZ	Emil	For enthusiastically contributing in all lessons. Well done.



## Spokes Cycle Training

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently took part in the Spokes Cycle Training and has achieved their Bikeability Level 2. Congratulations to the following children:

Isabella (6SZ)	Nelson (6SZ)	Isis (6NH)	Ayman (5EO)	Yasmin (5LD)	Anshi (5LD)
Edward (6SZ)	Muneeb (6SZ)	Batoul (5EO)	Faizaan (5EO)	Jayden (5LD)	Ahmed (5LD)
George (6SZ)	Malakhai (6NH)	Fatima (5EO)	Emily (5EO)	Zoe (5LD)	Moosa (5LD)
Zach (6SZ)	Daiana (6NH)	Hamzah (5EO)			

## Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our annual Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December. The deadline for signing up for the Christmas lunch is **Friday 9th December**, please note that after this date the Global Café will have placed the order with our suppliers and therefore your child will not be able to have a Christmas Lunch. Information about the menu and how to book your child a Christmas Lunch will be coming home on Friday so please check their book bags!

## Mayors Visit

On Tuesday 8th November, we had a visit from The Mayor of High Wycombe. He spoke to the children in assembly about who he is and what he does, including raising awareness for the charities he supports.

Following the assembly, our house captains have reflected on what was said and have decided to collect for the Mayor's chosen charities. These are Scannappeal and Wycombe Homeless Connection. There are collection boxes outside the school office, so if you are passing and have some loose change please drop a few pennies into these collection boxes, there is no time limit, as these collections are over the academic year.

## Do you have a Minecraft or Pokemon Go fan in the house?

NSPCC website has some helpful advice and information about keeping your children safe whilst playing these popular games.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

Add the NSPCC website to your favourites or bookmarks as there is wealth of information to help parents keep their children safe in the physical world and online.

## Letters home

- Reading Together Workshop (Reception, Y1 & Y2)
- Cass 2RH Assembly
- Children in Need
- Invitation to bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for RBM
- Y2 'Come and Sing' trip
- Nursery & Year R; Performance Costumes
- Mrs Mirza
- E-safety meeting
- NP2 Keyworker
- Workshop for Reception Place Applications for Sept '17
- Performing Arts questionnaire
- Nursery & Year R Performance tickets
- Invitation to bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for RBM

Please check in your child's book bag regularly for letters sent home.

## Timekeeping

An increasing number of children are being regularly signed in the late book in the morning.



Please arrive to school promptly. If you arrive before 8:50am you can get into school via the playground gate. If you arrive after 8:55am you should come through the front entrance to sign the late book.

## Children in Need

This week we have been supporting 'Children in Need' again this year.



Raffle tickets have been sold for the chance to win Pudsey and Blush bears.

In addition to the raffle, we held a dress up day and pupils came to school wearing something spotty for a £1 donation. We will let you know how much was raised in our next newsletter.

## Important Dates for the Autumn Term

21/11/16	Class 1AA trip to Round Wood
22/11/16	Keeping up with Children and IT course (9:15am) Class 1CS Forest Schools Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for RBM Class 1AA Forest Schools
23/11/16	Children's Centre Parenting course (9am) Nursery parents applications workshop (9am) Y6 Victorian's Day Y2 'Come and Sing' Class 1AR trip to Round Wood Nursery parents applications workshop (12:30pm)
24/11/16	Class 2AC Assembly Class 1AR Forest Schools RKR & Nursery Forest Schools (9:15am—10:45am)
25/11/16	Class 1CS trip to Round Wood
28/11/16	Y4 trip to Roman Museum
29/11/16	Keeping up with Children and IT course (9:15am) Class 1CS Forest Schools Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for RCE Class 1AA Forest Schools
30/11/16	Children's Centre Parenting Course (9am) Nursery Induction Meeting (6pm)
01/12/16	Class 1AA Assembly Class 1AR Forest Schools RCE & Nursery Forest Schools (9:15am—10:45am)
02/12/16	Charity sing-a-long at Eden Centre
05/11/16	Reception Admissions for Sept '17 Tour
06/12/16	Keeping up with Children and IT course (9:15am) EYFS Dress Rehearsal Class 1CS Forest School Class 1AA Forest School
07/12/16	Children's Centre Parenting Course (9am) EYFS Nativity (10am)
08/12/16	Class 1AR Assembly Class 1AR Forest Schools EYFS Nativity (2pm) RBM & Nursery Forest Schools (9:15am—10:45am)
09/12/16	Y3 trip to Ashmolean Museum Y6 trip to Reading Museum Deadline for signing up to Christmas Lunch
11/12/16	Mayor's Festival of Carols (5pm)
13/12/16	Nursery Induction Meeting (5pm)
14/12/16	Children's Centre Parenting Course (9am) Christmas Lunch
15/12/16	Class 4SB Assembly RKR & Nursery Forest Schools (9:15am—10:45am)

Please do check as dates are updated regularly!

We do hope you are able to attend some of these events.

## Could you provide a child with a loving home?

We have over 430 children in care in Buckinghamshire who need support, guidance and loving homes, some of whom come from Asian backgrounds.

It's really important for people from the Asian community to take up fostering, as Asian children need to be placed with families who come from a similar background to them. It is essential they grow up in a loving home environment that is familiar to them, so they can develop a positive identity.


There are lots of different ways you can foster – respite, short term and long term fostering.

You can foster regardless of whether:

- you're single, married or have a partner
- you're renting your home
- you're from any ethnic or religious background
- you have your own children or not
- you're employed or on benefits

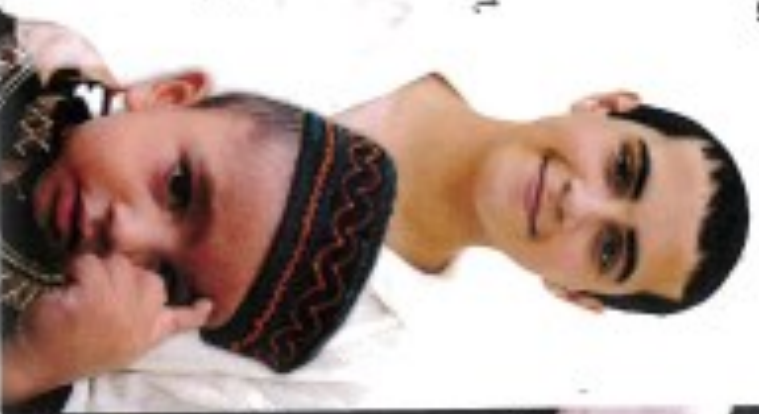
We will provide you with excellent support, brilliant training and an allowance.

All children deserve a good start in life

 [buckscc.gov.uk/fostering](http://buckscc.gov.uk/fostering)

 0800 160 1900

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# I ♥ Fostering

"We use our spare room to give her a loving home and bring her up in an environment she's familiar with. When we see the smile on her face, we know we're doing the right thing."

Mr & Mrs Hussain  
from Aylesbury

With your help,  
more children can be  
successful in life.

Fostering Information Session  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Wycombe High School,  
Marlow Road, High Wycombe,  
HP11 1TB

Fostering Information Session  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.8.30pm  
Cressax Community School,  
High Wycombe, HP12 4QA  
To attract carers for Asian &  
BME children

