



Millbrook Combined School
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School Newsletter



Issue 5

Friday 16th December 2016

A message from Miss Mansfield...

I would like to thank all parents on behalf of all the staff, for the Christmas cards and kind gifts we have received. We are looking forward to a well deserved rest and coming back to school in January, refreshed and ready to go!

We also look forward to welcoming some new staff on our return and we look forward to sharing these details in January.

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Miss Healy who is returning to Ireland.

We do hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on **Thursday 5th January 2017**.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Friends of Millbrook

A big thank you to all the parents who donated books during the book drop week. 350 books were donated (good quality), which went to the library and all classrooms within the school. It was a good collection of old and new books.

Please save your books as we are planning to hold a regular book drop week each term.

Achievement Assembly



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"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 December

Class 1CS		For excellent map making and geography work in topic.
1AR	Melody	For trying her best in all lessons and writing a super poem in English!
1AA	Lucas	For excellent work in maths to solve money word problems.
Class 1AA		For an amazing class assembly and excellent behaviour on the class trip.
2AC	Zak	For showing great improvement in his reading and comprehension skills. Keep it up!
2RH	Beatrice	For improvement in asking questions in English and following the Millbrook message.
3EB	Kacper	For demonstrating great creativity when making snowflakes.
3EB	Noor	For making a great start to her new school here at Millbrook.
3GM	Jason	For creating an entire booklet for his homework. It deserves to be published!
3GM	Harvey	For good listening and recall of French vocabulary.
Everyone in 4SB		For their immaculate behaviour on their trip to the museum.
4CU	Aryan	For working really hard to complete his own story about Boudicca which included all the features!
4CU	Alexandra	For consistently taking part and showing enthusiasm in French.
5LD	Ruby	For writing an amazing letter to Toys 'R' Us using modal verbs and an excellent scientific explanation.
5LD	Ruby	For being the first to speak her name correctly using the French alphabet.
5EO	Faizaan	For being an excellent citizen of 5EO and following the Millbrook message.
Everyone in 5EO		For an outstanding effort in all work tasks, excellent behaviour and such amazing poetry writing in English this week.
6NH	Marnie	For always persevering in the Maths lessons.
6NH	Yanitsa	For really good listening and focus in French.
6SZ	Zayan	For his musical talent and working really hard in maths.

Eco Club Update

The Eco-Club has had a very busy start to the school year. Last year's vegetable crops were harvested and pots of bulbs planted ready for spring. We have taken part in 'What's under your feet' which involved digging up parts of the grass area and counting the number of worms! We also ran 'Switch Off Fortnight', a campaign promoting the reduction of wasted energy use – e.g. not leaving gadgets in standby mode.



Eco Club Holiday Competition

We would like you to be creative and make something unusual and interesting out of old greetings cards and wrapping paper over the Christmas holidays. Prizes will be awarded to the winners from each section of the school. Please have fun and enter. Closing date: Friday 13th January.

Debby and Isabelle

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1CS	Priya	For excellent spelling and phonics
1AR	Rumeha	For always following the Millbrook Message with exceptional manners!
1AA	Mohsin	For trying really hard in his writing.
2AC	Konrad	For always following the Millbrook Message and being a great role model to others.
2RH	Malaika	For working so hard in her English this week and the fantastic work she wrote. Well done!
3EB	Faiqa	For consistently producing top quality work in her learning log.
3GM	Brooke	For always working to the best of her ability during English and Maths.
3GM	Jacob	For an amazing French accent when reading the poem!
4SB	Marques	For taking a tremendous amount of pride in his handwriting and presentation.
4SB	Luliana	For being an attentive listener and always keen to 'have a go' in French.
4CU	Senthur	For being a model student.
5LD	Aiesha	For showing a positive attitude to all her learning this week, especially with her reading.
5EO	Husna	For 100% effort in all work tasks and for being an excellent role model to others.
5EO	Kharis	For excellent recall of French vocabulary and grammar.
6NH	Alexandra	For making great progress in her reading.
6NH	Daniel	For consistent active participation and enthusiasm in French lessons.
6SZ	Joshuah	For his outstanding behaviour and determination to succeed. Keep up the good work.

Parent Council

I am pleased to inform you that the parent council met for the first time on Wednesday and can confirm your Parent Council representatives are:

Mrs Darmaz (NUAM)	Mrs Arake (RKR, RBM)	Mrs Daly & Miss Farrell (RCE)	Mrs Malik (1AA)	Mrs Perveen (1CS)
Mrs Payne (2RH)	Mrs Qayum (5LD)	Mrs Choudhry (5EO)	Mrs Ivanova (6NH)	

Some of the items discussed were :

- Parking and the school travel plan,
- Our IT infrastructure and moving this forward
- Smoking in the lane outside the school playground
- Refurbishment and building work around the school

We still need representatives for Afternoon Nursery, 1AR, 2AC, 3EB, 3GM, 4SB, 4CU, 6SZ and 6NH. Please do come forward, as this is a very important forum which helps drive the school forward.

If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the parent council members or call the office.

EYFS Christmas Performance

It was lovely to see so many parents come along to support the children and come together for coffee and mince pies before and after the performances. I'm sure you will agree with me that the children were brilliant and thank you for supporting our no sibling rule. We do understand that this may be an inconvenience to you but you will have noticed that the hall was full and we would not have been able to have squeezed everyone in.

I would like to thank all the EYFS staff for their hard work in making this happen and a special thank you to Mrs Wooster, one of our Governors who made some of the costumes for us!



Mayors' Festival of Carols

The Choir sang at the Mayors Festival of Carols at the All Saints Church on Sunday. Thank you to the parents who did come along to support us and I'm sure they will agree with us, our pupils were by far the best performers!



Global Cafe

This year Christophe and the team cooked 351 Christmas dinners for Millbrook, which, when added to the total for all the satellite schools who they cook for, made a humungous grand total of 1,700. Thank you to the Global Café team for all their hard work this year.



Important Dates for the Autumn Term

19/12/16	Nursery, Nursery Plus and NP2 —CLOSED
20/12/16	Nursery, Nursery Plus and NP2 —CLOSED Whole school trip to Pantomime SCHOOL CLOSSES (at the end of the school day)

Important Dates for the Spring Term

04/01/17	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
05/01/17	SCHOOL OPENS
10/01/17	Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for Y5 & Y6 Reception Admissions Tour for Sept 17 Tour
16/01/17	Deadline for Reception intake applications Sept 17
17/01/17	Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch Y3 & Y4
24/01/17	Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch 2AC
31/01/17	Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch 2RH
01/02/17	Y5 Trip to Hazard Alley
03/02/17	Writing Workshop for Parents
06/02/17	E-SAFETY WEEK
07/02/17	Safer Internet Day Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for 1AR
10/02/17	SCHOOL CLOSSES (at the end of the school day)

Please do check as dates are updated regularly!