



Friday 24th February 2017

A message from Miss Mansfield...

I trust by now you have all read the schools Ofsted report and noted the sentence that states: ' This school continues to be good.' As I said in the letter that was sent home with the report, this is a benchmark on which we will continue to build further improvements. However in the current educational climate of higher expectations of the standards to be achieved by pupils, the relentless pace of change driven by the government, and so much more 'continues to be good' heralds real achievement by everyone who is part of our school community.

I am delighted the school has been given this judgment in the first month of its 80th year. It is a fantastic way to begin our 80th birthday celebrations. Plans are already in hand for events in the summer term to mark this special occasion. We will keep you posted. In the meantime please tell friends and family who attended Mill End Secondary School, Sands Middle School and of course Millbrook Combined School, of the up coming celebrations.

I hope everyone had a great half term and welcomed the break. I am pleased to see the children back to school in the right mind-set and ready to learn.

As ever the second half of this term is busy with various trips and events such as 'Book Week', parenting courses plus much much more... so please make sure you check out the important dates in the newsletters and make a note of them!

Attendance figures

Attendance Percentage	Class
97.9 %	3GM
97.2 %	6NH
96.9 %	2AC
96.6 %	1CS
96.5 %	5LD
96.4 %	4SB
96.1 %	4CU
95.7 %	2RH
95.7 %	3EB
94.7 %	1AA
94.4 %	1AR
94.4 %	6SZ
94.2 %	RKR
93.6 %	5EO
92.9 %	RCE
92.8 %	RBM

Voluntary contribution to School Fund

Last academic year we wrote to you requesting a voluntary contribution to the School Fund of £10 per child following feedback from parents over a number of years that included comments about the number of requests we make for money to cover various events, activities and trips.

Whilst trips are generally well supported, we often struggle to cover the cost of whole school events such as Book Week and Science Week. The School Fund Trustees, with the support of the Governing Body, felt it may help to ask for one contribution per annum to cover the whole school activities.

Therefore a letter will be coming home shortly requesting contributions. We do hope you will make a contribution so that we can continue to offer the fantastic range of events, activities and themed weeks that we do.

Holiday requests

The number of parents requesting holiday leave for their children has been increasing!

We do understand that it does cost nearly double to book a holiday during the half term and summer holiday breaks however in-line with the government guidance, requests for holiday leave during term time will **not be** granted. As some of you may know from experience, we would like to remind parents that in some cases, whereby a parent has taken their child out of school during term time, parents have been fined.

Medical Appointments

There is an increasing number of parents who are taking their children out of school for doctors or dentist appointments, whilst we understand that these are important for children to attend, taking your child out is disruptive to both them and pupils within their classes and does have an impact on their learning.

Therefore please be sure to arrange them, wherever possible, in the school holidays or at the very beginning or end of the school day.

Hospital or specialist appointments are often given to parents but again, if you do have a chance, please ask for them in school holidays or as above, at the very beginning or at the end of the school day.

Should you need to take your child to an appointment please remember to inform the school in advance and provide a copy of the letter or appointment card.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

More information with details of what is involved and how to put your name forward will follow.

Please look out for the leaflet and consider this opportunity carefully, as it really does give you a unique opportunity to contribute to the running of the school and to participate in influential decision making.

Parent Council

This is your forum and your opportunity to represent the parents of your child's class, raise views, issues and concerns.

Thank you very much to the parents who have put themselves forward however we still need representatives for Afternoon Nursery, RCE, 1AR, 1AA, 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.

I look forward to receiving the nomination forms.

Children's Centre Update

There are still some spaces for Happy House (walkers) on Mondays at 10am. If you would like to book a space please contact Janice on 07971 608642 or email Janice@hartbeeps.com.

****Save the date**** Millbrook Market returns on Monday 3rd April. More information will be released after half term. Tables can be reserved by popping into the Centre and speaking to one of the team.

Singing Superstars resume Wednesday 22nd February.

Welcome to Louise Green, Jade Nurse, Charlene Jackson, Karen Chapman and Helen Porter-Durrans; our new Parent Forum members. They are here to help ensure we delivering what parents want and they are a way of parents sharing feedback about any improvements that can be made. They also help to plan our special events and will be available during sessions if you would like to speak to them.

We've been getting messy during Cuddles Club, we enjoyed a 'trip' to the muddy farm last week. If you have a little one aged 0-18months or a parent to be come along on Friday mornings 10:00-11:00am for lots of fun and interaction.

We are starting to plan our costumes for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. What's your child's favourite story? We are creating a display in our book corner featuring photos of families reading stories. If you would like your photo to feature please email a copy to:

childrenscentre@millbrook.bucks.sch.uk

Achievement Assembly



"Trying his best and working really hard"

"being friendly and supportive"

"being a special member of the class"



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

Friday 13th January

1CS	Taranya	For creating an excellent Superhero model for your homework.
1AR	Saleena	For trying hard in all lessons and following the Millbrook Message at all times! Keep it up!
1AA	Ernest	For working hard in all his maths lessons and helping others to understand place value.
2AC	Xawier	For his amazing model of the Enormous Crocodile. Well done!
2RH	Hayley	For showing improvement in her reading well done!
3EB	Salihah	For working particularly hard in maths this week.
3EB	Isabelle	For starting to make a real effort in French – Keep it up.
Class 3EB		For a well delivered assembly on New Year's resolutions.
3GM	Harvey	For applying himself during maths and getting all his calculations correct.
4SB	Fatima	For coming back on track with her behaviour and showing a good commitment to learning.
4CU	Stefania	For positive contributions in class all week and excellent learning attitude.
4CU	Chloe	For always trying her best during the French lesson.
5LD	Anoosha	For her active participation and enthusiasm in French.
The 5LD Class Librarians		For showing team work and initiative when covering the library this week.
5EO	Harry	For always choosing to do the right thing and helping others understand the difference from right and wrong.
The 5EO Class Librarians		For showing team and initiative when covering in the Library! Well done!
6NH	Isis	For a fantastic 3D model of High Wycombe's Pann Mill.
6SZ	Edward	For a fantastic model of the pan mill in the Rye park.
6SZ	Isha	For giving 100% in every French lesson.

Friday 20th January

1CS	Ella-May	For understanding the difference between a carnivore, omnivore and herbivore in Science.
1AR	Rumeha	For independently checking and making improvements to her writing in English.
1AA	Qudsia	For excellent doubling work in Maths.
2AC	Zunaira	For showing great improvement in her reading and comprehension skills. Keep it up!
2RH	Marek	For his great effort in solving missing number problems in Maths.
3EB	Noor	For overcoming her fears and anxiety when going swimming for the first time.
Class 3GM		For performing amazingly at their class assembly. Oscars for all!
3GM	Namra	For her enthusiasm and good listening in French.
4SB	Eesa	For growing in confidence and challenging himself in Maths.
4CU	Dylan	For persistence with English work, great learning attitude.
4CU	Faizaan	For reciting correctly all the days of the week in French.
5LD	Zoe	For showing good team building skills and kindness to others at Forest school.
5EO	Zaynab	For always being kind and respectful to others, especially to adults.
5EO	Batoul	For consistently applying herself during French.
6NH	Malakhi	For always working hard during lessons and giving 100%. Well done!
6SZ	Isabella	For being a delight to have in the classroom and always following the Millbrook Message.
6SZ	Zayan	For good recall of French grammar and vocabulary

Labelling children's property and Lost property

Please label all your child's property. This includes clothes, swimming hats, P.E. kits etc... as the collection of lost property is rapidly growing.

All named items are returned to their owner. Unfortunately, we still have many coats, trainers, items of uniform, PE kits and swimming hats which are all unnamed.

If you think your child has lost an item, please ask them to speak with their class teacher or teaching assistant who will be happy to help to try to locate the missing item.

PE Kits, Swimming Kits, Musical Instruments and Lunchboxes

We are having an increasingly large number of children forgetting their PE kits, swimming kits, musical instruments and lunchboxes.

Please ensure your child is prepared for the school day, a useful tip is to get organised the night before! You can empower your child to take responsibility to be prepared for the school day by organising the items themselves the night before. This is especially important as the children get into Years 5 and 6 as it helps them to prepare for life at secondary school.

Important Dates for the Spring Term

22/02/17	Y3 trip to London Zoo
23/02/17	Forest Schools for RKR 5LD Class Assembly KS1 Maths Course for Parents (9am)
27/02/17	Book Week
28/02/17	Forest Schools for 5EO Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for 1AA Support your child in Nursery course (12:30pm)
01/03/17	Secondary School Offers released
02/03/17	World Book Day Forest Schools for RCE 5EO Class Assembly KS1 Maths Course for Parents (9am) Echoes 7 area rehearsals at Wycombe Town Hall
07/03/17	Forest Schools for 5EO Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for 1CS Parent/Teacher Meetings (3:30pm—6pm)
08/03/17	Parent/Teacher Meetings (5:30pm—8pm)
09/03/17	Forest Schools for RBM 1AR Class Assembly KS1 Maths Course for Parents (9am)
14/03/17	Forest Schools for 5EO Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for RKR Support your child in Nursery course (12:30pm)
15/03/17	Y2 trip to Bucks County Museum/Roald Dahl Gallery
16/03/17	Forest Schools for RKR 1CS Class Assembly KS1 Maths Course for Parents (9am)
20/03/17	Echoes 7 Performance at the Royal Albert Hall
21/03/17	Forest Schools for 5EO Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for RBM
22/03/17	Forest Schools for RCE 1AA Class Assembly KS1 Maths Course for Parents (9am)
24/03/17	Red Nose Day
28/03/17	Forest Schools for 5EO Bring Parents/Grandparents to Lunch for RCE KS1 Performance (2pm)
29/03/17	KS1 Performance (9:30am)
30/03/17	Y2 Class Assembly Nursery and Nursery Plus Two closed for home visits Settling in Workshop & Induction Meeting for Nursery intake Forest Schools for RBM KS1 Maths course for Parents (9am)
31/03/17	Nursery and Nursery Plus Two closed for home visits Easter Egg Raffle

Please do check as dates are updated regularly!

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Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please don't forget we are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouches in school!