



Friday 24th March 2017

A message from Miss Mansfield...

There is much to be excited about at Millbrook at the moment!

As well as our successful Ofsted and 80th birthday celebrations, we are about to begin work on a major refurbishment and redevelopment project that will enhance the whole school. The success of the school is reflected in our popularity and growth in pupil numbers. This will ensure the school building is fit for purpose. More information about the plans and the organisation of the works will be shared after the Easter holiday.

A further bulge class is planned for September 2017 and the demand for additional school places in the town is going to continue into the future. Therefore the Governing Body and Bucks CC have decided to consult the community on permanent expansion at Millbrook. The consultation will take place over the first half of the summer term.

This week the Global Café have reached a major milestone as they have made their millionth meal! I am sure you will join me in congratulating our chef, Christophe, and his team for this amazing achievement. Here's to the next million meals!!!

Thank you all for your wonderful support.

Attendance figures

Attendance Percentage	Class
97.9 %	3GM
97.1 %	6NH
96.9 %	2AC
96.7 %	5LD
96.7 %	4SB
96.4 %	1CS
96.1 %	4CU
96 %	3EB
95.8 %	2RH
94.8 %	RKR
94.6 %	1AA
94.5 %	6SZ
94.2 %	1AR
94 %	5EO
93.2 %	RBM
93 %	RCE

Millbrook Combined School 80th Birthday

2017 is an important year for Millbrook as we are celebrating the school's 80th birthday. The school first opened in 1937 as Mill End Secondary School and is still referred to by many in the community as Mill End School. In the 1970's it became Sands Middle School and, once again is often referred to as Sands School locally. At the end of the last century Sands Middle School amalgamated with Green Street First School and Sands First School to form Millbrook Combined School.

The children will be working with staff and, we hope, members of the community to gather together as much information as we can to learn about and record the history of our school, including each year group researching a particular decade since our opening in 1937.

Birthday celebrations are being planned for the second half of the summer term. So if you were a pupil or staff member at Mill End, Sands or Millbrook, do look out for information about activities and events or please do get in touch with us to find out more. We would also welcome any information, pictures, photos or artefacts you would like to share.

Easter Egg Raffle

Teachers and support staff are generously donating Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Raffle.



Tickets are on sale at 20p each. Pupils can buy raffle tickets from the Library at lunchtimes. The winning tickets will be drawn in the Achievement Assembly on the last day of term, Friday 31st March.

Staff Vacancies—Dining Room Assistant

Required as soon as possible an enthusiastic, appropriately qualified and experienced Dining Room Assistant to work alongside pupils at lunchtime in our Global Café, ensuring happy and healthy lunchtimes for all our pupils. The hours are 11:45am—1:30pm, term time only (£14,275 FTE).

If you are interested, please ask the school office for a copy of the job description, person specification and an application form. The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 31st March.

Echoes 7 performance at The Royal Albert Hall

On Monday, our pupils in Year 6 took part in an experience of a lifetime! We were asked to perform musical instruments and sing in Echoes 6 alongside other Buckinghamshire schools at The Royal Albert Hall.

For the parents who were able to attend, I am sure you will agree the concert was truly amazing, all the children performed really well and were exceptionally well behaved. Everyone who took part worked really hard to make the performance such a success and we would like to thank all the Year 6 pupils who took part for all their hard work both during rehearsals and on the day. We would also like to thank Miss Oxley, as well as the teachers from High Wycombe Music Centre, for their hard work in supporting our pupils and enabling us to make this concert happen!

Lunch Boxes

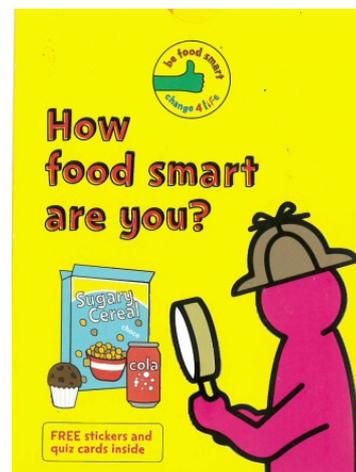
If your child does not have a school dinner, please remember to send them in with a lunchbox. We have a number of parents either forgetting to send their child in with a lunch box or bringing them in late.

We promote healthy eating here at Millbrook and therefore recommend you include 5 items in your child's lunch box such as a sandwich, vegetables, a piece of fruit, yoghurt or raisins. There is a growing number of children who come to school with only a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar, this is totally unacceptable. If you would like more ideas on what you can include in lunch boxes or alternatives please visit:

www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes

Food Smart Packs

Please watch out for the Food Smart Packs. These will be issued one per family before we break up next week and contain some really useful information.



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 27th January

1CS	Isabelle	For an amazing story with a clear beginning, middle and end.
1AR	Afonso	For always trying his best in all lessons and making super progress with his reading!
1AA	Grace	For an amazing learning journey. You always go the extra mile with your homework.
2AC	Adam	For showing improvement in his weekly spellings. Keep it up!
2RH	Rayaan	For great effort in his maths lessons and solving problems independently.
3EB	Sophie	For striving hard when tackling fractions in maths this week.
3GM	Haleema	For making great effort during lessons especially with her writing.
3GM	Sandra	For consistently contributing during the French lesson
Everyone in 4SB		For a fantastic assembly presentation.
4CU	Hassan	For independence in Maths and an improved attitude.
4CU	Stefania	For always applying herself during the French lesson.
5LD	Usmaan	For being a good role model and showing kindness in the classroom.
5EO	Ellie	For constant focus in all her work tasks and always trying her best.
5EO	Hamzi	For improved effort during the French lesson.
6NH	Ibrahim	For reading every night and contributing in guided reading lessons.
6SZ	Ami	For being a superstar mathematician and persevering with multiplying decimals.
6SZ	Aishah	For her endless enthusiasm for the French language.

Friday 3rd February

1CS	Ameera	For ordering the days of the week in the correct order independently.
1AR	Maria	For trying her best in all lessons! Keep it up!
1AA	Nikola	For consistently following the Millbrook Message and being a fantastic role model to the rest of the class.
2AC	Rayaan	For having a positive attitude towards his learning. Keep it up!
2RH	Malaika	For fantastic effort in all her lessons, well done.
3EB	Isabelle	For her enthusiastic approach to her 500 words story.
3EB	Debbie	For always trying her best in French
3GM	Jacob	For showing great initiative by using a template to plan his '500 words' story.
4SB	Shehroze	For getting over his fear of water and making his swimming coach proud!
4SB	Alfie	For making a good contribution in the last French lesson – keep it up!
4CU	Hassan	For continued hard work in literacy to master complex sentences.
Class 5LD		For promoting the Millbrook Message when dealing with Emergency Services at Hazard Alley.
5EO	Kelis	For sharing her interesting ideas when inferring meaning in texts during guided reading sessions.
Class 5EO		For absolutely outstanding behaviour and showing maturity when dealing with an emergency! You represented our school so well!
Class 6NH		For a fantastic class assembly. Well done!
6NH	Diana	For giving 100% and persevering in 'Maths Challenge Club'. Well done!
6NH	Safah	For being able to recite the whole of the French alphabet.
6SZ	Zach	For writing a story full of suspense for his 500 words story.

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Friday 10th February

1CS	Priya	For producing a super information text about internet safety.
1AR	Timotei	For writing well independently and trying hard to think of different sentence openers.
1AA	Gabriel	For always helping others when they are unsure of what to do.
2AC	Usman	For always trying his best and for particularly 'shining' in his maths. Keep it up!
2RH	Dexter	For his great effort and determination in our recent SATs practise.
3EB	Igor	For a positive attitude towards all areas of learning.
3EB	Igor	For consistently participating in the French lesson
3GM	Harrison	For showing good emotional intelligence and perseverance during our many assessments this week.
4SB	Kirish	For a well-structured newspaper report.
4CU	Zara	For persistence and determination to achieve success in literacy.
4CU	Bazagh	For good listening and effort at making sentences in French.
5LD	Anoosha	For getting full marks for her spelling test all Spring Term.
5EO	Kharis	For independently solving problems by herself when she is challenged in Maths. Keep it up the great work.
6NH	Elissa	For always giving 100% in everything she does. Well done, keep it up!
6NH	Mackenzie	For a good French lesson – great focus and 'having a go' at answering questions.
Everyone in 6SZ		For a fantastic assembly and remembering to use your loud, clear voices. Well done.

Friday 23th February

1CS	Ella	For being a star pupil who listens carefully, answers questions and always tries to do her best.
1AR	Jedidah	For always following the Millbrook message. Keep it up!
1AA	Hafsa	For her critical thinking when explaining a concept to the rest of the class in English.
2AC	Rayyan	For working well in maths this week and especially when rounding numbers to the nearest 10. Keep up the good work.
2RH	Hamza	For showing great effort in all of his subjects, well done!
Class 3EB		For using great observation skills on their trip to London Zoo.
Class 3GM		For showing great observation skills on their trip to London Zoo and representing Millbrook well!
4SB	Antonia	For her commitment to learning all through the week.
4SB	Fatima	For great listening and participation in French.
4CU	Alisha	For taking responsibility for her own progress – practising skills taught at home!
Class 5LD		For an excellent class assembly.
5EO	Ben	For his consistent work ethic and focus in his learning, especially in Literacy. Keep up the great work.
6NH	Alexia	For creating an interesting 500 word story. Well done!
6NH	Elissa	For great punctuation in French due to great listening in lessons.
6SZ	Marcus	For writing a fantastically exciting 500 words story. Well done

News from Friends of Millbrook School (FOMS)

Another busy, exciting year for the FOMS! So far, with the help and support of all the parents and pupils we have raised enough money to purchase 10 brand new tablets for use throughout the school. We also provided each teacher with money from our funds to buy wet play toys, nearly £900 worth of new toys for each classroom was bought (see photo).

The FOMS organised the end of term Valentines disco, enjoyed by over 200 children and it was excellent to see lots of sparkle and glitter being worn for the Festive Jumper muffi day just before Christmas.

Next up we have another muffi day planned for before the Easter break, look out for more details. Every £1 raised goes back into the school and every pupil will benefit.

Finally, our book donation was a success, you might remember the drop boxes in the playground back in September. We had nearly 300 good quality books donated that were shared between classrooms, the school library and the nursery.

Do come and join the Friends group, it's a great way to meet other parents, raise money for the school and make a difference to your child's school life!



Do I share too much of my child's life online?

1. A lifetime online	2. Tiny person, big footprint	3. Identifiable images	4. 7 safer ways to share photos	5. From toddler to teen	6. Safer sharing	7. Where next?
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For more information please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3b6y4j#ztknrwx>



The Big Children in Need
SPOTACULAR
with LLOYDS BANK

THANK YOU!

Millbrook Combined School

...for raising a fantastic

£627.42

to help disadvantaged children and young people across the UK





Easter Holiday Activities at Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

**Drop in throughout the
Easter holidays**

**Two weeks of crafty fun for
all the family**

Inspired by our Spirit of Legends exhibition...

Tuesday 4th April: Olympic torch & snowboarders

Wednesday 5th April: Olympic Mini Canvas paint

Thursday 6th April: Build your own superhero!

Saturday 8th April: Free storytelling in the exhibition gallery at 10.45am and 11.30am

Tuesday 11th April: Easter Bonnets

Wednesday 12th April: Cone puppets

Thursday 13th April: Easter Egg & Eggcups

Saturday 15th April: Free storytelling in the exhibition gallery at 10.45am and 11.30am

Also...

The Great Museum Easter Egg Hunt! Follow a trail of egg clues, build a phrase and claim your prize! Just £1 to take part, running all day during Museum hours from 1st April-17th April. Visit buckscountymuseum.org for more details!

All craft activities are £3 per child - No need to book.

Adults not making anything are FREE!

Drop in between 10am and 12 noon or 1pm and 3pm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities

Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery
Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP Tel: 01296 331441
Facebook.com/BucksMuseum @BucksMuseum
www.buckscountymuseum.org



Important Dates for the Spring Term

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	Nursery and Nursery Plus Two closed for home visits Forest Schools for RBM KS1 Maths course for Parents (9am) Y4 trip to Legoland Settling in Workshop & Induction Meeting for Nursery intake (1:30pm—3pm)
31/03/17	Nursery and Nursery Plus Two closed for home visits Easter Egg Raffle SCHOOL CLOSURES (at the end of the day)

Easter Holidays

03/04/2017—17/04/2017

18/04/17	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
19/04/17	SCHOOL OPENS
20/04/17	Y2 Class Assembly
25/04/17	Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for Years 5&6
01/05/17	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
02/05/17	Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for Years 3&4
03/05/17	Y3 trip to Shortenills Environmental Centre
08/05/17	Y6 SATs Week
09/05/17	Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for 2AC
15/05/17	WOW Week Y2 SATs Week
16/05/17	Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for 2RH LKS2 Performance (2pm)
17/05/17	LKS2 Performance (7pm)
18/05/17	Garsington Opera Creation Project Year 5 Workshop
19/05/17	Y6 Memory Book Photographs
22/05/17	Class Photographs
23/05/17	Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch for 1AR Reception trip to Amersham Field Centre
25/05/17	Y4 Residential Trip Garsington Opera Creation Project Final
26/05/17	Nursery Sports Day SCHOOL CLOSURES (at the end of the school day)

Please do check as dates are updated regularly!