



Newsletter: 16.4.21

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 197 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
34/35	25/26	28/28	26/26

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
29/31	27/32	28/32

**Well done everyone!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 97.3%.  
Our attendance target for the year is 97%  
Year to date: 97%

Nursery  
93%

Reception  
97.8%

Class 1  
100%

Class 2  
96.9%

Class 3  
96.4%

Class 4  
98.3%

Class 5  
98.6%

## Stars of the week

Nursery: NW

Reception: The whole class

Class 1: DP

Class 2: OGH and JJ

Class 3: RM

Class 4: BJ and OH

Class 5: SW

**Well Done!**

## Up and Coming Key Dates

27 May 21	Break up for half term
8 June 21	Return after half term
Week beg: 21 June 21	Book week including Mill Dam book awards and virtual author visit by Maz Evans postponed from last spring. Further details to follow
23 July 21	Break up for the summer
28 May 21, 7 June 21, 26 July 21	<b>INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays</b>

Further dates will follow as the term continues.

**Leadership Signposting:** If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Samuels and Mr West are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.



Follow us on twitter at the class pages above and our whole school, website linked account  
[@MillDamSchool](#)



## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

This week we have been learning about the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk and have retold the story using props during our continuous provision time. We have talked about what we would buy if we had magic beans. We made some leaves to attach to our classroom beanstalk, using careful cutting skills to make spirals. In maths we have been measuring beanstalks of various sizes, working out how many unifix cubes they needed to match the height of the beanstalks. Finally, in our outside area we made towers reaching up to the giant's castle in the sky!

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

What a super start to a new term and it certainly shows what a great team of superheroes we have in Class One. We have been looking at a wonderful lady called Mary Seacole. We looked at her timeline and researched facts about her life adding these onto the line and were astounded how she achieved so much during her life as a nurse in the Crimean War. We also started exploring the computer app, ScratchJr, and began to look at how you can program a character to perform simple actions. Steve Jobs watch out! Year One will be after your job (pun intended)!

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

We have made it through our first week back and made a super start to our new topic 'Ourselves – The best of Me'. Our teammates have been busy with learning about equivalent fractions, persuasive writing, healthy eating and we have also begun our new art and music projects. If you have not checked out the overview of learning for this topic it has been shared over Twitter and is available on the school website. Please remember that all of our learners should be reading regularly at home, practicing their multiplication tables and learning spellings ready for the Friday test. Our home learning project for this half term is to create an 'All about me' poster. For further details see our page on the school website. Have a great weekend all, and come back on Monday ready to jump straight back into your learning.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

This week class 5 have settled into school routines quickly and worked very hard with some tricky work. In maths we have been looking at long multiplication as well as short and long division. In English we have been thinking about the life of Prince Philip and making an information poster about him. We have also been learning about where we live and looking at maps to locate features like main motorways, towns and cities around us. We discovered that we are the largest county in the country. In computing we have been exploring Scratch programs and changing variables to see effects and in art we have been revisiting brush skills when using watercolours. A jam packed week with lots of fantastic learning!

## Reception @MD\_Reception

Reception have settled really well for the first week back after the Easter break. We have started our new topic of Traditional Tales with the first story being Jack and the Beanstalk, which the children have enjoyed. We have been on a "Spring Walk" around school and children collected things to make collages using other materials as well. In literacy, the children have written a short sentence/caption about spring using their phonics knowledge to decode words. In our maths we have looked at numbers beyond 10, both recognising the numbers from 10-20 and ordering them correctly. They have been able to count to and from 20 starting at different points. We have made our own beanstalks by developing our fine motor skills, which the children also enjoyed.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

Welcome back everyone. The children have been very excited since returning to school this week. We have had a busy week. In science we are learning about plants and we have planted a range of vegetable seeds. We are going to keep a diary of their growth. In topic we are learning about 'Superheroes'. We have discussed what we already know about superheroes and the children have been keen to share their knowledge. We have used this information to design a superhero of our own. We then tested materials to find out which was the most suitable to make a cape for their superhero. Please make sure your PE kit is brought into school on a Monday and remains in school for the week. Our PE day is a Friday when we shall be developing our rugby skills, during this half term, with Featherstone Rovers.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

We have come to the end of a very busy week when we have all had to get used to being back in school. In English we have been revisiting developing basic sentences with a range of grammar devices. This is something we do at the beginning of half term alongside looking at our handwriting and presentation. Next week we are beginning our work on persuasion. While watching TV it would help the children if you could talk about how adverts you see try to persuade us to buy. In maths we are completing our work on fractions and decimals, this is something children can find difficult. The children have enjoyed combining computing with music when using an online program called Isle of Tune. As a class we will be working hard on our resilience: being ready to start work straight away, learning how to deal sensibly with issues and following school rules, building on mistakes to help us make progress, behaving appropriately towards adults as well as children, being the best that we can be. Some children took home a bean in a pot it would be great to hear how many have survived and are growing.

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

It's been a very busy week and the children have settled back into learning with great success. There have been so many varied and exciting activities happening this week; it has been a real pleasure to hear the buzz of learning in the classrooms. However, some of the behaviours of some of the children, particularly in key stage 2, have not been at our usual levels of expectation. I have had to speak to a large number of children this week about treating each other with respect. Please remind the children of this at home. We have allowed trainers to be worn during the first few weeks back at school but now that all shops have reopened please make sure that your child has plain black, sensible school shoes again as soon as possible. Please also remember our uniform expectations around jewellery and long hair.

