



Newsletter: 14.6.21

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 205 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

**Excellent behaviour this week!**

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
33/36	25/25	28/28	24/24

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
32/32	31/32	32/32

**Well done everyone!**

## Stars of the week

Nursery: KG

Reception: WRB

Class 1: CO

Class 2: JP

Class 3: LM

Class 4: He IF and JG

Class 5: AM

**Well Done!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 97.2% and late.

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date: 96.6%

Nursery  
97.9% 1 late

Reception  
100% 2 late

Class 1  
97.7% 0 late

Class 2  
97.9% 0 late

Class 3  
93.5% 1 late

Class 4  
100% 2 late

Class 5  
93.2% 0 late

## Up and Coming Key Dates

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
16 July 21	Reports sent home
21 July 21	Summer term drop in parents' evening
23 July 21	Break up for the summer
26 July 21	<b>INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays</b>
6 Sept 21, 13 Sept 21, 6 June 22, 25 +26 July 22	<b>NEXT YEAR'S INSET DAYS</b> Please use these to plan ahead for holidays.

## E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk). Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Take care with Tik Tok. Remember that Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

This week Nursery have begun their learning about the seaside and under the sea. We have particularly enjoyed learning about endangered sea turtles. Did you know that a sea turtle can live for over 100 years? One of our nursery children told us that this must make sea turtles very wise! We've been focusing our literacy around "The Rainbow Fish" and have had lots of fun creating character puppets and crafts to support our reading. On Thursday, something very exciting happened. We found a small frog in our outdoor area and enjoyed time observing him and learning about frogs. We leaped like frogs, caught flies like frogs and croaked like frogs too. At the end of the day, we released him back into the environment. Well done Nursery. Please could we remind our families that sun cream for our nursery children should be applied at home before the school day begins.

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

All aboard! Class One are travelling to the seaside for our topic. We have been naming, locating and identifying the characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas and then talked sharing what memories the children have of trips to the beach. We also talked about all the different seaside places we have visited in the UK. After discussing all the things we might do, see, feel and smell at the seaside we began creating our own puppet theatre, for our very own Punch and Judy show. Just a quick reminder to remember to bring water bottles, sunscreen and sunhats.

Summer is here! At last!

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

We have had a fantastic start to our new topic learning on 'Ancient Greece' and have been able to enjoy the sunshine as well. Our team mates have settled back to learning quickly and have been racking up the Dojos using our new smiley system. If you want to hear a good yarn ask your learner to share with you the story of Daedalus and Icarus which we are retelling in English, we have also demonstrated some super teamwork skills helping each other with our reading and understanding of the myth. If you want to know more about what we will be learning this half term make sure you visit our class page on the website [milledamschool.org](http://milledamschool.org) and follow us on Twitter @MD\_Class3. We have also appointed our new year group representatives for school council this week ready for our new classes next year. Congratulations to HG and AH.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

Class 5 have had a very busy week back at school. We have been looking at angles in Maths and have been solving problems with all types of angles in straight lines and around a point of 360 degrees. In English we are basing our work over the coming weeks around the Greek myth - Theseus and the minotaur. The children have spent time analysing the main parts of the myth and have used drama to try to imagine what some of the main characters would have been feeling. On Friday the class produced some very pleasing dialogues, after imagining a scene between Theseus and Aegeus. The class have also created comparative timelines of some of the great ancient civilisations and have researched key geographical facts about Greece. In PE they have started hockey and also athletics!

Summer is here!

## Reception @MD\_Reception

Welcome back everyone! This half term we will be learning about the seaside! This week we have been learning to communicate well in class by looking and listening to someone as they speak. We have had lots of discussions about our favourite things to do at the seaside and we have started to look at sea life. In art we have created wax crayon pictures of animals under the sea and started observational drawings of different types of shells. In maths we have begun to look at sharing and division helping Mr and Mrs Pirate share out treasure equally. In phonics we have focused on the following sounds igh, ar, ee, y, ch and sh.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

Welcome back everyone. It has been an exciting week in school this week. Our PE day will be on a Tuesday while we have the fabulous opportunity to learn tennis skills with Alice Robson from Ackworth School. This week we learnt the forehand shot, where we had to hold the racquet with both hands and swing the racquet using our whole body. We have also enjoyed learning basic first aid skills, finding out about a conscious and an unconscious casualty. We have learnt how to put someone who is unconscious but is breathing in the recovery position, as well as finding out about chest compressions. The children demonstrated some super teamwork and turn taking skills during these activities. Our topic for this half term is 'At the Seaside', which has a geographical focus, and we look forward to finding out about coastal places in the United Kingdom as well as different holiday places around the world.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

Welcome back everyone for our final half term of the year and the lovely weather. In maths the children are continuing to consolidate their understanding of place value and the importance of place markers when multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. They have also been working with money, understanding how to use exchanging to enable them to solve money problems. In reading and writing we are working on making sure we know the purpose of each paragraph to help us understand the authors' intentions. We are also working on our reading fluency. We have begun our topic work and the children have ordered key events from Ancient Greece, before locating where Ancient Greece fits into world history. The class have also enjoyed having the benefit of receiving specialist PE coaching for hockey.

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

We have begun looking at how we can ensure that every child shows their very best behaviour and attitude to learning at all times this week and this is already having a positive impact. I am very pleased with the positive efforts of the vast majority of the children. In order to support this please speak to your children at home about our rules, motto and school values. I have challenged them to remember the school values so see if they can. Please also help by NOT sending toys, particularly fidget toys, into school. If a child has a diagnosed need for a fidget toy during the school day this will be discussed with you but a number of children have been bringing these to school without a need and the swapping and sharing of them has caused problems. They MUST NOT be in school. Also, please make sure that your child only has water in their water bottle and doesn't bring crisps and unhealthy snacks for breaktimes. Finally, attendance is starting to slip as more families take holidays again. We do understand that this has not been possible for so long but please take them during school holiday times. With very limited exceptions, term time holidays will not be authorised. We arrange our INSET days to support holidays and next year's are already set. Please use these and support your child's learning.

