



Newsletter: 23.7.21

Behaviour

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

Excellent behaviour this week!

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

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

Well done everyone!

Stars of the week

Nursery: Everyone

Reception: LH

Class 1: All parents

Class 2: The whole class

Class 3: RM

Class 4: The whole class

Class 5: All of year 6

Well Done!

Attendance and Lates

This week 92% and 1 late.

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date: 95.7%

Nursery
N/A

Reception
N/A

Class 1
87.4% 0 late

Class 2
85.7% 0 late

Class 3
N/A

Class 4
99.2% 0 late

Class 5
98.5% 1 late

Up and Coming Key Dates

23 July 21	Break up for the summer
26 July 21	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
6 Sept 21, 13 Sept 21, 6 June 22, 25 +26 July 22	NEXT YEAR'S INSET DAYS Please use these to plan ahead for holidays.
Tuesday 7 th September	Return to school after the summer break

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. 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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@MillDamSchool



Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week we have had a fun last week at school and learning from home. We have been counting through stories- Hungry Caterpillar and Ten Little Monsters. We have done amazing blending in phonics and really showed that we are ready for Reception. We have enjoyed some special sports day activities - throwing garden darts, bowling and playing a Spanish game 'Petanque.' We loved our transition teams meetings, seeing our new teachers and our friends on teams. We have had an amazing year and wish you well for the next stage of your school journey, Mrs. Allan and Miss Daley.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

So here we are in the final day. We haven't stopped working through this last week with the completion of our Punch and Judy theatre shows, reaping our potatoes, sports day and making boats to sail away in the sunset. But as a final sign off to this class, I must conclude with my thoughts about this terrific group of young people. I taught some of these children in Nursery and I knew then what a magnificent, wonderful and special group they would be, even before I was given the task of teaching them in Year One. Imagine how pleased I was to discover that the children joining them to make up what has become the most amazing Year One class for this year, were equally delightful! Although it has been a strange year, I am truly the proudest teacher in the school. They have achieved so much as a team and have always given every ounce of effort they could to do their best. But not only that, I have had a wonderful team of parents who have given so much support to myself and those fabulous children. You, as parents, have made my job so much easier and your children have given me so much pleasure. Whatever they do in life and wherever they go, they will always be stars. Aim high, dream big and always believe in yourselves.

Class 3 @MD Class3

That's it we are done, Team 3: Super Learners is finished, Long live Fantastic 4. We have been through a strange and taxing old year but our teammates have kept going, kept putting in maximum effort, kept sharing their ideas and helping each other and kept learning so you all deserve a medal especially those who have attended live lessons even in the last week of term. It's time to have a well-earned rest now, have fun and experience new things so that we can come back together in September with recharged batteries and jump straight back into our new topic on 'The Coast'. Our teammates who are moving on and starting a new adventure: it has been wonderful to learn with you for the last couple of years and we are sure you will go on to do bigger and better things as you move through school, you are still super learners even if you have left Team 3. While we are apart make sure you keep reading and feeding your brain with new ideas and information, our Twitter account will stay active with any interesting ideas or activities we think you will enjoy and our class webpage will be updated with details of our learning for next year. Have a great holiday Team, you have earned it.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

The final day of the year has arrived! I would just like to say a big thank you to all of the children and families for all your effort and support this year. It has been another difficult year in many ways with the pandemic causing multiple disruptions along the way, but despite this, I still feel it has been a successful and positive year. All of the children have been a credit to the school, to families and most importantly, to themselves - developing both across the curriculum but also as human beings! A special mention to the year 6 leavers. I am proud of your efforts and successes this year and I would like to wish you all good luck on your next educational journey at your high schools. I hope to hear about your experiences in the future!

Reception @MD_Reception

It has been an incredibly hot week! I hope we have all stayed safe in the sun and had frequent visits to the shade to cool down! I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children that have attended the online learning sessions. It has been a delight to see you and you have all worked fantastically. It has been an honour to teach you since my return and I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you all and seeing everyone develop. This week we have been revisiting some of the key concepts in Maths such as addition and subtraction using ten frames as well as making teen numbers with ten frames. We have also re-read The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and the children have made menus for Mr Grinling to choose a delicious lunch. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and please remember to keep yourselves safe especially around water, the sun and near roads.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

Well done Class 2 for your effort and hard work throughout this year. It has been a very unusual year but you have demonstrated resilience and a fabulous attitude towards your learning. Enjoy your well-deserved summer break. When you are at home though, please remember to listen to your adults to make sure you stay safe. Follow the rules and stay away from dangerous places, such as roads or water. Do not go anywhere without asking an adult. Other people around you may try to make you do things that are not safe. It is okay to say no to anything that makes you feel unsafe. Have a fabulous holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back in school in September. Thank you for being superstars whilst you have been in Class 2.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

In our final week of the year, the children have continued to work hard at their maths looking at angles and turns. Consolidating their knowledge about the different types of turns including clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. They have completed their retelling of the Greek myth Daedalus and Icarus, using the skills we have been practicing during the year. In science, they have made an electrical circuit to light up a card they have designed. In computing, they have brought together their programming skills to create their own game using Scratch. The children have taken part in our transition day with the Y5 meeting their new teacher Mr Grason and Y4s from different classes saying hello and working together for the first time as a class. This week instead of choosing a star of the week, I would like to say a big well done to the whole class for focusing so well on their learning during a year that has had its challenges. Adjusting to combining working from home to working in school hasn't been easy, but overall they have coped well.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

What an unusual end to an unusual year! It has been lovely to have a final teams based assembly with our leavers today but has been a shame that we haven't been able to share that more widely. I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our leaving children and staff well in their future endeavours. I know that they will be absolute superstars. When we return in September things in school should be more normal; a letter giving more details has been sent to you. We are working on establishing a payment system and this may now be ready for our return - we will keep you informed. Please remember that lunch choices should not be changed erratically and we would prefer children to remain as either school dinners or packed lunches for at least half a term. The cost for school dinners will be £11.25 for the week which is £2.25 per day. I hope that you all have a great summer. Please stay safe and take care particularly in the sun and around water. I look forward to seeing most of you in September.

