



Newsletter: 16.7.21

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 207 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Excellent behaviour this week!

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
35/36	24/25	28/28	24/24

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

Well done everyone!

Stars of the week

Nursery: ODR

Reception: HT

Class 1: Whole class

Class 2: Whole class

Class 3: SG

Class 4: CB and BJ

Class 5: Whole class

Well Done!

Attendance and Lates

This week 88.7% and 14 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 95.8%

Nursery
90.9% 2 late

Reception
91.2% 5 late

Class 1
73.2% 0 late

Class 2
N/A

Class 3
99.5% 2 late

Class 4
90.1% 0 late

Class 5
86.8% 5 late

Up and Coming Key Dates

16 July 21	Reports sent home
Week beginning 19 July 21	Bikeability for Y6 – details have been sent
21 July 21	Summer term drop in parents' evening – details sent separately
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

Safeguarding Mill Dam School considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that you are confident about your children's health and safety at school. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school please contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Thompson. We have a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week the nursery children have been focusing on our class book "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch." We learned about the very important job that lighthouses do to keep ships safe at night time. Using Lego, we built some model lighthouses and put them in our ocean small world areas. Some of our children put these into size order and compared them using excellent mathematical vocabulary. Our children really enjoyed their special BBQ lunch on Wednesday, we created a chart and found out that in Nursery our most popular menu item was the hotdog and ketchup, closely followed by vanilla ice cream! We have had excellent attitudes to learning this week in nursery and staff are very proud of the children.

Reception @MD_Reception

The countdown is on for the summer holidays! We only have 5 days left! This year we've had a lot of challenges but I would like to take a moment to say well done to all the children. They have worked exceptionally hard and shown excellent resilience. We have been applying our segmenting skills in literacy to create a shopping list for Mrs Grinling in The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have also thought about healthy and unhealthy foods and the children have understood the importance of having a balanced diet. In maths we have continued to look at patterns and we have used different pattern maps to complete patterns in swirls, zigzags and circles. Next week on Thursday 22nd July, we will be having our sports day, unfortunately this will be without parents/carers however, we will take lots of pictures. Please can the children have their PE kits in school on Monday for the whole week.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

What an interesting week as we resumed teaching via Teams. Again, Class One showed how resilient they are by joining the rest of the class via a screen. The children showed amazing imagination as they talked about what could be in Billy's bucket, using some exceptional adjectives to describe the sea creatures that could be found in there. In school, and at home, the children began to get their sporting shoes on as they tried out various home sports day events whilst we carried on our tennis lessons, working on our backhand. Just a reminder that next week there will be tennis on Tuesday, and we shall be having our own little sports day on Thursday, weather permitting. Remember those water bottles and sun cream bottles - if the sun is still shining. Well done everyone and that includes our marvellous, hard-working parents. You are all stars!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

We may not have been in school this week; however, some of us have been very busy with our online learning. We have continued our work on money in maths; making the same amount, comparing money and finding the difference. We have worked out that there are lots of ways to make one amount of money, but that you have to be careful as you can only use particular numbers because we only have coins of a certain value. In English, we have started looking at the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', in preparation for our hot write next week. We have found some very interesting vocabulary in this book and hopefully we can use some in our writing. In topic, we have started to find out about Japan and compare a coastal location there to one in the UK. We have looked at Okinawa, an idyllic subtropical island. The climate alone makes it very different to the UK.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We had a cracking start to our week before having to retreat with some super learning from our teammates. Our learning base became dark and ominous, our learners smelling sweet flowers or the tang of blood while the sound of a mooing cow or the leathery flap of a dragon filled their ears as we began the setting descriptions for our own myths: lots of amazing imagination and vocabulary on show. We have been playing with water in maths as we investigate and learn about volume and capacity, measuring, converting, adding and subtracting using ml and l. We have also made soil in science, begun to paint our watercolour landscapes and learned about the Ancient Olympics. We will unfortunately be finishing our learning from home ☹️, please ensure you check Teams each day for the details of our learning and any resources that you need. There will be live lessons when needed and these will appear on your calendar and your outcomes can be returned using the assignments. We will be back together for our learning in September and I'm already getting excited about our plans.
See you all on a screen, take care.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week our maths focus has been on converting measurements such as kilometres to metres and the reverse. The children have done it using calculations: they have also enjoyed doing it practically when converting litres and millilitres. We have continued our work on the story of Daedalus and Icarus describing characters through their actions and how they speak. The children are also trying to use their work on describing settings to help them, as well as practicing their use of speech marks. All children have shown good colour mixing skills when creating different greens; ready to paint a scene they have chosen from our school grounds. In topic the children have enjoyed completing their entry into their What's What (a guide about humans for a character in our book Who Let the Gods Out).

Class 5 @MD_Class5

It was been a challenging week for class 5 due to disruption caused by Covid. However, the week has still had many positive aspects to it. The class have continued developing narrative writing skills in English. This week there has been a particular emphasis on vocabulary, fronted adverbials and sentence types. In Maths we have re-visited areas which I have identified as requiring development. In topic work the class examined the Hoplite soldiers of ancient Greece and in computing developed use of audio files using Scratch. Year 6, remember to bring everything you need for Bikability next Monday - comfortable clothes, sensible shoes, sun cream and your bikes and helmets!!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

It has certainly been a challenging week with Covid disruption for some staff and some children. Thank you again for your support and understanding with this - it truly is an unprecedented time. We aim to continue to provide end of year celebratory activities whether in person or via live lessons on teams and I'm sure that the children will have an enjoyable and meaningful last week of term. Please remember to ensure that your child accesses live lessons when their bubble is closed and the uploaded lesson materials if they are absent without a bubble closure. It looks as if the final week of term is going to be kind to us weather wise and so we will move learning outside as much as possible. Please send your child with a hat, sun cream and water each day to enable this to happen safely. Finally, congratulations to CB, RJ and FW who won the Waterton Pebble Painting competition. Sadly, RJ was not able to attend the painting party today but we will make sure he can paint his pebble when he returns. Take care and stay safe over the weekend.

