



# Millbrook Junior School

Churchill Way, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 5DP

<http://www.millbrookjuniors.co.uk/>

01536 517049

Dear Parents/Carers

Please read our newsletter to find out more about what is happening in our school.

Mrs. Danielle Warren

## School Choir

We would all like to say a huge thank you and well done to all the members of the Year 5 choir who participated in The Rotary Club's Seasonal Concert at the Castle Theatre. We are very proud of the commitment and perseverance that the children showed in learning 15 songs during their lunchtime rehearsals. Thank you also to Mrs Watters for all her hard work in making it happen, and to all the staff that went along to help at rehearsals and to support at the performance. It was wonderful for our children to have the opportunity to perform with other schools, in a large venue, to an appreciative audience. Well done and Thank you!



## Children in Need

Well done to all our children and staff who came to school on Friday 19th November dressed in mufti. We managed to raise a total of £419.00 which will be sent off to Children in Need. Thank you!



## Antibullying Week

As always, Anti-bullying week was met enthusiastically with odd socks everywhere!

## P.A.T.H

Please remember to use PATH meetings to speak to the class teacher. (Parent/Carer and Teacher Hours) every Monday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Telephone appointments can also be made during this time to meet with Senior Leaders of the school.

To make an appointment with the class teacher, please phone or email the school office.

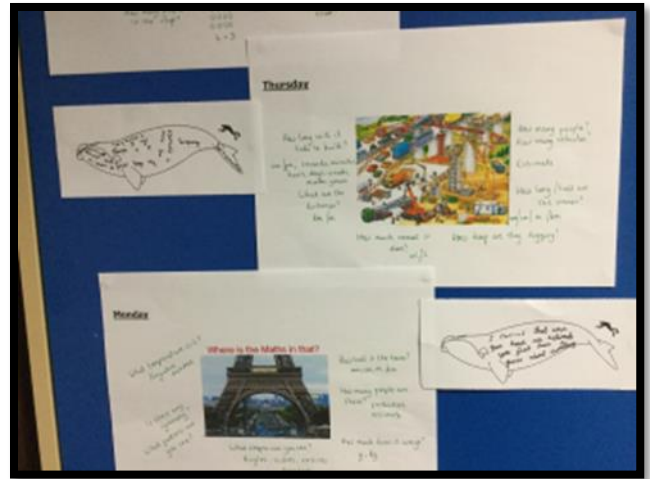
Don't forget that each class has its own email account. If you would like to email your child's class teacher, the email address is the class name followed by @millbrookjuniors.co.uk. E.g. Galileo class email address is [Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk](mailto:Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk)

If you have a complaint, please make sure you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

The children talked about what bullying was and how to celebrate each other rather than being unkind. Across the school, the children also discussed the theme of 'One Kind Word' and how one small thing, an act of kindness, a compliment or even simply a smile can make all the difference to someone's day.

# Maths Week

During our Maths lessons last week, we were celebrating National Maths Week which we all thoroughly enjoyed! All of the classes had the opportunity to investigate Maths in the wider world; how our current learning helps us to understand the world around us and how it will help us achieve our ambitions. As, part of the Pupil Maths team, we used a questionnaire to find out what the children enjoyed the most during the week. A Year 5 child reported, "The dice game we played was really fun and it has helped me to work things out more quickly mentally!" Year 4 enjoyed having the opportunity to listen to a story about a whale. This involved learning about all of the Maths operations and how these are relevant to the natural world. In year 6, one child summed up their experience by saying, "It was really fun finding Maths in pictures and learning about the Fibonacci sequence!" Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the UK wide Times Table Rockstar competition during the week and are already eagerly awaiting the next competition.



## England Rocks Results

## Millbrook Multiplication Champions Autumn Term

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Darwin Class, 2nd Place - Raleigh Class and 3rd Place - Monet Class. Well done Darwin Class!

Mrs Kelly Pearson

## Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair next week containing a wide variety of books and stationery which are available for purchase. Children will be able to access this during their weekly library lesson. We regret that it will not be possible to hold any after school or lunchtime sessions this time. Children can bring money in a named purse, use vouchers purchased in advance from the website or complete a wish list to take home. Instructions are on the wish list explaining how books can be purchased but there is no obligation to buy.

The school does receive commission in the form of new books for the school library. Any books purchased will therefore help all children in school. If we can raise £600 or above, we will receive 60% commission. Thank you very much for your support.

Mrs Caroline Mitchell

## Tours of the school

We recognise that parent/carers have not been into school as much as we would have liked. We are really proud of our school and would love to share it with you. If you would like to look round and see us in action, please phone the school office to book a tour. They can take place on any day, at 9am, 10am, 11am or 2pm. We appreciate that it may be difficult for you to come if you are working, but the only real way to get a feel for our school is to see us in action. We will be very happy to welcome you into our school.

## House Points

Next time you visit our school, have a look at the colour of the flag that is flying. Each week we add up the house point total for each house. The winning house get the opportunity to fly their house flag and then choose the play equipment for the children to use all week on the playground. They are also able to get to line up first and use the tyre park, outdoor gym and table tennis tables on a Friday lunchtime.

## Gifts for Staff

Whilst we do not wish to discourage all gift-giving, Millbrook Junior School has a 'Gifts and Hospitality Policy' to ensure the acceptance of gifts, hospitality, awards, prizes or any other benefit which might be seen to compromise the personal judgement or integrity of governors, staff and/or any other representative of the organisation. In line with this, small tokens of gratitude are always appreciated. The guidance prevents teachers and other staff from accepting gifts worth over £15 and monetary gifts (cash or vouchers) of any value.

## Scout Post

Once again, we will be supporting the Scout Post and will be acting as a collection point. Please find details, at the end of this newsletter, about the Scout Post for 2021. There will be a box in reception where you will be able to leave your cards and money.

## Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a governor at Millbrook Junior School? If so, please let us know so we can talk to you about the role. We have a vacancy for 2 parent governors.

We are seeking parents and carers who wish to make a difference to the school. A willingness to undertake training (which is free) and able to attend meetings (approximately 6 – 8) across the school year. Our meetings are normally early evening. Governors also visit the school to talk to the children and staff and look at the work of the children.

You will receive plenty of support as part of your induction and you will join a friendly team of local people who are committed to supporting and challenging the school on its continuous journey of improvement and meeting the needs of all our pupils.

You can find out more about the work of the governors on the school website

<https://www.millbrookjuniors.co.uk/information/governors>

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please let the school office know by Friday 26th November – you can leave a letter or message with them and we will be in contact to arrange a meeting or telephone call (whatever is best for you).

I hope you will consider becoming a governor. Let us know.

Mr Paul Davies – Chair of Governors

## Special Mention

### Well done to...

Mohamed H who class recently entered the Imagine Portsmouth poetry competition. His poem was the winning entry in the Children's category. Mohamed used to live in Portsmouth and so his poem was all about what a lovely place it is and why people should visit it. The poem has been published online and Mohamed also won a prize for it. We are really proud of the enthusiasm that Mohamed has shown for poetry and we hope this continues!

## Regular notes:

### Getting a COVID Test

You must get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms, even if mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You must stay at home until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you can get a PCR test, whether or not you have symptoms.

Our nearest walk through testing site is Car Park, London Rd, Kettering NN15 2CF. It opens at 8.00am and closes at 8.00pm. There is also a drive through testing site at Olympic Way, Kettering NN15 6PB. They open at 8.00am and close at 8.00pm. [You can book a test by clicking here.](#) Some centres accept walk-in appointments but you will need to check this with your local centre first. If you prefer, there is a drive through testing site at Kettering Conference Centre.

**Attendance:** Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise holiday in term times. Leave of Absence forms should be completed. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Please refer to the school attendance policy which is available from the school office and on the school website. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.

**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Alternatively contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 126 1000.

# Scoutpost

**Post early for Christmas**  
**Scouts deliver your local cards**

**Cost 30p per card**

**Collection point here**  
**from**  
**December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**to**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**We can deliver to**

Barton Seagrave	Geddington	Little Stanion	Pytchley
Braybrooke	Grafton Underwood		Loddington
	Rothwell		
Broughton	Great Oakley	Mawsley	Rushton
Burton Latimer	Isham	Newton	Stanion
Cranford	Kettering	Orlingbury	Warkton
Cransley	Little Cransley		Orton
	Weekley		
Desborough	Little Oakley	Pipewell	Weldon

**Address cards with:** Recipients name  
Number of house / Name of  
street  
Town  
Postcode (if known)





North  
Northamptonshire  
Council