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Dear Parents/Carers

Today marks the delivery of our final newsletter. We have listened to your feedback and we will be restructuring the way in which we communicate with you moving forwards. Next week, you will receive a letter giving you more details about the types of communications you can expect to receive over the coming months.

Mrs. Danielle Warren

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.



Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries. It is coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe. This day is a great opportunity to have a chat with your child about their use of the Internet and any gaming activities that they enjoy.

Don't forget - Children's mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health week takes place from 7th February to 13th February. We will be talking to the children across the week about feelings, and how everybody experiences different feelings at different times. We will again reinforce the fact



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

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

that everyone has mental health. Sometimes, our feelings can become overwhelming and impact on our mental health in a negative way. We will talk about different ways that we can help ourselves and each other by listening; taking some time out; exercising or doing something we enjoy. Mental Health also fits with in with the 'Healthy Me' unit in Jigsaw. We are planning to return to this later in the year too.

Year 3 'Pick up'



If you are the parent or carer of a Year 3 child and you pick up from the school playground, can we please ask that you closely supervise any younger children in your care whilst on the school site. Children are not allowed to use scooters or bikes in the school grounds and you must closely supervise your children at all times.

Library News

In the last month, we have issued 4334 books from our school library. The most popular category of books on myON this term has been books on life sciences and plants followed by animals and relationship skills. The most popular categories of fiction books have been longer books and adventure stories.



Cancer Research Donation



Thank you to everyone who purchased school photos. Braiswick, our school photographers, made a small donation for each photograph pack purchased. Our total donation to Cancer Research, paid on our behalf, was £95.00. Well done everyone!

Getting a COVID Test

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. [Further advice on lateral flow testing and where to get tests can be found here.](#)

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. [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.

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.*