

Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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

Mrs Danielle Warren

Year 6 Secondary School Places

If your child is in Y6, it is time to apply for a secondary school place. Applications are already open and will close on **31st October 2019 at 5pm**. If your application is not received on time, it will affect your chances of obtaining a place for your child at your preferred school.

For further information, go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions where you can also make your application.

Head Pupils and House Captains

We have now awarded badges to our new Head Pupils. The competition was very stiff; however, after much deliberation the posts were filled.

This year our Head Pupils are:

Erin G, Rebecca P, Boston M and Jacob J

We have also selected our new House Captains. These are:

Harpers House - Amrita J and Oliver H

Slade House - Lukas A-T and Matilda B

Ise House - Layne D and Jackson C

Willow House - Syra M and Harry K

Well done to everyone who was selected. We know you will do a fantastic job.



Class Assemblies

October 11th

Newton Class Assembly

October 18th

Pythagoras Class Assembly

These assemblies start at 9.00am. You are all welcome to join us to celebrate our children's learning.

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.

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

Please do take the opportunity to come along and have a chat. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

You can make an appointment with the class teacher directly or by phoning/emailing the school office.

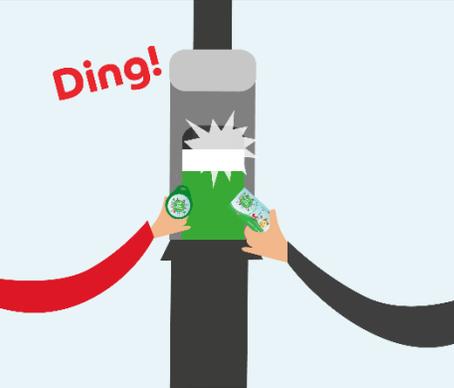
If you have a complaint, please make sure you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

NSPCC Assembly

On Monday 23rd September, we welcomed Adele from NSPCC to talk to the children in a 'Speak out. Stay safe.' assembly. She raised the issue that every child has the right to feel safe and what they should do if they don't feel safe for any reason. These are obviously messages that are already given to the children but it always helps to hear it again. The children were reminded about Childline and how this is always there if they don't know who else to turn to. This week we have then been completing 'The Big Workout' activities as a sponsored event. The children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of exercises in their PE lessons. Any money raised will go to the NSPCC to help continue their work. Please note that any sponsor forms will need to be in school for 7th October. Adele explained to the children that the class who return the most sponsor forms, not the class with the most money raised, would gain a certificate. Don't forget to visit <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids> for more information about staying safe.

Beat the Street

Well done to all of you who have already registered for 'Beat the Street' and got your trainers on, to collect points for our school. If you haven't done so already, it is not too late to register. Don't forget to register to join our school team and you can even get your friends and family to join in too. To find out more visit <https://beatthestreet.me/kettering/howtoplay>

		
<p>Find your nearest Beat Boxes</p>	<p>Start your journey by going to your first Beat Box</p>	<p>Tap the Beat Box with your card or fob until it beeps and flashes</p>
		
<p>Walk, cycle, run or scoot to a different Beat Box within an hour</p>	<p>Tap the Beat Box with your card or fob until it beeps and flashes to score 10 points</p>	<p>Now carry on your journey and score more points for each extra Beat Box you tap</p>

School Nut Policy

We are not a nut free school; however, due to some of our children having nut allergies we would request that the following are not brought into school;

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Nutella
- Other food products that contain nuts

Food products which may contain traces of nuts may still be brought into school.

Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought into school, but they will not inspect all food.

It is important that children do not share their food in school. Staff will look out for obvious signs of food sharing, but please make your children aware of the 'no sharing' rule in school.

Thank you for your co-operation in making school safer for our children with allergies.

Schoolcomms

At Millbrook Junior School we provide a service - 'School Gateway'. This allows you to be able to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website.

We notify you by text or email when new items such as school trips or tickets for events are available for payment on School Gateway. You can also give online consent, where required, for your child to take part in activities.

In addition to saving the school time and money on administration, School Gateway also makes it easier for you to pay any time '24-7' and reduces the amount of cash being carried by children on school premises.

What you need to do now

Activate your School Gateway account. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that the school holds on record for you.

- Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

OR

- Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we will update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

Kettering School Sport Partnership – Rugby

Last week, selected Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the KSSP Rugby event. Year 3 and 4 took part in practising different drills and skills in the morning. They showed lots of enthusiasm and skill throughout. Well done to Jack E, Vincenzo W, Jack P, Ben P, Emily C, Violet B, Arjan M, Bradley J and Mali W.

Year 5 and 6 participated in a tournament against eight other local primary schools. They displayed fantastic team work and co-operation throughout the afternoon to finish fourth in the event. Well Done to Cavan M, Niamh K, Jude G, Archie M, Mani K, Connor W, Tyler M, Pharis H, Lukas A-T and Georgia H.

It was amazing to see everyone displaying great effort, skill, excellent behaviour and representing the school wonderfully.

Website

Don't forget, all dates of events are on the school website on our School Calendar page. If you want to know dates for Parent/Carer evenings, class assemblies or trips, you will find them all here. We also have a Term Dates page where you can see our term dates at a glance. This page is updated regularly so please keep checking back!

Special Mention

Well done to Lukas A-T who travelled to Windsor to take part in the National Championships in Karate. In the first event, he performed the Kata and achieved a Gold medal. In the second event, he participated in Team Kumite where he showed off his punching and kicking skills with a partner. Once again, Lukas achieved a Gold medal! A fantastic achievement Lukas. Well done!

Regular notes:

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.*

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. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.*