

Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Millbrook Junior School is on Twitter. If you would like to know more about what is happening in our school please follow us on @MillbrookJunior.

Mrs Danielle Warren

Music Mark



SCHOOL
MEMBER

We are very proud to announce that Millbrook Junior School has been awarded the Music Mark. We have been awarded this as a recognition of the value that we place on music in our school and we are very proud to be part of the growing number of Music Mark School Members.

Parent/Carer Evenings

Parent/Carer evenings are next week, Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October 3.30pm to 6.30pm. All appointments are made through our online booking system. A letter was sent home on 7th October explaining how to book appointments. If you do not have access to the internet or you are having difficulty accessing the system, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. The online booking system will close at noon on Monday 21st October.



Class Assemblies

October 25th

Darwin Class Assembly

November 8th

Raleigh 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.

Year 6 Secondary School Places

Don't forget to make sure your application for a secondary school place is in by **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.

Year 5 Visit to The Mandir

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Mandir (Hindu Temple) in Wellingborough where they gained an understanding of what can be found inside a Mandir and how the devotees worship. On entering, they all had to remove their shoes and wash their hands to show respect. The priest allowed every child to ring the bell (Hindus do this to help them focus and inform the deity of their arrival). They were shown all the different deities and images of important saints. The children commented on how interesting and colourful the temple was and they enjoyed the beauty of the objects including the deity statues, garlands, lights and the flowers and food offered to the deities.

Single use plastic

As a school, we are attempting to reduce the amount of single use plastic we use. In the UK, We produce roughly 300 million tons of plastic each year and half of it is disposable! World-wide, only 10-13% of plastic items are recycled. In order to try and be more environmentally friendly, we will no longer be supplying children with a plastic cup to fill from the water fountain. If your child requires a drink during the day, we would ask that they bring a reusable plastic water bottle in to school. Please make sure the bottle is clearly labelled with their name and class.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 6th November from 9.00am until 12.00pm. If you would like an appointment to see her, please contact Emma Nutt in the school office who will be able to make an appointment for you.

Linguascope

We value the learning of languages at Millbrook Junior School.

To support the work we do in school, we have once again purchased a site license for Linguascope, which is an online language resource that we use in the work we do at school. It can be used at home by all our pupils as they all have a username and password in their planners. We teach French in school but this amazing resource gives the opportunity for those who enjoy learning languages to study a variety of others as well as practising what they learn in their lessons.

There are copyright restrictions on how the username and password can be shared as it cannot be published online. However your child, as a Millbrook Junior pupil, can log in at home and it is hoped that families will

enjoy learning together. We have also added the use of Linguascope to our Home Learning sheets to encourage the children to learn independently.

We have had some wonderful feedback about how useful Linguascope is to support the learning of languages and we hope that you all have fun together learning a new language.

Please let us know what you think!

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!

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.*