



Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another busy term, I would like to say thank you for all the support you have given the school this term. I would like to take this opportunity to say Merry Christmas and I hope you and your family have an enjoyable and restful winter break.

Don't forget, 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



Class Assemblies

January 10th

Rembrandt Class Assembly

January 17th

Monet Class Assembly

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



Christmas Celebration at The Church of Christ the King

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas celebration at The Church of Christ the King. The children were amazing and worked so hard to make it such a special evening. We would like to say a big thank you to The Church of Christ the King for allowing us to use the church and to Mrs Watters, Miss Kerry and Mr McFarlane who gave up their time to support the children and ensure the evening was such a success. Thank you!

Message from FOMS

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year. So far, we have managed to raise £1051.10. This money will be going towards the purchase of a new stage for the school.

Over Christmas, don't forget to collect together used Christmas paper, sweet papers, plastic bottles and any other waste. Use it to create an

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.

amazing piece of artwork and enter it into our Art competition. The closing date is 24th January 2020 and it costs just £1 to enter. Winners will be announced on Friday 31st January.

If you have some spare time, you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 3.30pm in Shakespeare Class. Our next project is to raise money to provide some new playground equipment.

Christmas Performances

Well done to all our classes who performed brilliantly in our Christmas performances this year. All classes chose their own act and choreographed the performance themselves. Your feedback was so positive and what a great way to start off Christmas. Thank you!

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who sent a donation in for Christmas Jumper Day. We managed to raise a total of £261.69 for Thandigiudi Village. We will be sending the money to the charity in the New Year.

Year 3 and 4 Premier Legacy Event

Well done to Jake P, Evan E, Dominic B, Alana R and Jack G who competed in a recent skills event. They enjoyed having a go at Kurling, Fencing and Archery. They showed good skills and perseverance during the event and came a brilliant 2nd.

Year 5 and 6 Premier Legacy Event

Well done to Alfie H, Sophie B, Lucy W, Harrison W, Charlie O and Archie H who competed in a Kurling, Fencing and Archery event this week. They all enjoyed themselves by trying new skills and by showing great co-operation and teamwork throughout the event.

Kurling

Well done to our Kurling team Angel P, Paighton L-S, William D and Lukha R-C for coming a fantastic 3rd in a recent event against a number of other school. They showed great determination and co-operation throughout the afternoon and enjoyed themselves whilst learning a new sport.

Boy's Football Finals

Well done to our boy's Football team: Lucas M, Ryan K, Preston W, Lukas A-T, Zachary D, Josh P, Max G, Jed M, Evan R and Reagan P at the recent finals. The boys showed great teamwork and persistence during each game; this earned them a fantastic 3rd place out of the 18 teams that took part.

Lost Property

As a school, we seem to be accumulating a lot of lost property that remains unclaimed. Not only is it costly to keep replacing items, but we are also concerned about the environmental impact of any waste clothing that ends up in landfill. Please take the opportunity, over the Christmas break, to get out your child's school uniform and make sure everything is labelled clearly. Make sure all items are labelled but especially

footwear, bags and coats. Next term, we will be providing laundry pens and if we come across any unnamed items, we will be asking pupils to write in their names during school time.

The Sun Books for Schools Offer

Don't forget to keep collecting the tokens from The Sun newspaper between Saturday 23 November and Saturday 18 January. We need to collect 3,500 tokens in order to receive a free pack containing more than 100 books.

If you read The Sun or know someone who does, please can you collect the tokens and send them into school by the end of January 2020. Thank you.

Safeguarding Matters – The Samaritans

The festive period can be a challenging time for some and that's why Samaritans volunteers are helping to keep the service running for those in need throughout the Christmas break - even on Christmas Day.

Samaritans responded to more than 400,000 calls for help throughout the UK and Ireland during December 2017, by phone, email and text. Despite all the festivities, more than 11,000 of those calls for help and emotional support came in on Christmas Day.

The Samaritans are asking us to give the gift of listening ourselves this Christmas. You can do this by offering yourself as a listening ear to friends and family going through a difficult time. Samaritans suggest you make a voucher or download one from its website to give as a present. You can invite someone to confide in you over a coffee, while out on a walk, or whatever way you think they will feel most comfortable.

If you feel the need to talk to somebody over Christmas, you can contact them 24 hours a day by:

Telephone: **116 123**, Email: jo@samaritans.org or Visit your local branch: **111 Montagu Street, Kettering NN16 8XL**

Star Learner for Autumn 2

Well done to all the children below who achieved our star learner award this term. Keep up the good work!

8th November 2019

Isla W, Amelia B, Jackson C, Harveej R, Ivy A-J, Amy B, Harley E, Harlow-T B, Tyler L, Valentino C, Jack B, Georgina S, Eva M, Matilda B, Tobias K and Evie B

15th November 2019

Malaki C, Fabian T, Abigail B, Vinnie W, Frazer R, Amelia D, Iris M, Evie-Mae O, Harry G, Angel R, Rhys D, Kaitlyn C, Jessica G, Esme P, Georgia H and Lilli-Mae B

22nd November 2019

Abigail C-M, Hannah C, Lukas H, Poppie G, Finley W, Emily C, Dominic B, Harry S, Maliha J, Ella C, Seb A, Sophie B, Kadi A, Joe D, Lukas A-T and Rio B

29th November 2019

Jake H, Kitty S, Leyla C, Tahlia W, Ozge A, Ben P, Jack N, Lyla L-F, Aimee J, William P, Charlotte S, Tianna H, Suheydanur K, Neve R, Ashley C and Maskeen S

6th December 2019

Ava H, Daniel H, Meagan C, Mehmet A, Alex F, Jack G, Arjan M, Connor O, Harry M, Harry J, Kayleigh M, Archie M, Summer S, Jackson C, Ellie F and Amiya R

13th December 2019

Noah W, Rebekah B, Jack P, Holly O, Jessica G, Aaliyah S, Carys R-C, Ethan D, Aimee W, Ellis C, Isla L, Kitty N, Charlie O, Millie W, Mikey B and Isla G

One Million Words

Well done to the following children who have already read one million words. A fantastic achievement. Well done!

Muskaanpreet S, Charlie O, Devon N, Oliver H, Kealan G, Amrita J, Dev Mistry and Riley N

House Point Totals – Autumn 2

Ise – 2310, Willow – 1950, Slade – 1680 and Harpers – 1470. Well done Ise House. Keep collecting those House Points!

Special Mention

Well done to Lucy L and her partner Kyra who made it all the way to the British Sequence Dance under 10s Championship finals, at the Blackpool Winter Gardens back in October. They gained a fantastic 4th place and at only just 9 years old have achieved their dreams of being top in the county for sequence dancing. We wish them the best of luck as they look forward to further competitions at The Tower Ballroom, The Winter Gardens and other Open Dance Championship competitions around the country. Good luck and well done!

Well done to Kealan G who recently sat two music exams. Despite the fact they were close together, he showed resilience by practising every day for them. His determination and hard work paid off and the results are in! He has passed his Grade 2 piano and his Grade 1 drums in the same exam season. We are extremely proud of him. Well done Kealan!

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.*

