

Millbrook Junior School

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Class Assemblies

November 29th

Armstrong Class Assembly

December 6th

Da Vinci Class Assembly

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Please read our newsletter below to find out more about what has been happening in our school.

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

Children in Need 2019

Well done to all our children who came to school on Friday 15th November dressed in spots. We managed to raise a total of £410.16 which will be sent off to Children in Need.



NSPCC

Earlier in the term, the children took part in a sponsored activity to raise money for the NSPCC. It was a successful active event which the children enjoyed. The assemblies and follow up activities in years 5 and 6 were very beneficial too. Adele Hartley from the NSPCC wanted pass on her thanks as we managed to raise £783.50! Well done Team Millbrook!

Year 3 Science Dome

Recently, Year 3 had an exciting visit from the Science Dome. The children enjoyed handling different types of rocks as well as learning about how they were formed. We went into the large, planetarium dome which was an amazing experience for the children. The children were surrounded by images and films showing them about the earth. They were part of a volcanic eruption too! We continued with the day learning even more about rocks in our science and topic work. A great start to the Topic!

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 5 Visit to Holdenby House

Last week, Year 5 children went 'back in time' to the Tudor era when they visited Holdenby House. They had a fantastic time learning about how people lived in Tudor times. Some of the comments made by children included:

"I really like that they acted like we were time travellers, travelling back to the Tudor time. It made it more fun that they said old sayings like 'Good morrow' and 'Break fast'."

"I liked learning about the herbs because Master Ned told us about how the Tudors used to live."

"I enjoyed the dancing in the Great Hall. It made me feel like I was actually a Tudor!"

"I liked learning how the Tudors danced because we don't do those types of dances anymore."

"The whole house was amazing!"

The staff at Holdenby House also remarked on how well the children had behaved. Well done Year 5!

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.

School Car Park

Please can you remember that the school car park is only to be used by staff of Millbrook Junior School or authorised parent/carers who have a valid permit. If you are parked in the car park and are unable to produce a valid permit, you may be asked to leave.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school is a smoke free school and smoking is not permitted on site. Dogs are also not permitted on the school site. If you are on the school premises either smoking or with a dog, you will be asked to leave and may have your parking permit removed.

Safeguarding Matters – County Lines

You may have heard the term 'County Lines' used in the news. This is a growing form of criminal activity that exists nationally. It is a term used to describe how gangs and organised criminal networks export illegal drugs into other (mainly rural) areas by exploiting children and vulnerable adults, often without them realising it. Gang members may use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to do this.

Children as young as 7 are being put in danger by criminals who are taking advantage of how innocent and inexperienced these young people are. Any child can be exploited, no matter their background. This is child exploitation.

Cars and rail networks are generally used by county line gangs. This makes Northamptonshire particularly vulnerable, being only one hour from London by train and located on the major road networks of the M1 and A14.

Warning signs

Listed below are some warning signs of 'County Lines' exploitation for you to look out for. Often, these are behavioural changes such as:

- Spending time with people you don't know or aren't sure about.
- Going missing from home or school.
- Getting into trouble at school.
- Having new clothes or other items that you think they can't afford.
- Getting involved with crimes including robbery, violence, drug dealing and sexual exploitation.
- Having unexplained injuries.
- Losing interest in their existing hobbies.
- Becoming secretive.
- Not telling you where they have been or why they returned late.

If you believe that a child has been the victim of, or is at risk of Child exploitation, including being involved in gang activity, then you should contact MASH on **0300 126 1000**.

If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call **999** immediately.

Further information can be found by clicking the links below:

[Advice to Parents and Carers Leaflet](#)

[NSPCC - Gangs and young children](#)

Special Mention

Many of our children take part in activities or clubs outside of school. If your child has participated in something special or has achieved something noteworthy, please let us know by emailing in through the website or dropping into the school office so we can share it in our newsletter and celebrate the news with you.

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.