



Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have really enjoyed seeing the children engaging with their zoom maths sessions. These sessions have gone really well with very few technical issues. Next week, we will also be offering daily zoom English sessions and check-in Zooms with your child's class teacher. We know that it may not be possible for all of you to engage with every session but we would encourage you to join in as many as possible. Don't forget that the BBC are offering lessons on CBBC and a timetable for these can be found on the class remote learning pages on the website (Remote Learning resources folder).

If there is anything you are unsure of or if you require any additional support, please contact the class teacher (via email) or Emma Nutt in the school office.

Mrs Danielle Warren

Remote Learning

Zoom sessions

This week we offered Zoom maths sessions led by a teacher from each year group. Thank you to everyone who engaged with these. It has been lovely to see so many children joining the lessons and having fun. Next week we will also be offering a zoom English session as well as zoom check-ins with your class teacher. Please try to engage with as many of these sessions as you can. We really enjoy seeing you all.

If you have any problems getting on to the zoom sessions please, ring us. The zoom codes have all been emailed to you and we do ask that you do not share these on social media. If you do not know the codes, please contact us and we can share them with you over the phone.

Class Assemblies

We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these.

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.

Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, we are always happy to speak with you on the phone. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

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.

On school website, we have added a folder called 'Remote Learning Support'. You will find this on the class remote learning pages. In this folder, we will add any documents we feel you may find useful. We will be adding more resources as they become available but if there is anything else you would find particularly useful, please let us know and we can add it to the folder.

Ofsted have recognised, this week, that live lessons do not work for everyone. Some children like the ability to stop the lesson, slow it down or rewind to recap over bits they may not have understood. This is where recorded lessons can work well. CBBC are broadcasting three hours of primary school programmes from 9.00 am every weekday. These include BBC Bitesize Daily as well as other much-loved shows with an educational twist, such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and more. The timetable for this can be found [here](#). They are also offering lots of lessons on their [website](#). If your child is finding it difficult to access the zoom sessions or these sessions are not suited to the way in which your child likes to work, you can either search for alternative resources on the [Bitesize website](#) or contact your child's class teacher who will be able to recommend alternative resources to use.

Please remember that all children have a login for MyMaths. If you are looking for additional resources for maths practice, MyMaths is excellent. All children can access the Booster Packs. In addition to revision lessons, the Booster Packs have lessons, Online Homework and Online Worksheets to help learn about specific areas. There are also games that will help pupils practise maths skills and develop fluency. Children can access the Booster packs from any year group so if they want to revise some maths skills from a previous year group or would like to extend themselves further, the resources are all there for them to use.

We appreciate that learning at home will not be the same as learning in school. However hard we all try to make it the same, children will be missing the interactions with their class mates and learning behaviours will be different. As the lockdown restrictions get tighter, children may find things more difficult. The government have updated their [guidance for parents on supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#) which you may find useful. Please remember that Ros Fombanu (Family Support Worker) and Lorraine Walker (Wellbeing TA) are available to offer support or advice and can be contacted via the school office.

Remote learning packs

I am sure you would like to join me in extending a huge thank you to all our staff who delivered your remote learning packs recently, which included deliveries over the weekend. As you can imagine, this was a mammoth task. Please make sure that if you move house, you let us know your current address. If you have not received your pack, please contact Emma Nutt in the office and arrange a suitable time to pick one up.

Monies raised

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Christmas Jumper Day' in December. We were raising money for The Goodwill Children's home in Thandigudi, Southern India. Usually, each year we hold a fantastic fund-raising event during the summer term but obviously we could not do this in the summer of 2020. The funds are desperately needed to support children, providing them with a home and an education. A brilliant £209.11 was raised. We hope it won't be long before Thandigudi Day can return to Millbrook!

A big 'thank you' also to those of you who donated to the staff wellbeing fund. Times are very difficult for everyone. We greatly appreciated your kindness at this trying time.

Well done to Mrs Williams, Mrs Watters and Miss Claypole who took in a 'Virtual Santa Run' to Lapland. The money raised has also been added to the wellbeing fund.

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.*

School Lottery

[Click here](#) if you would like to enter our school lottery draw. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It is a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children. We aim to provide extra resources for the children; improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Amazon

Did you know that you can raise funds for FOMS through Amazon at no extra cost to yourself? All you need to do is [click this link](#) to sign up to Amazon Smiles.

