

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.

During poor weather, please send your child with appropriate clothing, footwear and a spare change of clothes if possible.

Mrs. Danielle Warren

House Badges

All children have received a House Badge this week to show which house they belong to. We hope the children will wear these with pride and it will help them to identify with their House as we introduce more House activities. If children lose their badge, a new badge can be purchased from our stationery shop for 20p.

Raleigh Class Samba Performance

After ten weeks of learning how to play different Samba instruments, Raleigh Class put on a fantastic performance to their parents, carers and the other year 4 classes and sang some of their warm up songs to entertain the audience. We hope that some of the children will go on to join the lunch time Samba band. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch and to also to Mr Dyer for his hard work and perseverance teaching the class.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and included:

"Was brilliant - all of it."

"Excellent performance to show the children's learning and experience they have had over the past few weeks. Many thanks for sharing."



Class Assemblies

February 1st

Picasso Class Assembly

February 8th

Armstrong 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.

Well done Raleigh Class!

Y4 Roman Day

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic Roman Wow day. A specialist teacher came to run some of the sessions and provided other resources for the Year 4 team to deliver as a carousel to all the classes. Firstly, they all learnt about the life of a Legionary and all the different pieces of equipment and weapons they used. The children practised their marching skills and how to form a tortoise with shields to protect themselves. Then they split into groups to learn about the importance of the Roman forum and what happened there; to play some games and try some pastimes; to learn about Boudicca and to design and make brooches. They ended the day with a Roman myth for story time. This day really kick started their learning about the Romans. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to make, borrow or buy wonderful costumes for the children.

Music Lessons

There are currently spaces for music lessons in the following instruments: violin, viola, cello and piano. The lessons are all organised through Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). If your child is interested in having instrumental music lessons at school with an NMPAT teacher, then details of how to apply for a place are available at the office. Alternatively you can contact the Trust at the following email address: Lessons@NMPAT.co.uk with the subject heading 'want to learn' giving the name of your child, the school they attend and the instrument they would like to learn and they will send you all the information you need to register for lessons.

The Big Battery Hunt

Next week, Millbrook Junior School will be launching our 'Big Battery Hunt' – a scheme to recycle used batteries. Your child will be issued with a collecting box and you will receive an email containing a pupil activity booklet and safety instructions. Please return any filled collection boxes to your child's class teacher or drop them into the school office. If we collect enough, we could be in with a chance to win some great prizes whilst also looking after our environment at the same time.

Parent/Carer Evenings

Please note that Parent/Carer Evenings are **Tuesday 19th March 3.30pm to 6.30pm** and **Thursday 21st March 3.30pm to 8.00pm**. Details about how to book appointments will be sent out after half term.

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

Don't forget to let us know if your child has been involved in anything special outside school that you think deserves a special mention. You can email us through the school website.

Star Learner

11th January 2019

Poppy W, Jennifer E, Daniel P, Imogen C, Kaitlyn C, Daniel S, Olivia V, Kitty N, Isla G, Esme-May P, Annalise H, Betty G, Kajus B, Samantha B, Aisha O-B and Arshpreet B

18th January 2019

Aiden T, Ethan D, Jayden R, Archie W, Rose P, Maria K, Ryan H, Rhys D, Evan R, Ellie F, Koby M, Harry K, Lilly-Rose F, Harvey B, Owen T and Jeevan J

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.*