

**Message from the Principal:** Welcome to the February edition of Mill Hill Primary Academy's newsletter. It has been a very busy half term with lots of learning taking place and many exciting opportunities on offer to the children. Please visit our Facebook and website pages for regular updates. I particularly enjoyed watching the year 4 peaceful protest outside reception and greeting the very excited nursery children when they returned from their theatre trip to see "Room On The Broom". I was worried when the nursery children told me the dragon tried to eat Mrs Joines! Don't worry, she returned safe and well! We are very excited to be opening our new "Reading Zone" after half term. It has been redecorated, refurnished and replenished with lots of new books. Many thanks to the PTFA who have part funded this and to the parents/carers who have contributed through our fund raising events and who have donated books. Every day I am impressed by the warmth and care that all of the Mill Hill community share towards each other and thank the children, staff, parents/carers and governors for all the support you give to the Academy. The next newsletter will be out in March however; I will write to you via parent mail if we have any important information to share with you.



**Message from Assistant Principals:** We have had a busy half term with children from across the school working hard. It has been lovely to see so many of them following the Academy uniform policy. We have some exciting things coming up in the next few weeks including the Valentine's Disco and 5 Alive. Looking forward to the next couple of months, we will be sending information about the Easter Activities and Mill Hill's Got Talent so keep an eye on Parentmail.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Year 6 SATs take place on the week beginning 11th May. It is important that your child is in school and on time every day. Results will come out on Tuesday 7th July.

Year 2 SATs take place from 4th May and will continue throughout the month.

Year 4 residential takes place on 11th March

Year 5 Residential takes place on 11th May

Year 6 residential takes place on 6th July

Reports will come home with children on 27th March and there will be a drop-in session for parents on 30th March between 3.00 and 5.00 pm to discuss them if needed.

A full Parents Evening will take place on 8th July



### **5 Alive**

Your child has already brought home a letter and sponsorship form for the CLT event on the 14th February.

Children will take part in an obstacle course designed by Miss Leese and they can be sponsored to complete the activities.

They can also come to school in sporty clothes. A suggested donation for this is £1 but any amount would be appreciated.

Children can buy 5 Alive bands for £1 and then decorate them.



### **Half Term Treat**

The half term treat will be a Valentine's disco on Thursday 13th February. Children will need to ensure that they work hard to be part of this wonderful opportunity.

### **Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations**

Themes being covered this month include: Shrove Tuesday, Fair Trade Fortnight, Safer Internet, St David's Day, World Book Day, British Science Week, Purim and Holi

### **After School Clubs**

A letter will come home on Monday which will list the clubs that will be starting after half term. Please make sure that you return the slips as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend.

### Academy Enrichment

Year 4 and 5 had a visit from Journalist Students from Keele University who talked to them about how to be a newspaper reporter. Two children from each Year group will be entering a County– Wide competition to produce a news report.

Nursery visited the Regent Theatre to watch Room on the Broom. Look out for photographs on Facebook next week.

Coming up, Reception will be visiting Knowsley Safari Park and Year 4 will be visiting Chester to be Romans for the Day.

The pictures below show how much the children enjoyed themselves in and around school



### Keeping Children Safe

#### Internet safety Week

It will be Internet safety Day on Tuesday 11th February so we will be talking to children about keeping safe online. This might be a good time to review the privacy setting on your child's devices as these can often reset after updates. Whenever your child is online it is important that they are only talking to and sharing things with people that they know.



### Punctuality

Children are invited to line up from 8.30am, with the school day starting promptly at 8.40am. Thank you to all parents/ carers and children for making every effort to be in school on time. Every second of learning counts! If you are late can you please make your way to the Community Centre, where Mrs Lyons (our Attendance Officer) will greet you.



### Breakfast and Kool Kids Club

Just a reminder that we do have a morning and an afternoon school club available to parents. If you would like any more details, please contact the school office.

Please can we ask that you telephone the number when you are collecting your children The telephone number is :- 07596 144943

### Attendance

A big thankyou to all family members who attended the Big Breakfast Attendance events. Being in school every day is really important for your child's education. Congratulations for the best attendance for this month goes to RF, 1A, 1M, 3D, 3W, 5C and 6W—they won a Big Breakfast. The target for our attendance is 96% and we are currently at 95.4%. We also had 402 pupils with 100% attendance in week 1, 440 in week 2, 428 week 3 and 408 in week 4. We still have 89 pupils that have been in school every day so far. Very well done to all of you!



### PTFA

The PTFA will be selling treats during the Valentines Disco. For £1 children can have a bag of sweets, a packet of crisps and a drink. Upcoming events will include: Uniform Sale, Book Sale , Easter Disco and Mother's Day Secret Room.

### Charity Totalometer

£1600 so far this

### Big Thanks

Thank you to Mrs Norris who brought in some lovely books. They have been put into the new Reading Zone so they can be enjoyed by lots of children.



### SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

We have availability to hire out our school hall from 5pm most evenings.

Should you be interested or know someone that runs a club or fitness class and are looking for a venue, then please call Mrs Yates in the school office on 01782 234466 for more details.

