

Message from the Principal: Welcome to the January edition of Mill Hill Primary Academy's newsletter and I wish you all a very happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely festive break and enjoyed your family time together, making wonderful memories. I have really missed your children over the festive holidays and was so pleased to see them on Monday. I was so proud to see how excited they were to be back and how eager they were to get going with their learning! Once again the children and parents/carers did not disappoint with the homework projects. I have seen many wonderful pieces including suitcases fit to visit the Arctic (made from shoe boxes), messages in bottles, gas masks for World War 2 and rainforests to name but a few! I have said it before but, I will say it again Mill Hill most definitely has exceptionally talented children and parents/carers – very well done to you all! I do hope that you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that are happening at the Academy. The next newsletter will be out before the February half term however; I will write to you via parent mail if we have any important information to share with you.



Dreams, Hopes and Aspirations Programme and Theme Of the Week

Children and staff continue to develop their class folders with the top 5 things that make them happy and proud and our "Thought of the Week". This half term children will learn about New Year resolutions, Epiphany, Handel day, how to make your dreams come true, road safety, the Chinese New Year and Tu Bishvat. The children will also celebrate and learn about the following days: Winnie the Pooh day, World Religion day, Martin Luther King day, Handwriting day, Burns Day, Martin Luther King day, Australia Day, World Cancer Day, Charles Dickens Day, Rosa Parks Day, Darwin Day, St. Patricks Day and Mother's Day .

Message from Assistant Principal

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a great festive break. The children have returned to school with fantastic attitudes to learning and are all really excited to be learning about their new topics. A big thank you for all the fantastic pieces of homework that have been produced over the holidays.



Message from Assistant Principal

Welcome back and I hope you had a restful time. The children have returned with excellent attitudes and are showing how much they are growing up. I am seeing lots of independent learning from children who are really excited by their new topics.



IMPORTANT DATES

For your information, The May Bank Holiday has been changed nationally from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May** to celebrate VE day. The Academy will be closed on this day.

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.

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

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.



PE days

Please find below a list of the days your child needs to bring their Academy PE Kit in to school.

Nursery - Thursday

Reception –Tuesday

Year 1 - Tuesday. Children can wear their PE kit to school and bring their uniform to get changed.

Year 2 – Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 – Wednesday. Children can wear their PE kit to school and bring their uniform to get changed.

Year 5 - Tuesday Swimming Kits

Friday PE Kits

Year 6 - Monday

Attendance

In December 4M, 2J, 2S, 6W, NU & NH had the best attendance and they were rewarded with a Big Breakfast! Very well done to all of you! We are so proud that 102 children were in school every day last term. We are so looking forward to meeting parents/carers and children for breakfast within the next few weeks to celebrate this achievement. Invites will be sent out shortly.



Academy Motto

Work
HARD
Dream
BIG
Succeed

Half Term Treat

The children were so excited when we told them on Monday that the half term treat will be a Valentine's disco. Children will need to ensure that they work hard to be part of this wonderful opportunity.

Afterschool Clubs

We are currently updating our afterschool club provision and will be sending out a list of clubs soon.

Vacancies

We currently have no vacancies at the Academy but are always willing to hear from anybody who would like to volunteer.

Important Dates

Friday 24th January — Inset Day. Academy closed
Monday 27th January — Inset Day. Academy closed
Year 6 SATs Monday 11th May till Thursday 14th May
Year 2 SATs will begin on 4th May and run until half term.

Keeping Children Safe



Mornings and evenings have become darker and colder. Please ensure that children are wrapped up warm. If they are cycling to school, high visibility jackets, helmets and bicycle lights are essential. For older children permissioned to walk to and from school, consideration should be given to ensuring that they are walking with a friend/group of friends.

Upcoming Events

Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime will be visiting school on 20th January. Tickets are £2.00 and can be purchased through ParentMail or from your child's teacher.

A Douglas Macmillan Charity Sports Day will take place on 14th February. Details to follow.

PTFA

The PTFA have kindly sponsored the development of our new Reading Zone. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the fundraising efforts.



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.

Out and about



Year 5 had a visit from the World War 2 Experience and had a lovely day exploring lots of artefacts.

A group of super readers went with Mrs Jennings and Mrs Wellington to choose a book from Waterstones and have a hot chocolate at Little Desserts. These children have been reading 3 times a week. Well Done!



Parent Voice

We were so pleased that over 350 parents/carers completed our questionnaire at the parents/carers evening in November. We were so proud and pleased to see how highly you all regard the Academy – thank you! Some highlights are 98% said that their child was happy at the Academy, 98% said that their child felt safe at the Academy, 98% said that their child is making good progress, 98% said that their child was well looked after, 98% said that their child was taught well, 96% said that their child received appropriate homework, 95% said that the Academy ensures children are well behaved, 94% said that the Academy deals with bullying swiftly and effectively, 98% said the Academy is well led and managed and 96% said that they received valuable information about their child's progress.

Charity Totalometer

£1400 so far this

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