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Message from the Principal:

Welcome to June's newsletter! The children have returned from their half term break as always, excited, determined and eager to learn. It is always a pleasure to welcome back the children and parents/carers after a school holiday. It is also lovely to see parents/carers back on site collecting their children at the end of the school day. We certainly have missed seeing your smiles and having the opportunity to speak with you in person. We had visitors to the Academy this week from the City Learning Trust including the CEO, a Senior Executive and the Principal's from Smallthorne Primary Academy and Trentham Academy. They thought our children were amazing, confident and so happy and proud to be pupils at Mill Hill. Our children talked so positively about how they are supported by the staff at the Academy. When asked what the worst thing about Mill Hill was, one child replied, going home because I love it here! How fantastic is that! I can honestly say I leave every night with a smile on my face feeling so proud of our children and our community. As you can see from this newsletter, we have lots of exciting activities planned for the remainder of this half term. I am particularly looking forward to this half terms treat, when we bring the summer to Sunnyside!



Our Motto

Work
HARD
Dream
BIG
Never
GIVE UP

Message from Vice Principal:

Wow, can you believe we are now in the last half term of this academic year. The children continue to be engaged in all of their learning and are always striving to do the best they can. The children especially showed this when they ventured under the sea resulting in some fantastic pieces of writing. Quite a few different trips have been arranged by your children's class teachers, please look out for this as the children are very much looking forward to going out on a school visit. All payments for these can be made through ParentMail. If you need anymore information about, this please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. Over the coming weeks, we have some very exciting transition events taking place, please watch this space for further information. If you have or know anyone who has a Nursery or Reception age child, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Donnelly to discuss this further as we have a few spaces in Nursery and Reception.



Message from Assistant Principal:

Welcome to June's Newsletter! I can't quite believe that we are in the last half term of this academic year, but we certainly have a fun few weeks ahead. The children returned to school to an underwater theme and used the text 'Flotsam' as inspiration for their next piece of writing—it was great to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. We will be drawing raffle tickets soon for our end of term reward for reading, so ensure you're in with a chance of winning by reading at home at least four times a week. The children seemed excited to find out their new class teachers and it will be lovely to see them spending time with their new class teachers during our transition days. Please continue to use Dojo to speak to the staff and read all about life at Mill Hill!



Attendance

We are pleased with our current attendance of 95.4% and we are above national at 93%. It is crucial that children are in school all of the time so that they aren't missing out on learning time.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Transition

As the end of term is fast approaching, the children will be having the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms with their new class teacher and support staff. This will be over the course of five days and parents will have the opportunity to meet the new staff too in a drop in after school. More information will follow soon.



Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations Programme and Theme Of the Week

Through our weekly assemblies, the children will focus on different themes and key celebrations. This half term the themes are:

- The Queens' official birthday
- Healthy Eating Week
- Father's Day
- Anti-Bullying
- World music day
- Art week
- Wimbledon
- Transition
- Mandela day
- Eid-ul-Adha
- International day of friendship



Important Dates

W/C 28TH June
Sports Days
Friday 2nd July
Nursery trip to Tanglewood
End of year reports sent home
Monday 5th July
Parent Drop In
Head Boy and Head Girl Interviews
Tuesday 6th July
Reception trip to Knowsley
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th July
Transition days
Friday 9th July
INSET Day
Monday 12th July
INSET Day
Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th July
Transition days
Tuesday 13th July
Parent Drop in new class teachers
Wednesday 14th July
Year 6 Prom
Friday 16th July
Eid al-Adha Celebrations
Wednesday 21st July
Leavers' assembly
School closes for Summer

Our Curriculum

We are excited to see the fantastic work children produce this half term including their final showcase pieces. Here is a list of the topics being covered in each year group this half term:

Nursery	Into the Woods
Reception	Traditional Tales
Year 1	How does your garden grow?
Year 2	The Great Fire of London
Year 3	How has Britain changed since the 1960s?
Year 4	Pits, Pots and Power.
Year 5	Tudors
Year 6	What impact did the Victorians have on Britain today?

You will be able to see updates on Dojo of the lessons happening at Mill Hill.



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Mental Health

Trailblazers are the mental health support team and they came in to work with Year 3 about cyberbullying. The children were very engaged and found this really useful. Trailblazers will be conducting a whole school assembly around anti-bullying this half term as its vital that the children understand the term bullying and how they can deal with these issues. They will also be working with Year 6 on healthy relationships and transition. We also have Healthy Minds working with year 5 on emotional well being.



Mr Mills visited Year 4

The highlight of Year 4's week was getting to meet Mr Mills who is Mrs Mills' dad. As part of their topic on Chatterley Whitfield and Mining in Stoke-on-Trent, they invited Mr Mills in to tell them all about his time down the mines. They had plenty of questions for him, and they were very lucky to be able to ask someone who actually worked down the mines, what it was really like to work underground. Thank you to Mr Mills for a great session!



Social Media

It's challenging for both parents and teachers to keep up to date with the ever changing world of social media (communication using a smart phone or tablet), but it is crucial that you monitor your child's use of social media. Here are some tips to follow:

1. Stick to the legal age limit for social media platforms. This is to ensure your child doesn't see inappropriate content.
2. Keep up to date and stay involved. Make sure that you're aware how different social media platforms work including private messaging features.
3. Communicate with your children - be open and honest. Encourage your child to speak to you if there are any issues.
4. Be safe! Teach your children about being safe on social media. For example, not always knowing who they're communicating with, not giving personal details etc.
5. Cyber bullying - this is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets.

Magic Homework

It has been great to see the children completing their Mill Hill Magic Homework and earning points as they go. We will now be linking the homework to the behaviour for learning treat at the end of the half term too. By completing the homework, children will earn extra points to gain the treat, but if homework isn't completed, this could affect the children's scores.

Punctuality

Please remember the school gates open between 8:30—8:40am. If you are late, please go to the main gate, where you will be directed to the Community Centre, where Mrs Lyons (our Attendance Officer) will greet you. Every second of learning counts!



Rewards

This half term, we are going all out for our last treat of the year. The children will be visiting the park and the ice-cream van will be coming to school again, but we are having a 50ft slide and fair ground rides too.

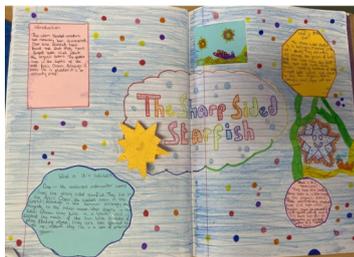
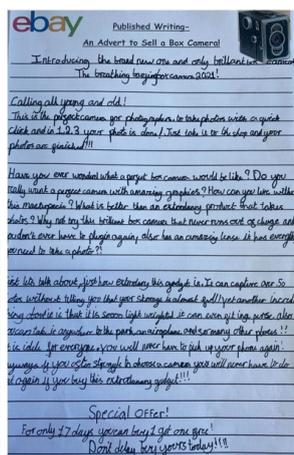


We are bringing summer to Sunnyside!



Making Writers

The children were immersed in the depths of the ocean on their return to school in our next making writers sessions. They had lots of fun experiences using the text 'Flotsam' and have produced some fabulous writing.



Whitfield Valley

Reception have visited Whitfield Valley as part of their topic. They hunted for minibeasts and found some great insects in the pond dipping, such as water scorpions and leeches. The children had a fabulous time!

