

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year, and what an amazing start we have made! It has been lovely to welcome back our children and to see their beaming faces, full of eagerness and excitement to come back to school. They look so smart in their school uniform and I was so proud of how they confidently and independently made their way to their new classrooms after leaving their parents and carers at the gate. It is also lovely to see all of the parents/carers after the summer break and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you all for your on-going support of the Academy and the Mill Hill community. As you can see from this newsletter we have already made an amazing start to our children's learning and I look forward to all the events and initiatives that we have planned for this half term. I would encourage all parents/carers to regularly check your child's Class Dojo account to see the exciting learning that is taking place at the Academy.



Attendance

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and the children with 100% across the year enjoy a breakfast with Mrs Mills. Children with 100% attendance in the last academic year will be celebrating this achievement soon! Attending school each day is vital to your child's education. See the attendance ladder below that shows the time a child misses from school depending on their attendance percentage.

Attendance Ladder



Message from Vice Principal:

Wow what a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had. It was wonderful to see all the children arrive back to school looking so smart in their uniforms and eager to learn. A big well done to all the new Nursery and Reception children that have started with us this term. They have all settled so well. I am so proud of the way the children have been able to show great independence by finding their new classrooms and leaving their parents/carers with super smiles. Teachers have some fantastic learning planned for this half term that is linked to their class topics. Please make sure you are attached to Dojo so you can see what your child has been learning and keep up to date with any messages from your child's class teacher.



Message from Assistant Principal:

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had! I felt extremely proud and excited to welcome our children back into the academy. They all came in with smiles on their faces and showed their independence in taking themselves to their new classrooms and leaving the grown-ups behind at the gate. The children look very smart in their new uniforms and are demonstrating an eagerness to learn. It is an absolute pleasure visiting the children in their classrooms daily. New topics have begun and the children have enjoyed lots of exciting 'hook' activities to excite them for their upcoming learning. I am looking forward to all of the plans that we have this year - it will certainly be an exciting time for the children (and staff).



Important Dates

Tuesday 4th September
Year 6 swimming commences

Thursday 16th September
Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 17th September
Year 4 Bikeability

Friday 24th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 22nd October
Academy closes for pupils for half term

Monday 1st November
Academy opens to pupils

Year 6 residential at Stanley Head

Friday 12th November
Children in Need

W/C 15th November
Parents Evening

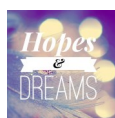
Friday 26th November
INSET Day—closed to pupils

Monday 29th November
INSET Day—closed to pupils

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:

- Roald Dahl Day
- Yom Kippur
- Recycling Week
- International Day of Peace
- European Day of Languages
- Black History Month
- World Smile Day
- World Teacher's Day
- World Mental Health Day
- Harvest Festival



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	Here is where my story begins
Reception	The world and beyond—What is out there?
Year 1	Are all castles full of turrets and tiaras?
Year 2	Rescue me!
Year 3	The Stone Age
Year 4	Romans
Year 5	The Anglo Saxons
Year 6	Victorians

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



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After School Clubs

The children came home last week with the list of clubs that we will be running this half term.

We will soon be commencing clubs for EYFS once they have settled into their new classes and Year 6 Boosters will begin too. If you have any questions regarding clubs, please message Miss Jennings on Class Dojo.

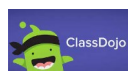
Magic Homework

Magic Homework will be given out on Monday 13th September and will be due in on Friday 15th October. Homework will also be added to Class Dojo for you to access. 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. If you have any difficulty in supporting your child to complete their homework, please speak to your child's class teacher and we can ensure your child has the support they need.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic way to find out about what your children have been doing at school. It means that you can keep in contact with your child's class teacher and be kept up to date with any information you may need. If you have difficulty connecting to Class Dojo, please contact the school office who will ensure you're supported in getting connected.

Please engage with the posts you see on Class Dojo as it is lovely to read your comments.



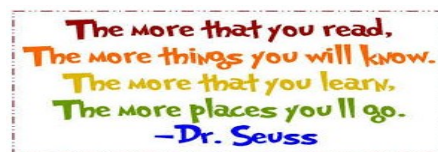
Reading/Bug Club

It is our aim to ensure our children have a passion for reading. Our expectation is that children read at home at least four times a week and bring their planners to school each day. Reading can be a mixture of their home reading books, Bug Club and texts of their choice. All children in the academy have access to Bug Club and their usernames and passwords can be found in their planners. If you have any difficulty accessing Bug club, please speak to your child's class teacher and we can get this resolved.



Please sign your child's planner each time they read as they will get a raffle ticket on a Friday if they have read four or more times.

Each week, the children have the opportunity to win a book or a bookmark, and at the end of each term, they have the chance to win a book of their choice and they have hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Mills.



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!

PE

Here is a reminder of the days your child/ren have PE.



Nursery—Friday
Reception— Monday

Year 1— Tuesday

Year 2— Monday

Year 3— Tuesday

Year 4— Wednesday

Year 5— Thursday

Year 6—Tuesday (Swimming)



Just a reminder that PE kits include plain black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, purple Mill Hill t-shirt, plain black or purple jumper/tracksuit top (no logos) or the Mill Hill fleece and trainers.

Rewards

Behaviour for learning rewards will be continuing this year! We have lots of plans to make it as exciting as last year for everyone. To ensure that children are able to enjoy the treat, they need to engage in lessons, work hard, complete homework, read at home regularly, show respect and manners and generally be the best they can be.

Our first treat will take place before October half term so please encourage your children to 'Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up!' Ask them at the end of each day what their behaviour for learning score is.



Hook Activities

The children have all had a great start to the academic year in their new year bands. Some classes have already launched their topic and have begun with a hook activity to get the children excited about their topics. Other classes will be completing their hooks this week. Ask your child(ren) what their new topic is and what they did during their first lesson.

