



# Mill Hill Primary Academy News

## February 2022

*Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up*



Principal: Mrs. Mills

Tel: 01782 234466

Email: millhill@clt.millhill.coop

### Message from the Principal:

Where has this half term gone! This academic year is certainly flying by! It's been another fabulous half term with lots of exciting learning and enrichment opportunities on offer. You can read all about them and our future ventures in this newsletter. The children continue to work hard and are so eager to learn new things; every day they make me smile and burst with pride. We are so lucky to have staff that go the extra mile for our children. On a daily basis, they are igniting their minds and giving them challenging work. One parent recently messaged me to say, "What an absolutely wonderful, caring school you run, we are all very lucky to have such a lovely school". Please have a look at our website and ClassDojo for updates on the children's learning and their curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support with the Magic Homework this half term - we have been inundated with fabulous pieces of work, THANK YOU! As we draw this half term to a close, I can proudly say that all the children thoroughly deserve the treats in the final week and also a well-deserved rest over half term. To the parents/carers – enjoy the week with your family and see you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.



### Attendance & Punctuality

Please remember to ring the school office by 9:00am if your child is absent from school. We are pleased with our current attendance of 94%. Please try to ensure your child is in school everyday.



The school gates are open between 8:30 - 8:40am. Thank you to all parents/ carers and children for making every effort to be in school on time.

### Defibrillator



Over the next few months, we will be raising funds to purchase a defibrillator to be situated on the fence outside school. Please join us for our coffee morning on Friday 18th February from 9:00am - 10:00am.

We would like to say a huge thank you to [Ultimate UPVC Repairs, Windows and Doors](#) for their kind donation of £500 towards our defibrillator fund. What a fantastic way to start our fundraising to buy a much needed defibrillator for the school and local community!

### 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:

- St David's Day
- World Book Day
- Winter Paralympics
- British Science week
- St Patrick's Day
- World Water Day
- Spring
- National day of reflection



**Message from Vice Principal:** What a fantastic first half term of 2022 we have had even though it feels like it has gone by in a flash. It has been wonderful to see the new rising 3 children starting in our nursery - they have all settled in really well. Reception have had a fantastic half term learning about all creatures great and small. They made bird boxes on their recent trip to the nature reserve. If you would like to purchase a bird box, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. I am really pleased that we have had a fabulous initial donation towards the defibrillator and we have already raised £520. I would also like to thank you for all of the amazing homework that has been completed and all of the reading that has been happening at home. We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Please keep an eye out for updates with regards to this.



### Message from Assistant Principal:

Another great half term is drawing to a close. The trips and visitors we have had in school this half term have been amazing. It is wonderful to give the children experiences that can last a lifetime. We are following a new writing journey and teaching grammar explicitly. The children have been listening to songs to support this. Keep an eye on Class Dojo as I will be sharing links to the videos. I am sure that your children will already know lots of the songs so get them to sing along and increase and secure their knowledge of grammar. It is also lovely to see the children excited about reading when they have visited the Reading Zone and take home a book to share with their family. Please remember to send your child with their book in preparation to have it changed - speak to your child's class teacher if you're unsure when this is. Have a lovely half term, spending time with your families and making memories.



### Important Dates

**Friday 18th February 2022**

Treat Day

Coffee Morning

Academy closes for half term

**Monday 28th February 2022**

Academy opens to pupils

**Thursday 3rd March 2022**

World Book Day

**Monday 14th March 2022**

Mother's Day shop

**Friday 18th March 2022**

Red Nose Day

**Friday 25th March 2022**

Reports out to parents

Bags2school

**Monday 28th March 2022**

Parent Drop In

**Thursday 7th April 2022**

INSET Day - closed to pupils

**Friday 8th April 2022**

INSET Day - closed to pupils

**Thursday 7th April-Friday 22nd April**

Easter holidays



### Our Curriculum

Here is a list of the topics being covered in each year group next half term:

Nursery	Growing and Changing
Reception	All Creatures Great and Small
Year 1	Circus
Year 2	On Top of the World!
Year 3	Egyptians
Year 4	Egyptians
Year 5	The Maya
Year 6	World War

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





# Mill Hill Primary Academy News

## February 2022

*Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up*



Principal: Mrs. Mills

Tel: 01782 234466

Email: millhill@clt.millhill.coop

### Magic Homework

Thank you and well done to all the children who achieved the required points on their Magic Homework. It is lovely to see the creative activities you have created. This is a great way to spend time as a family and complete some of the tasks, which also further enhance the learning in school.

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February, we took part in Safer Internet Day. Online safety is an element of our computing curriculum. However, all classes took part in various activities about staying safe online and created an end project over the course of the day. We also held a parent/carer information event about how to support your child as they have never known life before the online world. Ask your child about the SMART



rules and ensure you have open discussions about worries or concerns around the online world.

### Peak Wildlife Park

Last week, year 4 had the opportunity to visit Peak Wildlife Park to support their Science topic: Animals including Humans. During their visit, they were able to explore the park and all of its wild animals, such as: meerkats, penguins, alpacas and a very cheeky red squirrel! They also had a special tour with a wildlife expert. The children met the penguins and were taught all about their habitat, how they have adapted through time and all about their diets. They even fed and petted the wallabies. It was such a fun day that year 4 will remember for a very long time.



### Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve

As part of Reception's woodland habitat learning, they visited the environmental area for their art lesson! The children looked at the patterns and marks on the trees and created their own bark rubbings!



Reception also visited Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve and went on a bird walk to learn all about the different birds that live at the reserve. Then they made our very own bird boxes!



### Mental Health

Last week was mental health awareness week. We discussed what mental health is and different feelings you can experience. All of our children understand who they can talk to if they are feeling upset or something is bothering them. Trailblazers also came into year 6 to discuss how to deal with stress with their upcoming SATs.

If you have any concerns about your child, please speak to a member of the WISH team.



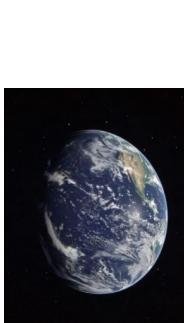
### Friendly Football Match

Mill Hill had two friendly football matches with our sister school, Smallthorne. A girls and boys game. The boys match finished in a 6-1 win whilst the girls drew 4-4. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience, showed great sportsmanship and we look forward to more games against Smallthorne in the future.



### Chess Champion

Current Welsh Chess Champion, Mr Blackburn, came into year 5 to introduce them to the game of Chess. The children had so much fun and learned a lot! Mr Blackburn also donated chess boards so the children can continue to play in school.



### Think Tank

As part of Year 5's space topic in Science, they visited the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham. During the trip, the children visited the planetarium for a space-themed show and had a workshop using soil from Mars! They explored the museum and generally had a great day!

