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### Message from the Principal:

Welcome to our May 2022 newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of this academic year! Writing the introduction to this newsletter has really made me reflect on my third year as being Principal at Mill Hill Primary Academy. It has been an amazing journey for the staff, children, parents/carers and the wider community. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the fabulous collaboration between us all to ensure that our children are thriving, confident and kind young people, who are doing so well. It is strange to think that whilst this is my third year of being Principal due to the pandemic this will be my first full academic year without having to close the school! What I have enjoyed so much recently is the events in which parents and carers have been able to join us in the Academy – it has been lovely to see you all and I look forward to seeing you at our future summer events. As you can see in this newsletter, the children have experienced many exciting curricular and wider curricular experiences and there is still much more to come! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and the staff at Mill Hill for all their hard work and the parents, carers and wider community for their continued support.



### Attendance & Punctuality

Please remember to ring the school office by 9:00am if your child is absent from school.



Our current attendance is 93.5%, which has now dropped as we aim to be at 96% or above. 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.

As we are approaching summer, this is a gentle reminder that any holidays in term time will not be authorised and will incur a fine. Holiday request forms are available from the school office. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Lyons our Attendance Officer.

### Message from Vice Principal:

What another fabulous half term we have had. The children continue to amaze me with their hardworking attitude towards all new learning experiences they encounter. The children's hardworking attitude has also paid off in all fantastic pieces of home learning taking place. So, a huge thank you to you for all your support. I cannot forget to mention the children in both Y6 and Y2 with their resilient attitude towards completing their SATs. To say we as a staff team were extremely proud is an understatement! It has been great to see all the new names for Nursery and Reception intakes in September. You should hear from the Early Years staff soon with regards to transition, new parent meetings, home visits and stay and play sessions. I wish you a restful half term and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations you have planned. I am also hoping for a little sunshine.



### Message from Assistant Principal:

Unbelievably, we are ready to embark upon the last half term of the academic year after a well-earned week with our families. The children have experienced many more activities and trips this half term to support their learning and there are many more to come before the summer break. I am really excited to be taking some of our Year 6 children to London for an experience I am sure they will remember forever. This half term has shown how resilient and hard working our staff and children are with numerous statutory assessments taking place. Next half term, the children will be taking part in three days of transition to get to know their new class teacher in their new classrooms to give them a strong start in September. Have a lovely half term and enjoy lots of family time.



### Important Dates

**Friday 27th May**  
Academy closes for half term

**Monday 6th June**  
Academy open to all pupils

**Wednesday 15th June**  
Breakfast and a brew

**Friday 1st July**  
End of year reports

**Monday 4th July**  
INSET Day - closed to pupils

**Tuesday 5th July**  
INSET Day - closed to pupils  
KS2 SATs results  
(details of collection will follow soon)

**Wednesday 6th July**  
Transition  
Parent Drop in

**Thursday 7th July**  
Transition

**Friday 8th July**  
Transition

**Wednesday 13th July**  
Year 6 Prom

**Friday 22nd July**  
Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Academy closes for summer

### Our Curriculum

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

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Nursery   | Understanding Our World               |
| Reception | Food Glorious Food                    |
| Year 1    | Seaside                               |
| Year 2    | Animal Rescue                         |
| Year 3    | The Journey of Food from Land to Hand |
| Year 4    | Switch Off!                           |
| Year 5    | World Explorers                       |
| Year 6    | The World at War                      |

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



### 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:

- Queen's Jubilee
- D-Day
- Wimbledon
- Children's art week
- Transition
- Armed Forces Day
- International Day of Friendship



### Eco-Warriors

The Eco-warriors have been busy again! They did a great job up and down Sunnyside Avenue. There were definitely less bags than when we went the first time (which is amazing) but we still filled a few bags! Well done to the Eco-warriors.



The Eco-warriors are currently collecting bottle tops and crisp packets for an art project they have planned. If you have any at home, please send them into school with your child.



### Family Hubb

Thank you to everyone who joined us for breakfast and a brew on Friday 6th May. The Hubb said it was extremely beneficial to get everyone's ideas on the services and activities you would like to be available at the new Family Hubb in Burslem. Our next breakfast morning is Friday 10th June. If you would like to join us, please contact Mrs Yates via the school office or Class Dojo. Those who have been before are most welcome to join us again.

### Treats

For the Behaviour for Learning treat this half term, we will be having our very own glow disco and we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a picnic for the whole school whilst wearing red, white or blue or something royal, so we have our fingers crossed for some sunshine.



### Summer Term

During the next half term, we have lots of exciting plans for the children. The student leadership team will be visiting London, going to the Houses of Parliament and taking a ride on the London Eye. Year 2 will be taking a trip to Chester Zoo to support their science topic. Year 6 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum as part of their history topic and Year 1 will be going to the seaside.

We also have big plans for a summer fair as part of our end of term treats and celebrations. Keep a close eye on Class Dojo to find out more.



### Assessments

Children in Year 6 and Year 2 have been extremely busy this half term completing their SATs. The children's resilience and determination was admirable! As an academy, we are so proud of the children's attitudes and the way they were prepared for these assessments both academically and mentally. To reward the children for their hard work, they visited Tunstall Park and Year 2 enjoyed an ice-cream and Year 6 had pizzas!



### Reception

The Reception classes walked to Tunstall Market to purchase their own fruit or veg and experience what the market is like. They all walked extremely well and used their manners, making all of the staff very proud. They brought lots of apples, bananas, oranges and grapes!



### Year 1

As part of their topic, Year 1 walked to Tunstall Market to purchase a plant and they planted them once they were back at school. The children's attitude and behaviour was amazing and the staff and people at the market were really impressed with our children.



### After School Clubs

After half term, we will be continuing with the current after school clubs and children who already attend can continue to do so until the end of the academic year. If your child doesn't take part in any clubs and would like to attend one, please contact the school office to discuss this.

### Year 6 Prom Fundraiser

This week Year 6 have set up their own stalls with the aim of raising money towards the cost of their prom. All children had the opportunity to visit the variety of different stalls and Year 6 took great pride and responsibility in setting up their stalls. We will let you know how much they raised when it is all complete.

Year 1 are now preparing to take their Phonic Screen Check so we wish them all the best for this.