



# Mill Hill Primary Academy News

**December 2022**

*Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up*



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## **Message from the Principal:**

Welcome the final newsletter of 2022! The Autumn term has certainly been a busy one! The children have had many amazing learning experiences and enrichment activities and rest assured we have lots planned for the New Year. Our children have worked so hard this term in lessons and in the magic homework, so they thoroughly deserve the final behaviour for learning treat. And what a treat it is..... two inflatables in the hall, an inflatable disco and a Christmas grotto. You never know, the big man in red might turn up! I would like to thank the PTFA for purchasing a reading book for all Early Years and KS1 and a stationary set for all KS2 children. It has been lovely seeing so many of you at our nativity plays and carol concerts – our children were absolutely amazing and there were many teary moments! Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at Mill Hill for going above and beyond daily for our children and to the parents and carers for their continued support of the academy. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful festive break with your families and all the very best for 2023.



## **Attendance**

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and they win a big breakfast on a Friday. Our current whole school attendance is 94% and we are aiming for at least 96%. Attending school each day is vital to your child's education.

Just a reminder that children need to be in the academy between 8:30am and 8:40am. Anyone arriving after 8:40am, are classed as late. If the weather is cold and icy, please allow extra time for your journey.

## **Message from Vice Principal:**

Wow! I can't believe that we are at the end of 2022! I am sure that you will agree that this term has been phenomenal. All of the festivities over the last month have been amazing. I am so proud of each and every child but the younger children make me extra specially proud when they stand up and speak or sing in front of many smiling faces. Another huge thank you for all of your support and donations for our Christmas Fair and raffle. The money we raise always goes back to the children and has enabled us to purchase many new books, Christmas presents and new learning resources. Merry Christmas to you all and I wish you a very happy new year.



## **Message from Assistant Principal:**

Well the end of 2022 is fast approaching! What an amazing Autumn term we have had at Mill Hill! The children have amazed us with all of their learning, we've had visitors into school, the children have been on trips, we had superb Christmas performances and we had a truly amazing Christmas Fair just to name a few. Once again, thank you all again for your support with homework, donations to our fair and attending our events. I am really excited for what 2023 has in store for us as an academy. Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time with family and friends over the next two weeks and I wish you all the best for the new year. See you in January!



## **Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations Programme and Theme of the Week**

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

- New Year's Resolutions
- Epiphany
- Dreams and Goals
- World Religion Day
- Energy Saving Week
- Chinese New Year
- NSPCC Number Day
- Safer Internet Day
- Charles Darwin's birthday
- Random act of kindness



Please note that 30th and 31st of March 2023 are no longer inset days (children will be in school). They have now been moved to Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2023.

## **Important Dates**

**Friday 16th December 2022**

Academy closes

**Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

INSET—School closed to pupils

**Wednesday 4th January 2023**

Academy opens

**Monday 9th January 2023**

Year 6 SATs meeting 3:00pm

**Tuesday 17th January 2023**

Reception Phonics Party

9:00am and 2:00pm

**Friday 3rd February 2023**

NSPCC Number Day

**Friday 17th February 2023**

Academy closes for half term

**Monday 27th February 2023**

Academy opens to pupils

**Thursday 2nd March 2023**

World Book Day

## **Our Curriculum**

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

Nursery	Traditional Tales Which material is best to build a house?
Reception	The World and Beyond What is outside my window?
Year 1	Where did Kings and Queens live through time?
Year 2	How are materials chosen in design? How did Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell help to improve hospitals?
Year 3	How does light travel?
Year 4	How can the environment affect different groups of animals?
Year 5	What similarities and differences are there between the Maya civilisation and England from the 8th to the 10th century?
Year 6	How have living things evolved over



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## Eco-Warriors

As part of the Eco-warriors work, they don't want any food going to waste in school, so each Friday, they have made up bags of fruit to collect free from school. What a fantastic idea!

## Clubs

In January, we will be launching our new clubs, including dance, football and computing. They will begin the week of 9th January. Keep an eye out on the first day back for the club letters as they will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

## Christmas Performances

It was very special to be able to hold our Christmas performances again this year, and it certainly put us in the festive mood. All children were fabulous and they all sang beautifully and spoke very confidently even in front of some very large audiences. Our children continue to make us all proud each and every day.



## Nursery and Reception Applications

**Reception and Nursery applications for September 2023 are now open and need to be completed by 15th January 2023.**

Applications can be made at: [https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school\\_admissions](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions)

Ofsted says our Nursery and Reception are GOOD and 'pupils flourish at this caring, welcoming school'



## Amerton Farm

Our nursery children visited Amerton Farm this week. They met Santa which was so Magical! They had to walk through the door which was a wardrobe just like Narnia. They went through into an amazing Winter Wonderland and knocked on the door for Santa. Santa then let them choose a toy from his store room. They even got to see Comet the reindeer.



## Choir and Songbirds



Both our Songbirds and choir have taken part in concerts at the Victoria Hall. They both sang beautifully with huge smiles on their faces. They made all of the staff immensely proud.



## Christmas Fair

On Thursday 1st December, we were pleased to hold our annual Christmas Fair and we enjoyed a fun filled few hours with parents, carers and children. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and hearing lots of laughter. Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support in donations, attending our event and to the stall holders. We raised £1204.22 for our school PTFA, which will further support the children within the academy.



## Safeguarding

As Christmas is fast approaching, please be mindful about your children receiving phones and tablets. Remember to check the security settings and check their devices on a regular basis.

Children of primary age are generally under the recommended age restrictions for many social media apps. However, if you do allow your children to access these, please educate your children on only accepting and speaking to people that they know in person and the dangers surrounding speaking to people that they don't know - this is something that we speak about regularly in school. Ensure that they will openly talk to you if they have any worries or concerns and that they know what to do if something upsets them.



## Santa's Visit

Today, the children in Early Years and Year 1 had a visit from Santa, his little helper and The Grinch. They arrived in a truck to teach the children all about road safety around trucks. Afterwards, they were all given a little present, courtesy of Smyths Toys, to put under their trees. A huge thank you to Mr Budd, Smyths Toys and JLM Transport for bringing the Christmas spirit to Mill Hill on our last day.



## Port Vale

This week, fifteen children from year 6 had the opportunity to go to Port Vale to take part in a carol concert. Mrs Prime and Mrs Salih were bursting with pride at how beautifully they sang and how well they represented Mill Hill. A member of the Port Vale coaching staff even praised them for their great performance. The children received a goodie bag including a programme, a drink, chocolates and a signed sheet from the players. They then had the opportunity to meet the players from the first and second team and got some amazing pictures and extra signatures.

