

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to March's newsletter. I can't believe we are nearly half way through the academic year! I arrive at school on a Monday, blink and it's Friday! This is probably due to how busy we are as you can see from this newsletter. The children as always are amazing! They embody our school motto of "work hard, dream big and never give up" and are kind, caring and well-rounded young people. They are real ambassadors for the school and community, proudly wearing their school ties to display their achievements through badges for attendance and house awards. The recent pupil voice survey shows just how proud and happy they are to be part of Mill Hill. Indeed, we had 100% of children saying that they are encouraged to be independent and take on responsibilities and that the school community treats everyone equally. This is just an example as they had many more positive things to say about the academy - please see our website for more details. School reports will be sent to parents/carers on Friday 24th March with a parent drop in available on Wednesday 29th March. If you can make this session, I look forward to seeing you. As always, I would like to thank the children for being brilliant and parents/carers for their ongoing support of the academy. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries: you can call into the office, message me on ClassDojo or catch me on the gates.



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 93.8% 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.

100% Attendance Big Breakfast

If your child/children have 100% attendance between 4th January 2023 and 29th March 2023, you and your child will be rewarded with a big breakfast.



Message from Vice Principal:

Wow, what a fantastic first term of 2023 we have had. The children continue to amaze me with their excellent attitudes to learning - it is always great to drop into the children's lessons to see all the wonderful work they are doing. Year 2 have especially enjoyed designing and making chairs for baby bear in Design & Technology. I would like to say a big thank you for all the support the children receive from yourselves when completing the Mill Hill Magic homework and reading at home on a regular basis. Please make sure you check the key dates as we have a lot of exciting things happening across the term, including Easter bonnet and egg parades, making Easter gardens and dressing in red for Red Nose Day. Our Mother's Day shop is now open for the children to buy gifts for that special someone - all proceeds go towards school PTFA funds.



Message from Assistant Principal:

The first two months of 2023 have been amazing! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their themed days and they clearly like dressing up with many amazing outfits for both World Book Day and NSPCC Number Day. I can't wait to see the creations that come in for the Easter parades and gardens. I was so proud when I was part of the interviews for the New York trip. Our children are so confident, passionate and have amazing aspirations, which is what we want for all of our children. Recently, I have been speaking to the children about their learning and their knowledge is sensational about the topics they have been learning about and they clearly know what subject they are learning and what it's all about.



Important Dates

Friday 17th March 2023

Red Nose Day

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Nursery trip to Wonderland

Friday 24th March 2023

Reports

Tuesday 28th March

9:00am Year 1 Egg Parade

2:15pm Year 2 Egg Parade

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Key Stage 2 Easter Gardens

9:00am Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade

2:15pm Reception Easter Bonnet Parade

3:15pm—5:15pm Parent Drop In

Friday 31st March 2023

Wear a hat day for brain cancer awareness

Academy closes at 3:00pm



Our Curriculum

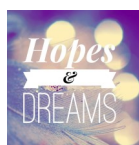
Here is a list of the units being covered in each year group next half term:

Nursery	Traditional Tales Which material is best to build a house?
Reception	The World and Beyond What is outside my window?
Year 1	Sculptures and collages Dinosaurs
Year 2	Structures The Great Fire of London
Year 3	Magnets Art and design skills
Year 4	Romans States of Matter
Year 5	Living things and their habitats Drawing - I need space
Year 6	Electricity Networks

Hopes, Dreams and Aspiration and Theme of the Week

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

- World Book Day
- International Women's Day
- St Patrick's Day
- Red Nose Day
- World Poetry Day
- Science Week
- Careers



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Buddy Bench

Mrs Mills received a letter from Billie, in year 2, asking if Mill Hill could provide a Buddy Bench for the children in KS1 made from recycled plastic so that they can sit and relax with their friends at break and lunch whilst being eco friendly. The PTFA are proud to announce that a Buddy Bench has now been purchased and is in situ on the KS1 yard for the children to enjoy.



House Points

As you are aware, we have four house teams at Mill Hill. Children work each week to earn house points, including their behaviour for learning score, individually and they are collated as a team. This can earn them prizes and badges. Take a look at the amount of children who have earned their silver badges for over 400 house points so far this year!



Reading

At Mill Hill, our aim is to instill a passion for the love of reading within our children. This half term, Jayden, a Literacy Champion for Stoke Reads, has helped us enhance this even more. During a Random Act of Kindness week, he, alongside Stoke Reads, donated a book for each member of his class and hid 10 books around school for other children to find.



We now also have a selection of books for adults. You can select a book to read on a Friday after school, return it when you're done and then exchange it for a new book. There are some great titles so please pop to see Jayden on a Friday after school by the office.

A huge thank you to Jayden and Stoke Reads for all of their kind donations!

World Book Day

Yet again, World Book Day was a roaring success. It started off with a very successful costume stall to ensure that everyone, that wanted one, had a costume.

Both the children and staff looked amazing as always! The children started the day with an assembly led by Mrs Donnelly. She shared the story 'Whiffy Wilson - the wolf who wouldn't wash'.



The children were enthralled with this and couldn't take their eyes off the screen! They then enjoyed a morning of themed reading activities.

A huge thank you to everyone for their efforts with their costumes and the entries into the 'Book in a Box' competition. There were many amazing entries - it was difficult to pick winners! The winners then chose a their own book. See Class Dojo for a list of the winners and their entries.



VR Headsets

This half term, we have had access to Virtual Reality headsets. The children have used them to explore elements of the units they're learning about like an Anglo-Saxon settlement and hospitals used by Florence Nightingale.



NSPCC Number Day

We celebrated NSPCC number day and the children came dressed in some fantastic maths themed outfits. They enjoyed a maths themed morning. We raised £104.50 - thank you for your support. A huge thank you to Mrs Prime for organising this.



WISH

Our WISH (Welfare, Inclusion & SEND Hub) are pivotal to the children's and communities welfare.

Therefore, the WISH team are going to be running a Family Links course on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm—3:00pm, starting on Wednesday 8th March 2023. This course is designed to support you with your child at home. You are not alone! Together we can support you. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact a member of the WISH team (Mrs Salih or Mrs Lyons) via ClassDojo.

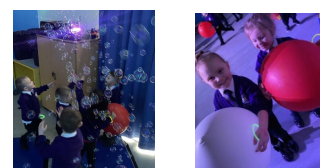
New York

A few weeks ago, children in year 5 had the opportunity to apply for a trip of a lifetime to New York for the climate change conference. Children had to complete a letter of application before moving to the next round, which included an interview and a presentation. Mrs Mills, Miss Jennings and Mrs Salih were blown away by the children's confidence and the effort that they went to for their presentations - we had PowerPoint, videos and written presentations. We were so very proud of them all. Four children have been chosen for this experience and they will join other children from across the trust.



Behaviour for Learning Treat

Just before half term, the children, who had achieved the behaviour for learning points and completed their homework, enjoyed a Valentine's themed disco with bubbles and glow sticks.



At the end of this term, we will be having inflatables, an egg hunt, hot chocolate, popcorn and cartoons! To ensure they don't miss out, children need to complete their homework and achieve a point score of 46.