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Message from the Principal:

Welcome to this month's newsletter. It was lovely to welcome back the children and parents/carers following the half term break. We did miss you! The children were so pleased and excited to return to school and went seamlessly back into the normal routines of the academy. They really are a credit to us all! As you can see from this newsletter, we were very busy last half term and have many exciting ventures and activities planned for this term. The parent questionnaire that was sent out before the half term break is extremely positive and I would encourage those who haven't completed it to do so, as I really value your opinions. I would like to thank the staff, children and parents/carers for their ongoing support of the academy and as always, if you have any queries or need our support don't hesitate to get in touch. Finally, Eid al-Fitr Mubarak for those parents/carers and children who celebrated this weekend.



Attendance

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and they win a big breakfast on a Friday. Attending school each day is vital to your child's education.

Please note holidays should be taken during school holidays and not term time. Holiday request forms must be completed. These forms can be requested from the school office. The academy does follow the local authority policy regarding fines for holidays taken during term time.

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

A huge well done to all of the children who achieved 100% attendance between 4th January 2023 and 29th March 2023. Parents and children will be invited to big breakfast very soon. We will be running another competition this term too.

Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations 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:

- Relationships
- Eid-Al-Fitr
- King Charles III Coronation
- Careers
- Mental Health Awareness
- Walk to school week
- Keeping safe



Message from Vice Principal:

Hope you have all had a wonderful break with your families. It has been great to come back to school with the beautiful sunshine - it most definitely makes everything feel a little better. The children have all come back to school with fantastic attitudes to learning and are extremely excited about their learning. Y2 and Y6 have got their SATs coming up soon as well as Y1 who will be completing a phonic screen - they have all been working so hard towards completing them. We have also welcomed some new Rising 3 children into the Nursery who have settled in so well. If you would like to know more about applying for a Nursery place, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself. I would also like to say a big Mill Hill welcome to all the new families who have joined us since returning from the Easter break.



Message from Assistant Principal:

I hope you have all had a lovely two weeks enjoying time with your families and making lots of memories. As you can see from our newsletter, even though spring 2 was a short half term, we packed lots in for the children as always. Unbelievably, we are now entering the summer and final term of the academic year. In the next few weeks, our Year 2 and Year 6 children will be taking their SATs assessments and they have worked their socks off. I am so proud of how hard both the children and staff have worked. If you have any questions about these or would like to know how to support your child, please message your child's class teacher or myself on Class Dojo. Please check out the important dates too as we have many bank holidays this half term.



Important Dates

Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday - Academy closed

Tuesday 2nd May 2023– 26th May 2023

KS1 SATs

Thursday 4th May 2023

Voting for local elections

NB - Academy is open

Year 3 trip to Conkers

Monday 8th May 2023

Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) - Academy closed

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

KS2 SATs

Friday 26th May 2023

Academy closes for half term at 3:00pm

Monday 5th June 2023

Academy opens

Year 6 Residential

Our Curriculum

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

Nursery	Where do elephants come from?
Reception	I wonder who lives in the wild?
Year 1	How can we identify different plants and trees? D&T—fruit and vegetables
Year 2	How do seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants? Art - formal elements
Year 3	What are the key geographical features of the UK and my region?
Year 4	What are the similarities and differences between my region and Campania, Italy?
Year 5	Art - design for a purpose What are the similarities and differences between my region and the Western United States?
Year 6	SATs revision

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Dance Show

Over the last few months, a group of children have attended a dance club ran by Haywood Academy GCSE dance students where they have learnt a dance centered around famous people from Stoke on Trent, which they then performed at the Victoria Hall.

The children were amazing! Their confidence was incredible and they made Mill Hill extremely proud. Well done to you all and a huge thank you to Mrs Edwards for her support with the club and to the dance students for all their hard work.

Fundraising

On Friday 17th March, we supported Comic Relief and raised £209.45.

On Friday 31st March, children came to school wearing hats in support of brain tumour research and raised £161.60.

Our Eco Warriors have also been fundraising for their project to create a beautiful garden at Clement Court care home and they have already raised £130. They will be having a 'Guess the name' of the teddy competition this week so be sure to bring in 30p for a guess.



Easter and Treats

Our last week was most certainly a busy one. We had Easter bonnet and egg parades, an Easter garden competition, egg hunts (with a crème egg for all from the PTFA), a science day and our behaviour for learning treats just to name a few.



The entries for the gardens, bonnets and eggs were incredible. It is amazing to see the hard work and family time that goes into creating these with your children. Lupus were the winning house this half term, meaning the children and staff all went home with an Easter egg too!



Paleontologists

As part of their unit on dinosaurs, Year 1 became paleontologists for the day and went into our archeological dig to find dinosaur bones and fossils. They loved getting in role and getting muddy!



Science Day

On the last day of term, we had a whole school science day with a theme of connections so our focus was 'Battle of the bridges'. The children had to plan an investigation to build the strongest bridges.

Our science selfie competition is open until Wednesday 19th April so don't forget to send your selfies in via Class Dojo.



Wonderland

Our nursery children went on a trip to Wonderland before Easter.



They had an amazing time exploring and had lots of fun on the rides.

Future Journalist Award

A huge well done to Ellie in 4D for winning the 'Future Journalist Award'. She did an audio entry in which she interviewed Mrs Miley. Ellie, her dad and Mrs Dickson all then attended an award ceremony at Staffordshire university where Ellie confidently gave a speech.

Mill Hill are incredibly proud of you Ellie, Well done!



Recorder Festival

In school, Year 4 have been learning to play the recorder during their music lessons. A group of children represented Mill Hill at the City Music Service Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall. Their skills were exceptional and they represented the academy well.



Ramadan

At the start of Ramadan, we had a special assembly where we were joined by Mr Bashir from North Road Academy. He shared some amazing facts about Ramadan and why it is such as special month for Muslims around the world.

A HUGE thank you to everyone that took part in the Ramadan card competition. It was lovely to see all of the effort the children had put in. A massive congratulations to Hafsa from 3M who was our winner.

Thank you to the school council who helped to make some special gifts for all children to take home.

Mill Hill Primary Academy would like to wish everyone that is celebrating a wonderful month. Ramadan Mubarak!



Times Tables Rock Stars

How amazing was our Times Tables Rock Stars launch? Ask your children all about it.

HOW IT WORKS:

- On the 1st of every month, children will complete a gig in class and this sets up the times tables they need to practice.
- They will then practice on garage (in school and at home) for the next month to learn and recall the times tables they need to work on.
- Each week, they will also go on studio and aim to achieve a new rock status - a new rock status can be earned depending on how quickly questions can be answered.
- Certificates will be given out for a new rock status and also for the THREE children who go on TTRS the most over the week.

LET'S ROCK, MILL HILL!!!!

