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Message from the Principal:

Welcome to May's newsletter and the last one for this half term! Wow, this half term has certainly flown by! There have been so many amazing learning experiences and just a selection are here in the newsletter. Our children are a credit to us all. They work hard, are inquisitive and make me smile and laugh every day. I would like to congratulate year 2 and 6 children who have worked so hard in the build up to their SATs examinations. They showed great determination and resilience and I was very proud of them and the staff who ensured they were prepared and supported throughout the process. We do have many visitors who come to the academy and they all say what a wonderful, caring school we are. This week I have had two special visitors who are senior leaders in other schools in the Midlands come into Mill Hill to see how we are doing. They were so complimentary regarding the fabulous progress the children are making, the curriculum and wider curriculum opportunities we offer and the support we give to them. They also thought the children's behaviour and attitudes to their learning were exemplary. Well done everyone! I am looking forward to all the exciting events we have planned for next half term. A particular favourite is seeing all the mums and dads race at sports day! All that is left for me to say is, have a lovely half term break together with your families and see you all on Monday 5th June.



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 94.1% 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 17th April and 7th July 2023, you and your child will be rewarded with a big breakfast. Big breakfast will be held on Tuesday 18th July for EYFS and KS1, Wednesday 19th July for LKS2 and Thursday 20th for UKS2.

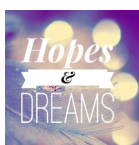


A selection of Father's Day gifts will be available to purchase from 5th June until 16th June with items priced between £1.50 and £2.50.

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:

- Changing Me
- Eid-Al-Adha
- Transition
- Careers
- Reading for pleasure



Message from Vice Principal:

What another fabulous half term we have had. The children continue to amaze me with their hard-working attitude towards all new learning experiences they encounter. The children's hard-working 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.



Message from Assistant Principal:

This half term has shown how resilient and hard working our staff and children are with numerous statutory assessments taking place. We are immensely proud of them, as always. Unbelievably, we will be returning after a week with our families for our final half term of the academic year and it is going to be a busy one. We have sports days, transition and prom just to name a few. Please ensure that you check ClassDojo where information will be shared regarding key events. We are really looking forward to the Summer Fair at the end of July after the success of last years and hope that you can join us. Enjoy half term making memories and I am hopeful that it will be a sunny one!



Important Dates

Monday 26th June 2023

EYFS Sports Day

Tuesday 27th June 2023

KS1 & UKS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June 2023

LKS2 Sports Day

Thursday 29th June 2023

INSET Day—Academy closed to pupils

Friday 30th June 2023

INSET Day—Academy closed to pupils

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Year 6 Prom

Thursday 20th July 2023

Summer Fair

Friday 21st July 2023

Academy closes to pupils

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Academy opens to pupils

Our Curriculum

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

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| Nursery | Understanding the World Elmer |
| Reception | All Creatures Great and Small |
| Year 1 | Where in the world do I live? Art - landscapes |
| Year 2 | What are the similarities and differences between my town and Tulum, Mexico? Art - Human Form |
| Year 3 | Email Art - sculpture |
| Year 4 | Painting and mixed media How is energy transferred in living things? |
| Year 5 | Sculpture and 3D Coding |
| Year 6 | How do our eyes work? Art - Make my voice heard |

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Summer Fair

As the end of term is fast approaching, plans are well underway for our annual Summer Fair on Thursday 20th July.

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations so far. We would still like further donations of chocolate, full bottles, tombola items and teddies. Please bring them into school and give any donations to class teachers.

There will be games, a raffle, fair rides, tombola, lots of fabulous food and much more.

If you would like a stall or a car boot pitch, then please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Hulme or Mrs Yates. Places are £10 each.

Character and Arts Foundation

We are thrilled to finally announce the launch of the Character & Arts Foundation, an incredible opportunity for the children of Stoke on Trent to access life-changing opportunities through the City Learning Trust.

Partnering with Peter Coates Foundation, Staffordshire University, The Halle Orchestra and The Inspirational Learning Group, this international scholarship programme is the beginning of us being able to offer world-class education and opportunity.

We're thrilled to be a part of the City Learning Trust and to give our students access to this truly wonderful opportunity.



Reading for Pleasure

At Mill Hill, we want our children to read widely and for pleasure. Children have access to home reading books and reading for pleasure books from our Reading Zone. Each week, we enter children into a raffle if they have read at least four times that week for the chance to win a book or book-mark. Well done to all the children pictured above who have won our termly prize of a book of their choice from Amazon and a hot chocolate and a cake with Mrs Mills.

House Treat

Each week, the children listen in anticipation to hear the house point winners for the week. They work hard to build their house points to work towards the end of term treats, badges for milestones and end of year treat.

A huge congratulations to Lupus who have won this half term. They will be enjoying ice lollies and cartoons on the final day of



You can learn more about the C&A Foundation on our website.

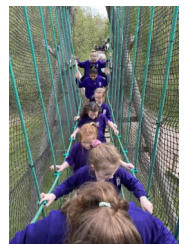
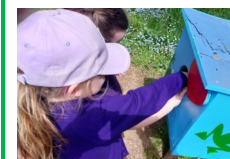


As part of this foundation, some year 5 children went on a trip to New York. They attended the United Nations, visited the 911 memorial, ventured up the Empire State Building, went over to the Statue of Liberty by boat, watched the Broadway show Wicked and much more.



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 visited Conkers at the heart of the National Forest. This trip linked to their geography and fieldwork where they continued their learning to follow maps, use compasses and recognise map symbols. The children behaved fantastically and had an amazing day.



Reception

Reception visited Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve as part of their learning. The children hunted for minibeasts and carried out some pond dipping.



Behaviour for Learning

Today, the children have been to the park for their end of half term treat and luckily, the sun was shining, which just added to the fun and excitement.



Eco-warriors

Eco-warriors have been to the garden centre to spend the money that has been fundraised. They enjoyed choosing plants to be used to create a beautiful garden for the residents of Clement Court nursing home.



King Charles III Coronation

What a fabulous day our children had celebrating the coronation. They came to school dressed in red, white and blue, enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea for lunch and took part in themed activities.



100% Attendance

A huge congratulations to all children who achieved the 100% attendance reward of a big breakfast for our last challenge. See overleaf for the dates of the next challenge.