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Message from the Principal:

Welcome to June's newsletter and just one more left before the end of this academic year! Just some of the exciting opportunities we provide for our children are here in this newsletter. I hope that you would agree with me that the children look like they are having a thoroughly amazing time! I would like to congratulate all the children on their achievements whether this be through academic success, sports or the arts. It is definitely the case that we have many talented children here at the academy. I would also like to thank the children and their parents/carers for their support particularly with our fund raising events and the litter picks in our local community. The sports days have been a great success and some of our biggest turnouts yet. I hope the parents/carers enjoyed their oatcakes and a brew! The mums and dads races, were as always, highly competitive - thank you so much for taking part! Finally, I hope that parents/carers and the Mill Hill community can make it to our Summer Fair on the 20th July as it was an amazing success last year. Come and join us for fun fair rides, inflatable slides, stalls and a climbing wall. We will also be cooking up burgers, hot dogs and pizzas and there will be an ice cream van on site. Fingers crossed for nice weather!



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 94.2% 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.



Message from Vice Principal:

Wow, I can't believe that we only have a few weeks left until the end of term. We are extremely busy planning transition and end-of-term activities and treats for the children. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new children to the Nursery and Reception as parent's meetings and home visits have been taking place this month. I am excitedly planning our Summer Fair; I would like to say a huge thank you for all your kind donations received so far. If you know anyone who would like a stall or would offer donations towards our raffle, please contact myself or Mrs Yates via Class Dojo or the school office. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all at the parent drop-in sessions on Thursday 6th July.



Message from Assistant Principal:

I can't believe that the last few weeks of the academic year are upon us! I am not only proud of the individuals and their achievements in this newsletter but of all our children who continue to work hard to achieve their best, excelling in many different areas within and outside of the curriculum. Next week, the children will get to spend a day with their new class teacher and support staff in their new classrooms for September. We have still got our summer fair and our Year 6 prom to look forward to, which are both always highlights of the year. Look out for your child's end of year report next week and if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about this, please contact them via ClassDojo.



Important Dates

Thursday 29th June 2023

INSET Day—Academy closed to pupils

Friday 30th June 2023

INSET Day—Academy closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th July 2023

Celebrating Eid in the academy (children can come dressed in bright colours and bring a donation for the summer fair)

Thursday 6th July 2023

Transition day
Parent drop in after school

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Year 6 Prom

Thursday 20th July 2023

Summer Fair

Friday 21st July 2023

Year 6 leavers' assembly
Academy closes to pupils

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Academy opens to pupils

Our Curriculum

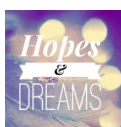
Here is a list of the units being covered in each year group next half term:

Nursery	Understanding the World Elmer
Reception	All Creatures Great and Small
Year 1	Art - landscapes Fieldwork - Our school grounds
Year 2	Art - Human Form Seasonal changes
Year 3	Art - sculpture Plants
Year 4	How is energy transferred in living things? Computing - Effective searching
Year 5	How do we change as we get older? Fieldwork – river study
Year 6	How do our eyes work? Art - Make my voice heard

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:

- Eid-Al-Adha
- Transition
- Careers



Thank you for all your kind donations towards the summer fair. If you have any full bottles, chocolate, teddies or raffle prizes, please send them into school with your child.

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Music



We are proud to say that we have been awarded silver for the Excellence in Music Provision Award. Thank you to Miss Yates (Lead of Music) and all children for their hard work in music lessons and playing instruments. Their love for music is clear to see. Congratulations to all!

Eco-Warriors

The eco-warriors went out on a litter pick again this week. They were incredible, as always, and there was a lot less rubbish to collect, which is amazing.



Some of the eco-warriors went to complete the garden project at Clement Court Care Home. The children thoroughly enjoyed each part of the project and the residents were really happy with the completion! Thank you again to all that helped with our fundraising!



Patrick, who is in Year 4, represented Stoke North in the School Games County cross country race. Patrick raced alongside 80 children from across Staffordshire - he ran incredibly well, placing 16th! Well done Paddy!



Through our PTFA, we have an ambitious plan to take ALL of our 460 pupils to a local pantomime in December 2023. We are contacting local businesses to see if they are able to send us a financial donation to help towards the trip, so the cost can be kept as low as possible for parents/carers. In return, we will advertise their kindness to our local community. If you know of any business that may be able to support us with our plan, then please let Mrs Yates know.

Year 6

Year 6 have had an extremely busy few weeks as their time at Mill Hill is drawing to a close.

Firstly, they kick started this half term with a residential at Lincolnsfields Children's Centre on a children at war experience.

They decoded letters, had to have their own ID cards to prove they weren't spies, took part in a day of rationing and much more. They then finished their trip with an afternoon at the Harry Potter Studios and a McDonalds on the way home.



More recently, they went on a sunny day out to Alton Towers for a treat after all their hard work and to enjoy time with their friends.



Last week, they became true entrepreneurs by planning their own fundraising event so that they can attend prom with no cost to parents. They were amazing and raised an outstanding £765!

Year 2

Year 2 had a fabulous opportunity to celebrate their hard work in the run up to their SATs by visiting the YMCA and taking part in rock climbing, table tennis and dance.

Thank you to the YMCA for hosting and ensuring the children were full of smiles. It's great to have access to such amazing facilities so close to school.



Sports Days

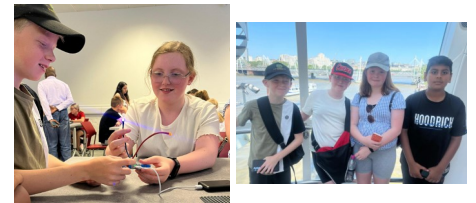
It has been great to host our sports days this week. The children really enjoy taking part and showing off their skills in front of all the parent and carers - the weather even held out for us too. They also like trying their best for their house team in order to become the overall winners. We will let you know the final result as soon as Mr Owen has collated all of the results.

A special thank you to all the parents and staff who took part in our races too - we love watching these and seeing the competitive nature ooze from all of you!



London

Four lucky year 6 children went on a fully funded trip from the Character and Arts Foundation. They went sight-seeing and then attended a workshop about the future of work; the importance of sustainability and how STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering the Arts and Mathematics) can be used to achieve sustainability at the Imperial College, London. They worked on an electric car. They had an amazing day!



Our very own literacy champion, Jayden, has now donated some books for children as well as having a large selection for adults. Jayden will be out by the school office on a Friday after school. Parents and children can come and choose a book to take home.



Well done to the winners of the chocolate raffle.

