

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to July's, and the last, newsletter of this academic year. Where has the year gone?! It's been another incredible journey for our children this year with so many wonderful learning experiences. All that is left for me to say is, as always, thank you to the children for just being absolute super stars all year - you make me so proud. Thank you to the parents/carers for the ongoing support of the Academy and thank you to my superb staff who always go that extra mile for our children. I hope that all the Mill Hill community has a lovely summer break and see you all on Wednesday 6th September. Don't hesitate to contact me via ClassDojo if you need anything.



Attendance

Wow! What successful Big Breakfasts we have had this last week. Thank you very much to all parents and carers who attended - it was wonderful to see so many of you. A huge well done to all of the children who achieved 100% attendance between the 17th April 2023 and 7th July 2023.



Message from Vice Principal:

Wow! What an absolutely amazing year we have had! I still can't quite believe this year has come to an end already. It has been wonderful to see the amazing progress the children have all made - they make me extremely proud everyday. I would especially like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support in making the summer fair a resounding success again. It has been an absolute pleasure being part of Y6 learning journey at Mill Hill and I wish them all the best as they move on to high school. I am looking forward to welcoming all the new children who will be starting with us in September. I am also very much looking forward to seeing everyone else in September as we move onto a new school year ready for exciting new challenges. I wish you all a fun filled summer with your families.



Message from Assistant Principal:

Well... that is the end of 2022-2023! It has been an incredible year for many reasons at Mill Hill, and it is a pleasure to come to work each day and see the children's smiles and the progress they make. Our children embody our motto and we see those traits shine through daily. This last half term has been incredibly busy, but the children have made lots of memories. It has been great to see so many parents coming into the academy for numerous events. I wish you all a wonderful summer with your families—be sure to make lots of memories. Year 6, it has been a pleasure teaching you this year and I wish you all the best on your next adventure in high school. Everyone else, I look forward to seeing you for our next academic year with many more adventures to come. See you in September.



Transition

The children enjoyed their day in their new classes and meeting their new class teacher and are eager for the new year ahead. Class Dojo will be set up from September for the new classes. Ensure you're joined up to keep up to date with your child's class.



The academy will open to pupils for the start of the academic year on
Wednesday 6th September 2023
at 8:30am.

Year 6

It is time to bid farewell to the class of 2023! They have had a busy Summer term completing their SATs and enjoying the last weeks with their friends and staff. They had an extra treat and went for a lengthy session and lunch at Ninja Warrior.



After receiving their SATs results, they celebrated with their prom. They ate, they drank, they sang, they laughed and most importantly, they made memories to last a lifetime.

In their final week at Mill Hill, they received their leavers' hoodies as a gift from Mrs Mills and all the staff. To end the week, they delivered their leavers assembly to bring together their memories of primary school.

We are all immensely proud of year 6 and what they have achieved. Their progress and attainment has been incredible.

We wish them all well as they start their new chapter.



Summer Fair

There is just one word to describe the summer fair ... WOW! The atmosphere was incredible and it was so lovely to see so many faces from past and present. The summer fair gives us the opportunity to get together as a community for a fun filled few hours. A huge thank you to you all for supporting us with donations and attending the summer fair. It was a resounding success! Also, a huge thank you to all of the staff for making such an event possible, in particular Mrs Hulme for her organisation. As you are aware, we are currently fundraising to be able to take all of the children to see the pantomime in December and, with your support, we hope that this is possible.

In total we raised a phenomenal £2823!



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Sport

Having been successful at the town event in June, 5 of our students represented Tunstall at the city athletics event. The boys had success in all of their events with a 4th place finish in hurdles, a 2nd and 4th place finish in the 400m race, a 3rd place in the sack race and also a 3rd in the Year 6 boys relay. Terrific achievements!



This year, we have had over 80 children represent the school in a plethora of different sports. A handful of those children were invited to celebrate their sporting achievements with their families at Ormiston Horizon Academy. Children were celebrated for their efforts in athletics, cross country and football.

Three children were invited to represent Mill Hill Primary Academy at the North Staffordshire leadership awards ceremony last week at Port Vale FC. Each child received an award for excellent attitudes towards sport and leadership.



CEO Awards

Mr Ward came into the academy to award children for demonstrating the key attributes of being a Mill Hill pupil - working hard, dreaming big and never giving up. Well done all!



Stepping out

Year 3 and year 4 took part in a pedestrian safety course. They watched videos, completed a work booklet and had practical sessions in the local area. When the children were out in the community, they demonstrated great maturity and were excellent at crossing roads.



Year 1 and year 2 also took part in seat-belt safety sessions. They tested seatbelts with 'Humpty Dumpty' to see what impact not wearing a seat belt has.



Character and Arts Foundation

The Character and Arts Foundation launch took place between the 10th and 14th of July 2023 with a week full of activities. The foundation aims to deliver a world class programme of activities for children and young people in Stoke-on-Trent, of which children at Mill Hill have already benefited from. Their motif is a duck and we entered in a competition to decorate a duck!



Meet "Sunny" (named after Sunnyside Avenue) Mill Hill's competition entry.

There were many activities across the week including history, heritage, performing and expressive arts, sustainability and enterprise.

Two lucky classes won the raffle to go and see the matinee performance of the Halle Orchestra where they enjoyed singing along and dancing away. What an incredible experience for the children.



Knowsley Safari Park

To end their topic of 'All creatures great and small' reception went on a trip to Knowsley Safari Park. They had a wander around spotting giraffes and meerkats, watched the sealion show, saw the birds of prey and then went on safari to find even more animals - the rain didn't stop all their fun.



Cadbury World

Year 2 went on a chocolatey trip to Cadbury World to celebrate all their hard work in year 2 and with their SATs. During the day, the children (and staff) piped their own chocolate, visited the 4D cinema, attended a chocolate making workshop and thoroughly enjoyed lots of taste testing.



Cannock Chase

What a beautiful day nursery had at Cannock Chase. All of the children were absolutely brilliant and did us all proud. First, they looked at and spoke about some of the animals that lived near the area then, working in pairs, they went into the woodland area to make the animals a home. They spoke about seeds and what they need to grow.

After dinner, they enjoyed some fun time at the park (even some of the teachers did too). The children then ended the day by decorating their very own butterfly, using natural objects they could find outdoors.



Beaudeisert

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity of visiting Beaudeisert Outdoor Activity Centre. They had an amazing day despite the torrential rain! They

took part in many activities including obstacle courses, axe throwing, team building and tree climbing to name just a few. The children were an absolute credit to the academy and applied the school motto of 'Work hard, Dream big and Never give up' at every possible opportunity.

