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### Message from the Principal:

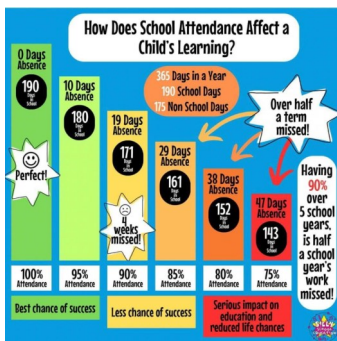
Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023! The Autumn term has certainly been a busy one! The children have had many amazing learning experiences and enrichment activities and rest assured we have lots planned for the New Year. Our children have worked so hard this term in lessons and in the magic homework, so they thoroughly deserve the final behaviour for learning treat. And what a treat it was..... All of Mill Hill at the Regent Theatre to watch the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk". The children had an amazing time. I would like to thank the PTFA and the following businesses who made donations, Grammarsaurus, Service Master, Edenfield, Focus Education, A&R Fencing, KMF and ESP Play. I would also like to thank the PTFA for purchasing a reading book for all Early Years and KS1 children and stationary for all KS2 children for Christmas. It has been lovely seeing so many of you at our nativity plays, carol concerts and Christmas Fayre. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for their continuing support of all aspects of Academy life. This was particularly noticeable at our recent Ofsted inspection, with inspectors being inundated with positive feedback. The report should be out in the New Year. Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at Mill Hill for going above and beyond daily, for our children. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful festive break with your families and all the very best for 2023.



### 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 95.6%**, which is brilliant as each week 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.



### Message from Vice Principal:

Well, the end of 2023 is fast approaching and I am sure that you will agree that this term has been fantastic. The children have continued to work so hard and continue to amaze us with their commitment and passion for learning. We have had a wonderful array of visitors, trips, learning experiences, Christmas plays, and festivities. Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the academy with regards to homework, attending school events, and supporting the Christmas Fayre. Without your kind donations, the PTFA wouldn't have been able to support this term's amazing trip to the Panto. Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, enjoy your time over the next few weeks spending time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all in January.



### Message from Assistant Principal:

Well, the end of 2023 is upon us! What an amazing Autumn term we have had at Mill Hill! The children have amazed us with all of their learning, we've had special visitors come into school, the children have been on some amazing trips, we had superb Christmas performances, the children loved the pantomime and we had a truly amazing Christmas Fayre. Just to name a few. I have missed you all over the past few weeks, but I am excited to return in January as I am eager to see what 2024 has in store for us as an academy. Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time with family and friends over the next two weeks and I wish you all the best for the new year. See you in January!



### Visit from the Fire Brigade



The Fire Brigade came to Mill Hill to show our year 1 & 2 children the fire engine and what they wear when they go to work! The children loved sitting in the fire truck.

### St Michael's Church

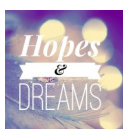


Our senior prefects have visited St Michael's church to decorate a Christmas tree and to help to restock the shelves at the Chell Parish Pantry with your wonderful harvest donations.

### 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 Religion Day & Martin Luther King
- Energy Saving week & National Handwriting Day
- National storytelling week & Safer Internet Day



### Important Dates

**Monday 8th January**—Inset Day

**Tuesday 9th January**—Academy is open to children

**Wednesday 31st January**—Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

**Thursday 7th March**—World Book Day

**Friday 15th March**—Red Nose Day

### Our Curriculum

Current unit  
Next unit

	Current unit	Next unit
Nursery		Traditional Tales
Reception		The World and Beyond
Year 1	Why do we use different materials for different things? <b>Where did Kings &amp; Queens live through time</b>	
Year 2	Similarities & Differences between my town & Tulum, Mexico? <b>Where have humans explored?</b>	
Year 3	How do Magnets work? <b>What facilities are in my local area&amp; how do people travel there?</b>	
Year 4	Ancient Greece <b>How is energy transferred in living things?</b>	
Year 5	How can we observe forces? <b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	
Year 6	How was my region affected by World War 2? <b>Surviving the air raid</b>	

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### Eco Warriors



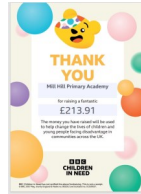
Our Eco Warriors have been very busy again this term doing their bit to help the world. They have planted some more trees that we had donated from the Woodland Trust. Fingers crossed they take and grow.

They also did an absolutely fabulous job cleaning up Sunnyside of all its litter.

### Children in Need

It was wonderful to see so many colours and spots on Children in Need day.

We are pleased to let you all know that we raised a grand total of **£213.91**.



### Remembrance Day



Mill Hill

took part in a number of activities for Remembrance Day.

To pay our respects, our senior prefects laid a beautiful poppy wreath on our Remembrance display. Throughout the week some of our prefects sold poppies, wristbands and other Royal British Legion merchandise.

To think and reflect we also held a minutes silence on our school yard.

Lastly, as we are part of the National Literacy Trust they kindly gifted us with "War Horse" books for all year 6 children.

We raised the grand total of **£202.68** for the British Legion.

### Christmas at Mill Hill

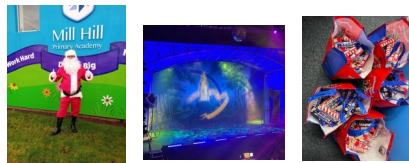
Wow! What a fabulous festive time we have all had at Mill Hill.

The whole school had an amazing time at The Regent Theatre watching the pantomime of "Jack & the Beanstalk". This was a fully funded treat for all the children for all their hard work this term.

We had a special visit from the big man himself. Santa has been so impressed with all of the children's hard work this year that he gave them all a special gift.

Our Christmas dinner was another great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to our kitchen staff for all their hard work.

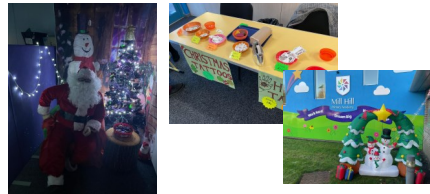
The winning members of the house team Scorpius received their house treat for this term and took part in a silent disco. They had such a fun and exciting time dancing and singing away. It was lovely to see them having so much fun!



### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support of our annual Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many of you and we hope you all had a fabulous time.

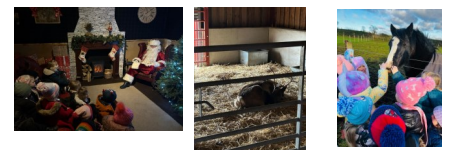
We raised an amazing **£1126.05** for our school PTFA which will go directly back to the children within the academy.



### Nursery Trip to Amerton Farm

Our Nursery children had an amazing trip to Amerton farm. The children visited Santa's Grotto and received a special present. They met Santa's elves, fed Santa's reindeers, had a play in the indoor play barn and visited all the other animals at Amerton Farm.

All the staff and children had a truly wonderful and magical time.



### JCB & The Hubb Foundation

We would like to thank JCB and The Hubb Foundation for their generous Christmas present donations to children in 6Y.

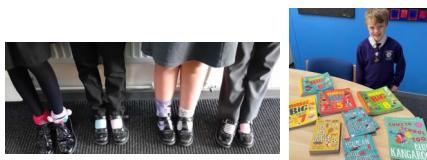
They were so excited and grateful to receive them. The presents were hand delivered by two sporting Olympians, one of which was Ben Williams (who was an ex Haywood Academy student).



### Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day

Our children were able to come to school wearing odd socks during Anti-Bullying week.

To celebrate this day, the National Literacy Trust donated 50 books which class teachers hid for pupils to find and take home.



### Lawton Rise & Lovatt Care Home



What a lovely time Songbirds had at Lawton Rise and Lovatt care home.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed it and the children sang beautifully. They all did a fantastic job bringing lots of festive cheer to all.

It was so nice to see the residents smiling faces.

### City Voice Choir at Royal Stoke Hospital

Our City Voices choir went to the Royal Stoke hospital. The children sang for many people and brought lots of festive cheer and spirit to the hospital!

They were all very pleased with their goodie bag!



### City Learning Trust's Festive Card Design

Massive congratulations to Tuliana from class 6P who came 2nd in this year's CLT's Festive Card Design and had a surprise visit from "Sunny the Duck" who awarded her with her prize.

