

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024 - how time flies. I can't believe that we are nearly in February! What an amazing start to the year we had being able to share with you our fabulous Ofsted news. They confirmed what we all already knew.... Mill Hill is outstanding! I am immensely proud and grateful to our children, staff, parents/carers, governors and the Mill Hill community for making this possible. Collectively, we have all worked exceptionally hard, dreamt big and have never given up to ensure that our children have the very best start in life, have access to an exemplary curriculum and to a plethora of wider experiences. We all have the belief that our children can achieve anything, be anything and just as importantly be kind and respectful human beings. I really am grateful to all the Academy's stakeholders but especially to you, our parents and carers. THANK YOU for the support you provide daily but especially during the inspection.



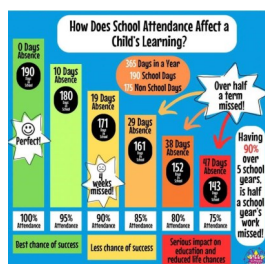
Attendance

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance who then win a big breakfast on a Friday.

Our current whole school attendance is 95.1% - 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:

What a fantastic start to 2024 we have had, with being able to share the amazing news of our 'OUTSTANDING' outcome from Ofsted. The children have all settled back into school extremely well after the holiday and the new Rising Three children have slotted in seamlessly. Thanks to all of the parents/carers who attended the phonics workshops for Reception and for all the hard work on their phonics homework. Preparations are well underway for this half term's treat of a Valentine's Disco and the children are working hard to ensure that they get the correct amount of points. Alongside the Valentine's Disco, we will be selling Valentine's themed pocket money items - more information related to this will be shared via Class Dojo closer to the time.



Message from Assistant Principal:

It has been an incredible start to 2024 here at Mill Hill. I am so proud of the children, staff and community for the recent Ofsted inspection. Mill Hill is OUTSTANDING - what a title to have! A huge well done to everyone. This year has kicked off with lots of exciting things already taking place. The WISH area and the new Rising Three room look incredible. Children have had many experiences in school with the Mexican day and WWII experience and there are many more visitors and trips to come. After the Christmas break, children returned to school like they had never been away. Remember to keep up to date with ClassDojo where you will be informed of upcoming events.



Iceland Trip



We are delighted to announce an upcoming opportunity through the Character and Arts Foundation - a fully funded trip to Iceland for six, year 5 children. The trip will enhance our children's understanding of sustainable practices whilst exploring the wonders and landscapes that Iceland has to offer.

Ski Trip to France

In preparation for an upcoming fully-funded ski trip to France in March, four of our year 5 students have been taking part in ski lessons at Stoke Ski Centre.



Our Curriculum

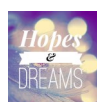
Current unit
Next unit

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

Hopes, Dreams and Aspiration 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:

- Careers
- National story telling week 7
- Safer Internet Day



Important Dates

31st January 2024

Y1 Warwick Castle

7th February 2024

Y6 Career Event at Haywood

Monday 26th February 2024

Y3 Mr Egypt Visit

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Reception height and weight

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We are Outstanding!

Ofsted have confirmed that Mill Hill Primary Academy is OUTSTANDING in all areas. We were visited by Ofsted on the 6th and 7th December where we had the opportunity to showcase our community in all its glory.

We are immensely proud and grateful to our children, staff, parents/carers, governors and the Mill Hill community for making this possible.

Achieving this over the last four years is truly remarkable and even more so considering the challenges that we faced during a global pandemic! THANK YOU to all the Mill Hill community for their continuing support. The report even shares a quote from one of our parents: 'All staff put their heart and soul into providing the best education and care for all pupils.' Knowing that you appreciate us that way makes this job even more rewarding.



World War II Workshop

Our year 6 children took part in a fantastic World War II workshop. The workshop included first-aid during the war, how to put out fire bombs and various artefacts from WWII. The children carried out a number of tasks, including lifting a person on a stretcher, putting on a sling, acting out a severity of a casualty scene and used stirrup pumps, hoses and water. I must say we have a number of budding actors.

The day was totally amazing!



Behaviour for Learning Treat

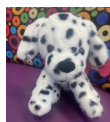
This term's behaviour for learning treat is a Valentines Disco. Children need to score 44 or more points by showing positive behaviour and completing all homework.



Year 6 Fundraiser—Name the Dog

Year 6 are raising money for their prom by running a name the dog competition.

We have a selection of names for children to choose from and it will be 50p a go. The winner will be announced on Friday 9th February.



Year 2 Mexico Day

Our year 2 children had a Mexican themed afternoon as part of their geography unit.

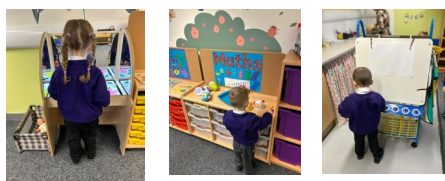
The children dressed up in Mexican clothing, learnt traditional dancing and played instruments.

They all had so much fun!



New Rising Three Classroom

We have recently celebrated the opening of our new Rising Three classroom. We did this by introducing a brand-new cohort of children, who will be joining us for the rest of the academic year and then they will start in our nursery.



Clubs

The children have been taking part in many wonderful activities in clubs so far this term.

In recycling club, the children made fantastic bird feeders from toilet rolls, pine cones, string, twigs, seed and lard. Some were placed in our environmental area for our feathered friends. They also recycled old jars and transformed them into hopes and dreams jars.

Monster air dry clay models and Mr Potato heads were made by children in arts & craft club - they loved getting creative.

Children can also join in the fun at Kool Kids club on a Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri from 3-4pm at a cost of £3 per child per session booked via Parentmail. Children can take part in healthy eating, arts & craft, construction, free play and film fun Friday.



WISH Renovation

We have recently renovated our WISH (Welfare Inclusion and SEND Hub) area. It's bright and colourful and a lovely place for our children to settle and have extra support if needed - they always speak very highly of WISH and the staff as you can see in the quotes written by our children. Look at the pictures below of WISH, our counsellor room and our nurture room.

