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Message from the Principal:

Welcome to March's newsletter and the final one for this term. The academy remains as busy as ever, as you can see from this newsletter. The children as always are amazing! They embody our school motto of "work hard, dream big and never give up" and are kind, caring and well-rounded young people. They are real ambassadors for the school and community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for ensuring that our children get the very best educational experiences not only in the classroom but also with a plethora of wider curriculum experiences. They really do go above and beyond for our children. Have a lovely Easter, half term break and Eid Mubarak. School re opens on Monday April 8th.



Message from the Head of Academy:

Wow, what an amazing term it has been. Regardless of the length, the children have had a wealth of opportunities linked directly to their learning. The children continue to amaze me with their can-do attitude and the extensive knowledge they can share. This has been evident in all the amazing assessments and work the children have completed over this term. I would like to say another thank you for all your support in creating Easter cards, gardens, bonnets, and decorating eggs. It brought the feel of spring into the academy. Lastly, I would like to reiterate my thanks for your amazing support for our Race to Raise fundraiser. Happy Easter and I hope you all have a restful half term. Eid Mubarak.



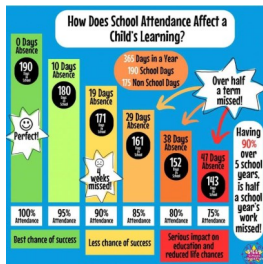
Attendance

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 94.3% - 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 the Vice Principal:

It is hard to believe how much we have got into in a short five week half term. Yet again, the children have been busy learning lots of new topics and working hard on their most recent assessments. Thank you to all the parents who attended our drop in session - these sessions are great for an informal catch-up with your child's class teacher. What a fantastic fundraiser we have had this week! It is a charity close to my heart and it was incredible to see yellow filling our school. Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting the day and for the incredible amount raised. Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy some quality time with families and friends. Eid Mubarak.



CLT Fundraising Competition Winner

Congratulations to Nuvera from 3W who won the City Learning Trust fundraising competition for her design and name for the "Race to Raise" fundraising event that took place on Wednesday 20th March.

Nuvera had the opportunity to work with professional designers from Strategi Solutions to bring the design to life!



Recorder Festival & City Voices

Well done to our choir and year 4 students on a fantastic performance at the City Voices and Recorder Festival concert held at The Victoria Hall. They all had a wonderful time and did a fantastic job!



Race to Raise

City Learning Trust schools have worked together and took part in the "Race to Raise" fundraising event for Dougie Mac. All four schools have raised a total of **£15712**.

Thank you so much for your donations!



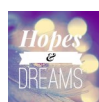
Our Curriculum

Nursery	Understanding our world The Hungry Caterpillar
Reception	All Creatures Great and Small
Year 1	Plants—How can we identify different plants and trees? Fieldwork—Our school environment
Year 2	Art - How can pattern be used in art? Plants—How do seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants?
Year 3	Plants—How does each part of a plant fulfil its function? Textiles - Cross stitch & applique
Year 4	History—How did the Roman Empire impact Britain? Art—Landscape/perspective
Year 5	Science—How do we separate materials?
Year 6	Art—Can art help save the planet?

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:

- Jigsaw - Relationships
- Eid
- World Art Day
- World Health
- Passover



Important Dates

Friday 22nd March 2024

INSET day—academy closed to pupils

Monday 8th April 2024

Academy open to pupils

Monday 15th April 2024

Year 4 Lunt Roman Fort

Tuesday 16th April 2024

EYFS & KS1 Big breakfast

Wednesday 17th April 2024

KS2 Big breakfast

Monday 6th May 2024

Bank holiday—school closed

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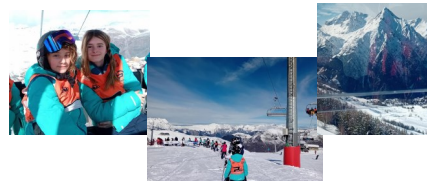
World Book Day

What a wonderful World Book Day we had at Mill Hill Primary Academy! There were some fantastic costumes. All the children and staff looked amazing!



Ski Trip 2024

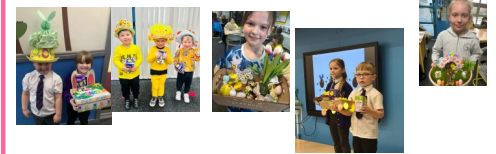
Four of our Year 5 children took part in a fully funded skiing trip to France thanks to our links with the Hubb Foundation. They had the most incredible time and made memories for life.



Easter

It was wonderful to see so many beautiful Easter bonnets and Easter gardens this year. It was such a difficult job in choosing the winners!

Big congratulations to our EYFS and KS1 winners; Kai (NL), Alex (NP), Oscar (NG), Albie (RF), Ava-Rose (RB) Wyatt (1A), Haylee (1M), Poppy (2K) and Kian (2R).



EYFS Halle & Meet the Musician

As part of our musical pathways programme and links with the fabulous Halle Orchestra, the Early Years and some of KS2 had the opportunity to take part in some workshops!

Nursery, Y4 and Y5 got to 'meet the musician'. He brought some instruments to share with the children and talked about his role in the orchestra.

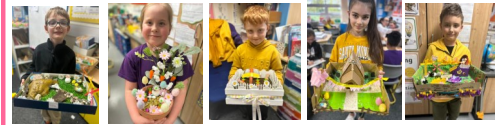


Easter & Eid Card Winner

Congratulations to Haifa (6Y) and Sofia (RF) who won the Ramadan & Easter card competitions. It was such a hard decision choosing a winner as they were all so beautiful!



We had some beautiful Easter gardens from our KS2 children. Big congratulations to George (3W), Charlie (3M), Kacey (4D), Henry (4H), Caitlyn (5W), Georgia-Mai (5O), Lexii-Mai (6P) and Jessica (6Y).



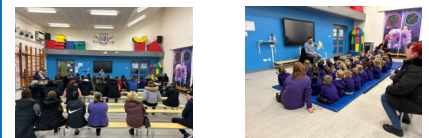
Year 2 visit to Emma Bridgewater

Year 2 children had a exciting visit to the Emma Bridgewater studio. They all had a wonderful time decorating their pottery and even had a tour of the factory.

They are so happy with their final pieces of pottery that they have received!



Nursery Library

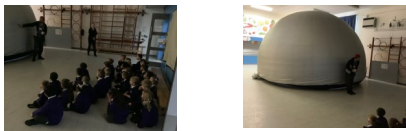


A huge thank you to all the Nursery parents/carers who attended our library session. It was lovely to see the children enjoying stories. All children took their bookstart packs home that contained 2 new books and some more information about the library.

Reception

As part of their space topic our Reception children had a visit from Stardome. They went inside the dome and saw lots of fabulous facts about the Earth, Space and the Solar System.

They watched the rocket take off for the first moon landing and saw the astronauts walk on the moon. They all had an amazing time!



What a fantastic turn out we had once again for our maths workshops. We hope you managed to take something away with you and feel more confident with the learning that your child does with us in Reception!



Cross Country

This cross country season has been a success. The boys team won every single race, the girls won two, finishing second in all the others. The terrific results will see a number of our children represent Tunstall at the City Finals next month.



Mr Egypt

What a fun filled day of learning our year 3 children had with Mr Egypt. The children got to learn about the Ancient Egyptians, explore real-life Egyptian artefacts, joined in with Egyptian dancing, and dressed up as a Mummy.

They all had an amazing day!

