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### Message from the Principal:

Welcome to this month's newsletter. As you all know, I am now the Principal of both Mill Hill and Haywood Academies. I am spending more time at Haywood at the moment, but I do visit Mill Hill regularly and know that Mrs Hulme is looking after you all exceptionally well. When I do return, the Mill Hill children and staff are so pleased to see me. It's like being a celebrity with children and staff bursting from their lessons to greet and hug me! I should say I am sorry for disturbing learning, but I can't as it's so lovely to see them all. Rest assured I miss you all very much but, Mrs Hulme, Miss Jennings and Mrs Salih always keep me up to date with the children's achievements. Life at Mill Hill remains the same with our children returning to school after the holidays excited to be back and going seamlessly back into the normal routines of the academy. They really are a credit to us all! Always remember, I am only a phone call or Dojo message away if you need me.



### Message from the Head of Academy:

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful break with their families. The children were so excited to return to school and have settled back to normal routines of the school day with ease - they really are amazing! The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm for learning, and their positive attitudes are truly inspiring. As we gear up for upcoming assessments, including SATs for Y6 and Y1 completing a phonic screen, it's evident how hard they've been working. We're also delighted to welcome new Rising 3 children to our Nursery, who have settled in seamlessly. If you're interested in applying for a Nursery place, please don't hesitate to reach out. A warm Mill Hill welcome to all the new families who have joined us since the Easter break! Thank you to those who completed the recent parental survey as I really value your opinions. The feedback received from this was overwhelmingly positive so thank you for that!



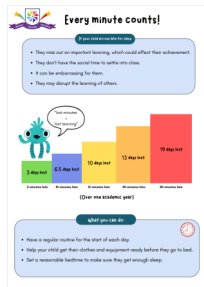
### Attendance

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:

Well, it may be the summer term, but we aren't quite there with the weather yet. Hopefully, warmer days and sunshine are on the horizon. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable two weeks with your families. It's now the last term of the academic year - WOW! The children have been working hard, as always, across the academy and it is great to see their knowledge and skills improving each half term. We are all so very proud of the children and the staff for all of their hard work. This term is usually one of the busiest, so keep an eye out on ClassDojo and our newsletters for upcoming events. We are looking forward to inviting you in for parent drop ins, sports days and the summer fair.



### Cross Country & Boy's Football

Well done to our fabulous cross country runners who represented Mill Hill at the County Cross Country competition. They all did a wonderful job. Well done!



Well



done to Mill Hill's boys football team who took part in a football tournament at Ormiston Horizon. They finished as runners up after winning in the semi-final and losing in the final by 1 goal.



### Science Selfie Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our Science Selfie competition. We had some fantastic entries of children completing science at home.



### Iceland Trip



Some of our year 5 children will be taking part in a Character and Arts Foundation trip to Iceland from the 30th April to 4th May to learn about sustainability. They will be taking part in various activities with the chance to also see the Northern Lights. We look forward to receiving photos and updates of all the exciting things they get up to.

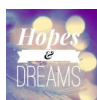
### Our Curriculum

Nursery	Understanding our world The Hungry Caterpillar
Reception	All Creatures Great and Small
Year 1	Fieldwork—Our school environment D&T - Food
Year 2	Plants—How do seeds and bulbs grow into healthy plants? Fieldwork - weather
Year 3	Textiles - Cross stitch & applique Science - How does light travel?
Year 4	Art—Landscape/perspective Science - How does electricity travel?
Year 5	Geography - The United States
Year 6	SATs preparation

### 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:

- Sun Awareness
- Women's FA cup Final
- SAT's week (Mutual Respect)
- Mental Health Awareness
- National Numeracy Day



### Important Dates

**Monday 6th May 2024**  
Bank holiday - academy closed

**Friday 10th May 2024**  
Year 5 camping

**Monday 13th May 2024**  
SATs week

**Tuesday 22nd May 2024**  
Numeracy Day

**Friday 24th May**  
Last day of the term

**Monday 3rd June**  
Academy open to pupils

### City Learning Trusts "CEO Awards"

Big congratulations to the following students who have won this year's City Learning Trusts awards - "CEO Awards"

**Lexii-Mae (6P), Tuliana (6Y), William (5O), Amelia (4H), Alosio (4D), Declan (2K), Emma (1A), Ava-Rose (RB), Maria (RF) and Jaime (NP)**

They all enjoyed juice and biscuits along with a special visit from Mr Ward (CEO of the City Learning Trust).

Well done!



### Behaviour for Learning Treat

This term's behaviour for learning treat will be a "glow in the dark disco".

Children will need to follow all classroom and playground rules, work without disturbing others, treat children and school property with respect, complete all homework and achieve 64 or more behaviour points.



### Lola the Dog

To kick start reception's topic 'All creatures great and small', they had some fabulous visitors in the classroom. Lola the dog came to visit the children and they learnt all about her. The children were very excited to meet her and asked lots of questions.

They also enjoyed seeing all of the children's pets from their homes - a big thank you to those who shared their pictures.

We look forward to seeing what else and who else we will learn about in our topic this term.



### Mill Hill's Girls Football Team

A big well done to Mill Hill's girls football team who took part in a football tournament at Ormiston Horizon Academy.

They worked as a fantastic team and played some amazing football which resulted in them winning all 3 games with the following scores:-

**10-0, 6-0 & 7-0**

Well done girls you made us all extremely proud!



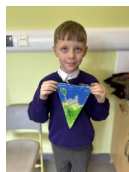
### We are Staffordshire Project

As part of the "We are Staffordshire project", some of our year 4 children were joined by artist Sam Mace to create bunting which depicts what can be seen along the Staffordshire way.

The children drew different images which may be seen along the way such as Mow Cop Castle, different wildlife, flowers and of course our school badge was included.

The bunting has gone off to be included in their presentation and will be returned for us to hang in school.

I'm sure you will agree it all looks fabulous!



### Reception visit from Farmer Dan

What a very exciting afternoon our reception children had with a visit from Farmer Dan, who brought along his own little visitors.

The children learnt about the role of a farmer and some facts all about the animals. The little lamb had some milk and everyone had a little pet of both of the animals!



### Big Breakfast Awards

Wow! What a successful Big Breakfast we had for our children.

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 9th January 2024 and 21st March 2024!



### Grosvenor Museum

Our year 4 children took a visit to the Grosvenor Museum. They learnt all about the Romans, went on a Roman march, visited the Amphitheatre, took part in a Roman workshop and even had the chance to explore the Roman art galleries.

