

Millhouse News

12th October 2018



Millhouse
Primary School and Nursery

This week we were visited by Vicar Andrei, who led our assemblies and talked to the children about the Christian beliefs around harvest. We also had some of our governors, Mr Bartlett, Mr Sier and Mrs Coles-Thompson, visit and look at how we teach English and what our curriculum offers the children. They were impressed with how well behaved the children were and how interested in their learning all the children were.

Attendance Information

What would you consider as an acceptable reason for absence?

We would not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: birthdays, shopping, coughs / colds, minor headaches or tummy aches, looking after relatives/pets or parents' appointments / deliveries.

Attached with this newsletter is the advice about childhood illnesses and school attendance from the NHS and Essex County Council.

Our overall attendance was 94.8% this week, which is below the government's expectation for primary schools.

We only had 2 classes with 97% or above attendance, which is really disappointing. Well done to Miss Sussex and Mrs Free's classes who had 97% and 99% respectively!

General Information

Keeping Safe

We have started to include on the newsletter, information about different aspects of keeping safe such as online safety, abuse and emotional wellbeing. If there are any specific topics or aspects you would like more information on, please contact Mrs Haken to let her know.

Clubs Next Week

Due to parents' evenings next week, there will be no clubs running after school on Wednesday and Thursday. The only exception is Karate, which will still be taking place.

Flu Immunisations

A letter and leaflet about flu immunisations will be sent home on Monday. The immunisations will take place on 21st November. Forms must be returned to school by 9am on Friday 19th October.

Best Joke Ever!

We love to laugh and smile! Who can tell the funniest joke? Come and tell Mrs McGarry or Mrs Haken.

Dates for your Diary & Reminders

Monday 15th October – Fire Safety assemblies

Monday 15th October – Classes 15 & 18 visiting the library

Wednesday 17th October – Governors visiting the school

Wednesday 17th October 3:30-5:30pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 18th October 4:30-7:00pm – Parents Evening

Friday 19th October – Eco Day

Half term holiday 22-26 October.

Children return to school on Monday 29th October.

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Keeping Safe Lite-Bite

Each week we will be including information about different aspects of keeping safe as well as giving you some of the latest data, research and tips. This week, we have attached a leaflet about Online Grooming.

Grooming is where a child is gradually exploited by a perpetrator. They may persuade the child to meet them, run away from home or take part in illegal activities. Many online platforms are used by perpetrators and it is important that parents understand the different settings and ways in which they can keep their child safe online.



Spanish Phrase of the Week

Mrs Wilson has been busy displaying lots of words and phrases around the school this week. We wonder who can find and remember the most!

This week's words are:

Sí (Yes)

No (No)

Muy bien (Very good / very well)

Por favor (please)

Perdón (Pardon / Sorry)

Secondary School Applications

The link below takes you to an information booklet which guides parents through the process of applying for a secondary school place for their child.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018. Please note that each school has their own admissions criteria (all of which can be found on the Essex Admissions website) and places are not given on a first come, first served basis so please take your time and explore the best options for your child.

Year Group Updates

EYFS (Reception & Nursery)

This week in reception we have been learning about the Police Force. We have taken fingerprints and painted pictures of different emergency vehicles.

Year 1

This week, we have continued to focus on 'The Gruffalo' story. We have practised being authors and illustrators and designed our scary creature for Julia Donaldson's next book. We have also looked at the four seasons and painted pictures of trees during each season.

Year 2

We have learnt all about India this week. We have been writing to persuade people to save the tigers and learnt all about the tiger's food chain in science.

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about different forces in science this week and are investigating different surface materials for a runway. In English, we have been thinking as Mr Twit would and have written diaries from his perspective.

Year 4

Year 4 have been investigating electrical circuits and have also been combining computing and music and creating musical pieces using an ICT program.

Year 5

This week, year 5 visited Thorndon Country Park. We learnt how to survive if we were stuck in the wilderness and built dens and fires. We then went on a treasure hunt around the woods as part of our geo-caching experience. We all had a great time!

Year 6

Year 6 have been comparing the start of the book and the film 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' which is set during World War 2. Next week we are going to be writing a new first chapter for the book, describing an air raid during the blitz.

Celebrating Creativity

This week, we celebrated creativity in our Friday Assembly. We have some very talented children and adults in school who shared with us some of their musical and artistic skills. The sewing club showed us their cross stitching and Mrs Moore and Mrs McGarry brought some of their cross-stitch and tapestry pieces.

Some Year 6 pupils shared some creative messages they had written as part of PSHE and Class 9 performed the poem 'Don't' by Michael Rosen. Musical interludes were provided by Mrs Logan, who sang 'Defying Gravity' from the show, Wicked, Mrs Fawell, who impressed us by playing a piece on the piano written by Bach and Mrs Kench, who played her saxophone and clarinet (not at the same time!).

If your child has a creative talent or enjoys a creative activity outside of school, please let us know and send a photo so they can be added to their class wall of fame. And if you have a particular talent, which you would like to share with the children, we would love to hear from you!



L-R: Mrs Logan, Mrs Kench, Mrs Moore & Mrs Fawell



Mrs McGarry's tapestry, inspired by William Morris



Mrs Moore's cross-stitch