

Millhouse News

19th October 2018



Millhouse
Primary School and Nursery

How can we be at the end of the first half term! It has been a very busy time and we are very pleased with the children's attitude to learning and effort that they have put into their lessons so far.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week and completed a questionnaire. We value your support and contribution.

Attendance Information

Did you know that children who have good attendance (95% and above) throughout their school life, go on to achieve higher grades than those with poorer attendance?

Statistics show that these children will achieve 1 or 2 grades higher in GCSEs and that they will go on to earn at least £9000 more than those with below 95% attendance.

Our overall attendance was 95% this week, which is better, but we can still get it higher!

We had 4 classes with 97% or more: Miss Morgan's, Mrs Hope-Warwick's, Mrs Free's and Mrs Walby's. The top class was Mrs Walby's with 98% - well done!

Several other classes had 96% - let's see if they can get that extra 1% when we come back!

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

Children return to school on Monday 29th October.

Monday 29th October – Author, Sibel Beadle visiting the school

Tuesday 30th October – Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 8th November – Fire Service visiting Year 3 classes

Friday 9th November – Cyber safety talks for Year 6 classes

Payment Deadlines:

Karate – 30th October

Before School Football (Yrs 5 & 6) – 31st October

Year 6 residential instalment – 26th October

Tea Towels – 26th October

Year 4 swimming – 31st October

Breakfast with Santa – 16th November

General Information

Keeping Safe

Apologies for not sending the information leaflet about Online Grooming last week. Unfortunately, the file was too large for our system. From now on, we will include a hyperlink to the relevant information.

Clubs Next Half Term

If your child attended an extra-curricular club this half term, they will continue with this next half term. The exception to this is the Karate club, which will be for a new Year group.

Secondary School Applications

Final reminder... all applications for secondary school places must be made by 31st October. Late applications may result in your choices not being considered by the schools or local authority.

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Keeping Safe Lite-Bite

Here is the link to the Online Grooming information from last week:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/online-grooming-guide-for-parents/>

Did you know that using / looking at a screen before bed time can drastically affect your child's sleep? This is because screens emit 'blue light' which makes our bodies produce less melatonin (the chemical that makes us sleep). It is advisable to turn all screens off at least one hour before bedtime to allow our children's brains to wind down and for the melatonin to kick in. Try this and see how much of a difference it makes to your child's sleep!

The following link will take you to information on screen addiction and overuse:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/screen-addiction-guide-for-parents/>



Spanish Phrase of the Week

This week we want to challenge the children to practice the words they have learnt so far! Can they speak or write a sentence in Spanish?

Come and see Mrs Haken if you can do it!

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)

We have been finding out about the role of a vet this week in reception. We were also lucky to have a visit from one of our parents who is a nurse, who told us all about her job. On Friday we had fun learning about the world around us and how we can help keep our planet free of rubbish.

Year 1

This week we have been learning about hedgehogs by reading non-fiction books. In maths, we have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. On Eco-Day, we made bird feeders to help look after the birds in our local environment.

Year 2

Now we have finished learning about countries around the world, we have been thinking about how we can look after them. As part of our school Eco-Day, we made bug hotels.

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed Eco-Day. We made and flew kites from recycled materials and linked it to our flight topic.

Year 4

Year 4 have ended their Anglo-Saxon topic by writing myths based on the Beowulf story. In maths, we have been working hard to solve multi-step word problems using different strategies.

Year 5

This week, year 5 have been learning about ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. We learnt how this ancient code was cracked with the discovery of the Rosetta Stone. We then had fun creating secret messages using hieroglyphs.

Year 6

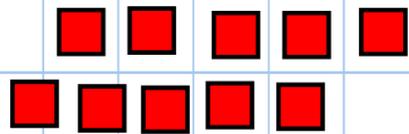
This week, Year 6 have been applying all the skills they learnt in English, to writing a setting description. We also made some fantastic Spitfire fighter planes out of recycled materials as part of Eco-Day.



Maths Lite-Bite

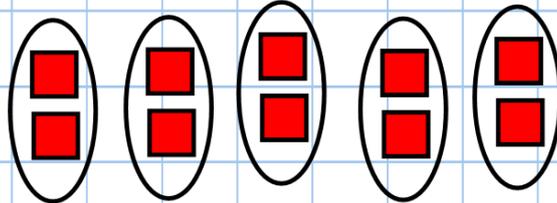


Division as grouping



1. Divide quantities into equal groups

$$10 \div 2$$



Division using formal written method with a remainder (short division)

Children may call this the bus stop method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 752 \div 3 \\
 \underline{250} \text{ r } 2 \\
 3 \overline{) 752} \\
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 \underline{15} \\
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 \end{array}$$

H T O

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 250 \text{ r } 2 \\
 &= 250 \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Set your calculation out so your divisor (the number you are dividing by - 3) is outside the bus stop.
2. Divide 7 by 3 = 2 remainder 1. We write 2 above the bus stop and the remainder moves over into the next column.
3. Now we have 15 in the tens column, so divide 15 by 3 = 5 and write this above the bus stop.
4. Now move to the next column and divide 2 by 3. You get 0 with 2 remaining (left over). As we do not have another column, you write r2 and this can be changed into a fraction of $\frac{2}{3}$

Division using formal written method (short division)

Children may call this the bus stop method

$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \end{array}$$

H T O

$$\begin{aligned}
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1. Answer the problem using the above method.
2. When you get to dividing the ones column and you have a remainder, you can introduce a decimal point.
3. Then move the remaining 2 into the tenths column.
4. Divide using the same method for three decimal places or until you are left with a definite answer.

More Maths Whizzes!

Some year 6 pupils pitted their maths minds in another maths challenge this week. This time it was held at Woodlands School. We competed against 8 other schools. After some rather tricky maths problems, the children did fantastically well and were great ambassadors for our school. They were all awarded medals for taking part. Well done to all the children!



We announced in assembly this week who our Year 6 leaders are. We have leaders for Maths, Reading, Sports and Playtimes. During the year, they will support staff with promoting these areas and leading activities with all the children. The leaders will receive their badges after half term.

Well done to all the successful candidates!

Inspiring tomorrow's generation, today.