

# Millhouse News



We have had lots of visitors this week! On Monday we had Charlotte from the Schools Team Ministry lead our assemblies. She spoke about supporting others and persevering. We also had Robin Taverner and Sue Faulkner visit us on Tuesday and Wednesday. They are both Education Consultants who work with Mr Allen, Mrs Haken & Mrs McGarry. They were both impressed at how well the children were learning and

## Attendance Information

Did you know, that if your child has 90% attendance over the year this means they have missed 4 weeks of school. This equates to around 20 maths lessons and 20 English lessons, meaning your child is unlikely to achieve the expected standard for their age.

If your child arrives after 9:15am, they will be marked as a 'U' which is an unauthorised late mark. This is counted as half a day absent and will affect their overall attendance.

**This week, we again had 10 classes who had 97% attendance or above, including all the reception classes. Well done! The best class was Miss Hinsons's class with 99.4%!**

**Year 6 is the only year group where no class achieved at least 97%. Come on, you can do it!**

*What was your favourite book as a child?*

*Staff have been sharing theirs with the children this week. Perhaps you could share yours with your child.*

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## General Information

### School Clubs

There are still some spaces available in Netball, Tag Rugby and Hockey. We have been invited to take part in a few competitions in the coming weeks so need enough for a team in each of these. If your child is interested in any of these clubs, please complete the original slip or write a note and give to the school office or Miss Bridge by Tuesday next week.

All other clubs are now full and the office have now completed all the lists and are not taking any more slips. If your child is on a waiting list, you will be notified if and when a space becomes available.

### School Uniform

We have been made aware that some parents are taking their own bought jumpers to the uniform shop and asking for our logo to be embroidered onto it. Please note that only the sweatshirts and cardigans from the shop itself form part of our uniform. This is to ensure we have smart consistency across the school rather than different styles and shades. We have asked the uniform shop to stop embroidering our logo.

## Year Group Updates

### **EYFS (Reception & Nursery)**

This week in reception, we have been learning about people who help us in school and we went on a tour of the school to find them. We are very excited about our visit from the Fire Service on Monday!

### **Year 1**

We have been learning Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Year 1. We have ordered story pictures and written captions for them. We have also designed our own Goldilocks or Bear puppet.

### **Year 2**

This week, the children have visited China! We have tasted prawn crackers, used chop sticks and dressed up in traditional robes. We also learn how to write hello and goodbye in Mandarin. The children really enjoyed learning about pandas and their habitat.

### **Year 3**

Year 3 have been working hard in English. We are reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and some of us enjoyed acting as Mr and Mrs Twit with Hawa in drama.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have really got stuck in with their maths and English learning this week with work on compound sentences and adding and subtracting thousands to a number. We also enjoyed building Anglo-Saxon settlements outside using natural materials.

### **Year 5**

Mr Pearl and 2 pupils from Woodlands School have started helping us to improve our basketball skills each week. We had lots of fun and can't wait for them to come back next week! Mr Cox, their headteacher said we were great pupils and that Mr Pearl is enjoying working with us.

### **Year 6**

Year 6 have continued to work hard this week. In maths, we have been learning about numbers up to 1 million. Our topic is all about World War 2 and we have been watching *Goodnight Mr Tom* to inspire our writing.

### Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum has been running in school for the past nine months and is well supported by a number of parents. However, Mrs Darby is always keen to welcome new members. We meet once a month to discuss a broad range of topics relating to school life. If you are interested in being a part of the Parent Forum please give your name to either the school office or to Mrs Darby in Year One.

Next week we will be discussing the school's development priorities with the

### Parental Behaviour

We kindly remind parents to behave in an appropriate manner at all times when on our school premises.

We will not accept swearing, shouting or aggressive behaviour from any parent. Any parent who displays these behaviours on our school site may be asked to leave the premises or we may call the police.

We expect all adults to be positive role models for the children and do not want our pupils or staff to be subjected to any of these negative behaviours

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Times Tables Workshops

Parents are invited in to their child's class on the following days:

Year 1: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

Year 2: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30pm

Year 3: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30pm

Year 4: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

Year 5: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

Year 6: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30pm

Miss Bridge has put together a booklet which parents can use to support their child with learning times tables. This is available on our school website.

### Pastoral Team Update

We are very fortunate to have a strong pastoral support team at Millhouse. These staff are here to support children and their families with a range of emotional, behavioural and learning needs.

We passionately believe that children must be in the right state of mind to be able to learn and develop emotionally.

Our pastoral team consists of:

Mrs Haken – Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Duggins – Learning Mentor

Ms Slade – Behaviour for Learning Coach

Mrs Jones – Inclusion Manager

Please come and speak to one of us if you are worried about your child's emotional well-being, behaviour or attendance.

### Play Equipment

**If children play on the equipment after school, it is the parents' responsibility to make sure they are safe. Please note that the equipment on the KS2 playground is designed for older children.**



# Maths Lite-Bite



## Place Value - whole numbers

When we teach place value in school, we are teaching how much each digit is worth in a number. This is determined by the place it falls within the number.

H T O  
685

In this number, the 6 is worth 600, the 8 is worth 80 and the 5 is worth 5.

M HTh TTh Th H T O  
5,432,187

5 = 5,000,000 (5 million)  
4 = 400,000 (400 thousand)  
2 = 20,000 (20 thousand)  
1 = 100 (1 hundred)  
8 = 80 (8 tens)  
7 = 7 (7 ones)

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## Place Value - decimal numbers

By the end of year 6, children will be dealing with numbers up to 3 decimal places (3dp).

This means that there will be up to 3 numbers after the decimal point.

This number is read as sixteen point five four two.

T O .  $\frac{1}{10}$   $\frac{1}{100}$   $\frac{1}{1000}$   
16.542

The 5 is worth 5 tenths because it falls in the tenths column  $\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)$

The 4 is worth 4 hundredths.  $\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)$

The 2 is worth 2 thousandths.  $\left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)$

### **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](https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Stars of the Week**

This week we celebrated all the children who take part in a sports club outside of school. Rather than give certificates we asked the children what they did, why they liked it and some showed us awards that they had achieved. It was great to see so many of our children taking part in a wide range of sports from football, dancing, swimming, tennis, martial arts and many more.

Staff also spoke about their sporting interests, including Miss Bridge who has played Hockey for Old Southendians team since the age of 13 and has played matches all over Essex and at the Olympic Park.

If your child attends any club outside of school, please send a photo of them wearing their kit, costume, uniform so the class teachers can put it on their 'Wall of Fame'.

If you would like to promote a club or organisation, please let Mrs Haken know the details and she will put it on the newsletter.

