

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Monday 11th July – Children meet new teacher
Wednesday 13th July – Year 2 classes to visit Leeds Castle
Wednesday 13th July 5pm – Governor CARS committee meeting
Thursday 14th July 11am – Nursery Sports Day
Friday 15th July – Reception Pirate Day
Friday 15th July 2:30pm – KS1 choir performing
Monday 18th July 4-6pm – Open Evening
Tuesday 19th July – Discos
Wednesday 20th July 9:15am – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 21st July – 2:30pm – Year 6 'Clapping Out'
Thursday 21st July – LAST DAY OF TERM

Parent Information

We have achieved a lot this year – the first 'normal' year for a while. We have outlined on this newsletter some of the things we have done as part of our school development plan.

Communication

Over the coming days there will be letters coming out regarding arrangements for next year. Please make sure you are signed up to Parent Pay to receive emails and letters.

To ensure all members of our school community have access to support with, and learn how to manage, their mental and physical wellbeing.

Wellbeing & Support

During this year...

- 60 children have been trained as Mental Health Champions
- 33 children have attended 'Jog On' sessions
- 20 children have accessed in-school counselling sessions
- 63 children have attended at least 3 wellbeing sessions after school
- Mrs Kavanagh was appointed as Attendance Officer and has met with 14 parents, spoken to 27 parents and offered support to all of these with attendance.
- 6 children have worked in our in-school social & emotional hub to support their wellbeing and social interaction
- We held an initial mental health workshop for parents – something we would like to expand next year.
- We have liaised and worked with Kids Inspire and the Building Lives Project
- Our PSHE curriculum has covered in each year group: emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and positive relationships.
- Staff have access to wellbeing services both in school and externally
- We have 3 members of staff trained as Mental Health First Aiders.

To increase access to and improve provision of reading for all children

Reading

During this year...

- We have spent over £25,000 on books to improve choice and quality of reading material for the children.
- Worked with Laindon library to improve access to the library and promote reading.
- Purchased a new teaching scheme for Phonics - 'Bug Club Phonics' - this is leading to improved phonics outcomes and engagement at home
- Set up a 'Reading Army' in Years 2, 5 & 6 where every child reads to a member of staff every day.
- Held 2 success book fairs
- Had visits from authors
- Delivered drama projects with a reading focus
- Improved reading fluency and comprehension progression

To enhance children's motivation and their ambition for their futures.

Inspiring Tomorrow's Generation, Today

During this year...

- Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 took part in drama projects that included climate change and confidence building
- Year 6 children took part in our Ice Cream enterprise project
- We had visitors who helped bring topics alive like Graham the Dinosaur Man and Ian the Viking
- Year 5 children learnt about Shakespeare and the drama group performed an abridged version of Romeo & Juliet
- Children took part in a range of sporting events and sports clubs
- Some Year 6 children went on a residential visit to Bradwell Outdoors Centre
- Children have been on school trips to enhance their curriculum topics
- We achieved Enhanced Healthy Schools Status and the Bronze Eco-Schools award
- We improved provision in science and were awarded the Bronze Science Award
- Over 180 children have attended tuition sessions in Reading, Writing, Phonics and Maths

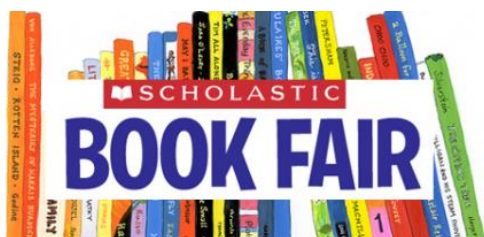
Curriculum Information

Over the summer, the library is running the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is around Gadgeteers. Visit the website to find out more about the Gadgeteers.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>



Every time you read a book, you will collect stickers to go in your Gadgeteers progress booklet. When you have read three books, you will receive a bookmark. Read all 6 books and you will receive a certificate and a medal.



Next year, bring the certificate and medal in to show your new teacher and your name will be put in a pot to be in with a **chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at our book fair.**

The book fair will be held Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September. More details to follow in the new school year.