

# Millbrook Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

As a result of rising cases in Knowsley, we decided to revisit all risk assessments for school visits to ensure they were COVID safe and not bring any additional risk into the area. All external organisations provided robust risk assessments and this week Class 1 and 2 enjoyed a lovely day out at Imagine That. Staff reported that it was very well organised, and the pupils were excellent.

This week we have had three pupils test positive; one was already at home isolating so did not come into contact with anyone from school. Two in the same bubble had to isolated along with their class and staff. Whilst we understand that self-isolation is difficult, it is necessary to stop the virus spreading. One frequently asked question is 'If a child who was in contact of a confirmed case tests negative, can they stop isolating?' Public health answer is: 'No, the child should complete 10 days of isolation.'

Self-isolation has proved difficult for the school as many supply agencies do not have staff however, we have done the best we can to ensure education is not disrupted and thank you all for your patience at this difficult time.

JM Maloney

## Child of the Week (past two weeks)

Nursery am – Storm & Michael  
Nursery pm – Ben  
Class 1 – Sonny & Megan  
Class 2 – Phoebe & Jake  
Class 3 – Lilli & James  
Class 4 – Dylan, Cattleya & Isabelle  
Class 7 – Jack & Oliver  
Class 8 – Isaac & Ruby  
Class 9 – Jack & Jamie  
Class 10 – Max & Jacob  
Class 11 – Tiyah  
Mrs Williams – Sadie  
Mrs McKuhen – All of Class 4 & Ava  
Mrs Yanez – Mason & Hollie

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following pupils who are celebrating their birthday between 25<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Class 1 – Mikey  
Class 2 – Jake  
Class 3 – Mason  
Class 4 – Orion  
Class 8 – Georgia  
Class 10 – Lacey Jo, Aidan & Charlie  
Class 11 – Emilee



## Unacceptable Behaviour

Recently, we have had a very small number of incidents where parents have behaved in an unreasonable manner in and around our school premises. These incidents have been in front of children and as Millbrook Primary School serves pupils aged 3 to 11 years old, you will all agree that the children are far too young to witness adults being verbally aggressive, swearing or being physically aggressive. We have a duty to protect everyone in our school community. School staff have the right to be protected and should not have to break up altercations between parents or have to deal with anyone who is behaving in an aggressive manner or swearing. Children have the right to feel safe coming to school and all parents should model good behaviour, so we all set the right example to our children. It is very rare that the school seeks advice from Knowsley's Legal Department over parent behaviour, but this has been the case recently. We hope all the parents that we have spoken to recently have had the opportunity to reflect and consider how they will conduct themselves in the future.

## School Term Dates 2020 - 21

Summer term 2021

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Back to school - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## Dates for diaries

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jun – C4 to Knowsley Safari Park  
**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jun - C9 Edge Hill**

**University project, Celebration of Achievement event,**

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> – C7 visit Walton Hall & Gardens**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jul – Gang Prevention Y6,

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jul – Gang Prevention Y6,**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jul – C10 & 11 to Crocky Trail,

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jul – C9 to Crocky Trail,**

**Gang Prevention Y6, CLC C3 Mini Beasts**

Frid 9<sup>th</sup> Jul - C3 to Knowsley Safari Park,

Gang Prevention Y6, Reports out

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Health talk School Nurse**

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July – Transition workshop – Y6

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery break up**

Frid 16<sup>th</sup> Jul – C8 at Kirkby Gallery (outside) for Knowsley Borough of Culture Event. Year 6 final day

## Classes and Year Group numbers

Over the next couple of weeks, we are finalising classes for next year. This always presents a challenge as our standard number for each year group is 40 and four of our year group are full. As a result, our classes are organised in vertical grouping (mixed year classes) and our curriculum organised class by class to ensure there is full coverage. One good example of this is Year 4, in September we have 41 children so most Year 4 will go into Class 8. Children journey through the school from Reception over seven years, with nine classes it is inevitable that they will miss two in their journey. This does not mean they have been moved up or kept down. All children are treated equally.

## Attendance

Well done to Class 7 who won attendance two weeks ago with 95.8% and Class 8 for last week – 97.8% Overall whole school attendance was 95.0%. A 2.3% improvement – well done! Knowsley have recently revised their Attendance strategy and have asked schools to target all families with less than 95% attendance from September. We will be making early contact with families whose children don't attend school regularly. There is much to do to make up for lost learning and ensure pupils have a full year in school.