

Millbrook Newsletter



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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.

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 isolate 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 25th June and 7th 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 12th April - Friday 16th July

Back to school - Thursday 2nd September

Dates for diaries

Mon 28th Jun - C4 to Knowsley Safari Park
Tues 29th Jun - C9 Edge Hill

University project, Celebration of Achievement event,

Wed 30th - C7 visit Walton Hall & Gardens

Mon 5th Jul - Gang Prevention Y6,

Tues 6th Jul - Gang Prevention Y6,

Wed 7th Jul - C10 & 11 to Crocky Trail,

Thurs 8th Jul - C9 to Crocky Trail,

Gang Prevention Y6, CLC C3 Mini Beasts

Frid 9th Jul - C3 to Knowsley Safari Park,

Gang Prevention Y6, Reports out

Mon 12th - Y6 Health talk School Nurse

Tues 13th July - Transition workshop - Y6

Thurs 15th July - Nursery break up

Frid 16th 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 groups 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.