

# Millbrook Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the second half term. I would like to thank all the parents who have responded to our plea to improve punctuality. This has certainly improved this week.

Today has been filled with so much activity and fun. Police horses visited our school supported by our mini-police and every class had the opportunity to meet the horses and the police officers. We also had St Helen's Rugby coaches in once again to work with all our children, and this has proven successful and popular. We have targeted Friday as the day to have all special treats and events for children, in a bid to improve attendance on this day. I have asked teachers to book all trips out on a Friday so that we have every child in school on this day unless absence is absolutely necessary.

As we are still seeing coronavirus cases in school, we are not allowing large groups of parents and members of the community in school to avoid any risk of an outbreak or staff catching COVID. Since the beginning of term, we have had 21 cases, 6 adult and 15 children. Luckily, several of the cases have not been in school when discovering they were infectious. If staff are off for ten days or more, this is very disruptive and catching COVID can be worrying, a member of staff had a hospitalisation in their household recently which caused distress and anxiety. Whilst the family member has returned home, the recovery from COVID can be long and difficult.

JM Maloney

## Child of the week

Nursery – Alice & Millie  
Class 1 – All of Class 1 & Ryan  
Class 2- Erin-Rose & Alyssia  
Class 3 – Alanna-Jayne & Maryam  
Class 4 – All of Class 4 & Mason  
Class 7 – Sonny & Star  
Class 8 – All of Class 8 & Hannah  
Class 9 -Alex & Sienna  
Class 10 – Faith & Anthony  
Class 11 – Alfie & Aidan  
Mrs Williams – Jasmine & Lillie  
Mrs McKuhen – Tyla  
Mrs Chambers – Rebecca & Jack

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following pupils Who will be celebrating their birthdays between 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November.



Nursery – Oscar  
Class 1 – Bailey  
Class 3 – Poppy & Georgia  
Class 4 – James  
Class 7 Sophia, Anthony & Star  
Class 8 – Eva, Charlie & Amelia  
Class 9 – Leighton  
Class 10 – Alex & Henry  
Class 11 – Annie - Rose



## Electric Gates

The introduction of electric gates has been successful in safeguarding children from being run over. We have noted that parents are trying to get access with their cars to collect children from after school clubs. **This is not allowed.**

Please do not attempt to drive up. Last night several cars took advantage of staff leaving to drive up and this caused danger to pupils who are leaving especially now as it is dark. There is CCTV monitoring car access, and we will contact any parents who we see trying to gain unauthorised access.

## School Term Dates 2021 - 22

Autumn term 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Spring term 2022

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Half term – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Frid 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Summer term 2022

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term – Frid 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Closed for staff training – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

## Dates for diaries

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti Bullying week – 'One Kind Word' – Odd socks day, Bikeability begins

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti Bullying week – 'One Kind Word' – Odd socks day

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov –Parent Review after school (remotely)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Bullybusters assembly, Parent Review after school (remotely)

Frid 19<sup>th</sup> Nov– St Helen's Rugby training sessions, C10 at Edge Hill all day

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Chemistry with Cabbage – Y6

Frid 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - St Helen's Rugby training, C10 at Edge Hill all day

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – C7 – KHS - Art

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we remind children about what is bullying and what they can do if they are aware of any bullying. Bullybusters are coming in to support us once again. On Monday and Tuesday all children will be asked to wear **odd socks** as we promote 'one kind word.'

## Year 2 & 3 EFC Tournament

Congratulations to Dylan, Jack, Mason, James, Sonny, Freddie, and Max for making it to the semi-finals of the Y3 football tournament! The boys showed incredible resilience as they went on to beat one of the teams 6-0! Further congratulation to James, Ben, Mason, Ema, Lilli, and Louis who played six games, did not concede a goal, and scored 17 or 18 reaching the Merseyside Finals (Y2 will represent Knowsley in this competition). Great team effort from all of the children in Year 2 and Year 3 who have made everyone at Millbrook so proud. They were all very well behaved.

## Attendance

Last week's attendance was 91.2% which is our lowest this year and well below the governments' expectation for schools. Thank you to parents who are testing children when showing any of the three symptoms of coronavirus, high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell. We are continuing to have a small number of cases and working together will stop the spread. Well done to Class 8 who were our highest attenders. We are sure we will get up to over 96% soon. Congratulations to Anna and Freddie (KS1 and 2 respectively) who won our 100% attendance £10 weekly voucher.