Milbrook Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope all parents have received all the information needed about industrial action which has been planned by one of the teacher unions on a national level. As Headteacher, I have had to follow all Local Authority and DFE guidance as well as take advice from my own professional association. Headteachers have been instructed to 'take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many pupils as possible.' With this in mind, I have looked at classes not affected by the strike and legally should attend school. I have also ensured that staff who are in school are not covering duties and tasks of striking staff. That is a clear message from all guidance, hence the disruption for some classes. Please note that there are two teacher unions, and one did not secure enough votes to legally take industrial action therefore they must come to work.

I will ensure that parents are kept informed and reminded of any class closure days. The letter had a table on the reverse to help navigate parents through these dates. I would urge you all to store the dates on your calendar if affected at all. Our school website page gives resources and links for home learning if you wish your child to engage in learning at home - <u>Home</u> <u>Learning - Millbrook Primary School</u> (millbrookprimaryknowsley.co.uk) JMMaloney

Child of the Week

Blossom– Halle, Charlie-Rae & Cole Elm -Joao & Alice Pine – Max & Hayden Willow – Sophia & Teddy Cedar – Mikey & Meda Cherry – Erin Rose & Oliver Maple – Sophia & Charlotte Holly – Anthony & Mason Hazel – Sonny & Cattleya Chestnut –Michaela & Amelia Sycamore – Hollie & Ava Mrs Williams – Jack & Olivia Mrs Chambers – Lily-Rose & Hannah

Happy Birthday nday to the following pupils

Happy birthday to the following pupils who celebrate their birthdays between 27th January and 8th February

- Jacob, Alice & Mason
 Mason
- James & Jack
 Ariana & Alfie
- Anana o - Samuel
- Alex

Elm

Pine

Cedar

Cherry

Maple

Holly

Hazel

Chestnut

- Olivia
 - Skyler

Kirkby Art Gallery

Over the next few weeks, all classes will have an opportunity to visit Kirkby Art Gallery to view the work of a local artist Thomas Judge. Thomas is a Liverpool born artist who grew up in Kirkby. He is entirely self-taught, and his inspiration comes from moments in his life, films, nature, and society. His work will be displayed in the gallery from 16th January until 8th April 2023. It is free to visit the gallery and a wonderful unique resource for the Kirkby area.

Number Day

Next Friday we will be holding a Number Day to further promote number and maths in our school. Classes will do a range of exciting activities. Children can dress up on that day as a number or digit or wear something with numbers or digits on.

School Term Dates 2022 - 23 Half term Mon 13th – Frid 17th Feb Pupils return: Mon 20th February Term ends: Fri 31st March Summer term 2023 Pupils return Tues 18th April May Day Mon 1st May Kings Coronation Monday 8th May Half term Mon 29th May- Mon 5th Jun Tues 6th June Pupils return Term ends: Wed 19th July

<u>Dates for Diaries</u>

Tues 31st Jan - Beth Tweddle Gymnastics, Hazel to visit Kirkby Art Gallery Thomas Judge Display

Wed 1st Feb-Industrial Action, School closed to Blossom, Pine, Willow, Cedar, Cherry, Holly & Chestnut. Young Voices – 12:00pm until later evening (all Young Voice children can attend – see instructions on Class Dojo) Thurs 2nd Feb – CLC Chestnut Binary Messages

Frid 3^d Feb – Mini Police visit to Policing Museum, Number Day – dress up as a digit, Maple to visit Kirkby Art Gallery Mon 6th Feb – Cherry to visit Kirkby Art Gallery

Tues 7th Feb – Sycamore Kirkby Gallery Thurs 9th Feb – EYFS / Y1 Junk percussion day, Holly to visit Kirkby Art Gallery Frid 10th Feb- Willow and Cedar Assembly, Chestnut to visit Kirkby Art Gallery – 9:00am. Break up for half term Mon 20th Feb – children return to school

100% Autumn Attendance

During the Autumn term, 29 pupils at Millbrook achieved 100% attendance which we are very proud of. Congratulation to:

Harley, Marty, Abbie, Esme, Albie, Lucas, Anna, Jennifer, Bobby, Charlie, Lily-May, Elizabeth, Luke, Samuel, Faith, Lilli, Dylan, Jack, Hannah, Isabelle, Preslava, Anthony, Cattleya, Kelsey, Violet-May, James, Archie, Charlie and Anthony.



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Attendance

Last week's Attendance improved once again by 0.7%. Attendance overall was 94.4%. This is just 1.6% short of our 96% target which is the national expectation for schools. Cedar won last week with 97.7% Well done, Cedar. Both Pine and Holly achieved over 96% too so well done to both classes. Our 100% attendance £10 Amazon vouchers winners last week were: Mason (EYFS), Emily KS1), and Anthony (KS2). Well done to these children. Please note that if your child has been instructed to not come into school during strike action then their attendance will be altered accordingly and not affected. Children who are instructed to attend school must come into school.

