

# Millbrook News



19 October 2018

## **NEWS AND EVENTS THIS TERM**

As we approach the half term holiday, I'd like to say a HUGE thank you for your amazing support on the Fun Run Day and all your kind donations.

**Together we raised an incredible £1,955 for school!**

Well done to all the children who took part and especially all our children in Reception class who are new to school and raised £543.50.

Alice In Wonderland from M&M productions was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children in school last week and I would like to thank The Friends of Millbrook whose kind donation really helped.

I am very hopeful that after half term we will finally be able to update you on the Daily Mile Track. It has been a long, drawn out process but we have hopefully now found a viable solution to a very upsetting situation. We will be inviting parents in to try out the track with the children soon if all goes to plan. Watch this space!

Thank you also to all who attended our Open Afternoon yesterday and for the lovely comments written on our 'Comments Cards'.

Have a lovely half term!

**Written by Mrs Stevens, Headteacher**

## **RECEPTION CLASS**

Our new Reception class have settled in extremely well. We recently went on an Autumn walk around our school grounds and the children's behaviour, listening skills and co-operation was phenomenal. Thank you to our parents and families for your support in the mornings. We are nearly all coming into the classroom independently and this is a massive achievement. We have started our Phonics, Literacy, Maths and Topic sessions and are keeping you all updated on our Twitter page @RMillbrookKWigan. All children now have wordless books and are reading them at home. We are seeing a huge improvement in the children's ability to understand images which is fantastic as we will be able to move onto word books after half term. We will also be launching into our topic of 'Be Brave Little One' which focuses on a series of stories about animals who have to face their fears, overcome challenges, resolve conflicts with their friends and accept that we are all wonderfully different. Well done to all of Reception Class for a brilliant first half term at Millbrook.

Miss Lang, Miss Hefford, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Cheetham

## **YEAR 1**

**Year 1 have been on the hunt for a Bigfoot Yeti that has been spotted roaming around Wigan. They have teamed up with a 'monster hunter' and are busy completing tasks to help him study and find this creature.**

**Written by Mr Elwell Y1**

## **YEAR 3 TRIP TO YEAR LLANDUDNO**

Well that was an exciting day!

On the 11th of October, we went to Llandudno on a trip. When we got on the coach, we found our seats and got going. We were really excited but it was a long journey! When we arrived we walked to an art gallery. It was fun looking at the weird and wonderful things in there. After lunch, we went on a hunt for the Alice sculptures that were dotted all over Llandudno. First we found Alice then the White Rabbit. After that we walked to the promenade and discovered the pocket watch and Mad-Hatter. Suddenly, it began to rain but we didn't let it stop us. We sketched the different Alice in Wonderland sculptures and marched up a big hill to look at the view (this is where we got really wet!). We finally found some shelter and made our way back down the hill to spend our money in the shop. The coach arrived just in time and we couldn't wait to get back on to dry off! We had a long but really fun day with lots of great memories.

Written by Rocco Emersic, Athena Hilton & Mrs O

## ***Alice in Wonderland***

The whole school were dazzled by the recent production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Nursery through to Year 6 watched spellbound as the travelling team of four seamlessly switched between all the characters and sets, right in our own school hall. Year 5 had the opportunity to stay behind afterwards for a workshop about theatre production in which they found out about life as an actor, as well as the more technical aspects of putting on a show (such as lighting and sound engineering).

*Written by Mr McLoughlin Y5*

## **YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE LIBRARY**

This week, Year Six visited the newly refurbished Shevington library. We had the opportunity to participate in a poetry workshop with local poet Sue Gerrard. Our theme being ghostly events, we created poems inspired by her own works called 'The White Rabbit of Crank.' We look forward to some of our poems being on display throughout December in the library. Please visit!

*Written by Year 6*

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – MAD HATTER'S TEAPARTY**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September Year 3 held a MacMillan Tea Party called a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. Year 3 decorated centre pieces and banners for the occasion. Cakes, teas & coffee were sold until 11am to parents then the children came into buy. Almost everyone wore a costume and a hat. The money raised was an incredible £730.00 for the charity. Written by Jamie Wilde Y3

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## **VACANCY – LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT**

*We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant – Monday to Friday 1.1/4 hours per day. For further information please contact the school office on 01257 404552.*

### **SAYING GOOD-BYE AT THE CLOAKROOM DOOR**

Can we ask you to please say ‘good-bye’ to your child at the entrance to the cloakroom door. We would like children from Year 1 to Year 6 to come into school by themselves. Our Teaching Assistants are at the entrance to the cloakrooms to assist children if required.

This will allow the teacher to start lessons promptly, help the children to become more independent and also avoid congestion in the cloakrooms.

If you would like to speak to your child’s teacher, please call into the school office to arrange a suitable appointment.

### **SAFETY AT THE END OF THE DAY**

Can parents of children in Y2 to Y6 please wait on the Junior playground for your child at the end of the day. This will enable the class teacher to clearly see who your child is going home with and avoid crowding on the footpath around school.

### **UP-TO-DATE CONTACT NUMBERS**

In case of an emergency, please ensure that you inform the school office if you change contact numbers. Also, if you move house can you please let us have your new address.

### **ABSENCES**

*Please report sickness absences to school each day before 9.30 am. If you ring before the start of school, you can leave a message on the answer phone. Attendance is really important. Please try to ensure that children are in school and on time every day.*

### **WATER BOTTLES**

If possible, please provide your child(ren) with water to drink during lessons in a plastic bottle.

Juice can be drunk at lunchtime only.

Children are allowed to visit the water fountains any time but are not allowed to drink juice during lesson time. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **EARRINGS**

Please remember that no child is allowed to take part in PE wearing earrings, even if they are covered with a plaster. On PE days it is recommended that all jewellery is left at home.

### **MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES FROM SEPTEMBER 2018**

Please remember that requests for leave of absence cannot be authorised for family holidays.

Dates up to July 2020 are available on the school website or from the school office to enable family holidays to be planned during the holiday dates.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY & ALLERGIES**

Please ensure that school is aware of any allergies or medical conditions that your child(ren) may have.

## **POLICE PATROL DROPPING OFF AND PARKING HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE**

Following concerns regarding the safety of the parking outside of school the Police will be undertaking regular monitoring visits before and after school. Please be aware that they will prosecute anyone parked illegally. Thank you.

### **RECEPTION INTAKE 2019**

If your child is due to start in the Reception class in September 2019, please ensure that you have completed one of our red ‘Registration of Interest’ forms –this is also required for children who attend Play Along Pre-school. If you are unsure, please see Mrs Brookes in the school office. The application process will open on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (subject to change) OCTOBER**

22 to 26 Oct : Half term

29 Oct – 1 Nov : Y6 Bikeability

29 Oct : Remembrance Poppy sale begins in school

30 Oct : Year 1 trip to My Life Centre

31 Oct : FOM Dress Down Day

31 Oct : Last day for applications to High School

### **NOVEMBER**

2 Nov : Y6 visit to a Hindu Temple

5 Nov : Applications to Primary School 2019 open

6 Nov : DJ Danny Afterschool Club 1<sup>st</sup> of 5

12 Nov : World War 1 Day (more info to follow)

13 Nov : Parents’ Evening – letters to follow

15 Nov : Parents’ Evening – letters to follow

22 Nov : Full Governors meeting

### **DECEMBER**

3 Dec : Christmas Hospice Toys go on sale

4 Dec : Y3 Wider Ops Performance for parents

5 Dec : FOM Christmas Fair 3.15 – 5 pm in school

10 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance @ 9.30 am  
for Year 2 parents

11 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance @ 9.30 am  
for Y1 parents

12 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance @ 9.30 am  
for Reception parents

12 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance @ 6 pm – ticket  
admission only

13 Dec : School Christmas Dinner

14 Dec : Christmas Jumper Day

18 Dec : Junior Carol Concert @ 6 pm at Wigan Parish  
Church

19 Dec : Y5 to Shevington High to watch a performance

19 Dec : End of term progress reports go home

20 Dec : End of term Disco

21 Dec : Last day of the Autumn term

### **JANUARY 2019**

8 Jan : First day of the Spring term (Tuesday)

### **PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL**

Please send all payments to school in a clearly labelled envelope. Cheques to be made payable to Millbrook Primary School. Payments should be handed into your child’s class teacher or teaching assistant in the mornings.

Dinner money is £2.30 per day payable on Monday mornings or by Direct Debit or Credit Card on line

