



Millbrook News



6 October 2017

NEWS AND EVENTS THIS TERM

A message from Mrs Stevens.

Welcome back to everyone, especially to our new children in Reception who have settled in so quickly it seems like they've always been with us! All the children are now familiar with their new class routines and are working hard. Following a recent conversation with one of our parents, a quick reminder to all – please do call into school if you have any concerns about your child. Everyone is here to help but it's impossible for us to do that if you don't come in and talk to us.

Y3 TRIP TO MARTIN MERE VIKING FOR A DAY

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a Viking?

Well, Y3 can tell you because last week we set off to Martin Mere to become Vikings for a day.

When we arrived we tumbled excitedly off the coach, dressed in colourful Viking costumes. Then we met Finn, the Viking Trader, who magically led us back in time to Mere Tun, a Viking village.

As we entered the village, our noses were filled with wood smoke and the ground felt springy under our feet with mud and dead leaves. We were surrounded by strangely dressed Viking people, who had not heard of life in 2017.

In the centre of the village, smoked a glowing campfire and we took our seats on little wooden tree stumps to find out what the day held before us.

After explaining the day's activities, Mrs Cheetham put us in groups. I was in Mrs Cheetham's group and straightaway we excitedly made our way with Finn, to find out about weapons training. The other activities that followed were foraging for food, weaving with willow branches and roof thatching, which was very tricky. My favourite part was the weaving and I couldn't wait to try it again when we got back to school!

After lunch, and more Viking activities, we wearily made our way back to the coach. Our heads were full of exciting memories and newly learned Viking skills.

What a wonderful day we had and although it was great fun, I'm glad to be back in 2017!

Written by Year 3

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Last Friday, Y3 held a coffee morning to the delight of many guests! Friends and families all gathered in the hall to find cakes, coffee, tea and many more delicacies. Not everything was eaten as there were so many donations, so we sold the remaining cakes at the end of the day. 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' was won by Zofia Shaw in Y6. In the end we raised a grand total of £369.30. Thank you everyone.

Written by Ava Sharrock Y6

AUTUMN TERM IN Y4

So far in Y4 Mrs Bright has shown us this system called class 'dojo'. In class dojo you get an icon and Mrs Bright, and other teachers, can give you dojo points and at the end of the week whoever has the most dojo points gets a prize!

Almost every week, we have PE where we do Bright academy. This is a bit like the Military Academy but with Mrs Bright.

Our class bear from Y1 has been sending us messages. She is working on a digging site at Hadrian's wall and it just so happens that we are doing work about the Romans in class.

Written by Joe Harrison Y4

PLAY ALONG

Play Along have settled really well. We started Sign along (signing and singing) on Tuesday 12th.

All the children really enjoyed the session with 'Crazy Jo' from Funbox. We will also be starting 'Fun Football Sessions' soon.

Written by Mrs Valentine.

AUTUMN TERM OPEN AFTERNOON on THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER from 1.15 pm. You are invited to attend our 'Harvest Themed' Open Afternoon on Thursday 19th October from 1.15 pm. Prospective parents are also very welcome.

RECEPTION INTAKE 2018

If your child is due to start in the Reception class in September 2018, 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.

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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.

MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

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.

DROPPING OFF AND PARKING HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE

A parent has raised genuine concerns about parking outside school and children's safety once again at the start and end of the school day. School are working as hard as possible with the Local Authority about this issue but need parental support, therefore if you would like to contact the Parking Services regarding your concerns, the telephone number is 01942 488280.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (subject to change) OCTOBER

10 Oct : Y1 trip to 'Dinosaurs in the Wild'
11 Oct : Y6 'One Day Creative' workshop in school
13 Oct : FLU Vaccinations R, Y1,2,3,4
19 Oct : Open Afternoon – all welcome
23 to 27 Oct : Half term
30 Oct : After School Multi-sports starts (6 sessions)
31 Oct : FOM PJ Day
31 Oct : Last day for applications to High School

NOVEMBER

6 Nov : Applications to Primary School 2018 open
7 Nov : Parents Evening – letters to follow
9 Nov : Parents Evening – letters to follow
23 Nov : Full Governors meeting

DECEMBER

6 Dec : FOM Christmas Fair 3.15 – 5 pm in school
11 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance for Year 2 parents @ 9.30 am
12 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance for Year 1 parents @ 9.30 am
13 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance for Reception parents @ 9.30 am
14 Dec : Infant Christmas Performance @ 6.00 pm
15 Dec : Christmas Jumper Day
18 Dec : Junior Concert
20 Dec : End of term progress reports sent home
20 Dec : Last day of the Autumn term

JANUARY 2018

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

HEALTH & SAFETY ALLERGIES

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

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.

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 £2.20 per day payable on Monday mornings or by Direct Debit.

