

Newsletter: 14 September 2018

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class.

This week 145 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
18/18	23/23	19/19	16/17	29/30	28/30	12/12

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 98.4% and 6 lates
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 98.5%

Foundation
91.55% 0 late

Reception
94.2% 0 late

Class 1
98.24% 0 late

Class 2
100% 0 late

Class 3
97.05% 2 late

Class 4
96.69% 1 late

Class 5
100% 0 late

Hot Choc Friday!

Children who show 'over and above' excellent behaviour can have hot chocolate on Fridays. [Follow us on twitter #HotChocFri.](#)

This week's #HotChocFri winners are:

SB, BG, CF and LMT.

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: CO

Reception: OE & RJ

Class 1: CC

Class 2: HB

Class 3: NS

Class 4: BT

Class 5: LMT

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

7 Sept 2018	Parent voice at 2pm
26 Sept 2018	Parents' evening at 3:30pm
5 Oct 2018	Parent voice at 2pm
12 Oct 2018	Harvest festival – 9:30am in school, pm (TBC) for the choir at church
25 Oct 2018	Inspire – EYFS & KS1 am & KS2 pm
26 Oct 2018	Break up for half term
9 Nov 2018	Parent voice 2pm
16 Nov 2018	Children in need day
3 Dec 2018	London visit for KS2
7 Dec 2018	Parent voice 2pm
Wk beg: 10 Dec 18	Christmas concerts
14 Dec 18	Carol service at church – details TBC
Wk beg: 17 Dec 18	Christmas parties
20 Dec 18	Inspire – KS2 am / EYFS & KS1 pm
21 Dec 18	Break up for Christmas
7 Jan 19	Return from Christmas break
INSET days: 3 June 18 22 & 23 July 19	PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INSET DAYS WHEN BOOKING FAMILY HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE TERM TIME DATES.

Leadership Signposting:

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or Mrs Thompson on the playground before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mr West and Ms Samuels are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.

Follow us on twitter at the class pages above and our whole school, website linked account



@MillDamSchool

Nursery @MD_EYFS

As part of our topic we have been drawing our faces, as well as labeling them. We have used paint to print our fingerprints, as we have learnt that everybody's fingerprint is unique to them and then drew round our hands, using counters to measure their size. Our new outside area has been thoroughly explored and new adventures have been enjoyed upon our ship. Very well done to all the children in their phonics work.

You have been amazing!

Reception @MD_Reception

This week we have been very busy painting our portraits in topic. We have been learning how to mix colours together to make new colours as well as making sure we hold our paintbrushes correctly. In maths, we have been playing lots of number recognition games and we even took turns to be the bingo caller. As part of our settling in we have been learning to tidy up and to be responsible for resources in the classroom. This led to us having a lengthy discussion about vegetables and fruits in the home corner. We discovered that fruits have seeds inside.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

This week we have been talking about the days of the week, learning how to spell them, what order they appear in the week and finding out what the Hungry Caterpillar ate on each day! In maths we have been counting forwards and backwards and finding missing numbers. We have started looking at our class reading book - Dogger and the children were amazed at how much they could work out just from the front cover. We have enjoyed playing team games in PE, learning about how to attack and defend. In topic, we have started thinking about our body parts and how our eye/hair colour differs.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

The children have been working on different ways to represent numbers. They have used apparatus to support their understanding of tens and ones. We have linked our literacy lessons to our topic of 'Me and My Body' and have been working on collecting information for a non-fiction fact file. We have learnt how to write questions and are trying to use this in our independent writing.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

Our first week back is done and the children have been amazing. We have been busy learning about place value and writing effective descriptions. In topic we have been working on our resilience and ways we can keep going when we encounter difficulty. We have also thought about how we can best demonstrate our school rules of: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Ready and be Respectful. We have been enjoying learning in our new classrooms and using the new library both of which have had a positive impact on how we learn. There has of course been a lot of excitement this week about Esio joining our school and he has already been helping the children with their learning. Looks like we are in for a rewarding year with lots of progress made by all.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Class 4 has settled into the new school year. We have been consolidating and extending our knowledge of place value with numbers up to 10,000. We continue to work on quick recall of times tables facts. Any support you can give your child at home will have a positive impact on their progress. During science the children have learnt how important nutrients, vitamins and minerals are to their bodies. They are working on applying knowledge and skills learnt in literacy to support their science writing. It has been pleasing to see that so many children have been reading at home and have returned their home readers.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

We have had a fantastic first full week in year 6. The children have worked hard and are displaying a positive attitude to their work. They have shown progress and understanding in Maths dealing with place value, rounding and ordering numbers up to ten million as well as looking at negative numbers. In English we have been practising complex sentences as well as writing a recount based on The Giant's Necklace in the style of a diary. Well done to those who managed to use Time Table Rockstars at home for ten minutes a day last week! 100% attendance so far too! Keep it up!

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

What an excellent second week - we really are making a fabulous start to the year. I'm really pleased to see how many children have 100% attendance so far this year, what a fantastic early achievement. Classes have settled well into their new surroundings and the atmosphere around school is calm, positive and purposeful. Well done everybody, keep it up! Our new prospectus is almost ready to send to you and should be with you next week.

