



FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2016
THE MILL MESSENGER

Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term here at The Mill Primary Academy. I hope you all had a good Easter break and didn't eat too many chocolate eggs! I managed to spend some fabulous quality time with my family and I hope the same can be said for you all.

Assembly this week has focused on POP (Perseverance, Optimism, Positivity). Perseverance is when we keep going no matter what. We talked about a young athlete called Katie Dorniden who is well known for the "never give up race!" She was in 600m final leading the pack when she fell with one lap to go. Without thinking she picked herself up and continued the race. By never giving up, she started to catch the pack and eventually went on to win the race – incredible! We followed this up with a poem by T H Palmer called "Try, Try Again" and asked the children to reflect on those 3 words. Why not have a discussion on how we could all focus on those 3 words.

Our first week back has been a busy one. The CEO, Director of Education and Area Directors for TKAT were in school this week with one carrying out a monitoring visit on Tuesday. They were pleased with the progress the children are making, the teaching and learning observed, the data that was analysed in regards to attainment, the impact we have had on attendance, our working environment and parental engagement. There were many positives raised including the leadership of the school and the learning attitudes and behaviours of our students. Well done to you all! We have identified our next steps to work toward and will be making inroads in to these areas next, including a review of the current curriculum.

We are also really pleased to announce that Mrs Toria Bono has secured a Headship of a school for September. She will be moving to St. John's Catholic School in the new academic year and we wish her every success. She will continue to work with us here at the Mill until August and as always will be focussing on the learning and impact we can have on children. Mr Small and I will continue to lead the school next year and we will be looking at adding to and diversifying the staffing to enhance every learning opportunity for your children. It is a sad farewell to Mrs Bono but we are pleased and proud of her achievement.

This term, I would like to trial sending newsletters home via email. Many parents have asked for this and I would like to explore this further. If you do not have access to email, we will leave paper copies in the reception for you to collect. Please ensure you email office@themill-tkat.org so the office has your up to date address.

Kind regards,

Mr. Matt Lecuyer

Headteacher (head@themill-tkat.org)

"There is a difference between giving up and starting over – it's called perseverance."

Stars of the Week:

Congratulations to:

Stacey, Aisha, Ivy, Abdul-Karim, Fameeth, McKenzie, Renae, Felicity, Safia, Orestas, Maisy, Sheri, Caitlin, Janneh, Jasmine

House Cup Winners:

Congratulations Red Camels house for being this week's champions with a score of 45 – we celebrated with a big 3 cheers and a firework clap!

Attendance Cup Winners

Well done Van Gogh Class with a score of 99.58%

EggCellent Award!

This week our EggCellent award goes to Mrs. Laura France. Mrs. France has spent many hours after school and during the holidays ensuring the Numbers Count room is set up with role play areas, resources and displays. Furthermore, she has been supporting Mrs. Pyke with the learning in class, intervention groups and also the learning environment. Thanks you for going the extra mile and for being a role model.



Key Dates:

INSET Days
 May 27th 2016
 June 23rd 2016



Half Term:
 May 27th to June 3rd inclusive

Last day of Summer Terms:
 Friday 22nd July