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| |  | | --- | | Friday 18th November 2016  The Mill Messenger  *“Children in need”* | |  | | *“If I had 6 hours to cut down a tree, I’d spend the first 4 hours sharpening the saw!”*  Abraham Lincoln | |  | |  | | --- | | Stars of the Week:   Congratulations to: Leon, David, Luca, Nadin, Brentley, Azraa, Tommy, Evie, Alfie, Stacey, Millie, Lourenco, Lucy, Jack, Dante, Sophie, Zayn, Marley, Reeba  **House Cup Winners:**  Congratulation to the Courage - Yellow house for winning this week with an impressive score of 32 points.  **Attendance Cup Winners**  Congratulations to Goldsworthy class in Year 2 who have an attendance score this week of 97.5%! Well done - take a bow you are this week’s attendance cup winners! | |  | | **Key Dates:**  **Non Uniform Day –** Friday 25th November  **Non Uniform Day –** Friday 9th December  **Christmas Dinner –** Wednesday 7th December  **Christmas Fair –** Friday 9th December  **Christmas Performances -** Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December  **Last day of Term** – Friday 16th December | |

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Our habit this week has been “**Sharpen the Saw**.” The learning behind this habit is to ensure we stay healthy and keep the tool we work with at top condition – *A woodcutter was trying to chop down a tree. It was taking a long time. A passerby suggested that if he sharpened his saw, he would be able to cut the tree down more quickly. The wood cutter said he didn’t have time! After 2 hours of getting the saw jammed in the tree, the wood cutter decided to sharpen his saw. This took 15 minutes and moments later, the tree was finally cut down. If only he had sharpened the saw in the first place and made time for tasks that kept him and his saw at their peak!*  Children were then able to relate this to their own lives, keeping healthy, having the right equipment for learning, making time for family and friends.

Congratulations to the **Year 4 Badminton team**. They took part in a Crawley tournament last Friday, competing against 11 other schools. They really dug deep and followed the habits of synergize, think win:win, start with the end in mind and sharpen the saw. I am pleased to say that the children represented the Mill with courtesy, positivity and sportsmanship and came away as **Champions!!!!** Well done to all involved.

**Children in Need** today saw the children taking part in team games and raising money for this worthy charity. Thank you to all who **donated today**. If you were unable to there is still time to donate next week. Thanks also to Miss Dearle and all that took part in the **Teddy Bear’s Picnic** last night raising **£80** for Children In Need. Thank you everybody.

This week also saw the launch of the **98 Club**. Children who have attend school for 98% or above last term, were invited to the hall to watch a film. How to train your dragon was screened and over 220 children were in attendance. Will you be in the 98 Club next term?

A reminder that our **Eco-committee** is looking at how we can enhance our environment and help reduce our own carbon footprint. As a result, we will be **emailing newsletters** and other letters in the New Year, to reduce the amount of paper we are sending home. Please ensure that the office have your correct email address on file before this date. A copy of the newsletter will be posted on our website.

Finally, our year **4,5 and 6 school councillors** went to meet **Henry Smith MP** today to discuss what it is like to be a member of parliament and also get his views on education and what the next steps of Brexit are. One member of the audience asked “What is Mr Trump like?!” A topical question I think you will agree!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



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