



Friday 23rd October 2015

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers;

How do we know if we have been successful? This week we have been exploring that idea in assemblies and in class. At Parent's Evening this week, I hope you have seen how successful your children have been and that your class teacher shared with you where they are with their learning. Children are able to access Success Criteria to see how well they are achieving in their learning. This week the Leadership Team and I have been holding "Learning Talks" with children and invited the teacher to listen in. Children were confident and able to explain what they had been doing and as a school we have identified areas to work on for our next steps.

Following on from this, we are all trying to adopt "can do" attitudes and talked about what optimism is. As a school, we are going to be saying "I can" rather than "I can't," and look to keep seeing the things we are good at. Our aim is to use our optimism to persevere with our learning, keep challenging ourselves and use our optimism to cheer up others and be a good friend.

Open Wednesdays – To accommodate as many families as possible and to continue to enhance our home-school relationship, we would like to offer afternoon Wednesday sessions every half term. This will always be the first 2 weeks of term and will run from 2:30pm to the end of the day. Therefore **Wednesday 4th November at 2:30pm** will be for Years 3-6 and **Wednesday 11th November at 2:30pm** will be for Years 1-2. The remainder of the term will continue to have Open Wednesdays in the morning.

How to be successful in Reception – this event will be for our Reception parents on Thursday 5th November at 9.00am, 3.00pm and 5.00pm, and will give you a chance to find out how the children in the reception classes learn and how you can support the children at home. If you would like further information please email Mrs Hazel Garrett our EYFS Leader – hgarrett@themill-tkat.org

Art – Writing Week – The first week back in Term 2, sees the launch of Art – Writing week. Children will be studying a piece of art work chosen by their class teacher. This will be used to inspire writing where children can use the stimulus to plan, research, explore, draft, write, up level and then produce a final piece of writing. To celebrate the outcomes, we would like to invite you in to school for an open afternoon to share the children's learning. This will be on **Friday 20th November at 2:30pm**. Please come and share this moment with your children and then take them home after to celebrate their achievements.

We say farewell to Mrs Sheryl Fuller who has been an amazing support to The Mill. Mrs Fuller has worked with most year groups across the school in her role as Teaching Assistant and leading on speech and language in the school. Mrs Fuller has secured a fabulous position in another primary school that will support her progress on the next steps of her own learning journey. We wish Mrs Fuller all the best in her new job and thank her for all support in her role here at The Mill.

Prefects – We are pleased to announce that we have chosen four children to become The Mill's first Prefects. The children have been chosen for their positive attitudes towards their learning, their social interactions, their role modelling in and around the school and their overall characteristics they show towards creating a better learning environment here at The Mill. You will see them around the school sporting their new Mill Maters jumpers and ties. Congratulations to:

Liam Ryan, Ezri Moulding, Aaliyah Thomas and Ksawery Bykowski



Room 13 – Our Room 13 representatives and committee were presented with their badges this week. They will be transforming the corridor and art room with the creative flair. Congratulations to:



Committee members:

Chenai – Da Vinci
Shakeer, Rowan, Eloise – Riley
Daisy, Destiny – Rousseau
Adam – Van Gogh
Tayyiba – Miro
Angel – Goldsworthy

Studio Assistants:

Holly-Anne – Moore
Jessica, Adam – Rousseau
Tia – Van Gogh
Tahmina, Aaliyah, Ellie – Da Vinci

Check out the Room 13 Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Mill-Room-13-1587972424795035/>

Art Volunteers/Helpers:

Holly – Van Gogh
Lucy – Rousseau
Jezel – Miro
Alysia – Van Gogh
Isabell – Hokusai

Star of the Week – This week are stars are below as always, there have been so many wonderful learning experiences and efforts it was hard as always to choose. My Headteacher award goes to **Chloe Nobbs in Miro class** for her amazing piece of writing of The Dance Catastrophe – check out the Mill Masters wall to see the final piece of writing. My EggCellent award goes to **Mrs Anne Tilbury** for all of her efforts with supporting children's learning in class and around the school.

Reception:	Kandinsky – Picasso –	Salma Chelloug Vladimir Togan	Matisse –	Chloe Evans
Year 1:	Monet –	Hugo Stewart	Hockney –	Chloe McLauchlan
Year 2:	Goldsworthy –	Harry Ahearne	Lichtenstein –	Daisy Simpson
Year 3:	Hokusai –	Jack Corrigan	Mondrian –	Alfie Humphrey
Year 4:	Moore –	Holly-Anne Hester	Miro –	Tayyiba Mahmood
Year 5:	Rousseau –	Keyaan Khan	Van Gogh –	Chloe Wise
Year 6:	Da Vinci –	Ellie Hand	Riley –	Soumayah Larouci



House of the Week – This week's winners of the Mill House Cup are Gazelles with a score of 39. Thank you each and every team member for your contributions in your learning and efforts.

Attendance Cup – Well done to Hokusai class for achieving the highest attendance this week. You have been in school for 100% of the week. Thank you for giving your efforts to your learning.

Have a wonderful weekend and an amazing half term. Have lots of fun and stay safe – try learning something new, perhaps a game, an activity, a new book, whatever you decide.

Kind regards,

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