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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers;

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break and that you got to spend quality time together as families. This week the children have been focussing on their writing skills linking them to art pieces that inspire them. We have pieces from Escher, to Van Gogh, Kandinsky to Modern Art. We look forward to showing you all your efforts soon. We have also been discussing democracy and what it means. The school council have their Mill Masters jumpers and are our democratic pupil voice in school. We are meeting to see how we as a school can support their views and move forwards in the next step of our learning journey. The school councillors are:

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>
Year 1 Monet	Alfi Cook and Florence Hescott
Year 1 Hockney	Chloe McLauchlan and Oliver Jones
Year 2 Lichtenstein	Qaylah Smith and Max Wolthers
Year 2 Goldsworthy	Tommy Moxen and Gracie Clancy
Year 3 Mondrian	Archie Walker and Alesha Merritt
Year 3 Hokusai	Emily Tricker and Freddie Cottee
Year 4 Moore	Merlin Foy and Lola Su Simpson
Year 4 Miro	Dylan Arnold and Chloe Nobbs
Year 5 Rousseau	Adam Ahmed and Jessica Jones
Year 5 Van Gogh	Harry Coates and Caitlin Curd
Year 6 Da Vinci	Lili Burchell and Lee Truman
Year 6 Riley	Janneh William and Aiden France

Children in Need – Next week on Friday the 13th, we will be inviting children, staff and parents to help us raise money for the charity, Children in Need. As such we are asking if you would like to come into school dressed up as a superhero or non-school uniform. We will also all be gathering in the afternoon to celebrate and watch a film together. We are asking for a minimum £1 donation with all money raised going to the charity. We are also fortunate to be able to offer some CIN merchandise (wristbands, badges, balloons etc) that you can purchase to help us raise even more money for the charity. Who knows, we may even have a visit from Pudsey himself! If you do not wish to take part, please come in to school in school uniform. Thank you.

Can you help?

We are looking to collect some items to support learning in school. Currently we have a new "Mud Kitchen" built in our outside Reception area. If you have any spare pots, pans, cooking utensils, plastic jugs, old kettles, bowls etc that you no longer require, please can you send them in for the attention of Mrs Hazel Garrett.

We are also on the lookout for old shirts, t-shirts, aprons etc that children can use when they are leaning Art, DT or working in Room 13. If you have any, please can you leave them with the office.

Music in school – Mrs Emma Gordon (our Music coordinator and EAL leader), is looking for musical maestros! We are aiming to offer after or before school clubs in choir and other musical areas such a simple orchestra, percussion and rhythm. If you are able to volunteer your time to help organise and run one of these clubs please can you let Mrs Emma Gordon know. We would really like to enhance children's learning by exposing them to as many opportunities as possible. I thank you in advance. egordon@themill-tkat.org

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 next **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

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morning at drop off. KS2 will begin on Wednesday 18th November and KS1 will follow on 25th November.

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, uplevel 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.

Star of the Week – This week our 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 Hockney class for their amazing writing this week linked to their artist. I have been privileged to have read some many wonderful describing sentences and descriptive paragraphs! My EggCellent award this week goes to **Miss Stina Dale**. Miss Dale has been driving children’s learning in Year 6 and across the school for writing as well as championing home reading, and supporting the next steps of learning here at The Mill in her Senior Management Team role. Responsive Readers – Congratulations go to Teigan Maher (Kandinsky) and Taylor Warwick (Moore). Most improved class is Miro who move from 97 reads to 151 reads! Well done Miro Class!

Reception:	Kandinsky – Picasso –	Zoya Khurram Hayden Cave	Matisse –	Nelly Allen
Year 1:	Monet –	Oliver Merritt	Hockney –	Ali Vafaei
Year 2:	Goldsworthy –	Maryam Ahmed	Lichtenstein –	Sainabou Cham
Year 3:	Hokusai –	Emily Tricker	Mondrian–	David Baran
Year 4:	Moore –	Tilleigh Jeffreyes	Miro –	Taibah Asif
Year 5:	Rousseau –	Manahil Ahmad	Van Gogh –	Josh Usher
Year 6:	Da Vinci –	Ethan Linsted	Riley –	Liam Ryan



House of the Week – This week’s winners of the Mill House Cup are Cheetahs. With a score of 41. Thank you each and every team member for your contributions in your learning and efforts.

Attendance Cup – Well done to Mondrian class for achieving the highest attendance this week. You have been in school for 98% of the week. Thank you for giving your efforts to your learning.

Have a wonderful and an enjoyable Firework weekend!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Lecuyer'.

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