



Thursday, 17th December 2020

The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This, our final newsletter of 2020, comes with firstly an enormous thank you to you all for supporting the school during what has been a very challenging year. On behalf of all our staff, thank you for your kindnesses and support.

All of our classes have worked exceptionally hard this term and I am pleased to say that as well as settling back into school life with their friends, the children have also made good progress, with many of them 'catching up' to where they should be despite some having prolonged absences due to Covid.

So that the children now get their full school day, from Tuesday 5th January, the school day will end at its original time of 3.00pm. The front gate will open at 2.50pm for Reception parents and carers, but all other parents and carers to arrive no earlier than 3pm please. All classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will be dismissed at 3.00pm from the usual separate places. Year groups will still be kept separate in corridors and stairways and the collection system will stay the same. Morning gates are staying the same: 8.30am gates open. Please continue to socially distance at the gate, on site and please continue to follow the agreed routes.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas videos that the children made for you. <https://www.themill-tkat.org/merry-christmas-from-the-mill/> They enjoyed making them and the school has been full of singing!

Father Christmas joined us for our Forever Proud assembly today, he brought in chocolates for all the pupils and even announced some of our award winners! Thank you to our PTA for getting in touch with him and for arranging the safe delivery of the chocolates!



As many of you know, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Dawson who is moving on to pastures new. We will miss her greatly and thank her for all she has brought to the school in the years she has been here.

From January, we are introducing Music and Spanish to our school curriculum, so please do ask the children what new learning they are doing. Year 1 have been trialling the new Spanish curriculum and it is incredible what they have learnt in a short space of time!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday 5th January and wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Kind Regards

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher

Forever Proud

Despite not being able to get together for school assemblies, we do have virtual assemblies where each class joins in online from their rooms and Miss Plant and myself can speak to everyone from the office. We all miss being together but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate: on Fridays, each class still nominates their 'Forever Proud' award winner that is announced in the online assembly, and then Miss Plant go and myself deliver the children their badges. This week's winners from Reception to Year 6 and reasons from their teachers were:



Picasso Dominykas his confidence is growing more and more each day, and we are really enjoying having lots of conversations with you. You are also a Read Write Inc superstar!

Matisse Jacob approaches every day and every activity with a huge smile and positive attitude!

Kandinsky Emily for settling into Kandinsky so well, making friends and enjoying her learning. A wonderful member of our class.

Hepworth Isabella because she is always helpful and kind to others - what a superstar!

Hockney Ava always comes to school with a big smile on her face and gives 100 percent in everything she does!

Monet Lex - You have been a wonderful class member and we will miss you! Thank you for being part of team Monet!

Goldsworthy All the children in Goldsworthy class for being so amazing!

O'Keeffe Emilia for just being an always child. Always happy and polite, always friendly, and always tries hard in everything that she does.

Lichtenstein Mikael - I love seeing your new found confidence. Always putting your hand up and having a try. Well done!

Mondrian Isaac for working really hard on his handwriting and presentation - challenging himself to make it better! Well done!

Hokusai Hugo has become a reading superstar! He is now doing AR and growing in confidence every day!

Kahlo Lilly for smashing her star reader and have gone up 2 years. You are a star who is quietly shining bright!

Miro Daisy for overcoming hurdles, listening to feedback and making a big improvement in your independent writing.

Moore Alisia for having a great first term at the mill! A lovely and friendly addition to moore class.

Van Gogh Chloe for being a role model to our class at all times and working so hard on everything you do, always! Van Gogh are super lucky to have you!

Egonu Lailah for her eloquent and powerful discussion on whether Santa should deliver presents this year due to Covid!

Rousseau Mackenzie for always giving 100% with a big smile on his face!

Riley Ahda for always understanding how important learning is and never letting anything get in the way (including a broken hand and arm!). You're a true role model to everyone around you.

Da Vinci Ibrahim for always seeking to improve his skills, learning and understanding.

Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 3 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



Diary Dates

Important – Additional School Closure Day on Friday 18th December.

Christmas Break Friday 18th December to Friday 1st January. Followed by an **Inset Day** on Monday 4th January 2021.

