



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to a 'normal' Friday newsletter! What a wonderful week it has been hearing the school full again and seeing all the children back with their friends. Thank you all for your punctuality and positivity - this has really helped them settle quickly. We have ended the week at 98% attendance which is excellent, and means that the children are getting the best possible re-entry into school life by being here every single day.

### Wellbeing Sessions and Class Assemblies

As you know from our FAQ letter last week, we have been running wellbeing sessions and holding class assemblies based around building resilience, confidence and relationships upon the return to school. The children have responded well to these and the sessions are helping us to spot where children might need some extra support. These sessions will continue as we move through up to Easter.

### Room 13

Last week Room 13 saw 26 children from Year 2 and the behaviour and commitment were excellent. Inspired by textile Arpilleras that originate in South America and depict images of everyday life, the children have created their own 'safe spaces' featuring families, animals and homes.



### Safety in the community

I am sure you are all too aware of the recurring incidents that have happened on the paths/underpasses nearby. This week there has been a serious incident which is the subject of a lot of community reaction, particularly in light of high profile cases in the news this week. Thank you to those proactive parents who have been contacting local authorities to request better CCTV provision. I understand from some of you, that you have got a response which is really positive. Whilst we cannot control what goes on outside the school in the community, we do urge you all to please be vigilant around your own safety and those of you with older children who are just starting to be more independent to be especially cautious.

### Homework Hero

Madiha in Year 4 Miro class made a delicious plate of samosas as part of the Mill Community Cookbook project. Thank you to Madiha and her Mum!



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** Athiyya for always trying her best in all that she does. You are an absolute star and we are so happy to have you back!

**Matisse** Olivia H because she has blown us away with her descriptive writing about the troll; she's using lots of unique adjectives!

**Kandinsky** Michael because he has settled into Kandinsky amazingly and has shown enthusiasm in all of the learning!

**Hepworth** Bradley - you have returned to school ready to learn and have put 100% effort into your work this week. Keep up the great work Bradley, we are so proud of you.

**Hockney** Willow should be forever proud because she has tried really hard with her halving this week, well done Willow!

**Monet** Jenson A for being a wonderful class member. You have worked hard, you've been enthusiastic and you are always ready to help your friends. We will miss you being a part of team Monet!

**Goldsworthy** Oscar for following instructions with positive attitude and working hard.

**O'Keeffe** Amelia for her positive attitude in class.

**Lichtenstein** Ronnie for his enthusiasm in class and a positive attitude.

**Mondrian** Isabelle for her super positive attitude coming back to school and trying really hard in all her learning.

**Hokusai** Lizzie for settling so well into year 3! You have put a smile on our faces everyday & we are so pleased you are now part of the Hokusai family!

**Kahlo** Skye for settling back in so quickly to the return and shining with your new found confidence.

**Miro** Faye, because we will all miss you SO much. We wish you all the best in your new school, from all of us in Miro class.

**Moore** Mathias for working so hard in maths this week and the consistent amount of effort that we have seen when working independently.

**Van Gogh** Brady - You have come back to school with an AMAZING attitude to learning. I was also super impressed with your focus and ambition in maths! Just wow!

**Egonu** Ajeema for her use of superlatives and emotive language whilst writing her own persuasive advert for Marks and Spencer!

**Rousseau** Eliza for an amazing first week in Rousseau class - you have been great. Keep it up!

**Riley** Dev for always giving 100% and always asking for help when needed.

**Da Vinci** Oliver E because he is working with more independence and confidence on his return to school.

### Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 6 classes had the highest attendance.

Well done everyone!



### Diary Dates

#### Easter Bank Holidays

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 followed by

#### Easter School Holidays

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

