



Friday 30th April 2021

The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news.

Book Amnesty

Please have a good look at home for any books that might belong to school - we will be very grateful for anything you find! Send them in with your child and we will redistribute them to the classes. Thank you also to those of you who have had a clear out recently and donated your good quality children's books to us. We can ALWAYS make use of good books at school so please do keep them coming!

Community Superhero

A huge thank you from all of us at The Mill to Farelle in Picasso class. While his brother was at football last week, he went on a bike ride around the school and said he is disgusted by the amount of rubbish, so this week he went litter picking and managed to collect 2 bags worth just from the back alley of the school!



Parent Consultations

Hopefully you all have your time slot booked for next week. We aim to speak to 100% of our parents and carers, so please do make an appointment to receive valuable information about your child's progress if you haven't already.

PE Curriculum

Teaching staff had the next part of their training to deliver our 'Real PE' curriculum. This week we looked at how to develop the teaching of gymnastics. This is a PE curriculum we have been implementing and it ensures that PE is inclusive and fun, but also progressive and follows all the expectations of the National Curriculum for every child. Please find out more about it here. It might be something you can talk about at home with your children. <https://jasmineactive.com/solutions/real-pe>

London Topic

If like the rest of us, you sometimes ask children what they learned this week and they say 'nothing', please feel free to quiz them on their London Topic vocabulary! I was very impressed with Year 5 Van Gogh class yesterday when they could explain to me the definitions of 'era' 'iconic' and 'architecture' with confidence! We make sure we build in time to teach new words that might not be familiar in order to widen the children's vocabulary and encourage their interest in new words and meanings.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekends,

Kind Regards

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher

Diary Dates

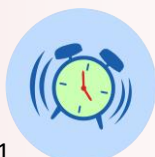
May Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2021, school **closed**.

Polling Day 6th May 2021, school **open**.

May Half Term

Starting Bank Holiday Monday 31st May, continuing Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th June 2021



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 Zion is becoming an independent superstar and has been doing some fabulous name writing. Keep it up!

Matisse Dylan because his super hero writing this week has been 'super'!

Kandinsky Poppy for her wonderful telling of our new talk story using actions and expressions!

Hepworth Phoebe for amazing attitude in RWI all week. Keep up the great work.

Hockney Rital - she has worked really hard this week counting in tens!

Monet Archie - your confidence in literacy is growing and it's showing in your independence of writing! Great job Archie, keep it up.

Goldsworthy Charlie for his positive attitude to writing and maths, which is supporting his progress.

O'Keeffe Gabriela for showing amazing fluency in your maths learning!

Lichtenstein Georgia - we will miss you! You are a kind hard working young lady, enjoy your new school :)

Mondrian Jensen - well done for persevering with your maths this week, measurement is tricky but you kept going until you got it! Super effort :)

Hokusai Riley for being a great role-model in PE and for showing fantastic leadership skills.

Kahlo Reece for always working hard and for being such a great role model in everything you do.

Miro Mason, for his kindness, sensitivity and being a good friend. Yesterday, he took the time to help his classmate with their tie dye t-shirt. What a great role model you are!

Moore Faye - You're always ready to learn something new and have a positive attitude even when you're finding something tricky!

Van Gogh Latita - You are a role model to the class with your enthusiasm for learning. You always think so carefully about your responses and you are never afraid to take risks with your ideas! Well done!!

Egonu Lexi for always being so polite and kind to others. She bounces into the classroom each morning and oozes positivity.

Rousseau Hayden for an amazing week of learning - keep it up!

Riley Oscar for his superb letter writing.

Da Vinci Grace for learning two-digit division so quickly and for making her handwriting just the right size.

Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 1 classes had the highest attendance.

Well done everyone!

