

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news.

Science Week

What an exciting Science Week we had at The Mill!

Thank you to all families who dressed up their children as scientists today, The Mill looks and feels amazing today with all the fabulous costumes you came up with! Have a look at all the great things our year groups have been up to this week!



EYFS This week Reception have been learning about engineers and their different roles. We have been learning this through a story called 'Porty's Whizzing Recovery' and completing different challenges using Lego and completing our 'Engineering Notebook'!

Year 1 This week Year 1 have been learning about the different features of brilliant bridges. The children worked in groups to design and build a bridge strong enough to hold a heavy object using only paper, straws and tape.

Year 2 This week Year 2 have been learning about motion and the use of jigs. We built our very own cardboard cars in groups using some parts as jigs in order to mark out the holes.

Year 3 This week Year 3 have been learning about engineering. We studied super structures and learned how to make structures strong. We then tested how strong our structures were using weights.

Year 4 This week Year 4 have been learning to be structural engineers. We worked with partners to investigate which shape is the strongest when building structures.

Year 5 This week Year 5 have been learning about engineering, we started with a video Q&A session with the head of engineering at Gatwick. For the rest of the week we built our own motorised cars in groups.

Year 6 This week Year 6 have been building super structures and testing which will be the strongest.



PE Kit Policy and PE Days

In the link below you will find our new PE kit policy. Children will now come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

<https://www.themill-tkat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PE-kit-policy-2021.pdf>

The PE Days currently are as follows for the Year groups:

EYFS Kandinsky and Matisse – Wednesday
Picasso – Friday

Year 1 Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 Kahlo – Monday Swimming, Tuesday PE
Moore and Miro – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 Eco Subject

This week, Year 3 have been learning about pollution. We went on a Lichen hunt to spot Lichen in our environment and to discuss what that type of Lichen could tell us about the pollution in our local area. We have also placed three air quality tubes to test pollution rates at different parts of our school. We have also discussed how to reduce pollution by walking or cycling instead of driving.



Room 13 – From Janey

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to bask in some of that sunshine. Finally winter seems to have come to an end! Twelve Year 3 pupils loved animating on a lightbox this week as their contribution towards the Pupils' Pandemic Stories - working like busy bees! They included in their animation many of the items that have helped them get through the Pandemic - lots of video game imagery but also one book made it in!

Hot weather

During the hot weather we are currently experiencing, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. We also recommend for your child to wear a sun hat and for sun cream to be applied before school. Thank you!

Kind Regards



Sophie Gosden
Headteacher

Inset Days School Year 2021/22

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

One further inset day to be confirmed.



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 and myself deliver the children their badges. This week's winners from Reception to Year 6 and reasons from their teachers were:

Picasso Maisie for her super attitude to all her learning and wonderful growth in her confidence especially when speaking in front of the class. You are a superstar!

Matisse Aaliyah because she has shined in all areas of her learning this week. You're always happy to approach a challenge with a smile on your face!

Kandinsky Violet for her enthusiasm for learning, exploring all areas of the environment and challenging herself.

Hepworth Jenson - He always tried his best even when the work is tricky and has produced some fantastic work in Literacy this week. Well done Jenson!!

Hockney Isabelle - She has produced some AMAZING writing this week. Great use of said synonyms.

Monet Jennifer - You have been a super speller this week and your writing has come on leaps and bounds. Great work!

Goldsworthy Archie - You are working so hard in all areas of your learning and we are so proud of how well you are doing. Keep up the great work!

O'Keeffe Antonia for coming back to school with an amazing attitude and creating a wonderful piece of artwork for the class!

Lichtenstein Maisie for being kind and looking after her friends in class this week. What a role model!

Mondrian Lennox for your super effort and perseverance in maths this week! You're becoming a more confident and independent learner with each lesson, well done :)

Hokusai Rahma for being a great friend and a super role model in class. Your behaviour demonstrates the 'Golden standard!' Well done!

Kahlo Jack for being an all round superstar! You show an enjoyment for learning and always strive to show what you can do in every lesson.

Miro Fouad, for settling into our class community, making friends and having a storming week on your AR quizzes, six quizzes passed with a good average. Super work!

Moore Ali - for working really hard on his handwriting this week. You are a star!

Van Gogh Talisha for your amazing confidence to contribute in maths (and all other subjects). You are making fantastic progress and we are so proud of you!

Egonu Harry for his excellent team work skills during our engineering project this week. His optimism and can-do attitude has played a huge role in his team's success this week!

Rousseau Ciara for always being helpful and giving 100% in everything she does.

Riley Fameeth for a huge improvement with his writing. His stories are a real pleasure to read - well done!

Da Vinci Ibrahim for his outstanding attitude to learning.



Diary Dates

The Great Big Community Cook Weekend
26th and 27th June 2021.

School Photos (permitting Covid-19 restrictions allow)
Monday 28th June 2021.

Last Day of Summer Term Wednesday 21st July 2021.

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Attendance Cup Winners

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

Well done everyone!

