



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

# The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news.

## Performances and Workshops

We had an amazing time at The Mill during the performances and workshops last week and want to share a little insight and some impressions with you.

### Year 1

We had some very special visitors last week and got to experience what life was like in London during the Plague and the Great fire in 1665 and 1666. We had a wonderful time and even got to meet King Charles II, Samuel Pepyes and the Lord Mayor! Here's what the children had to say about it:

Seynou: "When the fire reached Samuel Pepyes' house they had to put their stuff in a sack and leave it in their garden. Everyone pulled their houses down so the fire spread less and it worked."

Daliah: "On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June we did a play about the Great fire of London. At the great fire of London 6 people died. The Great Fire of London started in 1666."

Emily: "On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June we did a play about the great fire of London and we put the fire out!"

### Year 2

We had some amazing visitors to tell us about the Great Fire of London in 1665. The children loved every interaction with the actors/actresses and loved having the opportunity to take part in the show.

Isabelle: Enjoyed becoming another character and putting out The Great Fire of London. She especially liked using the buckets.

Gabriella: Recalled how the Great Fire of London started. She also enjoyed taking part as she had a speaking role. "Stay there for 28 days".

George: He enjoyed all the different characters and the costumes especially The Doctor/Samuel Pepyes.

### Year 3

We had a very special visitor tell us all about The Plague and Cholera. The children had a fabulous time learning about how Kitty Wilkinson helped stop Cholera and how different people lived through The Plague!

Reed: "I liked making the soap and choosing different smells and colours! I liked taking photos of children in their costumes as they posed as different characters."

Leo: "I loved making soap and choosing from all the colours and smells. It was really fun!"

Maddison: "I loved dressing up in the nice costumes and making my bar of soap! I thought it was amazing learning about how people lived before us."



### Year 4

We had a very special visitor come to tell us all about the Tudor and Victorian crimes and punishments. We all had a wonderful time learning and working in groups to act out the different crimes and punishments.

Teddy: "My favourite bit was acting out the different crimes and their punishments. I had to order someone to assassinate the king."

Bella: "I liked that when we started acting I got the role to chop off the tongue of the person who had been caught for gossiping."

Ava: "I loved it when we were able to pass around the gun (without bullets) and fire it up towards the sky, I also liked the drama where I was able to throw rotten carrots at the person who sold the rotten fruit."

### Year 5

We have been learning about Georgian, Tudor and Modern architecture in London. Last week, we took part in an architecture workshop where they had the opportunity to make structures of an iconic London building.



Talisha: "I liked building the huge tower with my friends, I particularly liked making the top part because we had to take extra care to make sure that it was stable!"

Nathan: "Last Thursday, I enjoyed making our architectural buildings with my friends. I made The Queen Elizabeth Tower. We used really big wooden sticks and elastic bands to secure them together."

Toby: "I enjoyed working as a team to create City Hall in London. We had to create curved walls using really long sticks and elastic bands (it was really hard!). I liked how big it was and I liked rising to the challenge."

## The Great Big Community Cook Weekend

Thank you so much for taking part last weekend, we loved seeing your photos. Please keep them coming so we can add them to our community cookbook.

## Health and Safety on the School Grounds

Polite reminder that the school office remains closed, please call or email any queries. Should you have to come into the office, please wear a face mask, as on the school grounds in general. We understand that there are exemptions, please do not approach other parents for not wearing a mask. Many thanks.

Kind Regards

*Sophie Gosden*

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

**Picasso** Mya - She is an always child. Always doing the right thing at the right time and always trying her best! Thank you for being a superstar.

**Matisse** Elijah - Because he has been producing some wonderful writing about fish! You've blown our socks off!

**Kandinsky** Dexie-Mae for settling into Kandinsky beautifully and making lasting friendships.

**Hepworth** Martinas for learning to come in to school with a smile, well done. We knew you could do it!

**Hockney** Lexie - She worked really hard on the 5ws in English. She wrote all about the Fire of London. Well done Lexie!

**Monet** Nevaeh - You have been fantastic with division and multiplication this week finishing tasks in record time! Superb work, well done.

**Goldsworthy** Fleur for making fantastic progress in reading! You have come on so far this term, you should be so proud!

**O'Keeffe** Soraya for always having outstanding behaviour and trying so hard no matter what obstacles stand in your way!

**Lichtenstein** George for being such a positive person and always trying your hardest in class.

**Mondrian** Sam - well done for all your hard work on your spellings this week Sam! Your writing has also improved lots, you use lots more tools from our writing toolkit to make your work even more spicy - super work!

**Hokusai** Hugo - For such an improved way of managing his time and his learning. He is taking much more initiative in class and has been sharing some great ideas during class discussions. Well done!

**Kahlo** Daisy for showing your creative side and helping others to succeed during our quilling art lesson.

**Miro** Max for trying his hardest in his assessments this week and showing brilliant progress in reading.

**Moore** Kayden for not letting challenges get you down and instead working hard to overcome them. You have made time to work on your spellings and maths at home every single day which has really helped you work towards achieving your goals. I am so proud of you!

**Van Gogh** Madison for amazing focus in all areas of your learning this week. You have made some amazing progress and I am so proud of how well you have done in your assessments this week!

**Egonu** Archie for making 42% progress in his reading assessment this week! All of your hard work has really paid off! Well done!!!

**Rousseau** Eliza for absolutely smashing your maths and reading assessments this week. You have made amazing progress this term and should be proud of your hard work.

**Riley** Ali for his always listening and accepting advice given to him.

**Da Vinci** Alissa for her improved attitude to reading at home, which of course is bringing improvements: Goblet of Fire completed for starters!



## Diary Dates

Last Day of the Summer Term

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Inset Days

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

## Inset Days School Year 2021/22

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



## Attendance Cup Winners

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

Well done everyone!

