



Friday 22nd October 2021

The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news and the exciting things happening at The Mill.

Year 1 School Trip



On Thursday Year 1 went on a trip to Rusper playing fields. We had a picnic lunch, played parachute games, went on a woodland walk to spot the Gruffalo and his friends and worked on our teamwork skills. Everyone had a fantastic time.

Online Safety

Following on from last week's newsletter, please find attached three Online Safety Posters about WhatsApp, Parental Controls on Android and Apple Guided Access.

Homework Heroes

This week's Homework Heroes are Lennox from Moore class in Year 4 and Riley from Hepworth class in Year 1.

The children in Year 4 are continuing to practice their times tables and as part of the homework tasks Lennox spent 4 hours at the weekend to make this brilliant times table game. Well done, we all enjoyed playing it!



In Geography Year 1 have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. After focusing on our lesson all about Scotland, Riley went home and decided himself that he wanted to create his interpretation of the Loch Ness monster. Well done Riley for being so proactive and continuing your learning at home.



Room 13 – From Janey

Happy Hallowe'en in Room 13 this week!! 🎃 🧛 🧛
33 children attended Room 13's Hallowe'en Festival - we had spooky music, a few chocolates and Hallowe'en crafts.

Children in Need

Join us on our Pudsey-themed pyjama day on Friday 19th November. As a cashless school, we are now asking for donations to be made online via the link below. Many thanks!
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3836>

From all of us at The Mill, have a lovely half term break!

Kind Regards

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher

Absences

In case of sickness, please leave a message via our absence line on 01293 571893 by 8.45am on each day of your child's absence. Please include their name, class and reason for their absence.

School Runs and Parking

Please continue to be considerate of our neighbours in the area around the school by parking only where you are allowed to by law. Please support us in making the roads outside our school as safe as possible for the school community and our neighbours. Many thanks.

Forever Proud

On Fridays, each class nominates their 'Forever Proud' award winner who is announced in our whole school assembly and will receive their badge and certificate to take home. This week's winners are:



Year R Kandinsky Amie C

Year 1 Matisse LJ H

Year 1 Picasso Grayson L

Year 1 Hepworth Majeed U

Year 1 Hockney Teddy F

Year 1 Monet Alfie H

Year 2 Goldsworthy Phoebe R

Year 2 O'Keeffe Teddy S

Year 2 Lichtenstein Emily T

Year 3 Mondrian Maizah A

Year 3 Hokusai Ryan V

Year 3 Cezanne Lacie-Mae S

Year 4 Kahlo Scarlett R

Year 4 Moore Mason J

Year 5 van Gogh Archie W

Year 5 Egonu Ava C

Year 5 Rousseau Elodie S

Year 6 Riley Harry W

Year 6 da Vinci Talisha M

Year 6 Turner Makayla N

Well done to all of you!

Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 5 classes had the highest attendance again.

Well done everyone!



Diary Dates

Autum Half Term Break

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021

Year 6 Residential Trip Information Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 3pm in the school hall

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Wednesday 17th November 2021

(last day to register online: 10th November)

Children in Need Pudsey-themed pyjama day

Friday 19th November 2021

Easy Lunch Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December 2021





Launching Rainbow Assemblies, 2021-2022

The goal is for every pupil to feel proud about who they are.

Pupils will be supported to:

- 1) Research and share their life story in the autumn term
- 2) Express their story through poetry and artwork in the spring term
- 3) Be inspired by the stories of every day heroes and sheroes in our school community in the summer term.

Partnership with Crawley Museum

Every pupil will have the opportunity to display their art work in an exhibition at either The Mill Primary Academy or Crawley Museum (<https://crawleymuseums.org/>).



How can we help at home?

Each child will bring home a set of questions to research and prompt family story telling over half term. Please support your child to research their story, in a way that is most appropriate for them. We encourage you to tell simple, every day stories from your child's early life, your life before they were born and stories passed down from the older generations in your family or community. Anything which gives your child a sense of their heritage in a supportive and positive way.

Here is an example to give you some ideas: [▶ Desmond's Life | Draw My Story | HiHo Kids](#)

For more information, or resources such as a pencil and paper, please contact your child's teacher.

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