



Friday 27th May 2022

The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

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

The Miller's Cafe

We're excited to announce that from Thursday 9th June, from 9.00 am to 10.00 am, and every Thursday after, we are reopening our cafe: 'The Miller's'. This is a brilliant opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and meet some of the school community informally. The pastoral team will be there for any support they can offer. As well as this we hope you'll be able to network with other parents within our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Day Dates

Please see below for a list of confirmed Sports Day dates, full details and times will be communicated nearer the time.

EYFS	Friday 1 st July (AM) – Playground
Year 1	Friday 1 st July (PM) – Playground
Year 2	Tuesday 28 th June (PM) – Playground
Year 3	Monday 27 th June (AM) – Playground
Year 4	Monday 27 th June (PM) – Playground
Year 5+6	Tuesday 28 th June (10.00am-12.00pm) – ICC field

School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Updated PE Day Schedule

Below is our updated PE timetable. Children attend school in their PE kits on their PE days. Children scheduled for swimming lessons are to wear their uniform and bring their swimming kit in a named bag. Many thanks for your support.

EYFS	Monday AM and Tuesday AM
Year 1	Monday PM and Friday PM
Year 2	Tuesday PM and Wednesday PM
Year 3	Monday PM and Wednesday AM (Hokusai swimming)
Year 4	Monday PM and Friday AM
Year 5	Thursday AM and Friday PM
Year 6	Tuesday PM and Thursday AM/PM (depending on class)

Uniform Discount from Gooddies

Gooddies, one of our uniform embroidery providers, is offering a 5% discount on all orders placed through [The Mill store on their website](#) between 16th May and 15th June 2022.

Young Lives vs. Cancer

Cancer affects not only your physical health, but every aspect of your life, and that is where 'Young Lives vs Cancer' comes in. We know everyone's different, so we work hard to provide support that's easy to access and meets individual needs. We help families find the strength to face everything cancer throws at them. Join our easy fundraising link every time that you go shopping. It's simple to use and it's free:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

E-Safety Update

Online safety of our children is paramount and, as you know, best practice is for children to have access to devices only when parents are monitoring their use at all times. Please have a look at the linked posters from the National Online Safety website that you may find useful especially when monitoring your children's devices.

[Friends and Followers Poster](#)

[Age Ratings Poster](#)

[SnapChat Poster](#)

In school we continuously remind children how to stay safe online and we know that as parents you work hard with us to achieve this.

Warm Weather Conditions

With the warmest term approaching, we will hopefully see a lot more sunshine. We would like to politely remind you that children should have a refillable water bottle in school every day. Please also consider to apply sun screen before school and provide your child with a sun hat when temperatures peak. Many thanks for your support in keeping the children healthy and happy.

Healthy Lunches

At The Mill we encourage families to provide children with balanced, healthy lunches and snacks. For inspiration and advice, please have a look at the linked guides from the NHS website on [Healthier Lunchbox Recipes](#) and [Healthier Food Swaps](#). You might also want to check out the free [NHS Food Scanner](#) app, which can find healthier swaps of your family's favourite foods with a quick scan. Please also note that snacks and lunches must not contain nuts, as we have several children with severe nut allergies in school.

We wish everyone a lovely, and hopefully beautifully sunny, half term break as well as lots of fun for the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next week. We look forward to seeing you back for the summer term on Monday 6th June.

Kind Regards

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher



Makaton in Early Years

Every week we will now share our Makaton signing with you! Makaton is amazing and the children all enjoy joining in with signs to support their words. Here is the link to this week's Makaton sign 'Grow'. We are currently practicing 'The National Anthem' in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee. You can revisit previous signing on our [website](#).

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 Aariz R
- Year R Matisse Frank B
- Year R Picasso Betsy H
- Year 1 Hepworth Isla R
- Year 1 Hockney Saad L
- Year 1 Monet Spencer N
- Year 2 Goldsworthy Jensen M
- Year 2 O'Keeffe Pippa G
- Year 2 Lichtenstein Ethan H
- Year 3 Mondrian Ava C
- Year 3 Cezanne Kayden G
- Year 3 Hokusai Anayah M
- Year 4 Kahlo Adriana K
- Year 4 Moore Miguel V
- Year 5 van Gogh Enzo J
- Year 5 Egonu Izabella L
- Year 5 Rousseau Teddy O
- Year 6 Riley Olly R
- Year 6 da Vinci Amy C
- Year 6 Turner Rhia W



Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 3 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



Inset Days School Year 2022/23

Thursday 1st September & Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 30th September 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 5th June 2023

Diary Dates

Half Term Break
Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June 2022, back to school on Monday 6th June 2022.
PTA Father's Day Sale
Thursday 16th June 2022
PTA Summer Fair & Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 30th June 2022
Summer Holidays
Last Day of Term: Wednesday 20th July 2022
Inset Days: Thursday/Friday 1st/2nd September
Return to school: Monday 5th September 2022



Important – Change to last day of Summer Term

Please note that due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee an additional day of summer holidays has been instated by TKAT on Friday 22nd July. This will move our planned inset day to Thursday 21st July. **The last day of school will now be Wednesday 20th July 2022.**

