



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# The Mill Messenger



Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

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

## Important - School Dinner Bookings

Unfortunately, the system to book school dinners will not be available between 16<sup>th</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January due to planned maintenance. Please pre-book school dinners for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 by the end of day today, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks and apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Attendance Competition Winners

Congratulations to the four winners of our Attend to Achieve Competition. The competition ran since November and we have announced the winners in our Forever Proud assembly today. In Key Stage 1, Max R won the first prize of a bike or scooter of his choice and Emilia M won the £30 voucher for Hollywood Bowl. In Key Stage 2, Miesha D won a bike or scooter and Jaxson H won the Hollywood Bowl voucher. A big well done to you all! Keep an eye out for our next competition.

## Updated PE and Forest School Schedule

Please note that there have been changes to the schedules for PE and Learning Without Walls (Forest School) for the new term. Please find the updated schedules below.

[PE Timetable Spring](#)

[Learning Without Walls Spring Term 1](#)

Children are to wear their PE kit to school on their PE and Forest School days. For Forest School, they should also bring their outdoor kit in a named bag. Children in classes scheduled to go swimming are to wear their uniform to school and bring their swimming kit in a named bag. Thank you for your support.

## Online Safety at Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching, we know a lot of children may receive new tech for Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a free app available to all of our school community: Safer Schools. It can be downloaded from all app stores and activated using the following code: 7440 Also, [here](#) you can find a very handy guide from National Online Safety about setting up devices safely.

## After School Sports Clubs

Polite reminder a new overview sheet for clubs starting in January will be sent to all families today, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. Please note that all clubs are first-come-first-served and places will be confirmed in the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> January ahead of the clubs starting in w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## Gamechangers Football Clinic

For the upcoming winter break Gamechangers have organised two full day football clinics. Spaces are limited, to secure a spot for your child now by filling in [this form](#). Gamechangers, 07508998251, [info@crawleygamechangers.co.uk](mailto:info@crawleygamechangers.co.uk).

## UKHarvest HAF Family Fun Day

UKHarvest are hosting a FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00am to 3.00pm at the Apple Tree Centre, Ifield Avenue, Crawley. This is suited for children aged 4 to 16. Further information can be found [here](#).

## PTA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who visited the PTA Christmas Fayre this Thursday. Funds raised will be going towards much appreciated PTA projects across the school. A big thank you also to our PTA team for working tirelessly to make this event happen.

## Learning Without Walls – Parent Information Meeting

Mrs Hughes, our LWW lead, would like to invite interested parents and carers to the Cafe on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, from 9.00 to 9.30am. We will be holding an informal meeting to give more information about the benefits of LWW (Forest school/outdoor learning) and encourage more volunteers to help with our sessions. Please come along if you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis. We look forward to meeting you. Many thanks.



## Learning Without Walls – Christmas Competition

LWW Christmas competition. Send in your pictures of the biggest Christmas tree you can find. It might be a natural pine tree in the woods or a nicely decorated tree you see in someone's garden. It needs to be outside and big. Please send your photos with the child's name and class to [lww@themill-tkat.org](mailto:lww@themill-tkat.org). We look forward to your pictures!

**From all of us at The Mill, a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a well deserved enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing you again, happy and healthy, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

Kind Regards

Sophie Gosden  
Headteacher

## Makaton in Early Years

Every week, we will now share our Makaton signing with you.

This week's signing is: [Please](#)

We are signing the song: [We Wish You A Merry Christmas](#)

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 1 Hepworth	Kelly J
Year 1 Monet	Mollie S
Year 1 Hockney	Jayden R
Year 2 Goldsworthy	Andy C
Year 2 Lichtenstein	Amie C
Year 2 O'Keeffe	Grayson L
Year 3 Hokusai	Harley L
Year 3 Cezanne	Tymon N
Year 3 Mondrian	Aria L
Year 4 Kahlo	Noah H
Year 4 Moore	Emily C
Year 4 Miro	Elsa C
Year 5 Rousseau	Azlan H
Year 5 Egonu	Abdul M
Year 5 van Gogh	Sophie G
Year 6 da Vinci	Abbie R
Year 6 Riley	Dylan T
Learning Without Walls	Chloe A
Reading - Book Winners	Freija E, Chloe A, Phoebe R, Izyan M, Ziane M and Lucy T – and Lichtenstein class won a new book for their reading corner.



## Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 6 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



## Diary Dates

### Christmas Break

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

**INSET DAY (Important – this has changed)**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

(This replaces Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.)

### PTA Valentine's Disco

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

(Information to follow closer to the date.)

### February Half Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Back to school Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February due to Inset Day.

### INSET DAY

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### PTA Mother's Day Sale

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

(Information to follow closer to the date.)

