



Friday 19th January 2024

The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

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

Book Amnesty

We would like to say a huge thank you to those families who have recently donated their children's used books to us. This does not only help the school save money, but also enables children to experience a much wider range of books. We are always grateful to accept donations of books.

Reminder - Lunch Menu

As a reminder, you can find our most recent lunch menu [here](#).

PTA Valentine's Day Disco

The PTA will be hosting their annual Valentine's Day Disco on Thursday 8th February 2024. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 29th January. Tickets are £5 and will be available in the playground after school every day, cash and card payments accepted. Further information to follow.

Writing at The Mill Parent Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first parent workshops this week. Mrs Burnett led a writing workshop showing, and explaining, how writing is taught throughout the school and how best to support children's development at home. We received wonderful feedback from all who came along. Some of the wonderful comments included 'I loved it. I think it's a fantastic opportunity that the school offers this. It's always a good idea to include parents and inform us of what the children actually learn as we can only go off what our children tell us which isn't always the most informative!'

The feedback we received about how it could be improved was to offer more sessions and cover more subjects...so watch this space!

Sports Games Events

Yesterday, seven Year 5/6 students took part in the Crawley Schools Netball Festival. They took part in lots of different activities (in the freezing cold) and played some games against other schools.

Our football team has qualified for the finals night in the Crawley Schools Year 5/6 Football League. They finished 2nd in their group and will take part in the quarter finals next Thursday. Hopefully we will have some exciting news next week!

Open Afternoons

Please find the remaining dates below. We look forward to seeing you.

KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Open afternoon (2.20 - 2.45): Thursday 25th January

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Open afternoon (2.20 - 2.45): Tuesday 30th January

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: [Happy & Sad](#)

We are signing the song: [Baa Baa Black Sheep](#)

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:

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| Reception | Grayson M (Matisse) |
| Year 1 Hepworth | Rayaan H |
| Year 1 Monet | Annaiah A |
| Year 1 Hockney | Adriaan C |
| Year 2 Goldsworthy | Praise O |
| Year 2 Lichtenstein | Molly C |
| Year 2 O'Keeffe | Myron B |
| Year 3 Hokusai | Maisie P |
| Year 3 Cezanne | Poppy C |
| Year 3 Mondrian | Anna P |
| Year 4 Kahlo | Isabelle T |
| Year 4 Moore | Nevaeh M |
| Year 4 Miro | Daliah-Rose P |
| Year 5 Rousseau | Kaci-Leigh S |
| Year 5 Egonu | Labibah A |
| Year 5 van Gogh | Laura N |
| Year 6 da Vinci | Mylie T |
| Year 6 Riley | Yunus R |
| Learning Without Walls | Noah H |
| Reading - Book Winners | Blake H, Emily C and Amie C – and da Vinci class won a new book for their reading corner. |



Attendance Cup Winners

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



Diary Dates

IMPORTANT - CANCELLED INSET DAY

Children are to attend school on **Monday 22nd January 2024**, the school will be open as normal.

PTA Valentine's Disco

Thursday 8th February 2024
(Information to follow closer to the date.)

February Half Term

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024
Back to school Tuesday 20th February due to Inset Day.

INSET DAY

Monday 19th February 2024

PTA Mother's Day Sale

Thursday 7th March 2024
(Information to follow closer to the date.)

Easter Break

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024.
This includes a bank holiday on Friday 29th March.

