



Friday 23rd February 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.

World Book Day 2024

This year's World Book Day is on Friday 8th March and year groups are encouraged to dress up in the set themes. Further information about costumes and activities planned for the day can be found in [this letter](#) that was sent yesterday.

EYFS Julia Donaldson
Year 1 Fairy Tale
Year 2 Heroes and Villains
Year 3 Mr Men and Little Misses
Year 4 Roald Dahl
Year 5 Little People, Big Dreams
Year 6 Magical Worlds

We also invite you to read with your child in class on the day. KS2 (Years 3 to 6) from 8.30 to 8.50am and EYFS/Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) from 2.30 to 2.50pm.

PTA Mother's Day Sale

The PTA will be holding their annual Mother's Day Sale on Thursday 7th March. Children in Years 1 to 6 will be given the opportunity to be taken to the sale during the school day. Presents can be purchased at the price of £2.50 and children will need to bring this in a named envelope on the day. Children in EYFS/Reception will, as in previous years, make their presents with the PTA, these will be free of charge.

Open Mornings & Afternoons

For the current term, we will again be offering open mornings as well as 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 14th March
Open morning (8.20 - 8.45): Wednesday 28th February

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Open morning (8.20 - 8.45): Tuesday 5th March
Open afternoon (2.20 - 2.45): Tuesday 19th March

EYFS/Reception Open Afternoons

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in EYFS for the following dates.

Tuesday 27th February 2.15-2.45 Stay & Play
Tuesday 12th March 2.15-2.45 Stay & Write Workshop
Tuesday 26th March 2.15-2.45 Spring Craft Workshop

Wellbeing Ambassadors

The Wellbeing Ambassadors are a group of children from Years 5 and 6 who have been specially trained to help other children with their wellbeing. They will be on the playground during lunchtimes ready to help others with any problems that they may have such as friendships or just be there to have a chat with. The Wellbeing Ambassadors are experts on how to improve wellbeing and will be ready and able to assist in whatever way that they can.



Spring Term Parents Evenings – Save the Date

Our Spring Term Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March and you will receive an invitation email with a booking link in the next week. As in previous years, you will be offered a 10 minute face-to-face appointment to be held in the school hall. As always, we aim to see 100% of parents as it is crucial to discuss your child's learning progress with their class teacher. Many thanks for your support.

Important – School Dinner Bookings

Please ensure that all school dinners are pre-booked through our SchoolGateway app in advance for each day your child would like a hot meal at school. This applies also if your child is entitled to free school meals. Going forward, teachers will not be able to book these in the classrooms anymore. Many thanks.

Easter Holiday Music Workshop

West Sussex Music are offering an Easter holiday music workshop on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April for children aged 8 to 16, this is free for children receiving free school meals, and half price for those on other benefits. For further details and information how to sign up, please see their flyer [here](#).

Homework Hero

During half term, Olivia from Hokusai in Year 3 class worked on a lovely diary. She wrote entries about all the things she did each day during the break and added pictures too. Great work, Olivia!



Schoolwork Hero

Rafael from Hockney class in Year 1 has been carrying on his learning about the Titanic from our History lessons. He made a model of the Titanic and an iceberg out of Lego bricks. He used his creation to act out what happened to the Titanic. Well done, Rafael!



Holiday Adventure Camp at The Mill

We are excited to announce that we are running a new Adventure Camp for children aged 8+ at The Mill in the Easter holidays from 8th to 12th April, daily from 10am-4pm. Activities will include zorbing, climbing, scooters, archery, bush craft, art and much more. There will be free HAF spaces for children on Free School Meals. For more information visit the [Summer Adventure Camp](#) website. Please click the link for [private bookings](#) or for the [HAF booking service](#) to secure your child's space. Becci, the camp manager, will be coming into The Mill on Wednesday 28th February to run an assembly for the children. There will also be a parent workshop on the same day at 2.30pm in the Café to allow you to ask questions about the camp and to assist with bookings if needed.

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: [Goat](#)

We are signing the song: [Old McDonald had a Farm](#)

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	Ella B
Year R Matisse	Lola B
Year R Picasso	Mikai B
Year 1 Hepworth	Joni B
Year 1 Monet	Lyba M
Year 1 Hockney	Maya R
Year 2 Goldsworthy	Harry G
Year 2 Lichtenstein	Kayla G
Year 2 O'Keeffe	Yosra H
Year 3 Hokusai	Akif S
Year 3 Cezanne	Rufaida S
Year 3 Mondrian	Izzyan M
Year 4 Kahlo	Ava C
Year 4 Moore	Teddy S
Year 4 Miro	William O
Year 5 Rousseau	George R
Year 5 Egonu	Rian C
Year 5 van Gogh	Gabriela C
Year 6 da Vinci	Kirsty L
Year 6 Riley	Hannah C
Reading - Book Winners	Ibrahim J, Spencer N and Pratyush R – and Riley class won a new book for their reading corner.



Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 4 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



Diary Dates

PTA Mother's Day Sale

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

World Book Day

Friday 8th March 2024

PTA Easter Bake Sale

Thursday 28th March 2024 at 3pm

Easter Break

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

May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos

Monday 20th May 2024

May Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

INSET Day

Monday 3rd June 2024

