



Friday 8th March 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

Today, we celebrated World Book Day at The Mill and we had the most amazing day. All the costumes of the children and adults in school were absolutely fantastic and we loved how thoughtful and creative you have all been to support the children on this special day. The PTA have chosen a special book winner from each class, plus every child in the school has received a new bookmark. Make sure you make use of your child's book token, these will be sent home with the children today.



Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11th to 22nd March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved. Each day for the 2 weeks, we will be recording how many of our children walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school. Schools will be entered into a daily prize draw for rewards including equipment and accessories and we are competing against other schools across the UK.

Room 13 Easter Café & Sale

Room 13 will be hosting an Easter Café during the school day on Thursday 28th March where children can purchase Easter cookies (50p each) and milkshakes (£1 each). There will also be a sale of items made with our new 3D printer, there will be rings, key rings, bangles and pin badges between 50p and £1 each. Please provide your child with some money on the day if you wish for them to purchase anything. All information can also be found in this [flyer](#).



Spring Term Parents Evenings

Our Spring Term Parents Evenings will be held in the week commencing Monday 18th March and you have received an invitation email from the booking service provider SchoolCloud on Friday 1st April with a booking link. Please also check your spam/junk folder for this in case you have not received this. 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.

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

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

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 12th March 2.15-2.45 Stay & Write Workshop

Tuesday 26th March 2.15-2.45 Spring Craft Workshop

Important – School Dinner Bookings

Polite reminder to ensure that all school dinners are pre-booked through our SchoolGateway app. Teachers are not be able to book these in the classrooms anymore. Many thanks.

After School Sports Clubs

All after school sports clubs will have their last session in the w/c 25th March. A new overview, for years R to 6 will be sent on Thursday 28th March (last day of term) at 6pm. As always, club spaces are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

Dance Club Performance at the Hawth

On Monday, 23 children from our after school Dance Club performed in front of a sold out Hawth Theatre at the Just Dance Crawley 2024 show. The children have worked hard on their routine all term and made us forever proud of their amazing performance. Well done everyone!

Year 4 Violin Lesson Opportunity

Earlier this week, a violin teacher from West Sussex Music held a demonstration for children in Year 4. If you are interested in signing your child up for lessons, please see [this letter](#).

Holiday Adventure Camp at The Mill

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.

Kind Regards

Susan

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher



Makaton in Early Years

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

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

We are signing the song: [Chick, Chick, Chicken](#)

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	Eric H
Year R Matisse	Luna S
Year R Picasso	Hunter B
Year 1 Hepworth	Malick J
Year 1 Monet	Tristan N
Year 1 Hockney	Maximilian T
Year 2 Goldsworthy	Amelia K
Year 2 Lichtenstein	Jack W
Year 2 O'Keeffe	Talya H
Year 3 Hokusai	Joshua A
Year 3 Cezanne	Evie K
Year 3 Mondrian	Gurmeet K
Year 4 Kahlo	Lexie D
Year 4 Moore	Riley C
Year 4 Miro	Erik B
Year 5 Rousseau	Idrees V
Year 5 Egonu	Joey W
Year 5 van Gogh	Lacie-Mae S
Year 6 da Vinci	Emily B
Year 6 Riley	Rida A
Reading - Book Winners	Mia-Grace T, Naveyah G, Tristan N – and da Vinci, Riley and Moore won a new book for their reading corners.



Attendance Cup Winners

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



Diary Dates

Science Week Dress-Up Day

Friday 15th March 2024

Room 13 Easter Café & Sale

Thursday 28th March 2024 during the school day – Café

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

