

Millhouse Primary School

Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

What a busy first week back! The children returned to school after the half term break refreshed and full of enthusiasm for their learning.

Year 5 pupils in Class 4 took part in Bikeability and had a great time learning how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. The instructors from Active Barnsley congratulated the children on developing their cycling skills and also on their excellent listening and general behaviour. I accompanied them for some of the time and was so impressed to see the improvements they made over the 3 days. Well done Year 5!

Children in Need

On Friday 13th it is Children in Need day. The School Council would like to support this and have discussed a number of ways to raise money. Children can wear pyjamas/onesies or anything yellow or spotty in return for a donation.

They would like to hold a colouring competition – entry costs 20p. Colouring sheets are available from classrooms and need to be returned to school by Friday.

This week we are also holding a special reading challenge linked to Children in Need. If children complete the school expectation of reading 3 times a week, they will be entered into a special raffle and have the chance of winning a cuddly Pudsey Bear! We are looking forward to getting involved and supporting this great cause!



Sporting News!

We have continued our involvement with Penistone4Sports this year. Although we cannot currently meet up with other schools to take part in tournaments, the P4S organiser has arranged a programme of virtual tournaments for local schools to participate in.

Class 5 competed in a netball skills tournament before half-term and achieved 3rd place – fantastic! Class 3 have also taken part in a netball themed tournament and the results were announced at the end of last week. We came second overall. Well done Class 3! An amazing achievement!

Attendance

Well done to Class 2 and 3 for the joint highest attendance last week.

Fabulous!

Class 1 – 96.9%

Class 2 – 99.0%

Class 3 – 99.0%

Class 4 – 98.9%

Class 5 – 94.3%



Remember every day, counts!

Special Mentions

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday to:

Class 1 – Lucy and Evelyn

Class 2 – Evangeline and Frankie

Class 3 – Joshua and Amelia

Class 4 – Jay and Jess

Class 5 – Poppy and Faith



Fantastic effort!

Tough Tortoises

We present Tough Tortoise certificates for being determined; persevering even when we find things hard; ignoring distractions.

In Friday's assembly, we awarded certificates to:

Ava (Class 1);

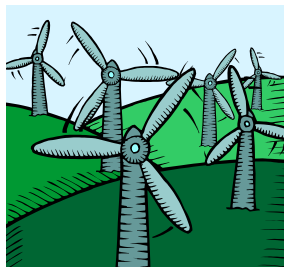
Ivy (Class 2);

Archie (Class 3);

Ebony (Class 4);

Lilly (Class 5).





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Covid-19: Important reminders – We ask that you read these carefully.

We all have a role to play in keeping our school and community safe. Contact school by telephone or email (k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk) if you are unsure about whether to send your child to school and need advice.

Do not send your child to school if:

- they have symptoms of Coronavirus (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual); a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) or have tested positive
- you, someone in your household or support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive.

You should book a free Coronavirus (COVID-19) test and self-isolate in line with the guidance below and at

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

When should you self-isolate?

Self-isolate immediately for at least 10 days if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus.

Self-isolate immediately for at least 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told by NHS Test and Trace that you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Please inform school immediately if your child or someone in your household/ support bubble has symptoms of coronavirus or has tested positive. If this is out of school hours, email k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk.

Dropping off and collecting children from school

Please can we ask that parents do not arrive before the allocated arrival/ departure windows for their children if possible. By allocating 10 minute windows for each class, we are aiming to minimise the number of people having to wait in order to support social distancing. In addition, we request that parents enter the school site and stand in the collection area if collecting pupils from Class 3 or 4 and do not wait on the pavement at the front of school – this needs to be kept clear to allow people to leave the school site safely. If younger children are waiting alongside parents, please can you ensure that they do not run about and particularly that they stay away from class entrances. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Face Coverings

We are asking all parents/ carers who are able to, to wear face coverings when on the school site in line with the policy of the Barnsley Alliance Board. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Remote Learning

If your child is off school because they have to self-isolate due to COVID-19 (either because they or a member of their household has symptoms/ positive result), staff will provide home learning via Purple Mash and Seesaw. This will mirror as closely as possible the work that the children are covering in class. We will also use Purple Mash to communicate with pupils and set home learning in the event of a wider school closure, for example if we are advised by PHE to close a class due to a positive case of Covid-19 within school.