

Millhouse Primary School

Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

I had the pleasure of visiting classes last week to observe the children as they engaged in their learning. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm pupils across the school were applying to their learning. I was particularly impressed to see how well our youngest pupils have settled into school life.

I can't believe we are approaching the end of our first half-term of this academic year. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and hope that the children have a good rest – we definitely have some tired faces at the moment!

Parents' Evenings

Thank-you to parents who have already booked their appointment(s) for our upcoming virtual parents' evenings. If you haven't yet arranged a time for the teacher to meet with you, please get in touch with the school office by email or telephone.

Dates:

Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November (4:00-6:00pm)

If these dates are not convenient, please contact us and we will endeavour to arrange an alternative time. **Links to the meeting will be sent out prior to your appointment date.**

If you have requested a telephone call instead, please be aware that staff will be telephoning from personal mobiles and therefore the caller ID will not be displayed.

Special Mentions Assembly

Last week's Special Mentions were awarded to:

Class 1 – Luna and Leo

Class 2 – Maddie and Evelyn B.

Class 3 – Frankie and Joshua S.

Class 4 – Ethan C. and Eva

Class 5 – Harry and Phoebe

Fantastic effort!



Attendance

Class 3 achieved the highest attendance for the fourth week in a row last week with 97%.

Amazing! They earn 5 minutes extra playtime.



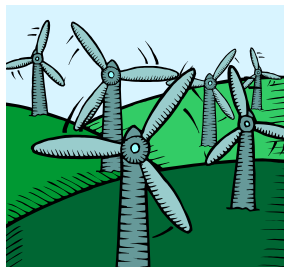
Remember every school day counts!

Late arrivals

We monitor the number of lates carefully and letters will be sent by school to any families where children have been late 5 times. If 10 lates occur, a letter from the Local Authority will be received. Please ensure children arrive before 9 o'clock. It was disappointing to see that there were **7** recorded lates last week.

October half-term

We break up for October half-term on Friday 21st October. There is an INSET day on Monday 31st October. School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 1st November.



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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:

Lacey (Class 1)

Joshua (Class 2)

James (Class 3)

Archie (Class 4)

Max (Class 5)

Super!



School Council News

We held our second School Council meeting last week. The children are very enthusiastic and have lots of super ideas.

For Halloween they have asked to hold a bake off competition - pupils can bake and take a photograph of a Halloween cake, buns or any other bakes and upload it on Seesaw.

The School Council is also hosting a colouring competition – colouring sheets cost 20p and are available from class teachers from Wednesday 19th October.

The closing dates for both competitions is Wednesday 2nd November. There will be prizes for the winners of each competition

Reminder: FOMS event – Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 19th October children are invited to attend a Halloween disco in the school hall. They may wear spooky costumes if they wish. There will be 2 sessions: Key Stage 1 disco (Class 1 and 2) – 3:30 – 4:30pm; Key Stage 2 disco (Classes 3-5) – 4:45 – 6:00pm. Tickets cost £2 each – **they are available from the school office**. A drink and a packet of crisps will be included in the price. If any Key Stage 1 parents are available to help with changing into costumes, please come to school at 3:15pm. Key Stage 1 parents are welcome to stay and accompany their child to the disco. If parents prefer, staff will take Class 1 and 2 children direct from their classrooms to the hall and they can be collected at 4:30pm. Entry and dismissal from the disco will be via the side door from the car park.

There will be no Wednesday sports club on this date due to the disco.

Reminder - Harvest Festival

Our annual harvest festival will be held at the Methodist Church in Millhouse this year on Thursday 20th October at 1:45pm. There will be singing, class contributions and a performance from our choir. We hope to see you there! Afterwards the church will provide tea and coffee for parents. All the children will return to school with staff to be dismissed at the usual time.

We are asking for harvest donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school by Wednesday 19th October. All the food donated will be displayed in church and then taken to the Barnsley Churches' Food Bank.