

Millhouse Primary School

Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

Year 6 children had a fabulous residential visit to Robinwood last week. Our staff and Robinwood leaders were very proud of the co-operation, problem solving skills and determination they all showed. There are some great photographs on Twitter and Facebook showing the fun they had. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to the staff who accompanied the children on the Year 6 visit – Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Shore.

In January, our Year 5 children will be attending Robinwood. Mr. Ritchie is holding a meeting straight after school in his classroom on Tuesday this week, to share further details of the visit with parents. Children are welcome to attend too.



FOMS - Christmas Fayre

Thank-you to everyone who attended the FOMS Christmas Fayre last Friday, after school. It was a tremendous success – the cuddly toy tombola once again proved to be particularly popular! The raffle was drawn at the end of the event and some prizes have already been claimed. Office staff will be contacting the lucky winners of the remaining prizes this week. Thanks to your generosity, the event raised an incredible £962.45. Thank-you to all the FOMS volunteers for their amazing efforts.

Special Mentions Assembly

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday to:

Class 1 – Kyrah and Luna

Class 2 – Ethan and Ellie

Class 3 – Harry and all of Class 3 (Inspire)

Class 4 – Ethan M. and Elliot

Class 5 – All of Year 6 (Robinwood visit)

Fantastic effort!



Attendance

Class 4 achieved the highest attendance last week with 95.9%. They earn 5 minutes extra playtime.



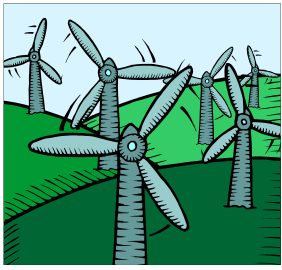
Remember every school day counts!

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. There were **3** recorded lates w/c 28.11.22.

Christmas Jumper Charity Day

This Friday children may wear Christmas jumpers or other Christmassy clothing items in return for a donation to Save the Children.



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:

Esmay (Class 1)

Evelyn (Class 2)

Emily E (Class 3)

Joshua C (Class 4)

All of Y6 (Class 5)

Super!



Class 3 Inspire Morning

It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents into school on Thursday for Class 3's Inspire Morning. There was some super art work produced focused on the changing seasons. We are looking forward to Class 1 and Class 2's Inspire events in January. (Class 2 – 19.1.23/ Class 1 – 26.1.23)

Reminder - Christmas Dinner

The school kitchen will be cooking a special Christmas dinner themed lunch on Wednesday 14th December. All children are invited to have a lunch on this day. A text message has been sent out to parents of children who usually have packed lunches. If your child would like a Christmas dinner all you have to do is follow the instructions in the text and pay for the dinner on our school money system – the cost is £2.40. The school office will then order a dinner for your child. Please note that there will not be jacket potatoes available on this date. Christmas dinner is the only option. Payment needs to be received by Friday 9th December.

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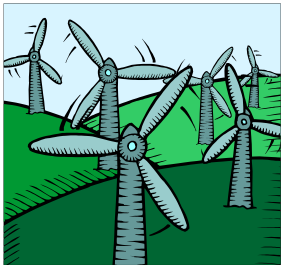
When a child's attendance falls below 90% it is classed in the persistent absence band. Attendance via overall absence figures and percentage of persistent absentees is one measure that schools are judged upon. We are keen to ensure that our attendance is as high as possible and reduce the number of pupils who are classed as persistently absent at the end of the school year. The EWO (Education Welfare Officer) has recently visited school to examine attendance. We have agreed that where a pupil's attendance has fallen below 90%, we will ask to see medical evidence in order to authorise any future illnesses. Internal school attendance meetings with the EWO will be held if there are particular ongoing concerns regarding attendance. We do recognise that currently there is a lot of illness about and that children are not always well enough to attend school. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you ever need any advice in this matter.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

This week, children in Class 1 and Class 2 will perform their Christmas production – A Fireside Nativity. The children have been busy practising and we are sure that you are in for a treat! Entry to the production will be via the side door from the carpark before the start of each performance.

Penistone4Sports News

Y3 and Y4 pupils were in action last Thursday in a basketball tournament against other local schools. All the children played well and demonstrated some super teamwork. They achieved fourth place overall. Well done!



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Christmas Postbox

We have a Christmas postal service in school! Children are able to post Christmas cards in our special post-box and our Y6 pupils will sort them and deliver them to classes. If your child wishes to use this service, please ensure that they write the intended recipient's full name and class on the envelope. Thank-you!

