



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 13th May 2019

Dear Families,

A few weeks ago, Year 3 parents were invited to come to watch and listen to their children's performance of Samba music. The children have been working together over the last few weeks to create and refine a piece to present. They are using untuned percussion instruments, so the focus is on timing, rhythm and working in unison with the rest of the class. We would encourage as many Millbrook children as possible to also consider taking up a musical instrument to learn longer term.

Learning an instrument teaches a child how to create, store and retrieve memories more effectively. There are a lot of benefits, outside of the skill of actually playing an instrument which make it worthwhile too. It takes a time, patience and practice which are great life skills to develop. As a child reaches their goals such as learning a short tune, they will feel a sense of achievement and pride.



Although playing an instrument may seem like a creative act, there are many parallels to math. Music and math are highly intertwined. By understanding beat, rhythm and scales, children are learning how to divide, create fractions and recognize patterns.

Most instruments require some kind of maintenance or upkeep. This can be anything from oiling to tuning to cleaning. Encouraging children to stay on top of regular instrument maintenance creates a level of responsibility for them. When they are responsible for something they are more likely to take care of it themselves without a parent having to remind them.

Furthermore, music theory has a deep history and can be taught as part of musical instruction. Music is most often a reflection of the culture and era it was composed in. Exposing a child to multiple types of musical genres (for example classical, contemporary, rock, jazz, blues, folk or medieval) will allow them to have a glimpse into the past. Understanding the origins of music, can give children a deeper understanding of what they are playing and they may become more attached to it.

Playing an instrument requires children listen carefully to an array of different things. They not only need to listen to instructions from their music teacher, they need to listen for rhythm, pitch and speed. This concentration will improve their skills in music and in life.

If you would like to enroll your child for music lessons at school please see the information below. Nicola Dudley, Headteacher

Last Week's Attendance %		
Paddington	95.3	
Heathrow	98.7	2 nd
Monument	94.2	
Hampstead	97.4	
Richmond	97.3	
 Pimlico	100	1 st
Wimbledon	97.8	
Greenwich	97.6	
Knightsbridge	95.7	
Victoria	98.2	3 rd
Westminster	94.6	
Total YTD	95.5	

Music Tuition for Year 3, 4 & 5 only for Autumn 2019

Millbrook Park School is in partnership with Barnet Educational Arts Trust (BEAT) who offer private lessons during the school time at Millbrook Park for flute, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet/cornet. We also have Mrs Emanuel who offers private lessons in school for violin.

If you are interested in booking your child lessons you can sign your child up and pay online at <https://beatrust.org.uk/home/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons> **The deadline to sign up and pay is midnight on Wednesday 10th July, they will not accept any late bookings.**

Or you can book violin lessons directly through Mrs Emanuel our violin teacher at ctmemillhill@yahoo.com

Star Awards



Maths week at school from 10th to 14th June – please see the attached flyer for more details.

Dates for your diary

May

Thu 16th

Fri 17th

Mon 20th

Tue 21st

27th – 31st

Thu 23rd

Y4 trip to The National Maritime Museum & Cutty Sark

8:40am Y4 parents secondary transfer information mtg

Y3 Globe Trip (Greenwich)

Y3 Globe Trip (Knightsbridge)

Half Term break

The whole school will be closed today as it is being used as a polling station

June

Mon 3rd

Thu 6th

RMO trip to Stephens House

RHE trip to Stephens House

10 th – 14 th	Y1 (Y2) Phonics screening week
10 th -14 th	Maths week
Mon Fri 14 th	Sports Day (1pm – 3:15pm)
Mon 17 th	Whole class photograph day
Mon 24 th	Nursery and reception parents Welcome Mtg 7pm
Mon 24 th	Uniform pop-up shop – 3pm
Wed 26 th	Y1 trip to Hampstead heath Education Centre
Wed 26 th & Thu 27 th	Reception Vision & Hearing checks

July

Sat 6 th	School Summer Fete 2pm time TBC
Thurs 11 th	Reports go out to families today
Fri 12 th	Reception Stay and Play (non-nursery parents)
Fri 12 th	Transition Day (children spend day with new teacher)
Mon 15 th	3PM OPEN EVENING – All rooms set up so families see current room and new room/egs of work out etc.
Tue 16 th	Y4 Westminster trip to Barnet Environmental Centre
Thu 18 th	Y4 Victoria trip to Barnet Environmental Centre
Thu 18 th	Reception Vision & Hearing recalls
Fri 19 th	Last day for pupils (only)

September

Mon 2nd & Tue 3rd	Inset Days
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Term Dates 2018 -2019

Summer Term 2019 (60 days)

First Half	Tuesday 23 rd April – Friday 24 th May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May</i>
Second Half	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July
	<i>May bank holiday Monday 6th May</i>
	<i>Spring bank holiday Monday 27th May</i>

Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these have already been included in the dates above.

Monday 3rd September

Monday 29th October

Monday 7th January

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

School Day: 8.40am to 3.05pm Reception & 3.10pm for all other year groups

Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm

Term Dates 2019 -2020

Autumn Term 2019 (74 days)

First Half	Wednesday 4th September – Friday 18 th October
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October</i>
Second Half	Monday 28 th October – Thursday 19 th December
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January</i>

Spring Term 2020 (60 days)

First Half	Tuesday 7 th January – Friday 14 th February
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February</i>
Second Half	Monday 24 th February – Friday 3 rd April
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6th April – Monday 17th April</i> <i>Easter weekend 10th – 13th April</i>

Summer Term 2020 (60 days)

First Half	Monday 20 th April – Friday 22 nd May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May</i>
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