



**MILLBROOK PARK**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Last Week's Attendance %		
Paddington	91.1	
Heathrow	93.7	
Monument	94.2	
Hampstead	95.5	
Richmond	97.0	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pimlico	96.8	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wimbledon	96.3	
Greenwich	96.5	
Knightsbridge	95.0	
Victoria	95.5	
Westminster	96.7	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Total YTD	95.9	

**RESPECT**

**KINDNESS**

**COURAGE**

**RESILIENCE**

**Theme: Treat others as you would like to be treated'**



Dear Families,

We have been looking for ways to try and reduce the amount of children coming through the main gate as it opens at 8:30am in the mornings. Staff, and families have become increasingly concerned about the younger children being able to move safely in amongst the older pupils.

From today, we would like to request that all reception and nursery children enter at 8:30am through the nursery gate instead of the main gate. If you have a child in reception or nursery, as well as an older sibling, please use the nursery gate too. Please use the main gate if you have children in Y1, Y2, Y3 or Y4.

At 8:30am nursery children do play out in their nursery playground, so if you are using that entrance with your reception child (and any siblings) please ensure you move straight through to the main playground and don't let your children start to play in the nursery outside area, even though it is very tempting as it looks lovely.

To ensure the start of nursery is not disturbed too much, there will need to be a strict one-way system on the nursery gate – i.e. parents of reception and nursery children can come in 8:30am-8:40am but after that the gate will be locked. All parents will need to exit school through the main gate as usual, where Mr Steadman (the site manager stands).

Staff will be outside to help things run smoothly as we start the new system and hopefully it will ease the pressure on the main gate.

Finally, there have been some problems at 8:30am due to children (especially older ones) racing through the gates and across the playground to get to their cloakroom first. This needs to stop as it is unsafe and Mr Steadman should not have to manage this while supervising the gate. We really need some help from families with this. If your child has been racing through the gate, please either tell your child firmly that the new rule is that they must walk in the school grounds, or accompany them across the playground to their cloakroom until they understand the importance of doing so. I am grateful that some parents and carers have started to do this but unless all of those children are told to stop running, it makes it difficult for those who have stopped their children running, when they see others still racing. With your help, once the children all stop racing, they will forget about this 'craze' and the morning will be less stressful and safer for all concerned.

Thank you very much,  
Nicola Dudley, Headteacher

### **World Book (7<sup>th</sup> March)**



We are really looking forward to having the African story tellers coming into school and spend the whole day with us on Thursday. The children will be starting the day with a special assembly and then will have an interactive and lively African Story Telling session in their individual classrooms. Nursery am and pm will also have their own sessions.

### **World Book Day – Just enjoying books and stories this year - NOT DRESSING UP OR COLLECTING MONEY**

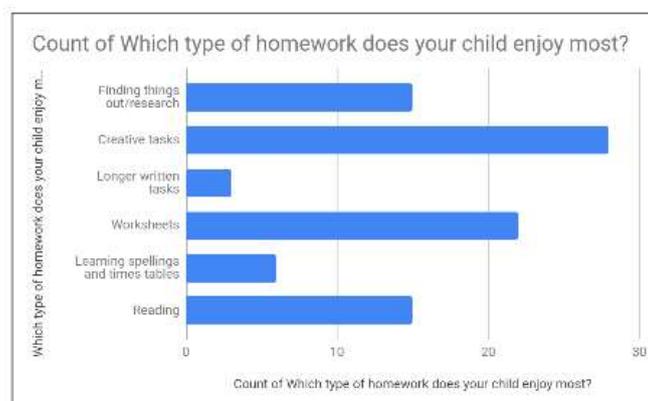
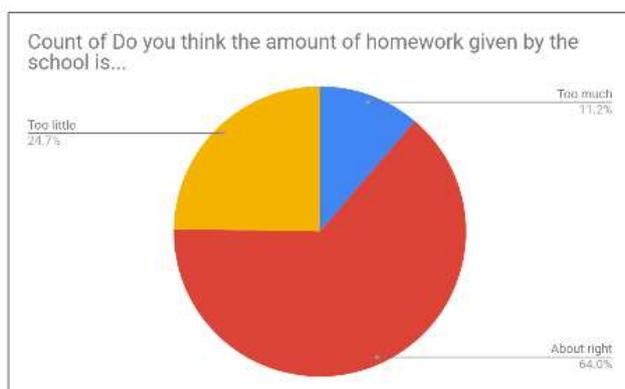
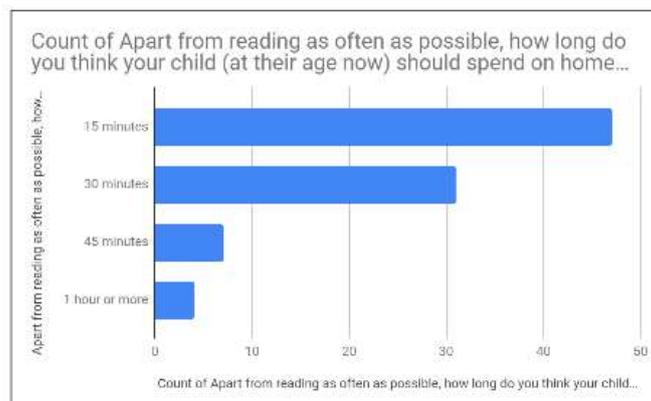
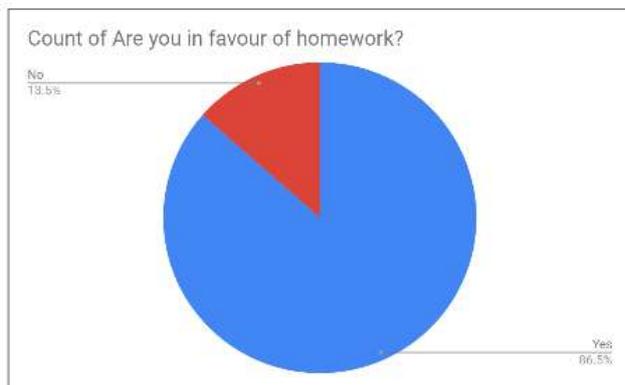
#### **Musical Assembly**

Well done to Josiah B in Year 4, for performing to the junior children. It was a chance for children to experience some live music with Josiah and his music teacher and to consider whether they might enjoy starting to learn to play an instrument too.



## Results of Parent/Carer and pupil Homework Surveys

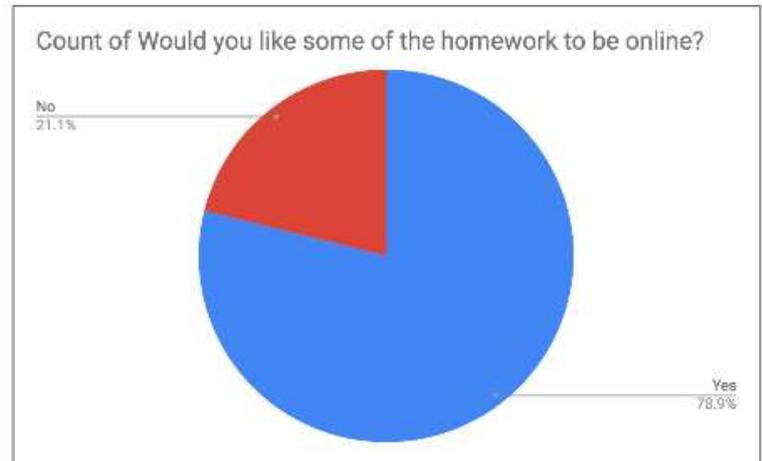
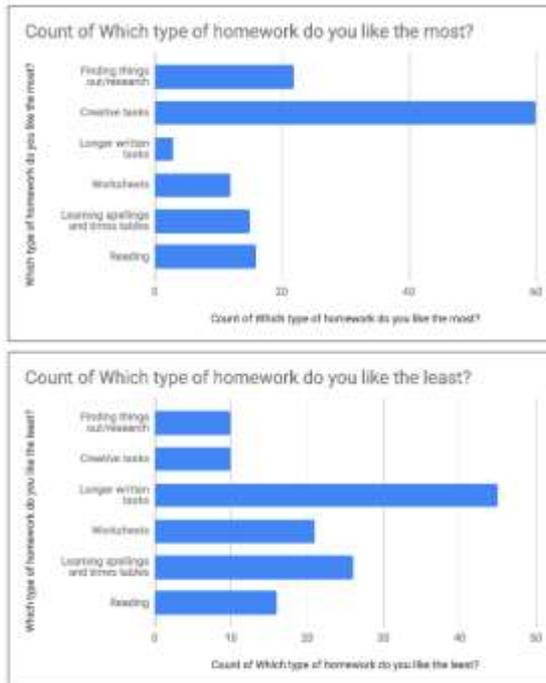
90 Millbrook families out of 330, which is 27% responded which means the percentages shown on the survey are not percentages of the school, only of that group of 90 families. This may reflect that the majority of the other 240 families (73% of the school) are comfortable with the way things are, or that this is not a high priority for them, so did not feel the need to respond.



### Parent/Carer Survey Findings:

- Out of the parents who responded, the vast majority (86%) are in favour of homework. Out of the ones who were not in favour of homework, 60% of those were from KS2 parents of both genders.
- 64% of families who responded feel that the amount of homework given is about right, 11% feel it is too much and 24% feel it is too little.
- Creative tasks was voted as being the type of homework that children enjoy doing the most.
- Thirty-two families feel that worksheets are the most valuable type of homework. This is 9% of the school, which means that 91% of families have not stated that they feel worksheets are the most valuable form of homework.
- Surprisingly, parents responded to say that they consider that learning spellings and times tables for homework is not very valuable. Perhaps these are children who know them well already.
- Just over half of families who responded (about 15% of the school) said that they do additional work with their children.
- 73% of families who responded stated that homework is a cause of tension sometimes, or all of the time.
- Just over half of families who responded said that their child does not do their homework independently, though many of these families said that children mostly do it on their own.
- The majority of families who responded said that apart from reading they felt children should spend 15mins to half an hour a day on homework.

- Over half of the families who responded felt that children should not have, or should only sometimes have homework in the holidays.
- The vast majority of families said that their children would be able to access on-line homework via devices they already have at home if the school started to deliver some homework this way.



### Pupil Survey Findings:

- The vast majority of children said they enjoy creative homework tasks the most.
- Most children responded to say they like long written tasks the least.
- 66% of children felt that 15-30 minutes is the right amount of time to spend on homework (apart from reading) a day, 14% felt it should be 45 minutes and 20% felt they should spend over an hour daily on homework.
- About 80% of children said they would like some of their homework to be on-line.
- 62% of children said they that they do not do the challenges the teachers send home in the weekly newsletters, only 38% said they did.
- 80% of children said they do additional work besides school homework, at home.

It is always very interesting to find out what families and the children think about aspects of the school. Although the results only represent 27% of the school's parent body, we are going to take the results into consideration as we complete the whole school review of the homework system. Thank you very much for your responses. We will update you via the newsletter in the near future to let you know, in advance about any changes to the Millbrook homework system.

## **Red Nose Day – WE ARE SWAPPING SOMETHING RED AND COLLECTING FOR COMIC RELIEF**

Please can children swap an item of their uniform to something red eg. their socks or jumper etc. and donate £1 for Comic Relief. The office have bought six boxes of noses in readiness for the day – your child can buy one from the office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, for £1.25 each cash and correct change only please.



## **Star Awards**



## **Music Tuition for Year 3 & Year 4 only**

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 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 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019, they will not accept any late bookings.**

Or you can book violin lessons directly through Mrs Emanuel our violin teacher at [ctmemillhill@yahoo.com](mailto:ctmemillhill@yahoo.com)

## **Clubs for the Summer Term**

The deadline for booking summer term clubs is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **Reception parents**

Please do not allow your children to play in the reception outdoor area once they have been collected at the end of the day. Reception children take a lot of time tidying up this area before hometime ready for the next day. Thank you.

## Club dates spring term – snacks - water and a piece of fruit only

Chess – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
Art – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
Coding – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
Dance – Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – **no snacks**  
Recorder – Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Football – Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr  
Gymnastics – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr  
Drama – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Cooking – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Table Tennis – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Table Tennis – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sep – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr

## Dates for your diary

### March

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Online Safety Workshops, Parents 8.45am or 6pm, Staff 3.30pm to 4.30pm, Children during the school day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Monument – trip to Pizza Express
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	PiPS Cake Sale
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to North Western Reform Synagogue
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saltmine Theatre show (Christian Theatre show) am
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PiPS Cinema Club
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Swimming
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Eve
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	PiPS Cake Sale

### April

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	PiPS Disco Last Day of term
	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to School & Tate Photography

### May

Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bikability Y3 & Y4
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## Term Dates 2018 -2019

### Spring Term 2019 (60 days)

First Half	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</i>
Second Half	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i> <i>Easter weekend 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>

### Summer Term 2019 (60 days)

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

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

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January*

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July*

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

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

**Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm**

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## Term Dates 2019 -2020

### **Autumn Term 2019 (74 days)**

First Half Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term Holiday Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October*

Second Half Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*School Holiday Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January*

### **Spring Term 2020 (60 days)**

First Half Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term Holiday Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February*

Second Half Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*School Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April*

*Easter weekend 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April*

### **Summer Term 2020 (60 days)**

First Half Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

*Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

Second Half Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

*May bank holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May*

*Spring bank holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May*

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*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July*

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July*

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

**Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm**