

The Last Week's Attendance %		School YTD
RAF	95.3	
RNW	93.4	
1SC	99.3	1 st
1JK	97.7	
2SG	95.2	
2RT	98.8	2 nd
3SM	98.3	3 rd
3SP	93.8	
Target	100	95.2



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 11th December 2017



Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Families,

At Millbrook we genuinely believe that wearing school uniform has many benefits. Perhaps most importantly, the uniform means that children don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what they look like isn't important. It also gives the children a sense of belonging which is really important. School uniform also saves their weekend clothes from getting spoiled. It teaches pupils to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance and it keeps them safe when we go out on trips. It is always noticeable on non-uniform days how distracted children's clothes and hair accessories are from their learning. That is fine for single, special days but would not be a good option for every day. Wearing plain uniform without having earrings, picture socks or elaborate hair accessories definitely helps children to focus fully on their learning.

Our uniform is simple and comfortable at Millbrook. We don't offer multiple options such as summer dresses or pinafores, which stops them looking 'higgledy-piggledy'.

If you did get a reminder about an aspect of incorrect uniform on Friday, please understand that we are maintaining uniform standards for all of the positive reasons above and not to be picky! If we don't have regular checks on all aspects of uniform adherence, uniform standards could quickly slip which would be a shame, as the children are very proud of their uniform and logo, they often draw it and use it in their own pictures.

Yours,
Nicola Dudley

Audience Nativity Rules

Don't take photographs or film the nativity shows during the performances. There are children in each performance who must not be identified outside of our school, so please respect this. We will have to ask you to delete any footage/photos if you are seen with a device out during the show.

At the end of each performance you can join your child in the hall, whilst they are still dressed-up and can take photographs of them on your devices. There will be 'safe' version DVD made of the whole performance for you to purchase if you would like to.

Violin Assembly

Mrs Emmanuel led the first violin assembly last week. The children played beautifully and showed how much they had clearly been working hard at home and school in order to be able to play so well.



Football Team

The Millbrook football team has now been named as:

Year 2: Ekin 2RT, Omer 2SG, Fowotomi 2SG, Chidalu 2SG,

Year 3 Toby 3SM, Joshua 3SM, Trystan 3SM, Finlay 3SM, Elliot 3SM, Ethan 3SP, Rocco 3SM, Zach D 3SP, Oyinda 3SP, Matylda 3SP, Daniel 3SP and Kyra

The first friendly will take place in the Spring Term

Lion Badge Courage Value Trophy 'Wake up the Lion Inside'

What an amazing array of lion badges came in on Wednesday. We are going to make a giant display of the badges, so that everyone will get chance to see what each other made, as they were all fabulous. The children had shown such creativity and had clearly taken time to make something special. I hope that making the badges will help the children to always remember the 'Lion Inside' which we all need to 'wake up' when we need to show courage. Here are images of some of the badges, including the trophy winners.





Matilda in RNW also won a runner-up prize.



Main Requests from Uniform Check – Friday 8th December

The majority of children are in full, correct uniform so thank you for your efforts. Most of the issues found were small, and easily sorted:

- Please keep earrings for weekends – they must not be worn at school, unless they are for religious reasons.
- Girls only need one or two simple blue hair accessories eg a band to tie long hair back or a clip to keep a fringe tidy. Multiple clips and decorative hair accessories are not needed and not allowed.
- Please make sure children wear grey socks or tights.
- Please do not send your child to school wearing a long sleeve t-shirt underneath their polo shirt. The children get too hot inside and then take off their navy sweatshirts which are designed to keep them warm.

Christmas Postboxes

Each class or year group have now got a Christmas post box placed outside of their classroom door. Children may bring in cards, if they would like to, and post them in the appropriate boxes. Please make sure the child's name (who will receive the card) along with the class name is written clearly on the front of the envelope. Please add the surname where there are two children of the same name in the class. The children will empty the boxes and share out cards at the end of each day between now and the end of term.



Car Idling Issue

As you all know, due to the parking issues many cars park outside for anything up to an hour before school ends every day. A Millbrook School governor observed that most of those cars had their engines running, whilst parked so emissions were coming out of about 20 cars for about 45 mins each. We have taken advice from the police on this matter and have referred to the Highway code. We want to make you aware that this is illegal and will add significant amounts of pollution to the air that Millbrook children are breathing in.

This is the excerpt from the Highway Code.

*'You **MUST NOT** ...leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road. Generally, if the vehicle is stationary and is likely to remain so for more than a couple of minutes, you should apply the parking brake and switch off the engine to reduce emissions and noise pollution.'*

If you are able to be at school over half an hour before school ends, we suggest you 'park and stride' rather than sitting in an idling car. It will be better for your health and certainly for the health of the children at school.

Nativity Plays

We welcome you to the Nativity plays week, please make sure you have ordered your tickets from the school office.

Entrance to the shows will be via the school gate at 1.45pm for the 2pm shows and 9.45am for the 10am shows.

The parking restrictions for the Nativity plays have been lifted for **School House Lane only** for the times marked below:

The Mon 11th December show at 2pm has been rescheduled to Wed 13th December at 10am. If you had tickets for Monday's Nativity and can't make Wednesday at 10am, please email the school office admin@millbrookparkschool.lidsact.org and we will change your tickets to Tuesday at 10am if you prefer. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. There is no parking waiver in School House Lane for this re scheduled show so please make sure you park legally to avoid receiving a parking ticket.

Tue 12th December show at 10am - parking suspension between 0850 and 1130
Wed 13th December show at 2pm – parking suspension between 1300 and 1500
Thu 14th December show at 10am - parking suspension between 0850 and 1130

Pantomime – Aladdin, Friday 15th December 9.30am

After the children's hard work performing in their own shows Friday brings them the opportunity to sit back and enjoy watching Aladdin in the school hall.

Christmas Parties

This year the school Christmas parties will run by the teaching staff. We would appreciate a donation of 50p per child to be given to your class teacher by Thursday 14th December so that they can buy some drinks and snacks. The parties will be on the following days and all children should wear school uniform.

Nursery Tues 19th am & pm
Reception Mon 18th pm
Year 1 – Wed 20th Dec pm
Year 2 – Mon 18th Dec pm
Year 3 – Tue 19th Dec pm

PiPs meetings

Friday 19th Jan after school drop off, top floor spare classroom

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm, science room

Friday 11th May after school drop off, top floor spare classroom

Friday 6th July after school drop off, top floor spare classroom

Music Tuition for Year 3 only – Spring term

Millbrook Park School is in partnership with Barnet Educational Arts Trust (BEAT) and offer private instrument lessons during the school time.

Music teachers come into school weekly to teach your child. You can now book for three instruments via BEAT; flute, clarinet and trumpet/cornet at school.

You can now sign your child up at <http://beatrust.org.uk/>, Enrol, School Based Instrumental Lessons, Sign up and pay online.

The deadline to sign up and pay for the spring term is Sunday 3rd December 2017.

Or you can book violin lessons directly through Mrs Emanuel our violin and recorder teacher by emailing her at ctmemillhill@yahoo.com

Applications for Reception places September 2018

Even if your child has a place at our Nursery you will need to apply for a school place for September 2018

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 they are due to start in a Reception class during the academic year that begins in September 2018.

You must submit **one** application to your home council to apply to all schools (except private schools) whether the school is within or outside Barnet. The application must be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

You must submit an application no later than Monday 15 January 2018.

If you have any queries about the process, please contact the School Admissions Customer Contact Centre on 020 8359 7651 or send an email to school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk .

- You must not apply using this process if your child has **special educational needs** (SEN), with an **Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)**.

Applications for Nursery places September 2018

Application forms have now been sent out for Nursery places for September 2018.

Clubs for the Spring Term

An email with information on how to book clubs for the spring term went out last week, please book directly with the club provider. Please make sure you only book clubs available to your child's year group. **Please make sure you re-book for the Spring term if you wish your child to continue a club they already attend.**

Clubs dates autumn term

Chess – Mon 11th Sep – 11th Dec (no club 30th Oct or 4th Dec) **11th Dec Cancelled due to snow**

Dance – Tue 12th Sep – 5th Dec - **Finished**

Recorder – Tue 10th Oct – 5th Dec - **Finished**

Football – Tue 12th Sep – 12th Dec

Drama – Thu 14th Sep – 7th Dec - **Finished**

Cooking – Thu 14th Sep – 14th Dec

Tag Rugby – Fri 15th Sep – 8th Dec (15th December cancelled) - **Finished**

Dates for your dairy

December

11 th /12 th	2 x Nativity dates (Y1&Y2) (12 th at 10am & 13 th at 10am)
13 th /14 th	2 x Nativity dates (YR&YN) (13 th at 2pm & 14 th at 10am)
Fri 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day (Charity)
Fri 15 th	Pantomime am (in school for YN – Y3) – Aladdin
Mon 18 th	Christmas lunch at school
Mon 18 th	Reception Christmas party – pm
Mon 18 th	Year 2 Christmas party - pm
Tue 19 th	Nursery Christmas party – am & pm
Tue 19 th	Year 3 – Christmas party - pm
Wed 20 th	Year 1 - Christmas party - pm
Wed 20 th	Last Day
May 3 rd & 4 th	Reception only – Vision & hearing testing – in school
Jun 15 th	Reception only – Vision & hearing recalls – in school

Star Awards

Well done Children



Term Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)

First Half

Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October – Monday 30th October

Second Half Tuesday 31st October – Wednesday 20th December

School Holiday

Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January

Spring Term 2018 (57 days)

First Half Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Second Half Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March

School Holiday

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Summer Term 2018 (63 days)

First Half Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Second Half Tuesday 5th June – Friday 20th July

NB

May bank holiday Monday 7th May

Spring bank holiday Monday 28th May

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

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 30th October

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 4th June

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

Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm

Term Dates 2018 -2019

Autumn Term 2018 (75 days)

First Half Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October

<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 22nd October – Monday 29th October</i>
Second Half	Tuesday 30 th October – Friday 21 st December
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January</i>

Spring Term 2019 (60 days)

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

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***