



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 18th April 2016



Building inter-generational links with the
local community

Dear Families,

The staff were extremely proud of the way the children represented the school and themselves, when acting as hosts to a group of local, elderly residents on Wednesday 30th March. They sang beautifully to the visitors and then spent time sitting and chatting with them over afternoon tea. The visitors remarked afterwards about the children's pleasant manners, which were demonstrated when they spontaneously thanked the visitors for the gift of a new book for each class.

Yours, Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

Parent Prayer Group 21/3 and 20/4

YR/Y1 Share our Learning Day (SOLD) – Wed 20th April at end of day pick-up time (see below)

Nursery Share our Learning Day (SOLD) – Wed 20th April Please check times with Mrs Dawson

'Keeping Up with Children's Maths' Session 1 - 9am-11am Thurs 21st April

The first session is this Thursday morning, for those parents who registered for a place on this course. Please come in through reception and sign in, once you have dropped your children off.

Health and Well Being

The children celebrated completing 6 weeks of the 1k daily run on the last day of term, reflecting on the fact that they had run or walked 30 kilometres in total. Millbrook Park has been invited to present the benefits of the 1K a day challenge to other Barnet schools at the Healthy Schools London Awards day in May. It would be helpful to have comments from parents about their views on the daily, enforced exercise regime the children have been taking part in. **Please e-mail any comments to admin@millbrookparkschool.lidsact.org**

As the weather is improving, and with their increased stamina the children would really benefit from getting out and about as much as possible in their free time. There is a park within one mile of most homes in Barnet offering excellent outdoor opportunities for the whole family to get active. The borough has 9 *Marked and Measured Routes* perfect for a Sunday stroll! More information can be found at <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/parks-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces.html>.

Class Reps

PiPs request that each class establishes 3 parent reps. Class reps help to co-ordinate events such as cake sales and pass information to the parents of that class ahead of events. They will also be invited to attend PiPs meetings and to voice ideas from other parents in their class. Having three reps per class will mean it is not a heavy burden for anyone. Please let Gill Finney know in the school office who those reps are by 22nd February.

Share our Learning Day (SOLD)

This is an optional, half an hour drop-in session during which your child can take you into their classroom to show you the work in their books, their contributions to displays or anything else they would like to share with you.

Year 1 Trip

In recognition that a few parents withdrew their children from the Year 1 trip due to an emotional response to the events in Brussels, it has been decided that those trip contributions are to be reimbursed into the Parent-Pay accounts, as this was an unusual circumstance.

Attendance

Millbrook Park will be adding the weekly attendance data for each class to the weekly newsletter. Please see the year to date figures to get the ball rolling. The school's target is 100% and below 96% triggers investigation by the school's welfare officer.

RNW	93.9%
RNK	94.0%
1RT	93.4%
1SM	94.5%

Makaton sign of the Week

Last sign 'to listen'



Attendance

classes attendance percentage grid

This week 'to write'



Star Awards

Well done to the end of spring term award winners.



Signposting to Local Services



Barnet and Southgate College has spaces available on Adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses starting this spring. These courses are FREE for those in receipt of benefits.

Enrolling now at all campuses contact the College for more information: 020 8266 4000!

www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk

Indoor Football Skill Sessions in Finchley

Starting April 2016 at St Michael's School sports hall, N12 7NJ

5pm-6pm school years 4-6 Also 6pm and 7.30pm sessions for school years 7-9

All abilities welcome; Free taster sessions available - Contact Mark Carter on 07772 716 876/mark@ministry-of-football.com

