



Newsletter

Monday 19th October 2015

Dear Families,

Each year the school creates a School Development Plan (SDP) which identifies the priority areas for the academic year ahead. Near the end of today's newsletter you will find a chart showing the key areas Millbrook Park has established for 2015-2016. Over the coming weeks parents will be offered meetings to find out more about these developments. For example, there will be a meeting for Year 1 parents about how their children are assessed in Key Stage 1, an information booklet will also be given to all parents about the 'Prevent' culture and an overview of the plans for further developing our partnership with parents will be shared. The first of the parent partnership developments will be the new '**Show our Learning Days**' which are explained below.

Date Reminders:

Individual School Photos – Tomorrow, Tuesday 20th October

Half Term – School closed Monday 26th Friday 30th October

'Show our Learning Days' (SOLD) Wed' 18th November – Reception and Y1 ends at 3:40pm.

Police Liaison officer visiting children - Friday 23rd October

National Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

The government has been monitoring the impact of the scheme across schools and has provided a copy of the findings which we are sending you a copy of. We have found it to be extremely positive and apart from a hiccup with the deliveries last week it supports our aim of promoting healthy eating. We hope that grapes will start to be included, I think they will be very popular.



PiPs Meeting

The School Office has sent out the minutes from the PiPs meeting. Please let school know if you would like to be involved in the planning, preparation or running of the events.

Illness

If your child is ill or has a doctor's appointment please ensure you ring the school office on 020 3137 5924 before 9.10am to report your child's absence.

'Show our Learning Days'

On these dates the classrooms will be open for half an hour after school ends, for your children to show you around their classroom displays and to show you the learning in their books. These are not teacher consultation meetings. They are a chance for you to have a look at the lovely classroom displays which your children contribute to, and for children to proudly share their work with you.

A Learning School



Nursery are developing their fine and gross motor skills and key muscles as pre-writing skills. Pushing and pulling with the brushes develops their upper arm muscles and the precision placing of straws improves their finger/hand muscles.



Reception have been enjoying their training sessions with our specialist sports coach 'Inigo'. They have been learning to follow complex game instructions, co-ordinate movements and to develop spatial awareness through fun team games.



Year 1 are learning how to use their phonic knowledge to communicate their ideas in writing. Each piece of work has a 'Learning Objective' and a set of 'Success Criteria' to guide children. It is carefully marked and children are praised for effort. Their next learning step is also shown to them. Children are given time to read (or have read out) and respond to the teacher's comments.



Acting out poems is fun!



Star Awards

Well done to all of the children who achieved a Star Award on Friday. We are proud of their good manners and behaviour because this helps Millbrook to be a friendly and pleasant place to be. We are also impressed with the amount of effort they have been putting into their work. Thank you children for setting such a good example.



Yours,
Nicola Dudley - Head of School



School Development Plan - Priorities for 2015-2016

Please find below a short version of the key things we plan to develop over 2015-2016.

Millbrook Park School Development



Priorities 2015-16

