

Last Week's Attendance %		
RNK	84.7	
RNW	86.3	3 rd
1RT	84.3	
1SM	85.0	
2SG	94.7	1 st
2SP	87.2	2 nd
Target	100%	



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

RESPECT

KINDNESS

COURAGE

RESILIENCE

Monday 21st November 2016

Dear Families,

This week we have talking about 'Who' we should be kind to as we look more closely at our focus value - KINDNESS. Using the story of the Good Samaritan and through discussions in class and in assemblies, the children debated some tricky questions, such as '*whether we should be kind to children who are mean to us*, as well as being kind to our friends or children we don't know. After reflecting on these issues, the majority felt that it would be interesting to try being nice to children who are mean to use to see if it changes their behaviour and makes them want to be kind back. Also, the message that everyone is '*our neighbour*' as the Good Samaritan story shows us is something which reminds us all that showing kindness has the power to change other people's lives.

Nicola Dudley, Head of School

November

Tue 22nd

Nativity Costume Meeting 3.10pm - Science Room

Wed 23rd

Healthy Eating Assembly – Children only Year 2

Wed 23rd

Year 1 Educational Visit to the Tower of London

8.40am to 3.30pm

Wed - Fri 25th Nov

Millbrook's 3rd Birthday Special Event (b/day is Sat 26th)

Don't be Late Beat the Gate

Since the dark mornings have started there have been a rise in the number of children arriving late to school. We recognise that the parking does not help with this but please do allow enough time to get the children through the gate before it closes at 8:40am.

Here is the first part of our 'Beat the Gate' poem...the full poem is at the end of the letter.

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-

Switch on our brains

Start our lessons
Learn loads of information

Whole School Art Project – for Millbrook’s 3rd Birthday

Please send an old top in by Tues 22nd November - The paint being used will not come off clothes so please send something which is either old or you are not bothered about.

We have commissioned two artists from ‘No Added Sugar’, a community art group to spend 3 days with us to make an inspiring butterfly display (see example). During that time they work with every child in Millbrook, including nursery children. If you would like to paint one of the butterflies to add to the display pop into the science room between 2:30 to 3:15pm on Wednesday 23rd.



Making Nativity Costumes

There is a meeting (tomorrow) on **Tuesday 22nd at pick up time (3:10pm)** in the science room with the Year 1 and 2 teachers. The teachers will explain what is needed for this year's costumes.

Attendance

There have been some horrible things 'going around' and understandably children's attendance fell last week. Please get them back into school as soon as they are well as we don't want them to miss any learning.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Please see attached if you are interested in becoming a parent governor at Millbrook. The deadline is 25th November for handing in your form.

A message from Sherpa

Sherpa have asked the school to let parents know that when children are collected from Sherpa Kids there is no option for returning to the child's class to collect things. There are often meetings in the classrooms after school which can't be interrupted and Sherpa staff also need to remain with the children in their care in the hall so are unable to leave them to go to areas of the school. Thank you for your understanding.

School Christmas Parties

The children will be having their class parties in the afternoon of **Friday 16th December**. The teachers will run the parties but they would like parents from each class to donate and organise and set up the food onto paper plates before each party starts (approx. 1:30pm). They would also appreciate help clearing the food away (from the halls) as they take the children back to their classrooms for the end of the day. Please let the office know if you are able to help during the afternoon of Dec 16th. Please can class reps organise the range of food donated and ensure there are **NO NUTS**.

School Photographs

If you have ordered school photographs they should be delivered to school by 2nd December.

Value Award Winners Congratulations to our many award winners this week.



Admissions for entry into school in September 2017

If your child is in Nursery or as a younger sibling and they were born between **1 September 2012** and **31 August 2013** you will need to apply to your home council for a place in a primary school for the 2017/2018 academic year. You should submit your application online using the [eAdmissions](#) website

- the online application process opened on **1 September 2016**
- you must apply by 15th January 2017
- online results will be available in the evening of **18 April 2017**
- applications submitted after **15 January 2017** will be treated as 'late' and will be processed from **May 2017** onwards
- you must not apply using this process if your child has **special educational needs** (SEN), with an **Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)**.

Important: Please do not forget to apply for a place.



December

Fri 2nd

Mon 5th

Mon 12th

Tue 13th

Thu 15th

Fri 16th

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Mon 19th

Tue 20th

Wed 21st

PIPs Christmas Gift Factory – more info to follow

Parents Prayer Meeting – at morning drop off

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity – 2pm – parents invited

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Reception & Nursery Nativity – 9.30am-10.30am – parents invited

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School Christmas Parties 2.00pm – parent helpers

Cinderella Pantomime at school – children only

Nursery Christmas Party - am

Last Day of Term – normal finish time

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'cos

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It all goes wrong
We cause our friends disruption

We walk in last
Children turn round
Creating a big distraction

so

Get up early
Wash and dress
It must be our ambition

To be on time for school
Each day oh!

Just one more thing to mention

Don't be late, Beat the gate!