



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 22nd February 2016

Dear Families,

On 3rd March it is World Book Day and we are going to make 'books' the focus of that week at Millbrook. On Tuesday 1st March Reception and Year 1 children will be going on a trip to a local children's borough library, in separate class groups. The librarian will talk to the children about how libraries work and will give them a tour. After that children will spend some time enjoying looking at some books together before helping the teacher choose a few books to take back to Millbrook with them. The libraries are happy to give us a form for each family so that all of the Millbrook children can become library members. We will be having a short session at the end of the day on Wed 2nd March for parents to come in and complete the library form with us at school so that children can start taking books out of any borough library during the Easter holidays. As so many libraries are closing, it is important for us to keep using the ones which are managing to stay open.

We are also having other events to celebrate World Book Day during that week:

- 'Read to Dogs' programme (see more details below).
- Dress as your favourite book character (Wednesday 3rd March)
- Paired Reading - Year 1 paired with our Nursery and Reception children

We will be putting up a display of people reading their favourite book in their favourite place. Please e-mail photographs of family members reading. We would be especially grateful to get pictures of male family members reading their books as these will be great role-modelling images for any reluctant boy readers. Please send photos to:

admin@millbrookparkschool.lidsact.org

Yours, Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

Easter weekend: Fri March 25th – Mon 28th – (4 day weekend) back to school Tues 29th March

Easter holiday: Mon 4th April to Fri 15th April – back to school Mon 18th April

Year 1 cake sale: Friday 11th 3pm March

Parent Prayer Group 3/3, 21/3 and 20/4

Indoor Football Skill Sessions in Finchley

We have been made aware of sports sessions run locally which may be of interest to those families who have children in school years 4- 9. The sessions will be starting in April 2016 and will take place at St Michael's School sports hall, N12 7NJ. For children in school Years 4-6 sessions will be 5pm-6pm. There will also be sessions for children in school years 7-9 which run at 6pm and 7.30pm.

All abilities welcome; Free taster sessions available

"We run skill development and small-sided game sessions for children aged 4-14. We use expert coaches, dance music and game-based teaching and learning to create a positive, family-friendly environment."



For more information:

Contact Mark Carter on 07772 716 876 mark@ministry-of-football.com

Parent's Cake Sale Profit

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the recent cake sale a success. The sale raised £132.60. A separate bank account is going to be opened to hold money which is raised by parents and families. The school PiPs members will manage this account and ensure the money is spent on activities or resources which the parents decide they would like to use the funds for.

Reception Cold Dressing up Day

Friday 12th was decidedly chilly in reception as the children celebrated the end of their 'cold topic'. After chatting with some of the children who were dressed as penguins, my challenge to reception was to find out what noise penguins make. My own research on this so far since Friday has opened up a whole topic as apparently it depends which type of penguin it is eg some are 'honkers' whilst others are 'brayers', thus proving we are never too old to learn.



Read to Dogs

This is a scheme which has had proven success. Children taking part have shown an increase in reading levels, word recognition, a higher desire to read and write, as well as an increase in intra and interpersonal skills among the children they mix with. The specially chosen dogs are incredibly calm and happy to have an individual child read to them. Dogs give unconditional acceptance, as they are non-judgmental, which is especially crucial to emerging readers. We are looking forward to meeting our 'Read to' dog.



Parking

Although we are acutely aware that there is very little parking near the school making drop-off times difficult for many of you, we must still put the safety of the children as the first priority. We had a worrying incident on Friday 12th February when a car mounted the pavement near school to park as one of our pupils was walking there. Please be careful.



Makaton sign of the Week

Week of 8th Feb 'to look'



This week 'who?'



Star Awards

Well done to all the award winners. My apologies about the quality of the photograph, there seems to be something wrong with the school camera which I will get fixed. The children had a lovely tea with me and also spent some time playing with Mrs Kennedy's toddlers as they happened to pop in around the same time.



