



Millbrook News



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Our Value for October is: Honesty

Week 5 Discussion Topic: What do you think your life will be like in the future and why?

Message from the Head Teacher

It is with great sadness that I let you know about the reason for Mrs Leyshon-Brady's absence. She was pregnant with her second child but had a miscarriage at 17 weeks. We are all thinking of her and her family at this terribly sad time. I know you will support me in sending her our love and thoughts.

Our value for October is honesty – please encourage your children to speak openly about their concerns, but also to take responsibility when they may have got something wrong. Not everything is 'someone else's fault' and openness in accepting our own role in any situation is a valuable life skill.

Our Ofsted report will be winging its way to you very soon. Please look out for it with a letter from me.

Jane Ratcliffe

Anti-bullying guidelines

Several head teachers from VAT schools have been working to put together the attached guidelines. We hope to start using these with parents and pupils to support our work on anti-bullying. We hope the staged approach will be useful when we work together to decide on actions and next steps in preventing any friendship problems escalating into something more serious.

Very Important Pupils (VIPs)



Each week two children from each class are pronounced VIPs. These are the pupils who best uphold our Millbrook values and who follow the school rules at all times. Of these children, 6 names are picked out of a hat to enjoy hot chocolate with Mrs Ratcliffe and Frank on Monday break time.

VIPs – Monday 25 September

Alfie B – 1M, Sophia M – 1M, Tom P - 1G, Ava W - 2D, Skye L – 2T, James I – 2T, Gracey W – 2T, Zac S – 3MB, Macy B – 3MB, Peter H – 3EB, Isaac H – 3EB, Oliver I – 4C, Oliwia R – 4C, Freddy S – 4P, Riley E – 4P, Macie Z – 5PC, Rebecca J – 5PC, Maizey NB – 5B, Callum T – 5B, Ruby D – 6J, Josh L – 6J, Evie H – 6L, Samuel W – 6L.

VIPs – Monday 2 October

Holly W – 1G, Dylan W – 1G, Jodie M – 1M, Kayden G – 1M, Harry H – 2D, Amelie M – 2D, Iris W – 2T, Harry P – 2T, Luke S – 3MB, Marlei-Mai H – 3MB, Tommy D – 3EB, Logan M – 3MB, Eva P

– 4P, Henry C – 4P, Chloe E – 4C, Samuel R – 4C, Poppy N – 5B, Chase B – 5B, Amelie S – 5PC, Timmy K-D – 5PC. (Year 6 were busy doing their practice SATS last week)

Well done to you all. We are super proud!

Have you had a postcard?

We are celebrating hard work and good behaviour by sending some very special children and their parents one of our Values postcards. Look out for one on your door mat!



Goodbye!

We would like to wish a fond farewell to the Price family who are emigrating to Australia. All the best to Mr & Mrs Price, Josh, Millie, Ethan and Isla. We will miss you but we hope you enjoy your new life down under!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning was a fantastic success, raising over £600 for the Macmillan Cancer charity. Thank you to the Mrs Davison, her team of organisers and to everyone who came along for a coffee break, helping to raise money for this wonderful charity.



Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in on Monday 16 October to take individual and sibling photos. They will send home proofs for you to order from. Please return your orders to school as soon as possible.

Open Days for 2018 Intake

We are holding Open Days for parents of children due to start school or nursery in September 2018 on the following days:

Thursday 12 October at 10.30 am
Monday 16 October at 10.30 am
Thursday 19 October at 1.30 pm

If you know of someone who might like to attend please ask them to register by email at office@millbrook.vale-academy.org or phone 01235 764822 to let us know which date and how many people will be attending.

Open Afternoon and Stay & Play

For current parents we are holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 19 October from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. Afterwards we are inviting parents and children to stay and play board games. If you would like to Stay & Play please register by email at office@millbrook.vale-academy.org and let us know who will be attending.

Vision Screening for Reception Children

The Vision Screening Team will be in school on Wednesday 11 October to do eye tests for Reception Class children. If you do not wish your child to have an eye test, or if your child already sees an optometrist, please return the slip to your child's teacher or the school office before 11 October.

Flu vaccinations for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

The School Nurses will be visiting us on 13 November to deliver the nasal flu immunisation to Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children. Forms and information leaflets have been sent home to these year groups. If you would like your child to be vaccinated please complete the forms and return them to the school office before Monday 16 October. It may not be possible to immunise children whose forms are returned late so please get your forms back to school promptly.

St John's Macmillan Coffee Morning

St John's Parish Church in Grove is organising a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 4 November from 10.30am to 12.00 pm. Donations of cakes and/or help are welcome.

Applications for Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 you MUST apply for a secondary school place for September 2018 by 31 October 2017. You can apply online at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/secondary-school-applications>. If you do not have access to the internet you can collect a paper copy from the school office. This must be completed and returned to the school office before Thursday 19 October.

End of Term 1

A reminder that term 1 finishes next **Thursday 19 October** at 3.10 pm. Friday 20 October is an INSET for staff training. We return for Term 2 on **Tuesday 31 October** at 8.50 am.