



Millbrook News

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Our Value for January is: Unity

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents

Happy New Year one and all! The 1st January seems a very long time ago as we are well settled back into learning at Millbrook. I have been so impressed with the way the children have come back. Everyone is focused and determined to work hard. It is really very noticeable around school and in classrooms.

Our January value of unity is also in abundance as we see children working together to succeed at whatever they are doing. This week we are using musicians and the orchestra as examples of where unity is needed to be successful.

You will all be very familiar now with our values. I wonder how many your family can remember? As the next phase in our understanding of them we are introducing Philosophy for Children (P4C). This is a well-recognised programme that teaches children how to think a little more deeply as well as how to agree or disagree with the viewpoints of others. We are starting to use it to explore our values more deeply, but eventually hope that it will lead to some deep philosophical conversations about all aspects of life.

Please find a link to some more information here from an organisation that we are hoping to work with in the future as we develop our approach. There is plenty of other information out there as well!

<https://www.sapere.org.uk/default.aspx?tabid=162>

Please ask your children about their first session which they should all have had last week.

Please read the Year 6 reports on their visit to IMPS (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools) at the JR hospital last week. We were delighted to receive a phone call saying how impressed the hospital staff were with every child's brilliant behaviour.

We look forward to the term ahead and to seeing you at the various events that we have planned. Please look out for more information about:

Height & Weight checks for Reception & Year 6 children – Friday 26 January

Hobbies Day – Friday 26 January

Open Afternoon 1.30 to 3.30pm – Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6 February

Class Photographs – Thursday 22 February

World Book Day: Forces in reading with children – Thursday 1 March

Bag2School – Tuesday 6 March

Jane Ratcliffe

Congratulations!

- In December three Millbrook pupils and one staff member performed with their local dance group at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End. Mrs North tells us: "They were all truly amazing, they showed confidence, determination and definitely put Millbrook's Values into place." Congratulations to Evie M-H, Grace D, Poppy N and Miss Flude!
- Lauren P in 6J is a member of Wantage White Horse Swim Club. On Sunday she competed in the 11/12 years relay team at the Oxon and North Bucks County Championships in Aylesbury. Lauren swam the Freestyle leg in the 200m Medley Relay and the team came 6th out of 22 teams. She also swam in the 200m Freestyle Medley, winning the heat and coming 4th overall out of 22 teams. Lauren also broke her own record swimming the 50 Freestyle in 33 seconds in both races! Well done Lauren!



If your child has done something amazing recently please let us know!

Hobbies Day

On Friday 26 January 2018, Millbrook Primary School will be hosting a Hobbies Day to celebrate the many talents and interests that our children have outside of school.

During the day, children will be given the opportunity to share their own hobbies and join in with some activities and practise skills that they may not have tried before. The staff will also hopefully be sharing their hidden talents as well!

For the event, children may choose to come to school dressed up in an outfit to represent their hobbies. This may be a uniform (for example, Brownies), a sports kit or even an outfit to represent something that they love to do in their spare time - this could be a book character or even a musician. The more variety we see, the better! This is however optional and children may come dressed in normal school uniform if they prefer.

If you could support the day in any way, for example by speaking to your child's class/sharing your own hobbies, please do let your child's class teacher know; it would be fantastic to have as many members of our community involved as possible.

We hope that this will be a really enjoyable day and will inspire our children to take up some new activities and hobbies in their spare time. Our staff are looking forward to finding out even more about the wonderful children here at Millbrook.

Forces Coffee Mornings

All Forces parents are warmly welcomed to our Forces Coffee Mornings each Friday. Please note that the coffee mornings now run from **9.00 am to 10.20 am** in the Rainbow Base.



Emergency Contacts

Please can you email office@millbrook.vale-academy.org if you have moved house or would like to update any of your contact details. Alternatively, pop into school to pick up a form from the office. It's really important that we have up to date contact information in case we need to reach parents in an emergency.



IMPS – Visit to the John Radcliffe Hospital by Year 6

On 10 January 2018 class 6LY went to IMPS (stands for Injury Minimization Program for Schools.) It happened all at the J.R. We went to learn about safety and how to save someone's life. The guide I had in my group was named Margret she was very nice. We learnt two main things: CPR and never pick up random needles you find on the floor.

CPR was my first activity and probably the best. We all role-played on a body connected to a head. The instructor named it Mrs Green. She had become unconscious and she wasn't breathing. She had fallen over and bashed her head on the floor whilst tripping over. DRSAABC (D) danger (R) response (S) shout (A) answer (B) breathe (C) call.

Secondly we went up-stairs and watched a video about if injuries did happen you would know what to do and also how to prevent it. Then we went into the cast room. We all got a cast and we still have it now. When I first got it on it felt very weird. But I have now got used to it.

In conclusion, it was a very useful trip and I definitely recommend it to others schools and children. It will be very handy for if anything does happen in the future you will know what to do. Overall, I learnt lots of things that will stay in my head for a long time.

Louis J - 6LY

On Thursday 11 January 2018 6J went on a school trip to the JR. When we got there we learnt about IMPS (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools). 6J went on this trip to learn about First Aid.

The first activity we experienced was CPR. However, we did it with a mannequin to stay safe. Subsequently we got a fake defibrillator. Here are the emergencies you would need to do CPR in - when someone is unconscious and not breathing.

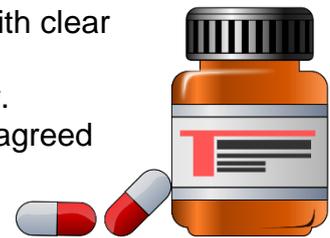
The second activity we did is we watched short film clips about what to do if someone was in danger like getting cut, burnt, scalded or choking.

Kayden D - 6J

Medicines in school

If your child requires medicine in school please note the official guidelines:

- Hand medicines into the Office and complete a medicine form with clear written details of the dosage.
- Collect the medicine from the Office at the end of the school day.
- A First Aider or approved person will administer the dose at the agreed time.
- We are only able to administer prescription medicines with pharmacy label attached.
- We are only able to administer antibiotic medicines that require a 4 times/daily dose.
- Please do not send your child into school with any form of medication without speaking to a member of staff eg throat sweets, travel sickness tablets, creams etc



You are welcome to come into school by arrangement during the school day to administer non-prescription medicines/treatments to your child.

If you have any queries regarding the above please come to the school office or speak to our First Aid Coordinator Mrs Amy Jackman.

Term Dates – this academic year (2017/18)

Term 3 ends Friday 9 February at 3.10 pm.

Term 4 starts Tuesday 20 February at 8.50 am

Term 4 ends Thursday 29 March at 12.30 pm.

Term 5 starts Monday 16 April at 8.50 am (May Day Bank Holiday Monday 7 May)

Term 5 ends Friday 25 May at 3.10 pm

Term 6 starts Monday 4 June at 8.50 am

Term 6 ends Wednesday 25 July at 12.30 pm

Term Dates for next academic year (2018/19) issued by the Vale Academy Trust:

Term 2018 -2019	Start and finish date	Comments
Term One	Wednesday 5 September – Friday 19 October 2018 inclusive	
Holiday Dates	Monday 22 October – Tuesday 30 October 2018 inclusive	
Term Two	Wednesday 31 October – Friday 21 December 2018 inclusive	
Holiday dates	Monday 24 December 2018 – Monday 7 January 2019 inclusive	
Term Three	Tuesday 8 January – Friday 15 February 2019 inclusive	
Holiday dates	Monday 18 February – Monday 25 February 2019	
Term Four	Tuesday 26 February – Friday 5 April 2019 inclusive	
Holiday dates	Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019 inclusive	Easter Bank holiday Monday 22 April
Term Five	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 24 May 2019	May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
Holiday dates	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019 inclusive	
Term Six	Monday 3 June – Wednesday 24 July 2019 inclusive	