



Newsletter: 17.1.20

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 175 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
27/30	28/29	23/24	18/20	31/34	30/32	18/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.1% and 9 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 97%

Nursery
94% 0 late

Reception
98.5% 3 late

Class 1
96.8% 4 late

Class 2
98.3% 1 late

Class 3
98.7% 0 late

Class 4
95.5% 0 late

Class 5
95.6% 1 late

Hot Choc Friday!

Children who show 'over and above' excellent behaviour can have hot chocolate on Fridays. [Follow us on twitter #HotChocFri.](#)

This week's #HotChocFri winners are:

J B, C B, P J and D S.

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: A G

Reception: J B

Class 1: T J

Class 2: B G

Class 3: J R

Class 4: C M-T

Class 5: O G

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

21 Jan 20	Y5 to Hemsworth Academy
21 Jan 20	Y6 Booster classes start
6 Feb 20	KS2 Magna visit
13 Feb 20	Valentine's disco 3-4 for EYFS and KS1, 4.30-6 for KS2
14 Feb 20	Break up for half term
24 Feb 20	Return to school after half term
24 Feb 20	Reward Assemblies 9am EYFS and KS1 2.30pm KS2
3 March 20	Waterton Academy Trust Musical Evening
Week beg. 16 March 20	Book Fayre
17 March	Author visit (Maz Evans) and world book day celebrations
18, 19 March 20	Parents' evening
26 March 20	Non uniform day for Easter fayre
2 April 20	Easter fayre
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July 20	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays

Safeguarding Mill Dam School considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that you are confident about your children's health and safety at school. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school please contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Thompson. We have a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week we have been learning the names of different modes of transport and then using these names as we played with the vehicles in continuous provision. Our reading has soared as our reading area has become a rocket!

We are learning different rhymes linked to each area of provision, for example whilst playing in the water you can hear us singing row, row, row your boat. We have been making vehicles using the bricks and play dough. We played the traffic lights game in P.E. in the hall and many children have been playing this game during outdoor playtime. We have been reminding all our children about our Mill Dam behaviour system, with a particular focus on respect. Please can we remind all parents to name their children's clothing; we have had some confusion over jumpers and cardigans this week!

Reception @MD_Reception

Zoom ... zoom ...! This week we have been looking closely at vehicles to name the different parts of them. In literacy we have been labelling the different vehicles, making sure we carefully decode words when we are writing. Our magic number in maths this week has been number six! The children have been learning how to form this number correctly as well as explore ways of making the number using addition number facts. Next week as well as exploring our topic we will be learning about Chinese New Year! So get ready for taste testing, Chinese dragons and dancing as well as the traditional Chinese story!

Class 1 @MD_Class1

As our homemade wheels rolled away, we moved on to the other parts of transport. We learnt about the rules of plurals and when we should place a 's' or 'es' with a challenge of what happens to words ending with a y - (change the y to an i and add es). The children then labelled cars and all the parts they could see on them.

We also created our own piece of Abstract Expressionism art, using wheels from different toy vehicles. The results were amazing and maybe we have the next Banksy coming through!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

In literacy, we have continued our work on the book 'The Flower' by John Light, focusing on describing the dull, grey city at the start of the book. We have then had to use our imagination to describe what the city might have looked like when the flowers started to grow and brought with them lots of colour. This has given us the opportunity to use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing. Our maths this week has been quite tricky as we have had to cross the tens number in order to subtract one number from another; exchanging a ten for ten ones to make sure we had enough ones to complete the subtraction. This was a challenge as it is important to record each step carefully to be successful. Please practise this at home, using money for example, exchanging a ten pence for ten ones to complete a subtraction such as $35p - 8p = ?$ We are learning to record these in columns using our skills in place value.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

Another busy week of learning with multiplication, describing settings, angles, exploring magnets and building bridges among our activities. We have welcomed Miss Baines and Miss Finley to our team and they have brought some exciting new ways for us to learn together. Our model city is ever changing and improving and by half term we should have created a utopia.

Now that the holidays are out of the way home learning tasks will be coming home again, all team members will receive times tables to practice and a short list of spellings to learn and these are tested on a Friday.

We already have some exciting opportunities in the works for the summer including a visit to the Yorkshire show grounds so watch out for upcoming letters.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

In literacy the children have been developing a published poem using a range of skill to create their own version, linked to our topic of Cities. They are also developing their knowledge and understanding of classical music and how they can interpret it when working on a dance motif with a partner or in a small group. Some have overcome their embarrassment of performing in front of others. We have continued our work on understanding how gravity affects the mass and weight of objects and the children have enjoyed using Newton meters to measure the objects. Next week Y5 will be taking part in Forest School activities (on Thursday) and they need to make sure they come in scruffy trousers with wellies or walking boots, but bring school uniform to change into.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

It's been another busy week. The children who attended the Young Voices event in Sheffield on Monday, behaved impeccably and by all accounts had a great time! Thank you for attending the SATs meeting on Tuesday. I hope you found this useful. Don't hesitate to come and see me if you have anything you wish to discuss over the coming months. In writing this week the children have been redrafting their work on the short film, The Piano, and there have been some beautiful pieces of work produced. In Maths we have been looking at ratio and proportion and have linked some of the questions to our topic work on Tokyo and Japan. The class also enjoyed a forest schools session on Thursday morning. Hopefully there should be more of these as the weather warms up throughout the year.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

We have had a wonderful week of learning this week with our superstar choir singing at Sheffield arena and the beginning of our forest school learning sessions. The children have all continued to work incredibly hard and I am very pleased with their focus and the standard of work that I am seeing. We have some new dates for the term for events organised by the Friends of Mill Dam (see dates above) and they would really love more parents to join them. Please let Mrs Smith know if you are interested in joining this fabulous group. There isn't a date yet for the next friends' meeting because they want to work round the availability of other parents. Come and join us! We have had some improvements in attendance, thank you, but a small minority of children are regularly a few minutes late on a number of days a week. The doors open at 8.40 in main school and school starts promptly at 8.50. Please make sure your child is in their classroom before 8.50. If you would like to discuss this please come and see me.

