



Newsletter: 22:11:2019

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 178 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
25/25	27/29	23/23	20/20	33/34	30/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 94.4% and 17 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 97.09%

Nursery
92.35% 0 late

Reception
94.14% 5 late

Class 1
91.07% 4 late

Class 2
93.92% 5 late

Class 3
94.14% 1 late

Class 4
97.93% 0 late

Class 5
97.24% 2 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:
R J, R J, J E, G W**

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: O D
Reception: C H
Class 1: Z A
Class 2: G A
Class 3: J F
Class 4: L J
Class 5: E M

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

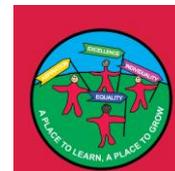
22 Nov 19	Parent voice 9am
25 Nov 19	Non uniform day for Christmas fayre
5 Dec 19	Christmas fayre
10 Dec 19	EYFS Christmas concerts 10am and 2 pm
11 Dec 19	KS1 Christmas concerts 2pm and 4.30pm
12 Dec 19	KS2 concert 5pm
13 Dec 19	KS2 concert 9.30 am, church carol concert 1pm choir to attend
Wk of 16 Dec 19	Christmas parties
17 Dec 19	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE.
20 Dec 19	Break up for Christmas
6 Jan 20	Return to school after Christmas
13 Jan 20	Choir to Young Voices
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July 20	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays

E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website www.ceop.police.uk. Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Remember that snapchat, Instagram, facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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Nursery @MD_EYFS

This week we have been very musical, singing and playing instruments; it was like having our own live concert earlier this week! We have enjoyed a game of follow my leader in P.E. performing different actions and taking it in turns to be the leader. We have been producing some good mark making and some of us are using our phonics learning to begin to write the letter sounds. We had a visit from a hedgehog in our nursery doorway and talked about whether it should be awake or asleep during the day. We welcomed our new starters for a stay and play session with their parents and had fun showing them the ropes; you all did us proud and demonstrated our Mill Dam expectations very well. Super job Nursery!

Reception @MD_Reception

We've had an extremely busy week learning about toys as we've started our new story 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas in English and topic. We have been looking at different toys from history and we have been deciding if they are old or new. We have also been writing about the main character Bunting and recalling where he has been looking for the lost toys. In maths we have been learning about 'less' and singing lots of songs to help us understand what happens to numbers as they become 'smaller'. In phonics we have been learning that some letters make special friends to become a new sound, we have learnt to recognise sh, ch, th and qu.



Class 1 @MD_Class1

As we had been thinking about the rather solitary nature of Queen Victoria's childhood, we wondered how, as an apprentice queen, you would give commands to people who came into your life. We role-played how to express commands and then wrote these orders in our books - instructing people what they can or what they can't do in our houses. We looked at some of the inventions that appeared at the time of Queen Victoria and how they have changed today; for example, the toilet! I think we have some budding royals in the making. Just a reminder that a spelling test will take place every Friday, so please keep practising at home.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

In maths this week, we have been learning the multiples of ten that add up to one hundred, We have been making the links between the pairs of numbers that make ten and the pairs of numbers that make one hundred, identifying the number patterns. In English we have continued to collect information on the Queen, to create an information text. We remembered many of the facts from the workshop on 'Comparing Queens' at Abbey House Museum to include in our writing. In topic we have looked at the Crown Jewels, and in particular the Imperial State Crown and St Edward's Crown. We have now designed crowns of our own, which we are now making complete with jewels, although thankfully, they won't be as heavy as the real ones.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We are very proud of our clay work this week, which shows amazing progress of skills from last half term. We have finally finished our maths learning on addition and subtraction and will be moving on to multiplication and division. Please practise the times tables at home, especially for Y3s who are not sure of their 2s, 5s & 10s. Remember KS2 learners have an account on TT Rockstars that school has paid for. Counting 2,4,6,8... is not knowing the times tables. The team member needs to be able to answer if asked 9x2 without counting up. Work on improving the outdoor learning environment is continuing and there will soon be a notice board outside of every classroom. The chicken compound is being converted into our new Forest Schools area. It is only one week until our African drumming experience. It is important that the permission slips are returned; as without them learners will be unable to participate. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

This week has flown past as we have continued to extend our knowledge on Ancient Benin its beliefs, art, trade with the world as well as some geographical features. The children have shown a great interest and maturity when asking and answering questions about this topic. In maths they are continuing to deepen their understanding of place value to support their calculations. They are also developing their understanding of different angles by applying their knowledge to the creation of a geometric pattern that could be printed on material. We are developing our clay skills to support us in recreating some of the textures the Ancient Benin craftsmen used when making the famous bronzes. In literacy we are continuing to develop and apply our understanding of sentence structures.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

We have had another hardworking week in Year 6. The children have continued working with fractions and we have linked some of their work to bar models. The children have shown a good understanding of how bar models can be used to unlock difficult fraction based problems. Not all children have been using TTRockstars at home recently, but those who use it are seeing the benefit of it in class. Well done! In English we have moved on from balanced arguments and have now turned to persuasive writing. The class have used the knowledge gained from studying the Benin empire and have written a persuasive letter to the British Museum to argue why they think the works of art held in the museum should be returned to Nigeria. We have continued studying about light in Science - investigating how it appears on different surfaces. 60% of children have been in casual clothes today after reading 5 times at home in the week.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Another week has sped by - I can't believe how quickly the time is passing! There has been lots of wonderful learning taking place in school as we start to look towards December and preparations for Christmas. Letters with more information about concerts etc. will be coming home soon. I'd like to clarify the situation with regards to hair being tied back as I've had a few questions this week. Long hair with a hair band or with the front part only tied back still falls into work and can be untidy so please make sure it is fully tied back. Remember it is non-uniform day on Monday 25th November. This is in aid of the Friends of Mill Dam and the Christmas Fayre. Have a good weekend.

