



Newsletter: 7.2.20

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 187 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
30/30	27/29	25/25	21/21	33/34	31/32	20/20

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 92.5% and 8 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 96.7%

Nursery
91.1% 1 late

Reception
90% 0 late

Class 1
88.5% 5 late

Class 2
91.6% 1 late

Class 3
93.8% 1 late

Class 4
93.8% 0 late

Class 5
93.9% 0 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:

A M B, B G and S W

Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: O D

Reception: T B

Class 1: D H

Class 2: K L

Class 3: B J

Class 4: B W

Class 5: R F

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

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
25 Feb 20	EYFS visit to railway museum
10 March 20	KS1 visit to Winterset
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
3 April 20	Parent voice 9am, break up for Easter
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 working on letter formation, in particular, with the letters that appear in our names. In P.E. we moved to different types of music, in different ways to show how the music made us feel.

We have been talking about feelings, being aware of each others' feelings and learnt that some of our actions and words can hurt friends.

We linked this to Children's mental health week, following an introductory assembly. In maths we have been comparing how many objects we have in different groups and enjoyed linking this to our topic, using cars and other modes of transport to sort. We have been singing many different rhymes, with a particular focus on 'the wheels on the bus' and we have enjoyed a sunny bus ride outside and bus themed art work.

Reception @MD_Reception

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's Reception's paper planes! This week we have designed our own paper airplanes, using the internet to explore designs and logos. We then applied these to our planes and set off to investigate. We wanted to know 'Does height affects how far a paper aeroplane can travel?' We then flew our planes from different heights and spoke about what we had found out. In the end we discovered that starting at the height of a bench was best and anything higher our planes would land close to where we were standing. In maths we have been learning about number nine and next week we will be looking at number ten! Get ready for ten green bottles! Also, please could we ask if you have any recycling such as boxes, plastic cartons etc could you please bring some into school for our modelling area.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

As the government decided to stop the production of all petrol and diesel cars by 2035, this week Year 1 went into production-mode, designing and creating their own cars. Their vehicles are certainly eco-friendly and showed some great dexterity from the children, especially in the building of the axles. During our topic, we have also been thinking about how robots play an important part in building different forms of transport. This enabled the children to understand the difference between a caption and a label; as they drew their robots, they were able to then place captions and labels on them. Afterwards, they wrote questions to find out more information about their partner's robot. One day, their robots could be building that new electric Porsche you will all want to have!

Class 2 @MD_Class2

We have found that we have some budding designers and engineers in Class 2 this week. The children have used recycled materials to make the boats they designed. They have used a range of materials, thinking about the most effective way to join the materials. They have then used the scientific knowledge they gained from testing ways to make the materials waterproof, so that they can try floating their boats to find out which is the most functional. In maths we have been working on number bonds to 100, adding and subtracting tens and ones. In literacy we have been looking at the features of a poem, looking at rhymes and repetition. In PE, we have continued our tennis lessons, working on the backhand shot. This is a two handed shot across the body.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

What a cracking week we have had ☺, all topped off with our trip to Magna. The learners were a credit to the school and we had a great time seeing science in action. Team 3 have produced some fantastic writing this week based on the city description in Varjak Paw and we have been zooming along with our division. This Sunday is week 2 of the schools parkrun competition so if you can make it down on Sunday morning please do as all we have to do to win is turn up for each other.

Don't forget to practice those times tables and spelling from list 18. See you next week. Keep up the brilliance.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Another busy week for Class 4. We have been looking at ways to develop our writing by revisiting our hot writes, identifying elements that could be improved and then working on them. The big event for us this week was our visit yesterday to Magna. It was great to see the children engaged in the activities which allowed them to see how their learning in school could be used to support their learning outside of school. In maths we have begun to revisit fractions using a practical activity to support understanding of equivalent fraction. The tidiness of the classroom continues to be a focus and thank you again for your support in this area. Another area we are focusing in on in class 4 is how we speak to each other, with courtesy and expressing any disagreements by choosing our words and actions carefully. Polite reminder: can packed lunch children make sure they take their lunch boxes or bags home with them as we have had to deal with unpleasant smells this week.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

This week year 6 have been solving problems involving measures - namely mass, length and capacity. The class have been consolidating their ability to convert between different units using knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and have used this to solve various problems. The children should have a look at these areas in their revision books this week. In Literacy we have returned to the work we have been producing based on the narrative poem - The Highwayman. In science the class carried out a further investigation using circuits, building on knowledge and skills gained earlier in the term. Finally the trip to the Magna museum was a success and the children behaved well.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Another busy and productive week has flown by, I can't believe there is only one more left in this half term! It has been noticeably colder this week and the forecast for next week has suggested there may be increasing wintery conditions. Please make sure your phone numbers are up to date as we will text to keep you informed of the situation at school if needed. We will also contact Ridings FM and post on the school and local authority websites. We intend to remain open throughout the winter and will only close if it is unsafe for children. We have had lots of germs around school this week as shown by the attendance figures. Thankyou for working with us and following the guidance when children have upset stomachs. We have soap and hand sanitiser around school and in all toilets so please remind your children to wash their hands frequently and to use tissues when needed to avoid further contagion.

