



Newsletter: 11.1.19

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 150 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
23/23	22/23	18/19	17/17	30/31	28/29	12/13

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

This week 97.9% and 3 late
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%
Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery
100% 1 late

Reception
98.7% 0 late

Class 1
93.7% 0 late

Class 2
96.5% 0 late

Class 3
100% 2 late

Class 4
96.9% 0 late

Class 5
100% 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-G T, B G, F M and F P
Will it be you next time?

Stars of the week

Nursery: K M
Reception: L H
Class 1: G J
Class 2: P J and A B
Class 3: J R
Class 4: G W and D P
Class 5: C C

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

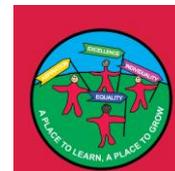
8 Feb 2019, 8 Mar 2019	Parent voice 9am
11 Feb 2019	Waterton Academy Trust Musical Extravaganza at Wakefield Theatre Royal – details to follow
14 Feb 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYFS am, KS2 pm
15 Feb 2019	Break up for half term
25 Feb 2019	Return from half term Rewards assembly KS1 and EYFS 9am KS2 2.30pm
4 April 2019	Inspire day KS1 and EYFS am. KS2 pm
5 April 2019	Break up for Easter
23 April 2019	Return from Easter Rewards assemblies KS2 9am, EYFS and KS1 2.30pm
13-17 May 2019	Y6 SATs week
3 Jun, 22 & 23 Jul	INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays
20-22 Sept 2019	ADVANCE NOTICE: Castleton residential for KS2

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.



Follow us on twitter at the class pages above and our whole school, website linked account @MillDamSchool



Nursery @MD_EYFS

A Happy New Year to everybody - we have started 2019 with a bang, pow, zap as we have started our topic on Superheroes! The children have explored what makes a superhero and what powers you need to be that special person. Just a quick reminder to log on to <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>. Well done to Charles, for reaching the first milestone and gaining that prize - I'm sure you will all love this wonderful free site. Also, well done to all our new starters and parents: you have been amazing and have settled in with ease.

Reception @MD_Reception

Welcome back everyone! The first week has flown! We have been working hard to get back into our normal school routine. Our topic for this half term is all about superheroes and we will be doing lots of science experiments. If anyone has any spare plastic bottles please could these be donated to us. This week we have spoken lots about what a superhero is and why they are special. We've been thinking about our interests and skills, so far we have an owl girl, unicorn girl, Bigman and a Super strong man in our class. The children then created their own superhero suits in our new Batcave! We are ready to tackle any problem!

Class 1 @MD_Class1

Class one have all settled back into work well and have shown enthusiasm for their learning. This week we have begun our new topic on toys. We started by talking about what we got for Christmas and linked this to our Science work on materials. In Literacy we have started looking at the Gingerbread man story and we played detectives to find suffixes that had been used within the story. In maths we have been working on addition and looking at different ways to find the answers. We enjoyed trying out some new balancing skills in P.E and we have started a new book - Traction Man in our reading session.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

The children have had a fabulous start to the new term this week, with excellent attitudes to their learning. Our topic this half term is Toys and in science we are looking at the uses of everyday materials. As part of this we will be using recycled materials and therefore could you please bring into school items such as clean cardboard boxes, tubes and plastic bottles. We have been working with money in maths, learning the value of each coin and note and then counting and adding money. The tricky part for the children is remembering that not each number has its own coin when they are selecting and adding amounts. Please let them practice this by counting money at home.

Class 3 @MD_Class3

We have hit the ground running after Christmas with our new topic of 'In the media - Islam'. We have started work on Multiplication and division in Maths, started composing a children's book in English (writing to entertain), we're learning about rocks, how to use charcoal and introduced Islam. Now that Christmas productions are out of the way our timetable has returned to normal so PE kits are needed every Monday and Thursday, please can you ensure that children have suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. Let's make next week even more brilliant.

Class 4 @MD_Class4

Welcome back and I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. Class 4 have returned bright and cheerful and got the new term off to a good start, working hard in their literacy and maths lessons as well as the other subjects. In literacy, we have discussed entering the BBC's 500-word competition, which they are keen to do. As a result, they have been practicing their grammar and creative writing skills, ready for next week's work. In maths, we have been looking at factors of numbers as well as multiples. Support in getting them to apply their times tables and division skills at home will give them real life application skills. Some reminders
P.E kit to be in school on Monday and taken home on Friday.
Home readers (reading 5 times a week) in on Thursday.

Class 5 @MD_Class5

We have had a good week back at school. We got off to a flying start with the after school SATs boosters yesterday. Remember we are alternating maths and reading skills each week, so next week will be reading. This week we started our new topic on Islam by looking at geometry and symmetry in Islamic art. In Literacy we are developing writing skills this term through narrative and story writing. The class have made a really pleasing start with the work they have produced based on a short film - The Piano. In Maths we have continued with Fractions, decimals and percentages which make up such a big part of the Maths curriculum in year 6. Next week we are having the second of four planned SATs practice weeks. The key word here is practice! We hope the children don't get nervous about them; but rather see them as a chance to practise their test skills.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson

Happy new year everybody and welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Thankyou to everyone who ran at Pontefract Junior Parkrun on Sunday. We are currently in the lead out of all of the primary schools in Wakefield! Your child can run any Sunday and this will count towards the total. At the end of each month there will be a prize for the winning school. Please sign up at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> if you haven't done so and choose 'Resilio's Runners' as this is our school club name. We have also booked a residential visit for all of KS2 in September (that is the children currently in class 2, 3 and 4). More information about this will be sent on Monday and a meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th January at 3pm to discuss this.

