

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the October edition of Mill Hill Primary Academy's newsletter. The fabulous start the academic year continues! The children continue to work hard and are so excited to learn. They have certainly embraced the Academy motto of "dream big, work hard and never give up!" They always speak so proudly of their work and the Academy. They "love" coming to Mill Hill, they constantly tell me. The children arrive to the Academy super smart and can I thank parents for really trying to get their children into school on time – every second of learning counts! I am still thoroughly enjoying being the Principal here at Mill Hill Primary Academy and am so proud of the staff, children and the community. I look forward to all the exciting ventures planned in this newsletter. The next newsletter will be out in November however, I will write to you via parent mail if we have any important information to share with you.



Message from Mrs Hulme Assistant Principal (EY/KS1)

What a wonderful September we have had. The children have been taking part in some fantastic learning experiences from going on a double decker bus ride, meeting the local firefighters and learning all about clowns and the circus. A big well done to all of the Nursery children who have settled really well and many are stopping fulltime. It is really beneficial if your child does stay fulltime in Nursery. If you would like to know more please speak to your child's keyworker. Nursery and new to Reception parents please look out for an email notification from Tapestry where you can set up your account and see all the wonderful learning the children are doing in Nursery and Reception. You can also take part in the weekly Tapestry challenges.



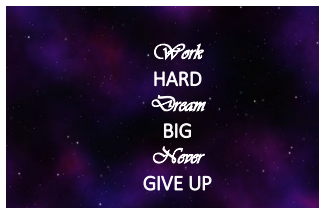
Message from Mrs Steele Assistant Principal (KS2)

The children in KS2 have settled in really well now and are beginning to show their teachers how amazing they can be. There is a buzz of excitement around the corridors with children excited to share what they have been learning about.

In the coming weeks, the children will be doing some assessments - please do not worry if your child comes home and says they have had a test. These are done to allow teachers to see what the children have learned and what needs to be taught next.



Academy Motto



Attendance

Being in school every day is really important for your child's education. Congratulations for the best attendance for this month goes to RF, 1A, 2S, 2J, 3D, 4L and 4M—they won a Big Breakfast. The target for our attendance is 96% and we are currently at 96.2%. We also had 465 pupils with 100% attendance in week 1, 446 in week 2, 419 week 3 and 422 in week 4. We still have 302 pupils that have been in school every day so far. Very well done to all of you!



Punctuality

Children are invited to line up from 8.30am, with the school day starting promptly at 8.40am. Thank you to all parents/carers and children for making every effort to be in school on time. Every second of learning counts! If you are late can you please make your way to the Community Centre, where Mrs Lyons (our Attendance Officer) will greet you.



Uniform

Children should be in full school uniform at all times. Our uniform policy is on our academy website www.millhillprimaryacademy.coop/school-life/uniform-information/ Please ensure that all academy uniform and PE kit is as listed in the policy. The uniform shop is Supersport Tunstall Uniform Shop, Tunstall High Street, ST6 5TT.

Dreams, Hopes and Aspirations Programme and Theme Of the Week

Children and staff have been working really hard on the top 5 things that make them happy and proud. Each class has a folder to store their work which may include pieces of writing, photos and pictures. Children and staff have also been discussing our "Thought of the Week" Their work on this will also be in the class folders. So far we have covered manners and values, International Day of Peace, European Day of Languages and Rosh Hashanah. We look forward to sharing the following topics for our "Thought of the Week" in October: World Space Week, Yom Kippur, World Mental Health day, Sukhot, Diwali and keeping safe.

Please encourage your children to share their thoughts with you and encourage them to bring in any work from home to add to the folder.

Dream Big Curriculum

Nursery	Autumn	
	Settling In and story time	Tasty Rhymes
Reception	Celebrations When I grow up!	

As part of our 'DREAM BIG' curriculum, we want to inspire our children to be scientists, acrobats, doctors, historians, vets, dentists and singers for example. Indeed, anything they dream to be! We can't do this by ourselves so, we need your help to inspire the children at home too. Here is an overview of all our topics this term. It would be wonderful if you and your child could talk about the topics and their learning.

1	This is me! A day at the circus Mog at the vets	3	Stone age boy Brave	5	To infinity and beyond Space
2	Explorers of the sea	4	Attack of the predator Save our world!	6	Full steam ahead The Victorians

Century Tech and Education City

The Academy has subscribed to an online resource called "Century Intelligent Learning" CENTURY is an award-winning teaching and learning platform that uses learning science, artificial intelligence and neuroscience to support learning. Yes, it can spot your child's mistakes and adapt questions to help them get it right in the future! All of year 5 and 6 have log in details for the software and we are looking at doing this with year 3 and 4 in the future. We would encourage parents and carers to promote this learning at home. We will be awarding the top users! Children also have access to Education City. Web site addresses are: www.educationcity.com and www.century.tech

Message from the Office / Principal

As you know the main reception is very busy in the morning. To ensure that the office staff can answer urgent calls from parents/carers, greet parents/carers who need to pass on medicine and other items if you are late – registration will be with Mrs Lyons (our Attendance Officer) at the Community Centre. All Parents should now to set up on Parentmail. Please can you pay for clubs, trips and lunches through parentmail, any issues please come to the school office.

Afterschool Clubs

Every Tuesday - Dance / Gym
Every Wednesday - Volleyball
Every Thursday - Football

PTFA

We need your help! We are looking for new members to join our PTFA. If you would like to join please speak to Mrs Dinham or Mrs Hulme

Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th October - **Halloween Sale in the Hall** Thursday 7th November - **Uniform Sale**

Friday 6th December **Christmas fair**. More details to follow as we will be asking for donations on the run up to the fair.

Keeping Children Safe

Halloween and Bonfire Night are fast approaching, please ensure that your children are safe at all times and attend these events with a responsible adult. We have some useful information on our school website, where you will find some useful information with regards to keeping the children safe.

<https://www.millhillprimaryacademy.coop/school-life/keeping-kids-safe/>



Our Local PCSO is Nick Warrilow.

You can follow his twitter account for information

@PSCOWarrilow



Celebration Friday

Every Friday is a special day! We share our attendance and punctuality figures which includes the winning classes. We also have Happiness, Lunchtime, Super Learner Century Tech and Head teacher Awards. The children get very excited and are really proud of their achievements. It is also wonderful to see them support each other.

Breakfast and Kool Kids Club

Just a reminder that we do have a morning and an afternoon school club available to parents. If you would like any more details, please contact the school office.

Please can we ask that you telephone the number when you are collecting your child/ren.

The telephone number is :- 07596 144943

Autumn Visits

Friday 4th October-Dougie Mac Bring a Pound to school day

Monday 7th October-Year 4 Cauliflower Cards

Tuesday 8th October-Reception/Y6 Cauliflower Cards

Thursday 10th October-Year 5 Cauliflower Cards

Tuesday 15th October -Reception Trip to Manchester Airport

Thursday 17th October-Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6

Nursery cauliflower cards see invite letter sent home with the children

Wednesday 23rd October-Year 1 circus skills workshop

Upcoming Sport Events

Sports Leader Training Session 16th October

Football Tournament - PVFC—Dimensions (Y6) 4th October

Hi-five Netball at Fenton Manor 22nd October



WISH

We have recently launched our WISH (Welfare, Inclusion and SEND) hub. This is based in the recently re-decorated Community Centre. Our aim is to encourage our children to “dream big, work hard and never give up” and the WISH hub will help to support us in our endeavours. The hub focusses on “Reflection and Rebuilding” in three dedicated rooms. Staff that work in this hub are Mrs Salih, Mrs Lyons, Miss Ruscoe, Mr Owens, Miss Akhtar and Miss Dinham. The Reflection Zone enables the children to reflect and work on their behaviour. In the Rebuilding Zones we provide many of our children with intervention sessions which encourage them to be responsible, safe, positive and to feel good about themselves.

Homework

Homework should now be coming home with your child in the form of weekly spellings, reading and timetables. All children in KS1 and KS2 have access to the Education City website—details of logins and password will come home soon. KS2 children are also expected to use Century Tech and Timetables Rockstars at home on a regular basis.

KEY DATES

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER	-	ACADEMY CLOSERS AT 3PM FOR HALF TERM (KOOL KIDS CLUB OPEN TILL 6PM)
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	-	ACADEMY OPENS
FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	-	INSET DAY
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER	-	INSET DAY
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER	-	ACADEMY CLOSERS AT 3PM (KOOL KIDS CLUB OPEN TILL 6PM)
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY	-	ACADEMY OPENS

Aldi



Aldi are currently offering kits for schools. If you spend £30 or more, Aldi will give you stickers. Please can you bring the stickers into school for our chart. We currently have lots of stickers, but we do need a few more to reach our goal.

SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

We have availability to hire out our school hall from 5pm most evenings.

Should you be interested or know someone that runs a club or fitness class and are looking for a venue, then please call Mrs Yates in the school office on 234466 for more details.

