



Congratulations to Hawks and Starfish classes who had the best attendance last week



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Top Tips

Parent Workshops

Don't forget to return your reply slips for the parents workshops this week, esafety on Tuesday 27th January at 6pm and phonics on Thursday 29th January at 6pm. Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle for a £50 Asda voucher.

Reading & Writing Competitions

You will recently have received a letter about our reading competition and as you are aware, at Millbrook we consider listening to your child read as often as possible, the single most important thing you can do to help their learning. At the end of Term 4 (the Easter Holiday), we are going to hold a raffle. All children that have read 100 times at home so far this year and have achieved their 100 sticker will be automatically entered. The top prize for KS2 will be a Kindle ereader, for KS1 we will provide £50 worth of book vouchers.



This week we are also holding a writing competition. Children will be trying hard all week in school to improve their handwriting. Prizes will be given out at the Celebration Assembly on Friday to the child in each class with the most improved handwriting.



Snow Closures

We will endeavour to ensure that Millbrook School is kept open for every day during the academic year. However there are rare occasions, when due to extreme weather conditions, such as snow, the school may need to close. On these days school will communicate with all parties via text message, website and local radio stations. If we have a snow day, homework for your child can be found on their class page on the school website in the linked documents area.



Contact details

Please can you update school with any changes to your contact details, especially if you had a new phone for Christmas as we are finding that we have some invalid numbers and email addresses on our system. Please can we also remind you that children should only be collect by named contacts over the age of 16 years.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27th January - E-safety workshop 6pm

Wednesday 28th January - Yr 6 trip to London

Wednesday 28th January - Otter Class Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 29th January - Phonics workshop 6pm

Friday 13th February - Last day of term

Monday 23rd February - Staff training Day, children not required to attend school

Tuesday 24th February - children return to school

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Staying Healthy at Millbrook

On Friday 9th January the year 3 and 4 football team took part in a futsal tournament against 8 different schools in the Swindon area. All children involved were a superb credit to the school on and off the pitch and put in some outstanding performances. They won 6 of their games, drew 1 and lost the other. Futsal is a variant of football and is played indoors with a ball that has limited bounce. The surface, ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as ball control in small spaces.



Governor of the month

I'm Angie Evans and I have been a Millbrook Governor for seven years and have loved every minute, especially working with the children and working on the whole school productions. A highlight was working with Year 5 on our Flower Festival exhibition at St Mary's Church.

Being a governor made me realise that I wanted to work with children and I am currently half-way through my PGCE Initial Teacher Training. I am both excited and nervous at the prospect of having my own class in September.



Music Lessons



If your child is in year 2 and above and is interested in having music lessons please collect a form from the school office. We currently have a woodwind and a guitar teacher from Swindon Music Co-operative who come into school each week. Individual 15 minute lessons start from £7.15 a week.



Congratulations to Dylan Clark-Webb who recently passed his clarinet exam with merit.

