

Congratulations to Kites and Seahorse classes who had the best attendance last week.



Millbrook Messenger

Top Tips

School Crossing Campaign

Swindon Borough Council have confirmed that they will be starting work on Gainsborough Way to make a safer crossing for our children on Monday 31st October. Please see the note from them below -



"Swindon Borough Council will be starting work on improvements to the pedestrian crossing point at the school gate on Gainsborough Way on **Monday 31st October**. The works will take approximately 2-3 weeks. We are going to widen the pavement on both sides of the road to create a narrow section in the middle for traffic, making a shorter distance for pedestrians to cross. We will also put up some warning signs, new bollards and extend the double yellow lines to improve visibility. We will be working under temporary traffic lights to provide a safe working area for the contractors so **there may be some delays to traffic**. Pedestrians will still be able to access the school gate on Gainsborough Way although we may need to close the footpath link from Pendennis Road for a couple of days at some point during the works. We will let you know about this as soon as we have a date, and pedestrians will need to access the school via the main gate on Worsley Road.

Please do not park on Gainsborough Way while we are working on the crossing point as parked cars will be in the way of the temporary traffic lights. Thank you for your cooperation and support while we work to improve the crossing facilities outside the school and, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keturah Watts (Assistant Project Manager) from SBC on kwatts@swindon.gov.uk or 01793 466455."

Please can we also remind you not park in the school car park. Additional parking is available at Freshbrook Church.

Everyday English Class for Parents

We are fortunate that we are again able to offer "Everyday English" Classes for parents, carers, grandparents whose first language is not English. The course is held at Millbrook and lasts for 8 weeks on a Monday and Thursday from 12.30 - 3pm starting on Thursday 3rd November. If you would like to learn how to use the English language in everyday situations such as making an appointment, ordering food, filling in forms or job applications please contact the school office.

1. Phone the school by 9am if your child is ill on 872800. **If they are sick or have diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours.**
2. Make a note of the diary dates. Check out the calendar on the website.
3. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

Diary Dates

Thursday 20th October

Last day of term

Monday 31st October

Children return to school
Work starts on the safer road crossing

Thursday 3rd November

Everyday English class starts at 12.30pm

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th November

Parents Evening

14th—18th November

Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 16th November

Hawks Class Assembly 9.15am

Friday 18th November

Children in Need

Visit to Sevington Victorian School;

Wednesday 23rd Nov - Otters

Thursday 24th Nov — Badgers

Friday 25th Nov — Foxes

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Assessment & Reporting Arrangements

As we are currently in the process of changing our assessment system, there will be no formal report cards issued before your child's parents evening in November.

The class teacher will discuss how your child has settled in and started the year, their progress and the areas that they need to work on to improve further. They will also discuss how you can support your child at home.

We thank you for your understanding during this time of huge change to the primary curriculum and want to reassure you that your child's learning and progress remains our main priority.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th November from 3.30 pm—6pm. Online booking will open after the half term holiday. Please check your emails and texts on Monday 31st October for the login details.



Last week we had a special visitor in school, Pudsey Bear came and met all the children to encourage everyone to take part in Children in Need fundraising this year!

To raise money this year we will be taking part in 'The Big Spotacular' on **Friday 18th November**. As a part of this we will be inviting children to come to school **dressed in non- school uniform, with a spotty theme**, for a donation of £1.

We will also be holding a '**spotty**' cake competition with a winner from Foundation Stage, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. If you would like to enter a cake into the competition please bring it school on the 18th of November with your **name and class clearly labelled**. All cakes will then be **sold on the playground** after school and winners will be announced in the celebration assembly. We look forward to raising lots of money in our spotty outfits on the 18th of November!