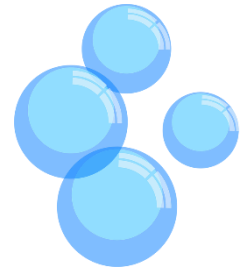




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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

Message from Mrs Tighe

It has been lovely to welcome so many children to lunch club over the last few weeks. The children have been very articulate about their learning and proud of each other's hard work! The weather is still quite chilly so please make sure your children are wrapped up warm and in a waterproof coat if possible.

I am sure you have heard the news that the PFTA reached the fundraising target so we can purchase Kinetic Letters to support the children's handwriting across school. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and thanks also to the PTFA for organising such a fun event!

We have lots more lovely events coming up over the next half term so do keep an eye on our website and new dates at the end of each newsletter.

As always if there is anything we can do to support your family please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Whole-school improvement

This week the teaching staff have had pupil progress meetings and we have been delighted with the progress the children are making! The reading assessment system we introduced in October is clearly indicating how secure pupils are in their comprehension and the Key Stage 1 children have really enjoyed participating in the mini-tests.

On our Inset day we will be finalising our revised school values and building in a new behaviour system to recognise positive behaviour across the whole school. The team is really excited to move forward and build a new Behaviour Policy together. We will also be developing our understanding of safeguarding for Looked After Children and the Local Authority role in safeguarding referrals.

Home learning

Please ensure that you are reading with your child every day as it really does make a huge difference to their progress in Reading and Writing. If you are unable to access Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars then please speak to your child's class teacher. These apps support your child in developing number fluency and the ability to recognise and visualise number.

Thank you for your support.



Site and safety news

Please ensure you are driving at a safe speed and parking in an appropriate place when collecting or dropping off your child. Sadly there has been an increase in reports of unsafe driving which is unacceptable.

With seasonal illnesses still around we are encouraging all our children to remember safe hygiene procedures. Catch it – bin it – kill it. Asking your child to sing the ABC song twice while washing their hands also ensures they are washing for an appropriate amount of time!

Mrs Tighe's Lunch Club

I have had lovely lunches with:

Nancy, Ennis, Lily, Bodie, Noah,

Leon, Aubrey, Oscar, Theo, Kobi

Polly, Nicholas, Willow, Phoebe, Suki

Ava, Koa, Elena, Seb, Joe

Freya, Sophie, Violet, Francesco, Jesse

Daisy, Fletcher, Isabella, Ayda and
Ted!

I have been so impressed with Year 2's work on time – they were able to explain their learning so clearly. Year 1 explained their semantic writing grids and showed me how to use them to write a sentence. EYFS also blew me away with their use of digraphs like sh, qu and th!

School values

This half term the governors, staff and I would appreciate feedback on our school values. We currently have 3 behaviour values (Ready, Respectful, Safe) and 3 overall values (Nurture, Inspire, Challenge) which we would like to refine to make sure they reflect our children as well as our adults.

Please do have your say on our values by clicking the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGKZ38G>

Safeguarding messages

Our Wellbeing Wednesday assembly this week goes hand-in-hand with Safer Internet Day. When asked, many of our children were unsure what to do if they saw a scary or worrying video on their tablet, TV or a phone. Jessie & friends is an online safety approach that can start a discussion with your child about how to stay safe online. This week we shared the story of Jessie and what to do if you see something that makes you feel worried – turn it off and tell!

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

Our primary purpose is to keep everyone safe, happy and well in school. This starts right as children enter the school. If your child is not in school please let us know as soon as possible their reason for absence and how you can be contacted if needed. Thank you!

Whole School attendance: 94.4%

Class attendance winner: Rainbowfish 95.5%

Important dates

10th February	Safer Internet Day – ‘Smart Tech, safe choices’	All year groups
	Year 1 performance – doors open 2.15 for a 2.30 start	Year 1
11th February	Year 1 performance – doors open 9am for a 9.15 start	Year 1
13th February	Inset day – school closed to pupils	All year groups
16-20th February	Half term	All year groups
2nd March	MyHappyMind lesson for Year 2 parents and children	9am
3rd March	MyHappyMind lesson for Year 1 parents and children	9am
5th March	MyHappyMind lesson for EYFS parents and children	9am
11th March	PTFA Movie night	3.30-5pm
13th March	Mother’s day event	9-10am
16th March	Parents evenings 3.30-6pm	All year groups
18th March	Parents evenings 3.30-6pm	All year groups
20th March	Crazy Hair and Hats day	All year groups
24th March	New values information session and Springtime decorating 2.15-3.10	All year groups
27th March	Last day of term	All year groups
30th March-13th April	Easter holidays	All year groups