

## October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you all know, I am immensely proud to be part of Millbank Academy. As a community, we have come together and achieved so much in the last month.

Walk around the school and you will see high quality lessons taking place with enthusiastic and engaged pupils eager to learn. Step into the playground after school and you will see the PTA continuing to do their fantastic work, whether it be organising events or being on hand to support new parents. Go into the playground at break and lunch and you will see our pupils welcoming in new peers, many new to England and the language, and making them feel part of the community.

Mrs Klibi and I have made some amendments to the behaviour policy this year, and whilst we maintain our exceptionally high expectations of behaviour and dress, we know that it is important to motivate pupils. We want them to value our school rules and to give them time to reflect and discuss their behaviours when they sometimes make the wrong choice. This year, we aim to ensure that pupils are given that opportunity, and it is pleasing to see how pupils are responding so positively to this already.

We have so much to look forward to at Millbank: our Maths with Parents launch in Reception, after school clubs starting next week and the PTA cinema night! After the half term, we will begin our parent workshops on Wednesday mornings, so look out for those dates and please ensure you all attend. Staff put a lot of effort into these and high attendance makes it all worth it!

Thank you again for your patience and supporting us in this time of transition. In order to continue to help our new staff, we ask that any non-urgent queries go via the office email. [office@millbankacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@millbankacademy.org.uk)

Best wishes,

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Acting Headteacher



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## **No Nuts**

Please note that the school has a **'no nuts'** policy. Please provide your child with a **fruit or vegetable snack** for break times and while they are waiting for an after school club. Despite this reminder in the September newsletter, we have still had cases of a few parents giving their children snack bars, cakes and sweets to consume in school that contain nuts. Further to that, may we remind you that crisps, snack bars, cakes, biscuits, sweets, etc... are not acceptable as snacks at Millbank.

## **Taking Photographs at School Events**

We understand that you may like to take photos at school events such as school assemblies. We would like to advise all parents and carers that any images you take in school should not be shared via any public source or online platform and should not identify any child by name. The school reserves the right to instruct parents to not take photographs or videos for selected events.



## **Emergency Contacts for Children**

With the ever changing world of mobile phones, we ask parents to ensure that we have up to date contact details and emergency numbers in case your child is taken ill or involved in an accident. Please let the office staff know of any change of details or circumstances immediately.

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## **Outer Clothing**

It is often difficult to predict the weather, but your children need to come to school with outer clothing that will see them through a wet and cold day. Please make sure that you are providing adequate clothing for your children.





## School Uniform at Millbank Academy

At Millbank Academy pupils wear the agreed school uniform to promote a sense of belonging and identity. We want our pupils to look smart and to follow our uniform code.

We want to teach our children to take pride in their appearance and to represent Millbank Academy to the highest standards.

Please keep the school uniform in a clean state and in good repair.

**Our uniform can be purchased from Whitehall Clothiers – see below.**

**All clothing, bags and shoes must be marked clearly with the owner's name.**

### **How to get to Whitehall Clothiers, Camberwell**

Whitehall Clothiers  
77 Camberwell Road  
Camberwell  
London  
SE5 0EZ

**Buses 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 171, 176, 468**

**Nearest tube - Kennington**

Phone: 020 7703 3604

Website: [www.whitehallclothiers.com](http://www.whitehallclothiers.com)

Store Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5:30pm

Sunday CLOSED



### **Shoes**

Shoes must be **plain** black. Shoes with flashing lights are not suitable for school. If your child is unable to tie their own laces, we ask that they wear shoes with Velcro or buckles.

### **Socks and Tights**

Socks should be grey or white without pattern or decoration. Red, white or grey tights may be worn in the winter.

### **Make up**

Make up and nail varnish are not permitted at school.

### **Jewellery**

Pupils with pierced ears may wear a single pair of stud earrings. Pupils may wear a small plain watch. No other jewellery is allowed. The school does not take responsibility for missing items of jewellery.

### **Hairstyles**

Millbank Academy expects pupils to have reasonable hairstyles and colours. Long hair should be tied back. If pupils wear hair bands or hair ties they must be plain red, grey, black or white. Hair bands should be small, plain and functional. Pupils should not have patterns cut or shaved into their hair. Headscarves for religious reasons should be plain red, grey, black or white. No patterns, decorations or pins are permitted.

**Please note that parents and carers will be notified and instructed to rectify incorrect uniform.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## **Mathletics**

A reminder to all children and parents that **Mathletics** is ready to go for the new academic year. Earn as many points as you can each week on the numerous activities and games.

**Certificates** are awarded as follows:

Bronze **Certificate** – 1000 points earned in a week.

Silver **Certificate** – 5 x bronze **certificates**.

**Gold Certificate** – 4 x silver **certificates** (20 weeks of sustained effort!)

Congratulations to our **Gold Winners** for September.



Are you a super Mathlete, too? Try to win a certificate in October.

## **More Reading**

This year there is going to be a focus on reading at Millbank. The Trust will be producing a new home reading log for all the children. It will include a recommended reading list for different year groups. Parents will be expected to read with their children and to sign the log every night. We will also be encouraging the children to use their local library as well as our school library to ensure that they always have a book to read in their desk and at home. More details on this will follow.



## **School Council**

Our new school council members were elected at the beginning of September and were congratulated in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children who will be representing their class in school council meetings this year:

Year 1 Emily, Digby, Nell and Abdulaziz

Year 2 Zakariya, Nadine, Aishah and Nandan

Year 3 Umar, Melodie, Mozn and Tengiz

Year 4 Shea, Mia, Alice and Emilio

Year 5 Andre, Lucy, Jeadah and Victor

Year 6 Nasser, Sofia, Rollo and Sara

Windmill Jacob and Luke

## **Spelling Champions**

We now have a new trophy to present to the class that has achieved the highest scores in their weekly spelling tests. At present, we have started this presentation for the KS2 children, but will be extending the award to the younger children shortly.

20<sup>th</sup> September champions - 6 Blue presented to Ayub for excellent scores

27<sup>th</sup> September champions - 5 Blue presented to Adiyat for excellent progress

Please help your child to learn their spellings every week. Look out for the A4 sheet with the spellings printed on them for you to support child at home.



## Dates and Events

### October

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am, top hall	<u>Maths with Parents Launch for new parents</u>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00pm, top hall	<u>Maths with Parents Launch for new parents</u>
	9:30am – 2:30pm	<u>1 Blue trip to South London Botanical Institute</u>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am and 3:45pm top hall	<u>Outward Bound information sessions for Year 5 parents</u>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	<u>School and PTA photographs</u>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 2:30pm	<u>1 Red trip to South London Botanical Institute</u>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 12:00pm	<u>DfE Black History Month event</u> – those involved will be contacted
	3:30pm – 5:30pm	<u>Movie Night PTA fundraising event</u>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	morning	<u>Mr Canter's Memorial – more information to come</u>
	1:00pm	<u>Early closing for Mr Canter's funeral</u>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>		<u>School closed INSET day</u>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am, top hall	<u>KS2 behaviour – parent workshop</u>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>		<u>Secondary school application deadline</u>

**Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Millbank Academy Office: 0203 262 0068**

### After School Clubs

In previous years, pupils attending play centre have been entitled to a free space at an after school club. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer this. All pupils are expected to pay for clubs in full.

