

Future Academies Primary Schools

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November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to this new term. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the memorial for Mr Canter. His family were incredibly touched and grateful, and we were very proud of all of the pupils for their conduct during the service. Whilst Mr Canter's legacy will always remain part of the Millbank fabric, we as a school now need to look to the future and move forward, working together to fulfil his vision for the school.

Since the last newsletter, Miss Slater and Mr Hodgkinson have been tasked with helping to support KS2 with assessment and behaviour respectfully, and we are grateful to them for the work they have been doing.

We have a lot of work to do this term in order to continue to drive up standards: continuing our reading drive, running interventions before and after school and completing our first set of formal assessments in English and mathematics.

This term is full of other exciting events with concerts, trips and exhibitions to look forward to!

Early December will see our first set of reports sent out to parents which will incorporate academic and pastoral achievements. These will be followed with the first parents' evenings for the year, and we are looking forward to meeting you all to discuss your child's progress. For KS1 and KS2, we have amended the format and will have our parents' evenings on one night. The form tutors will feedback on your child's academic and pastoral progress.

One of my favourite parts of being a Head teacher is being in the playground talking to the families of Millbank. I love being greeted every morning with happy faces and cheerful goodbyes at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who stops to talk to me.

I do ask that any concerns or queries follow the appropriate route. Always talk to the class teacher or form tutor first who will then pass your message on to the appropriate member of SLT if necessary. We also continue to ask that any non-urgent queries go via the office email. This will ensure that your query will be dealt with more efficiently and allows the office to ensure all pupils are fully safeguarded office@millbankacademy.org.uk.

Best wishes,

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PE Kit Reminder and Urgent Notice about Jewellery

Please make sure that your child has their **named** PE kit in school for their PE lessons. The best way to ensure this is to take it home for washing on Fridays (check for size and that it is named) and then bring it in again on Monday morning. Also, please note that **no jewellery should be worn for PE** for your child's and other children's safety.

If your child has difficulty taking items of jewellery out themselves, then please send them to school without the items.

Remember – only stud earrings are permitted in school.

These should be easy to take out for PE.

Please look out for the letter about expectations for PE.

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.



Have a Giggle

Abdi and Elliot shared a joke to keep you smiling in the colder months.

Q. Why did the scarecrow win the award?

A. He won the award because he was **outstanding!**



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

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.





More Reading!

Well done to KS2! The children were given the challenge of visiting their local library over the half term holiday. We are pleased to report that most children achieved their mission and have brought back a wide variety of super books to read in class or at home. It was also wonderful to hear about all the other events that the children witnessed while they were at their library. We hope you all go back and give the library another visit soon.

Our Reception children also went on a visit to the library recently and our school council are thinking of ways to encourage a regular reading habit at Millbank. We hope to be in discussions with the BookTrust to find out about their research into developing reading habits.

This week, the children were given a reading log as we are still waiting for the new reading planner. This needs to be filled in each day. Although a child might not read a new book seven times a week, there should be a comment from the child or parent every day to encourage a regular reading habit.

Miss Slater will be delivering a **Parent Workshop on reading on Wednesday 6th November 9:00-9:20am** in the top hall of the main block.

Spelling

In the reading logs that your children have brought home, you will notice that the National Curriculum (NC) spelling lists are displayed in the middle pages. Each week, the children are given a list of spellings to learn based upon the NC requirements. We do not want any of the children to fall behind their year group expectation for spelling, so please make sure that your children learn their spellings thoroughly every week.

Teachers introduce the new spelling list to the class and share strategies for learning them. Ask your child to tell you what they are learning about spelling.

Mrs Klibi will be delivering a **Parent Workshop on spelling on Wednesday 4th December 9:00-9:20am** in the top hall of the main block. Please come along to see how we are teaching spelling in school.



Spelling Champions

Our new spelling trophy has taken pride of place in a number of KS2 classrooms now.

4th October champions - 6 Red presented to Agatha for excellent scores

11th October champions - 6 Blue presented to Amira for excellent progress, and Zenien was also commended for her excellent progress.

It is pleasing to announce that teachers have been noticing a rise in the spelling test scores. A number of children achieve top marks on a regular basis, and many children have made excellent progress – some leaping up several points.

When we ask the children how they have managed to make such wonderful progress, they simply say that they tried to learn them every night and that their parents tested them at home, too.

Black History Month

Last month, some of our pupils were invited to the Department for Education (DfE) to be part of their Black History Month celebrations. The pupils showcased their amazing singing and presenting talents and made us all very proud. The staff at DfE were extremely impressed with the talent and behaviour! The children met with the Permanent Secretary for Education and he said he would be happy to welcome more of our children to the Department again soon! Well done to Jessie, Aiza, Nicola, Lucy, Deborah, Hiyabel, Bethel, Ayesha, JC, Yuumi, Sara, Eve, Rollo, Jacob and Nasser.



Dates and Events

November

Friday 1 st		<u>Year 2 Blue Book Fest at Frances Holland School</u>
Monday 4 th	2:00pm	<u>Taekwondo exhibition at Pimlico Academy for KS2</u>
Wednesday 6 th	9:00-9:20am	<u>Parent Workshop on Reading, top hall</u>
	1:45-3:25pm	<u>Year 6 talk from MIND</u>
Thursday 7 th	morning	<u>Year 4 trip to Tate Modern</u>
Wednesday 13 th	9:00-9:20am	<u>Parent Workshop on Mathematics, top hall</u>
	1:45-3:25pm	<u>Year 6 talk from MIND</u>
Monday 18 th	time - tbc	<u>E-Safety Assemblies for EYFS, KS1 and KS2</u>
Wednesday 20 th	12:40-6:00pm	<u>Year 4 trip to Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre</u>
Monday 25 th		<u>Visit from Children's Health in London and Luton</u>
Wednesday 27 th	9:00-9:20am	<u>Parent Workshop on Times Tables, top hall</u>
	1:45-3:25pm	<u>Year 6 talk from MIND</u>

Parent Meetings

Monday 2 nd December	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 3 rd December	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 3 rd December	Windmill
Thursday 5 th December	Years 1 to 6

End of term: Friday 20th December – 1pm finish

Millbank Academy Office: 0203 262 0068

School Office

Please note that from Monday 4th November, the school office will no longer be able to deal with forgotten packed lunches and PE kits. If children have forgotten their packed lunch, they will be given a school dinner and this will be charged to their parentpay account. It is important that children learn to be organised for the school day ahead. We appreciate your cooperation with this.