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December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support in my first term as Acting Head teacher. The community spirit at Millbank Academy is second to none and I am incredibly proud to be a part of such a fantastic school.

I am sorry to have to inform you that at the end of this term, Mr Pozzi and Mrs Klibi will be leaving Millbank Academy. Mr Pozzi is going to undertake a university course in sports physiotherapy, and we wish him the best of luck with his studies and future career. We thank him for his contribution to the development of the mathematics curriculum in our school, and for seamlessly taking the lead on mathematics this term. Miss Alves will be taking on Mr Pozzi's form responsibilities from January.

Mrs Klibi, as you may know, has a long commute each day into Millbank Academy and so has made the decision to move to a school closer to home. We would like to thank her for her hard work with the English curriculum. I especially would like to thank her for her support and care as Deputy Head this term. Taking this into account, we have arranged for Miss Slater, who has previous experience as a Year 6 teacher, to undertake the teaching of Year 6 mathematics and English for the remainder of the year to ensure there is consistency in this pivotal year for the pupils. **Details of any further changes will be sent once final arrangements have been completed.**

We are pleased to announce that Miss Kremer will be teaching again from Monday 2nd December and that Miss Hayward will be returning in the New Year. Mrs Davidiyan has already returned, and so we are very happy to have all these members of staff back at Millbank Academy.

Please do remember to book an online slot to meet with your child's class teacher or form tutor on Thursday 5th December. It is an excellent opportunity to find out all about their academic and pastoral achievements and to ask any questions.

We have lots to look forward to in the final three weeks of term, with music concerts, film nights and discos along with the EYFS and KS1 nativities. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Best wishes,

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KS2 Lunchtime at Millbank

The KS2 lunch format has been slightly amended this term to create a more enjoyable and calm lunchtime environment. There are now two sittings in the canteen. The first sitting is for Year 3 and 4 students during which time Year 5 and Year 6 students are playing outside. The second sitting is for Year 5 and 6 students during which time Year 3 and 4 students are playing outside.

This new format allows for a calmer playground with students having more space and a more structured canteen where children can enjoy eating with their friends in a sociable environment. Mr Hodgkinson will be delivering a **Parent Workshop on lunchtimes on Wednesday 11th December 9:00-9:20am** in the top hall of the main block.

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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safe in education**

Government consultation

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

Another joke to cheer you up in the colder months.

Q What did the scarf say to the hat?

A. You go on ahead and I'll hang around here!



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.



Waterloo Foodbank

Millbank is working with the Waterloo Foodbank to collect food donations to be distributed to people who need it. Low incomes, a sudden crisis such as redundancy, benefit delay, illness or even an unexpected bill can mean someone going hungry. The Waterloo Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network. Together, they provide food to thousands of people nationwide every year. We would like the pupils of Millbank and their families to donate items of food to ensure that those in need can have access to food over the Christmas holidays. A letter will be sent out with more details.



Spelling Champions

In November, the spelling trophy was awarded to the following classes:

1st Nov champions - **5 Blue** presented to Yousef for achieving 20/20 and fantastic progress

8th Nov champions – **3 Red** presented to Kaira for achieving full marks every week

15th Nov champions – **4 Red** presented to Olivia for top marks and great progress

22nd Nov champions - **6 Blue** presented to Adam for excellent progress and attainment

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.

Do you have a query or concern?

If you have a question or concern, **please contact your child's form tutor/class teacher or the school office by sending an email to office@millbankacademy.org.uk** clearly stating your question or concern. We will then be able to refer your matter to the most appropriate members of staff who will be able to answer your question or action the next step. All of our members of staff, including the leadership team, are there to support to you.

If you do need to talk to teachers about an issue, please speak to them briefly before the bell rings, or wait until after all the children have been dismissed at the end of the day. Please refrain from starting conversations while the children are leading into class, or during dismissal. We need to ensure that all pupils enter and exit the building safely and have the maximum amount of time for their learning. It is always best to arrange an appointment. This can be organised via the office email and will ensure that your query or concern is given the time it deserves.

Matilda

On Wednesday 20th November, Year 4 went to see *Matilda the Musical* at the Cambridge Theatre. It was a fantastic chance for the children to attend a theatre and to see this hugely popular children's book come to life. Year 4 will be using this performance to inspire some dramatic writing of their own.



“Confetti fell down from the ceiling, and went all over the stage and the audience. I was really happy because I was able to catch some. The confetti was coloured paper. My favourite part was when Matilda told a story about Miss Honey’s life and it turned out to be true.” Caleb, Year 4

Charlotte’s Web

On Tuesday 3rd December, it will be Year 3’s chance to be treated to a theatre experience. The Polka Theatre Company will be visiting Millbank Academy to carry out some workshops. A letter will be sent out with more details.

Parents’ Evenings – Important Notice

Please note that there is a new system for booking appointments for Parents’ Evenings for Year 1 to 6. You will already have received the website link via text and parent pay email. We hope that the online booking system will be fairer for all parents to access.

The **booking system will close on Tuesday 3rd December** allowing the teachers to prepare for the parents who have booked. There will be **no drop-in appointments** available.

Timings for Parents’ Evening

There will be a **strict timing system** put into place so that parents do not have to wait beyond their scheduled appointment. Therefore, it is essential that you **arrive in good time** for your appointment as it is very unlikely that there will a slot later in the evening if you are late.

2018 - 2019 Accounts Report
PTA Millbank Academy

(September 2018 - July 2019)



Opening Balance £ 6,796.76

Events:

Winter Warmers Soup sale	£ 61.00
Sports Non uniform day	£ 203.00
Nearly New Clothes Sale Mar 19	£ 97.00
Sports Bake Sale Mar 19	£ 170.35
Parents Sports Donation	£ 400.00
Private Donation	£ 1,500.00
International Food Night	£ 225.00
Early Years Bake Sale	£ 237.64
Toy & Book Sale (Y2)	£ 222.00
Class Photos	£ 1,076.42
Summer Fete Jun 2019	£ 2,041.41
Sponsored Mile Run	£ 1,236.45

Total Funds Raised £ £7,470.27

£ 14,267.03

EXPENDITURE:

Maths with Parents 2018-2019	£ 599.00
Maths with Parents 50%, 2019-2020	£ 500.00
New Playground Signage	£ 1,000.00
New Library books (Browns Books)	£ 226.57
New Classroom Dictionaries	£ 535.00
Books for Reading Programme (Mrs Klibi)	£ 378.25
(YR2) Postal Museum	£ 453.50
New football goal	£ 869.94
Sports/ Playground equipment	£ 548.42
(YR1) Vauxhall City Farm	
2018/2019	£ 250.00
(YR2) London Zoo Science trip	£ 408.00
Fair Inflatables, Castle Games Hire	£ 470.00
Summer Fair Play Gym	£ 600.00
PTA Plates, cutlery, napkins, cups	£ 230.00
Playground works	£ 5,586.00
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 12,654.68</u>

Closing Balance July 2019

£ 1,612.35

Children in Need

Thank you to everybody who joined in our Children in Need event on Friday 15th November. The total amount raised by the school was **£244**. This included £12 from PTA (10% of £120 raised in the bake sale on 13th Nov).



Thank You from the PTA!

With the help and support of parents and families across Millbank, the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) has been able to do some great work in the short time that we've been back at school this year! **A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!**

Who is the PTA?

All parents/guardians and staff at Millbank are PTA members when you join the school. You are all invited and encouraged to come along to our coffee mornings and get involved with the work we do. We encourage new and fresh innovative ideas too!

What does the PTA do?

One of the PTA's primary aims is to develop positive relationships by linking parents, staff and the local community through a common cause. Our children love to see us getting involved and having a range of fun activities that we can all enjoy together. For some of our parents, our bake sales, movie nights and fairs are an opportunity to meet new parents and feel like a part of the wonderful Millbank community.

As you will have seen, the PTA also engages in fundraising activities which will help us provide facilities and experiences to support and develop our children's learning at school.

Just in the last couple of months, we have been able to fund playground works and cricket mats, contribute to Year 4's trip to the theatre and fund Year 1's trip to the South London Botanical Institute. This would not have been possible without you all. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- **Movie Night** for Year 4, 5 and 6, 3:45-5:30pm on Friday 29th Nov
- **Disco Night** for Y1, 2 and 3, 3:45-5pm on Friday 6th Dec
- **Staff Appreciation Day** - Wednesday 11th Dec (TBC)
- **Early Years Fun Hour** for Nursery and Reception, 3:30-4:30pm on Tuesday 17th Dec

We also plan to have an International Food Night with live music and our very own Millbank's Got Talent to celebrate the rich diversity in our school. Watch this space and get involved!

How to contact the PTA

As always, you can contact us at millbankacademypta@gmail.com and find us in the playground before or after school.

Some of you will already be aware that we have class representatives. We will be sending out a PTA newsletter soon with photos and names so you know who to get in touch with.

Please come and see any of us if you would like to get more involved with our school and community.

December Dates and Events

Monday 2 nd		<u>Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings</u>
		<u>5 Red trip to the National Portrait Gallery</u>
Tuesday 3 rd		<u>Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings</u>
		<u>Windmill Parent Meetings</u>
		<u>Year 3 Polka Theatre Workshop: Charlotte's Web</u>
	7:00-8:00pm	<u>Pimlico Foundation Music Concert at St Gabriel's</u>
Wednesday 4 th		<u>Windmill Parent Meetings</u>
	9:00-9:20am	<u>Parent Workshop on Spelling, top hall</u>
		<u>Visit from Children's Health in London and Luton</u>
	1:45-3:25pm	<u>Year 6 MIND</u>
Thursday 5 th	3:30-8:00pm	<u>Years 1-6 Parents' Evening</u>
Friday 6 th	3:45-5:00pm	<u>PTA Disco Night for Year 1, 2 and 3, top hall</u>
Tuesday 10 th	1:30pm	<u>Immunisation Team – nasal flu spray</u>
Wednesday 11 th	9:00-9:20am	<u>Parent Workshop on KS2 Lunchtime routines and behaviour</u>
	2:00pm	<u>EYFS Nativity to parents</u>
		<u>Foodbank donations to be given in by this date</u>
	1:45-3:25pm	<u>Year 6 MIND</u>
Thursday 12 th		<u>Windmill Trip to Sadler's Wells</u>
Tuesday 17 th	3:30-4:30pm	<u>PTA Early Years Fun Hour for Nursery and Reception</u>
Wednesday 18 th	2:00pm	<u>KS1 Seven Penguins performance to parents</u>

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

Parent Meetings

The **online booking system for Year 1 to 6 will close on Tuesday 3rd December** allowing the teachers to prepare for the parents who have booked. There will be **no drop-in appointments** available. Please arrive in good time, as it is very unlikely that another slot will be available if you are late.

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Tuesday 3 rd December	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 3 rd December	Windmill
Wednesday 4 th December	Windmill
Thursday 5 th December	Years 1 to 6

School Office - Reminder

Please note that 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 parent pay account. It is important that children learn to be organised for the school day ahead. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

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