

July 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

I cannot believe that I am writing my section of the newsletter for the last time! The months have flown by since I announced that I would be moving within the Trust to become the new principal at Barclay Academy. I have really enjoyed being your headteacher and I have loved being part of the Millbank community for the last two and a half years. I know that the school will continue to flourish under Mr Canter and then Mrs Jefferson and I wish them all the very best.

The end of the summer term is always a very busy time. We have had lots of trips as you will see as you read through this newsletter. I am looking forward to leading the Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight which is a wonderful way for those children to finish their time at Millbank Academy.

Thank you to all the parents who organised the school summer fair. We were once again lucky with the weather! The school would not be able to do all the great things that we do without the support of the Parent Teacher Association.

My congratulations go to Miss Staff, Miss Balasan and Mr Desai for passing their teacher training and becoming fully qualified teachers. They have been invaluable members of the team this year and I thank them for the hard work they have put in for the school. Miss Staff and Mr Desai will be remaining at Millbank next year and we wish Miss Balasan 'bon voyage' as she goes travelling.

Thank you once again for the privilege of being part of your very special community. I have been very fortunate to have been supported by an excellent team of staff who all work extremely hard to make Millbank such an excellent school.

With very best wishes,

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Europa Centre Language Trip

Year 3 and 4 set off on a glorious summer morning 'pour faire le shopping' and excited about spending the day speaking French. Did we have to cross the Channel? Not at all!

Tucked away in a leafy residential area, on the edge of London, there is a little village, renowned for being 'typically French'. This is the Europa Centre, complete with a boulangerie, charcuterie, marché and all the other little shops and businesses you would expect in the centre of a French town. Most importantly, (according to the children) there is 'le café' on the main square, attired with red-check tablecloths with a delicious menu. On offer ... croissants, crêpes and pains au chocolat.

We started the day by going into the classroom and the staff introduced themselves and taught us some new vocabulary for our activities. In small groups, the children bought fruit and vegetables, baguettes and pastisseries, fromages and jus d'orange. They chose and tried on items of clothing, had to work out information about the individual shop and store owners, and order something to eat and drink at the café.

The whole day was conducted in French with each child being encouraged to speak as much of the language as possible. The staff at the Europa Centre, who came from France and other francophone countries, ensured that everybody requested their choices and paid for them using the correct French phrases.

The children had a busy and fabulous time: they all loved the role-playing, puppet show and, of course, getting there on the train. What a great way to boost out French language skills!

Madame Senhadji

French Teacher

Europa Centre Visit

by Aiza 3 Blue

The trip to Europa Centre in Hornchurch was very enjoyable, especially the puppet show and the French cafe experience. What a wonderful idea it is to have a French mock town to teach us about a range of things. I learnt many new words in French in such a short time!

I love my French lessons with Madame Senhadji and it was great to put my learning into practice. The trip certainly boosted my learning and I now feel more confident in talking to others in French.

Thank you for this opportunity to develop my knowledge and understanding of French.



I found this trip fun because I learned some interesting facts about France I probably didn't know.

by Rhys 3 Blue

Millbank Academy Ruck Sack

Black with two internal zip compartments.
Millbank Academy name on front pocket and name pocket at the back.

£12.50



Millbank Academy Jacket

Black, water resistant outside with fleece lining.
Concealed pack away hood, zip pockets, elasticated cuffs, Millbank Academy tick on front.

£20.99



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Camberwell
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Nearest tube - Kennington

Phone: 020 7703 3604
Website: www.whitehallclothiers.com

Store Opening Hours
Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5:30pm
Sunday CLOSED



Our school telephone number has changed.

Please update your mobile phones and diaries with our new number.

Millbank Academy Office: 0203 262 0068

Has your mobile number changed? Please let the office staff know of any change of details or circumstances immediately. We must have up to date contact details and emergency numbers in case your child is taken ill or involved in an accident. Additionally, following the recommendations in the new edition of Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018, schools should have at least **two emergency contacts** for every child in school in case of emergencies. Please ensure we have two contact numbers on file.



A Future Without Rubbish

On 13th and 20th June, Millbank Academy was lucky enough to host Luke Douglas-Home, the director of environmental NGO Clear Public Space. The MP- and headteacher-endorsed organisation is running a project called A Future Without Rubbish and Millbank Academy has been selected as one of the three Westminster schools to take part. As a starter activity to encourage children to think about how much rubbish each of us produce and what else could be done with it, children were shown how to make an owl figurine out of a toilet paper roll, and set a challenge to make their own. The competition ended the following week, with a beautiful selection of owls entered alongside offerings from children who had gone above and beyond, making pen pots, trees, pandas and even a model classroom! Congratulations to all our winners, who helped us all see how rubbish can be repurposed and enjoy a new lease of life as something creative and exciting!

Miss Morris-Evans

British History and Latin Teacher



Praemium Litterarum

'Well done' to **Khaled in 1 Blue**, **Mozn in 2 Blue**, **Omar in 4 Blue** and **Amy in 5 Blue** for writing exceptional pieces for the May and June awards. I would also like to mention **Georgie in 1 Red**, a previous award winner, for submitting two more fantastic entries.

1 Blue Dev, Armani, Khaled

2 Blue Mariam, Advik, Mozn

3 Blue Aiza

4 Blue Ibrahim, Hiyabel, Rakor, Fatima, Omar

5 Blue Sofia, Amy

6 Blue

1 Red Georgie, Hilary

2 Red Zain, Hamza

3 Red

4 Red

5 Red Agatha

6 Red Maryam

Mrs Klibi

English Lead

Are your children safe in the summer holiday?

Summer holidays are fast approaching, and time off school might mean more time spent online for some of our children. LGfL Digisafe provide schools with useful online safety information, and will be running a Facebook Live broadcast for parents on 16th July at 7.30pm. This is designed to equip you with tips for keeping your children safe online over the holidays and beyond. Use the details in the picture to follow them and join in.



**PARENTS, how are you
KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE
at home this SUMMER?**

Join us on



**16 July at 7.30pm
for tips & hints and
what to look out for
during the holidays.**

I Can Be

We are proud to report some wonderful news. Millbank has been chosen to be part of filming for the I Can Be project. Lamorna Byford, the Project Director, was so impressed with our girls that she would like three of them to be filmed to showcase the project. The selected girls will talk to camera about their experiences, what they have enjoyed and what they have learned. Special filming permission letters will be given to the selected girls.

On Monday 15th July, all the girls on the project will be sharing their experiences in an assembly to KS1 and KS2 from 10:30am to 11:00am. Parents and carers of the girls involved are warmly invited to attend.

The school intends to continue this project next year. Miss Staff and I have witnessed the girls grow in confidence and it has been an absolute pleasure to accompany them.

Mrs Klibi
English Lead



Music Report

Musically, this has been a particularly interesting term at Millbank Academy.

Year 5 has been learning a musical called *St George and the Dragon*. They performed this in front of some of the school on Friday 21st June. Those who have chosen to do so, are coming to Kingston on Thames, on Sunday 7th July, to perform the same work at the International Youth Arts Festival at the Rose Theatre. It is a very great honour to be invited to do this by Jeremy James Taylor, the author, and they have all worked very hard in preparation for this special event.

Year 4 has been learning songs from *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and a number of children took up the invitation to perform these songs at the Pimlico Music Foundation (PMF) concert at St Gabriel's on Tuesday 25th June. It was a really wonderful concert, and I was very proud of those children who took part.

Through the PMF, two children from Year 5 auditioned to take part in a production of the opera *Hansel and Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck at the Regent's Park Theatre earlier this month. Rollo and Molly enjoyed this hugely, and I was delighted that some of our children performed alongside members of the English National Opera in a top quality production. Congratulations to both of them!

All the children have been working hard to develop their singing voices, and, in particular, their high notes, and this is making a huge difference to the quality of singing at Millbank. Well done, all of you.

Class concerts took place earlier this month and some children, who performed alongside members of our instrumental clubs, will be invited shortly to perform at the summer concert on 17th July.

Mr Appleby

Head of Music



Awaiting the start of *Hansel and Gretel* at Regent's Park Theatre at 7pm on 14th June 2019



Curtain Call for *Hansel and Gretel* at Regent's Park Theatre at 9.15pm on 14th June 2019

Upcoming Dates and Events

July 2019

Parent Meetings

Nursery	3:30-5:30pm	8th and 9th July
Reception	3:30-5:30pm	1st and 2nd July
Year 1	3:40-5:40pm	10th and 11th July
Year 2	3:40-5:40pm	8th and 9th July
3 Blue	3:20-5:40pm	8 th July - geography, history and art
3 Red	3:20-5:40pm	9 th July - geography, history and art
4 Blue	3:20-5:40pm	2 nd July - science, British history and music
4 Red	3:20-5:40pm	1 st July - science, British history and music
5 Blue	3:20-5:40pm	3 rd July - French
5 Red	3:20-5:40pm	4 th July - French

Wb 1st July

Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight

Tuesday 2nd July

Tate Britain event at Millbank with Year 3 – afternoon

BP Portrait Award visit for Year 5 at the National Portrait Gallery

EYFS Sport Day in the afternoon

Thursday 4th July

I Can Be trip to Imperial College, South Kensington

Year 4 trip to the British Museum

Friday 5th July

School Council visit to the Department for Education (after assembly)

Monday 8th July

Pimlico Academy Transition for Year 6, 8:30am-12:30pm

Year 5 and 6 Europa Centre for Languages trip

Tuesday 9th July

Place2Be Transition Assembly for Year 6, 9:00am

Wednesday 10th July

Clubs Assembly – 9:10am in top hall, main block

(parents are invited to attend)

Football Tournament from 2pm in playground

Windmill trip to Battersea Park 11:30am to c.2:30pm

Thursday 11th July

Fast Fashion Assembly led by Year 6 at 9:30am

I Can Be trip to Collider

Friday 12th July

French Day (please wear your usual school uniform)

Monday 15th July

I Can Be assembly at 10:30am

(parents of the 'I Can Be' girls are invited to attend)

Tuesday 16th July

Transition Session for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 17th July

Millbank Music Concert at 9:30am

Thursday 18th July

Sports Day - KS1 am, KS2 pm at Vincent's Square

(KS2 children to be dismissed from Vincent's Square)

Friday 19th July

Last day of term – 1pm finish!

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