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Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Mrs Munson has been blown away by this year's applications for our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, so much so that she simply could not choose! Therefore we have a bumper crop of willing and able Ambassadors this year. Congratulations to:-

Jessica	Brooke
Ria	Lauren C
Jimmy	Bobby
Darci	Laila
Luke C	Frankie
Isla	Evy R
Isabelle S	



We will be marking Anti-Bullying Week next week by raising the awareness of our Ambassadors to the children, so that they know which friendly faces to look out for if they are in need of help.

Parent Feedback Questionnaire

Periodically we like to canvas parents' opinions on how they perceive the school and to see what we could be working on to improve further. We very much value this feedback and hope that you will find time to respond to this year's Questionnaire.

This will be sent out via ParentMail, but there will be paper copies available at this week's Parents' Evening sessions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. The analysis and results will be published in due course.

E-Safety

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology.

A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. You can subscribe to the magazine for free here:

http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/?mc_cid=e63ee698fa&mc_eid=217efd9dec



Books and Biscuits

I was absolutely amazed at the volume of work in all the children's books they have certainly been busy! We were treated to some very sophisticated story writing with impressive vocabulary choices. Several children were able to show examples of independent learning, which we applauded with gusto. But the superstar today was undoubtedly Leo in Ruby Class, who shared his specific Letterland knowledge with complete confidence and accuracy. Fabulous!

Today's participants were:-

Bethan —Year 6
 Logan O —Year 5
 Lucas —Year 4
 Gull —Year 3
 Charlotte —Year 2
 Mia —Year 1
 Leo A —Ruby

Mrs Locke



Children In Need—Friday 17th November

- On 17th November we are asking the children to help us raise money for the fantastic BBC Children In Need charity.
- To do this, they can turn up to school dressed in something spotty for The Big Spotacular! That could be a spotty t-shirt, a spotty scarf or even spotty socks! If they are taking part, they will need to pay a suggested donation of £1 to be in non-uniform.

Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful cause.





Thank you to everyone who has voted in The Aviva Community Fund. We need to secure as many votes as possible by noon on 21 November to be in with a chance of getting to the Finals. So please vote now and spread

the word with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. You must register to vote, but you get 10 votes to use. Please go to <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk> and search 'Milldene'.

Textile recycling | Pick up 15 & drop off 16 November



The *Happy School Bags* van is back next week so please fill a bag with any unwanted clothes. Accepted items are men's, ladies, and children's reusable clean and dry clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories, soft teddies and bed linen. Please note that uniform with the Milldene logo is not accepted. Additional bags are available at the office.

How can you help? Christmas Fair | 8 December | 3:15-5:15pm



We understand that not everyone can organise or help out at events but there are many other ways you can help to make this year's Christmas Fair a big success for our children:

1. Maybe you are a parent of a local business who would like to **sponsor Santa's Grotto or the refreshments stall?** In return for your donation, each sponsor will be acknowledged at the Fair.
2. Perhaps you are able to **donate a raffle prize?**
3. We are pleased to have secured advertising for the Christmas Fair and are now looking for volunteers to **host an advertising board on their property.** The boards will be put up 2 weeks prior to the event and taken down shortly after and are usually placed somewhere at the front of the property.
4. We are looking for **external stall holders to sell their 'children friendly' goodies during the Fair.** Typically, homemade items, crafts, jewellery, sweets and other small products that children would find fun and would fit in with our Christmas theme. Stalls are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Please see the attached flyer in ParentMail for further details.
5. And of course, we are in need of **helpers to cover a 30 minute slot** on a stall – this worked really well last year as every helper was still able to enjoy the Fair with their children.

If you can help in any way, please email us by 17 November:

ptfa@milldene.essex.sch.uk

**Thank you for your support,
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Attendance

Last week the attendance award went to Year 5, who managed to get 99.33%! Amazing!

Overall, our school attendance for last week was 96.94%. We have just slipped below the 97% - let's see if we can get back on track this week.

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Last week, Year 5 began to trial a new times table online resource, that can be accessed at home, called Times Tables Rock Stars. Many of the children seem to be enjoying playing in different table festivals and against each other and I can already see their confidence and knowledge growing. I hope that we can launch this to the rest of the school before Christmas.

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Congratulations to our **'Fab Four'**, who played the most games last week:

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Eloise – 351 games
Jack – 272 games
Millie – 172 games
Izzy – 123 games

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Poppy Appeal

Poppies are still available from the school office and our School Council members will continue to bring them round to our classrooms this week.



School Meals

Please note that we are on Week 2 of our new school menus this week.

Competition Time!

The children have all started taking part in short maths sessions each afternoon. These have been going well so far, but the only problem is that we do not have a name for them! We have asked the children to think up a fun, exciting name to get us all raring to go with our maths work!

Any name suggestions should be handed to the school office or to Miss Almond by this Friday, 10th November.