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Key Stage 2 Music Workshop – Year 4

On Friday 10th November Milldene School had the privilege of hosting a Music Workshop organised by the Tiptree and Stanway Primary Schools Consortium. It was attended by six other schools from the local area and led by Mrs Bull a Music Specialist Teacher.

“The singing Workshop was so good because I liked playing the drums.” – Issac

“I really enjoyed the Music Workshop because Mrs Bull was very funny. I also liked it when she let us play instruments and let us have lots of competitions.” – Evie

“I really enjoyed all of the Music Workshop but if I had to choose it would be that I was lucky enough to be able to sing with other schools.” – Ryan

“It was fun and loud. I loved the instruments.” – Charlie S

“I really enjoyed the Music Workshop because it was nice seeing the other children from the other schools having fun. It took quite a long time to get the songs perfect but we did it in the end. It was nice seeing Mrs Bull have fun.” - Lily

“190 people were at the workshop! My favourite song was Rather Be by Clean Bandit.” – Harry

Thank you to Mrs Bull for another wonderful and enjoyable workshop. The children certainly enjoyed themselves! We look forward to the next.



Kingswood Residential

Deposits for next year’s Kingswood residential trip need to be in by Friday 1st December. The deposit is £50 and this can be paid by cash, cheque or via the online payment system.

Thank you.



Admissions September 2018

The deadline for applications for children starting school in September 2018 is 15th January.

Please spread the word so that each child is given the best chance to get the school place they want.



Books and Biscuits

Another positive session this week, with a great group of pupils exuding confidence! In our conversations I noticed that they all had the following qualities in common:-

- Great listeners with super concentration
- A very healthy Growth Mindset, with comments such as “keep trying”, “never give up” and “I haven’t got it yet”.
- Helpful advice for others. For example, ask for help with your ‘pinks’, remember to use your green ‘polishing’ pen to make improvements and celebrate everyone’s achievements

Today’s participants were:-

Chloe —Year 6, Isla —Year 5, Charlie S —Year 4, Albie —Year 3, Mollie —Year 2, Noah —Year 1 and Jasmine —Ruby.

Mrs Locke



Children In Need—Friday 17th November

Don’t forget our Big Spotacular day on Friday! The children are invited to wear something spotty and to give a donation to raise money for Children in Need.

Please be advised that no crop tops, backless tops or tops with an off-the-shoulder design are permitted and everyone should still have their hair tied up: as a school we must always aim to uphold our high expectations.





Please continue to vote for our swimming pool appeal in The Aviva Community Fund. At present, we have 603 votes which works out that only approximately 60 people have voted! We need to secure at least 1,500 to be

in with a chance of getting to the final stage. So please vote now and spread the word with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Voting closes at noon on 21 November. 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



A final reminder about the *Happy School Bags* collection this week. Please bring your filled bags to the school gates at either pick up Wednesday or at drop off Thursday. Can we beat the £195 raised last time?

Christmas Fair | 8 December | 3:15-5:15pm



Further to last week's comment, we have only heard from one parent on the points below. So if you can help in anyway, please email us by 17 November: ptfa@milldene.essex.sch.uk

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.
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.

We look forward to hearing from you, thank you.

*** Coming next week ***

- Secret Santa gifts.

Thank you for your support,
Milldene Primary School PTFA



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Attendance

We have two joint winners! Both Reception and Year 3 managed to get 100% attendance last week! Incredible!

Overall, our school attendance for last week was 98.48%, so we are now back on track. Let's keep it up!

Open Library



Open library starts again this week and will be every Wednesday 3-4pm. Children can change books or do a quiz. Families are more than welcome to come and share books too! Children who want to regularly attend open library and learn to be a librarian will need to tell the office that this is a regular fixture.

Mathamania

Since the half term, we have introduced 10 minute maths problem solving sessions during afternoon registration. By playing games, solving problems and using skills such as trial and error, we hope that the children will see the many different sides to maths and enjoy sharing their findings and discussing their thoughts with their classmates.

However, the teachers decided that calling it 10 minute maths was not particularly inventive...so, we asked the children to come up with a name. Congratulations to Calib in Year 6, who suggested that these short learning sessions be called Mathamania.

Congratulations to this week's Year 5 Times Tables Rock Stars!

Jacob – 128 games played

Eloise – 115 games played

Jack - 131 games played

Charlie O – 76 games played



School Meals

Please note that we are on Week 3 of our school menus this week.

Fun Factory

We are delighted to see so many of our children enjoying our before and after school club, the Fun Factory! If you would like to book your child in for a session, please could you do so in advance where possible, so that we can ensure that we have adequate food provisions in place. Thank you.

Parent Feedback Questionnaire

Last week we sent out a ParentMail attaching a questionnaire for parents to complete. Thank you to those who have returned a completed questionnaire to us; we have loved reading your comments! If you have not yet filled one in, please do so to help us to improve. Your feedback is essential.

