

Milldene News 27

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Welcome back everybody, and finally, the long awaited Spring Weather has arrived! What a huge relief! I hope you all managed to enjoy some family time together, in spite of the weather. Whilst in Ireland, there was a dry day (yes, one!!) which we spent at the Ulster American Folk Park. It was a hugely interesting and inspiring visit— seeing life in rural Ireland as it was in times gone by, following in the footsteps of the emigrants as they sailed on their intrepid journey to the USA, and finding out about their experiences, both positive and negative, as they toiled to build a better life and future for their extended families. One thing is for certain— success then and now is not just down to good fortune— it depends heavily on hard work, confidence and self belief which we continue to promote with all our young people at Milldene.

In other news, we have taken delivery of shiny new colour coded lockers for our older boys and girls which have been provided by our PTFA. Such an improvement already— virtually no belongings “hung up on the floor” as I write! State of the art Prowise Screens have been installed in Years 2,4 and 5 classrooms to replace our ailing whiteboards, which should have an immediate impact for staff and pupils in those learning environments . This means that our rolling programme of upgrades is complete in all of the seven classrooms. I am delighted about reaching this milestone, especially as significant uncertainty around school budgets continues. An enormous thank you to the governors and my colleagues who work alongside me to optimise resources and maximise budgets, securing the right provision for the school and our boys and girls.

Staffing Updates

A very warm Milldene welcome to our new teacher Ms. Wilson, who will be providing some much needed stability and continuity for Year 3 boys and girls in Amethyst Class for the Summer term. Mr. Corley continues to recuperate; we wish him well and hope to see him return to the classroom in the near future. Due to Mr . Corley’s continued absence, the role of PE subject leader has been transferred to Miss Bailey (EYFS teacher) for the foreseeable future. She has ‘hit the ground running’ as they say, and I see cricket tournaments, football matches, athletics and new physical activity clubs in the diary already, so watch this space!

Following a phase of adjustment and reorganisation, we are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Catering Manager Hayley Kuta, who has joined our team. We look forward to new ideas and exciting initiatives to extend our catering provision even further in the coming months.

Unfortunately, our popular Learning Support Assistant, Mr. Clarke continues to be off work as his serious health situation persists and we all hope to hear more positive news soon. We have successfully recruited two new members of staff to add further strength and depth to our LSA team; Mrs Wendy Hickman and Mrs Charmaine Smith have begun their induction and we wish them every success in their new roles.

Dates for your Diary

May

7th May Bank Holiday

14th to 18th May SATS Week

28th to 23rd May Half Term

June

4th June Non Pupil Day

15th June Sports Day and Whole School Picnic

KS 2 9.15 am

KS 1 10.45 am

18th June Reserve Sports Day

22nd June KS 1 Consortium Music Festival

26th June KS 2 Consortium Sports

July

6th July Year 6 Save the date.

13th July Year 6 Disco at Thurstable

16th July Opening Evening 15.30

17th July Year 6 Performance 18.30

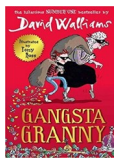
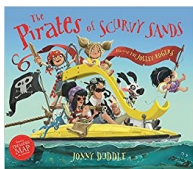
18th July EYFS Graduation 13.30

19th July Swimming Gala 9.00-12.00

20th July Leavers Assembly 10.30

Birthday Book Donations

A big thank you to Evie in Opal Class for donating not one, but three books to celebrate her 9th birthday! Another big thank you to Drew for donating another three books to Ruby class for his 5th birthday.



Breakfast Bites

A marvellous turn out for our inaugural Breakfast Bites session this morning. Over half the year 6 class turned up, eager to make the most of this additional early morning boost. Such dedication from our young students is a huge credit to them-amazing commitment from staff and pupils,

Reminder 8.15 daily (and not before, please!!)

Clubs

We have a new Key Stage 2 Boot Camp Club starting next Tuesday after school. Further details to follow.

Club letter will be sent out this week and all clubs start next week.

Open Classroom

Early Years Every day

Year 1 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 Wednesday

Year 3 Thursday

Year 4 Friday

Year 5 Friday

Year 6 Tuesday

Tuck

Please make sure tuck payments are up to date. £2 per child per half term please.

Magical Maths

A reminder that Magical maths, a new after school club, starts on Thursday 26th April and will run for five weeks. This is for Key Stage 1 boys and girls.

Spaces are very limited, so booking is essential! Please visit www.magicalmathsclub.com to sign up and for full information.

We also have leaflets available at the school office.



School Meals

Please note that we are on our

Week One Menu this week.

