

Milldene News 8

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Feedback from E-Safety Evening

We have had some amazing feedback from parents who attended our E-Safety evening earlier this month.

Here are some of the comments that we received:-

"It certainly opened my eyes...I hadn't heard of half of the apps but after speaking to my children it surprised me to hear that they had heard and even used the apps on friends devices!"

"I think like many parents, I felt that I was on top of any safety issues because my children were young and I had complete control over what they were watching, however what has been a huge learning curve is how easy it is for children to be exposed to adult content through games such as Roblox and how readily they can access inappropriate material."

"I couldn't recommend this highly enough. I think it should be mandatory for all parents!"

"Very important information given in an understandable way, even for parents who are not active on social media. Definitely recommend!"

Thank you to everyone who responded to our ParentMail survey. We will pass your feedback on to The Two Johns.

We had a prize draw for the class who had the most number of parents attending the evening and the winner was Mason in Ruby Class. Congratulations Mason, we hope you enjoyed your Lego prize over the half term break.

School Car Park

Can we please remind everyone that the school car park is for staff and site visitors only.

The beginning and end of the school day are extremely busy times and if we have vehicles entering and exiting the car park, we cannot guarantee the safety of our children.

We would also remind parents to be courteous to other drivers and also pedestrians. Please make sure your vehicle is not forcing people who are walking into the road itself, by taking up too much space on the pavement. We have some parents who have small children and pushchairs and so need to be able to use the pavements and walkways safely.

Thank you.

Books and Biscuits

Another super session with all the children sharing their progress. Fantastic to see all the improvements since the start of September. Several children shared examples of times when they drew their ideas in a story map before they started writing their sentences. What a great strategy! But the main message was to remember to stop, reflect, learn and apply by yourself. Lots of little steps of progress make big steps if you make sure you don't give up. What a great attitude to adopt!

Thank you for all your wise words today!

Today's participants were:-

Zoe —Year 6
Luke C —Year 5
Jack —Year 4
Millie —Year 3
Finn—Year 2
Sophie—Year 1
Christopher—Ruby

Mrs Locke



Tuck Money

A reminder that tuck money contributions are now due for this half term. The contribution is £2 per child per half term, totalling £12 for the entire school year.

Please make payment by cash/cheque to the school office, or via the online payment system.

Thank you.

Parents' Evening

We have allocated appointment times for our two parents' evening dates. You will be receiving your appointment times this week.

If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact us as we will endeavour to book you a time.



Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's AGM, we were all really encouraged by the number of new faces. The full Minutes will be available shortly but in the meantime, we are delighted to say that the existing Committee Members were re-elected, and we are excited to welcome Kelly Aldridge as our new Secretary, Jen Denny, Sairah Knight and Sarah Lucas as new Committee Members. Therefore, our 2017-18 Committee is: Chair - Claire Richards, Treasurer - Sue Basquill, Secretary - Kelly Aldridge, Sally Carter, Jen Denny, Wendy Hickman, Sairah Knight, Debbie Leitch, Sarah Lucas, Michelle Orrin, Kerry Scott, Susie Threadgold, Rachel Western. It's great to have some new faces and minds on board along with our hardworking and experienced existing members.

PTFA half-term meeting | Monday 6 November | 2pm

Please join us next Monday before the school pick up to discuss fundraising ideas for the school. The focus of this meeting will be the Christmas Fayre, so if you have ideas for stalls we would love to hear them. EVERYONE is welcome, we hope to see you on Monday!

Textile recycling | Pick up 15 & drop off 16 November





The *Happy School Bags* van is back in a couple of weeks. This is probably the easiest way to raise money for the school so please fill a bag with any unwanted clothes. Full details on the accepted items are on the recycling bag that will be sent home with your child this week. Please note that uniform with the Milldene logo is not accepted. Additional bags are available at the office; otherwise a bin liner is fine.



Voting is now open for our swimming pool project in The Aviva Community Fund. The projects with the most votes will be entered into the Finals, where a judging panel will award the funds. So please vote now and spread the word with as many friends and family as possible. You must register to vote, but you get 10 votes to use how you want (hopefully all 10 votes for Milldene ☐). Voting closes on 21 November – please go to <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk> and search 'Milldene'.

**Thank you for your support,
Milldene Primary School PTFA**

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School Meals

Please note that we are on Week 1 of our new school menus this week.

Attendance

The numbers from the week prior to half term have been calculated and it was Diamond Class who took the award for attendance.

Overall, our school attendance for last week was 97.69%. Well done—let's keep it going!


Birthday Books!

Happy birthday to both James M and Charlie P, who have both kindly donated a book each to their respective classes. How generous!

James donated the book *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and Charlie's book is *The Bear Who Went Boo* by David Walliams.

Thank you so much for celebrating your birthdays with us! We all hope that you had a very special day.

We are so pleased to see that this new initiative has taken off already—thank you!



Poppy Appeal

We will once again be selling Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to make a donation for a Poppy, or any of our other official products, please send them in with some money to donate. Prices start from 50p and all money raise will go directly to the Royal British Legion.



Secret Librarian... Ssshhhh!

What a wonderful surprise it was to find Jake (Year 6) helping everybody in the library! I walked into a very calm and organised library with children enthusing about their book choices. I was very impressed with all their behaviour. Well done Juniors!



Miss Eglington

B's Blooms

This week the reception area is looking pretty in pink, with a delicate bunch of pastel coloured flowers.