



Millbrook School

Believe and Achieve

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Our Ethos:

Our school is a place where we have lively and enquiring minds, where each individual is valued, nurtured and encouraged to develop so they are successful and confident members of our community and have an embedded life-long love of learning

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was great to see so many of you joining us on Tuesday with our Maths lessons across the school. We hope that you enjoyed working with your children and will come again to the next invitation. The children loved having you in their classrooms and it was lovely to hear great feedback from you as parents regarding the session.

We are pleased you thought the session was...

"Really good"

"I enjoyed learning with my child"

"I learned a completely different way of doing that"

"Thank you for inviting us".



We are hoping to run these sessions more frequently over the school year and look forward to seeing you there at the next one.



I was very pleased to be able to share the Millbrook Vision with parents and carers who joined me at the coffee afternoon on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to meet with you and exchange ideas.

We hope to hold these meetings regularly. For those parents who could not join us, the Vision presentation is available on the school Website Blog.



'Learning Together. Working together. Achieving Together.'

A 'Suggestion Box' is available for parents and carers to comment on things, and suggest things you feel we could improve about the school.

We value your comments and recognise your commitment to the school and the part you play in making it such a friendly place in which all children can reach their potential. We encourage you to use this resource and help us to make it even better.

Peter Hilton
Headteacher

It's lovely to see our children enjoying their healthy snacks at break time. Thank you to all parents who have adapted to the change.



Parental consultations

Parents evenings will take place next half term.

Tuesday 26th February at 3:30—6:00pm

and

Thursday 28th February at 5:00pm-7:30pm.

These will be a good opportunity for you to discuss your children's progress with the class teacher.

Appointment sheets will be available from Monday 11th February

Online Safety.

The internet is an amazing place, a world of exciting possibilities where children can play, learn, create, connect and have fun. It is important that we empower children with the skills and knowledge to navigate this online world safely.

It has come to our attention that several children are playing games which have a rating of 13, in particular Fortnite. The nature of the game is that the players are in constant contact with strangers on the internet and therefore could be exposed to swearing and offensive language, through audio or on-screen text chat and also could be exposed to other potential dangers associated with talking to strangers online. Secondly, and even more importantly, the game can become addictive. We are aware of a number of children who are staying up far too late because they cannot stop playing the game. This leads to them being over-tired, irritable and lacking in concentration at school. At this stage in their childhood development, children should be getting between 9-11 hours of sleep per night. Having electronic devices in their bedroom will hinder this; leading to the symptoms mentioned above.

Help keep your child safe online when playing online games:

- * Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen
- * Use digital devices together: Get involved in your child's online activities. Have fun, play games, and learn together online
- * Set clear expectations: Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games
- * Set time limits: Games can be addictive
- * Be informed: Set appropriate parental controls



SCHOOL DIARY
FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
7th February	5pm	6	SATs Evening—Parent meeting (Year 6 classroom)	Yes
18-22 February		All	Half Term	
25th February		All	Children return to school	
26th February	3.30-6:00pm	All	Parental Consultation	Yes
28th February	5:00-7:30pm	All	Parental Consultation	Yes