

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year.

It has been wonderful to have a much drier week weather wise. This has meant that the children have been able to enjoy being in the crisp, winter air at playtimes and lunchtimes. It has been lovely seeing the children making the most of their scooter sessions and enjoying the activities on offer.

Lesson time!

I have enjoyed spending time in classrooms alongside other leaders this week. It is always super to see how well the children are doing in class and how well they are learning.

Assembly

As part of our assembly on Monday, we took the time to revisit our school rules. Three simple rules: Be ready, be respectful and be safe. We have also revisited what these rules mean in practical terms at Mill Rythe Junior School. Please talk to your child about this.

Visitors and Visits

This week we have welcomed the Rainbow Theatre Group to the school as part of Year 6's Greeks unit in History. Year 4 also visited Reverend Jenny, who is also one of our Governors, at St Mary's Church to learn more about the Christian faith. Please read below to find out more.

On Thursday, Year 4 visited St Mary's Church as part of our RE work to find out how Christians worship. After a short walk, we arrived to hear the bells ringing – the first sign of worship. Once inside, we were given an interesting talk about all the features we could see in the church, followed by a chance to explore the building itself. For many of us, it was the first time we had been in a church and we saw stained glass windows, the ancient font for baptising people, the altar and much more. We are very grateful to Jenny for her information and welcome to the church, and to the children who behaved impeccably.

On Thursday, Year 6 took part in Ancient Greek Day! We began the day with some food tasting: we tried Greek yoghurt and honey, hummus, tzatziki, olives, feta cheese and pita bread. Needless to say, there were lots of us who only liked the bread! We learnt about the Ancient Greek Olympics and designed Greek pots depicting an event. We had fun tea-staining the paper to make it look old. Finally, we had the Greek theatre come in and we acted out scenes from Ancient Greek daily life, including school, the market and homelife. We then acted out some Greek myths which was really funny – we particularly enjoyed the myth about the Cyclops.

Cost of Living Crisis

We know that the rise in fuel costs and other financial pressure have an impact on our families. If you are struggling or finding it hard to make ends meet, please do contact the school. We have access to resources and links to organisations that may be able to help. Please do get in contact – we understand and we are here to help.

Keeping Safe Online

We know that Christmas is a time when your child may have received a new device as a gift. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the parental control settings so that you can keep your child safe. It is also highly advisable to monitor your child's messages so that you know the conversations are appropriate – this includes when communicating with school friends.

Parents' Evening

We have two dates for parents' evenings for the Spring term. This is an ideal opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and find out more about your child's learning. Appointments will be available to book later next week.

Ambassador Roles

Miss Cull, Mrs Wintle, Mrs Brydon and I have been so impressed with the way your children have interviewed for the ambassador roles. We had a really positive turn out. Successful candidates have been informed by letter today. Well done and thank you to everyone who put in an application.

MRJS PTA

We are so fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTA. This week, we have started to think about some more fun events and experiences for the children and their families over the next term and beyond. Please do come along to the AGM on 24th January at 2pm to find out more.

LOVE Days

These curriculum days are always a firm favourite with children and staff alike. You will remember that the most recent have focussed on 'Love of Careers' and 'Love of Christmas Around the World'. Miss Harrison has been busily planning our next love day: 'Love of Festivals' in February. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for children to learn more about the way different religions celebrate special festivals.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Maxwell



**Kindness
Aspiration
Honesty
Respect
Responsibility**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24 Jan PTA AGM 2pm
- 27 Jan Non School Uniform £1
- 2 Feb Love of Festivals Day
- 2 Feb Parents' Evening
- 8 Feb Parents' Evening
- 2 Mar World Book Day
- 7 Mar Roving Book Shop
- 10 Mar Non School Uniform
- 17 Mar Mothers' Day Sale
- 24 Mar End of Spring Clubs
- 28 Mar Easter Bring & Buy Sale

AWESOME ATTENDANCE

5T 100%

INSET DAYS

5th June 2023

House Points For the week

Hardy: 171
Nelson: 180
Trafalgar: 177
Victory: 184