

Millhouse News



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General Information

Children Returning to School

It has been so nice to see more children returning to school over the past couple of weeks. This week we welcomed back some of our Nursery children. Considering they are our youngest children, they have done so well to cope with the new set up and I know Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Kerrigan are very proud of them!

Our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubble groups are now full. The deadline for letting us know if you want your child to return to school in one of these groups was yesterday at 12pm. Any new requests from now on will be placed on a waiting list and will only be fulfilled if we have a space come up in one of the existing groups. No new groups will be set up.

Year 5 groups are in the process of being organised. The deadline for letting us know if your Year 5 child is returning is Friday (tomorrow) at 12pm (email provision@millhouse.essex.sch.uk). Parents will be notified on Monday of their child's group and timings. Groups will start either Wednesday or Thursday next week.

Warmer Weather

With the weather now getting warmer and the forecast for next week looking very hot, it is really important that children wear appropriate clothing and use sunscreen.

If your child is attending school, please make sure they bring a sun hat and a water bottle and that you apply sunscreen before they come in. Children must also be wearing appropriate clothing - no flip flops, and no strappy tops please.

Home Learning

Don't forget about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, run by Essex Libraries. This year, like many other things, the challenge is being run online. Let's see how many families we can get involved!

Join the **SILLY SQUAD** for this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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BOOKS READ SO FAR

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2020

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JOIN THE SILLY SQUAD

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

Get rewards, play games and earn badges as you discover awesome books to read this summer!

JOIN NOW

I'M IN THE CHALLENGE

Already a member? Awesome! Tap login to jump back into your challenge!

LOGIN

It's so easy to take part

- Children sign up to our easy-to-use website and create their own profile at sillysquad.org.uk from 5th June onwards.
- They set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Challenge, with children being encouraged to read anything that makes them happy – whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from e-book lending through the public library service or from what they already have at home.
- Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.
- Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged.
- They receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!



Sign up at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> and get reading!

Well-Being

Today (Thursday) at 11am, HRH, the Duchess of Cambridge, delivered a live assembly on children's mental health. It can be accessed via the Oak Academy website (<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>) and will remain on there for viewing at a later date.

We are finding a lot more children are beginning to struggle with their emotional health lately. Whether this is the realisation that they might not see their class mates until September or they are missing the structure of school or something else entirely. Please refer back to this section on previous newsletters for advice and resources to support young people's mental health or contact Mrs Haken on the email address below.

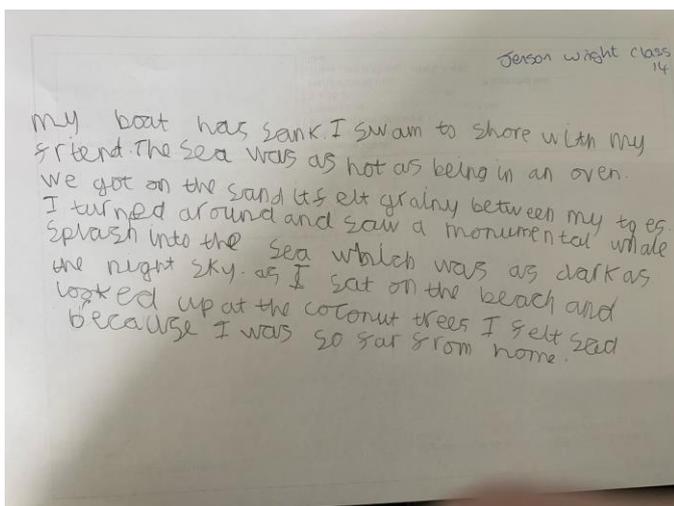
If you are concerned about you or your child's emotional well-being, please email the school office (admin@millhouse.essex.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Haken and we will try our best to support you.

Star Value - Perseverance

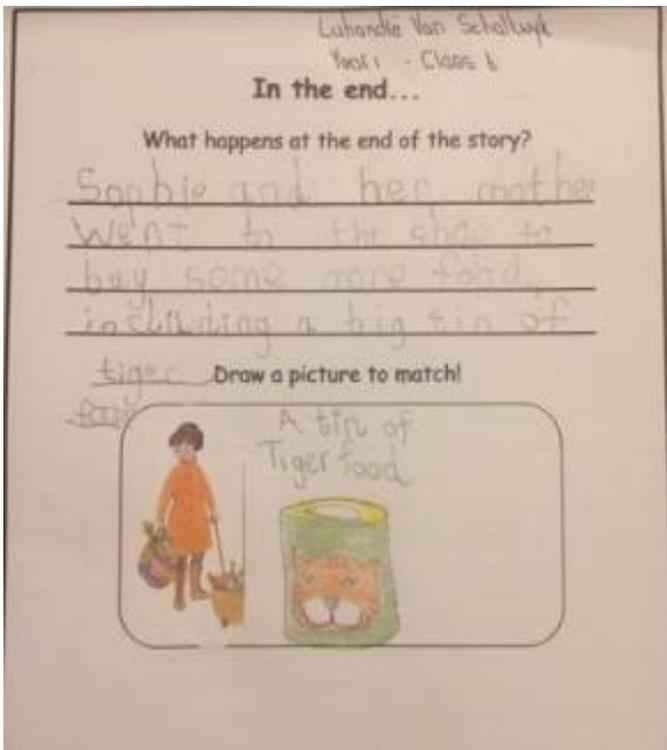
For some of you, it has been 12 weeks since you last stepped foot in to the school building and whilst you have been off, lots of you have shown great levels of perseverance by completing the school work set on Google Classroom, week in, week out! This is AMAZING! For those of you who have been attending school, you have persevered by adapting to the new normal at school whilst working hard and more importantly wearing a smile along the way. We are so proud of you all!

Celebrations!

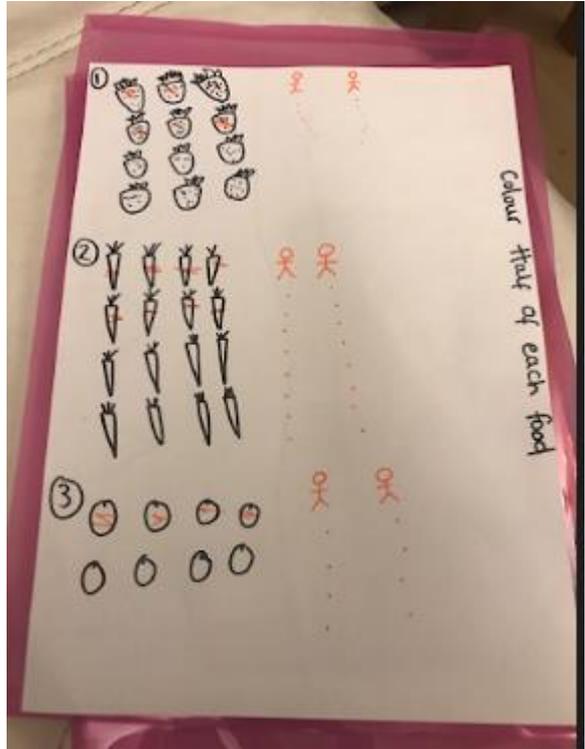
Look at some of the fantastic learning and achievements from some of our pupils!
If you upload pictures or work to Google Classroom, it may appear on here! Also, if anyone is celebrating a birthday or another special occasion or does something really special, email your year group teachers and they will make sure it gets mentioned.



Jenson in Year 4 has been working hard on his creative writing.



Poppy in Class 4 has been a fractions expert in her maths this week.



Luhandre in Class 6 has been working hard with his writing.

I was stranded on a curious strange island as soon as I got on there, I could smell rotten fish.

I walked on soft green sand I came across a tiny little bug I touched it, it felt like hard rotten flesh as soon as I got up it bit me on the leg it felt numb I was going to attack but my leg was frozen as I could not move it.

There where people on the island that I could see I could hear them talking about animals.

I ran over to them saying help, help they couldn't hear me they just walked away I sat down on the soft sand it was pulling me in I said to myself "oh no it is quicksand!"

Then I saw a big purple tiger that came out of the dark I was frightened I didn't know what to do.

The purple, fierce tiger pulled down a palm tree I grabbed on to it the tiger pulled me back up.

I thanked the tiger for saving my life we both became best friends.

We spent all day together, all month every single day.

We saw different creatures we smelt the nice fresh air. I was so happy that I had him by my side.

By Bella L, Year 4



Happy birthday to anyone whose birthday was last week or this week!

In Year 2 we say happy birthday to Riley R, John-David, Noah L and Adam.

In Year 1, birthday wishes go to Charlie B.

We hope you all have a lovely day!

Don't forget, if it's your child's birthday in the coming week just email your child's year group and let them know and we can give your child a mention on the newsletter.