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Portsmouth at the V&A



We have had a very difficult week following the tragic news of the death of our Year 4 teacher, Alice. This terrible news has come as a shock to our whole school community and we are all very, very sad to have lost a teacher, colleague and friend. The love, support and compassion shown by all the staff and children, as well as parents, carers and the wider community has been remarkable. As always, the Millfields community have come together as a family, united in their grief, while holding on to the memory of Alice – a wonderful teacher, fabulous artist, brilliant colleague, caring and loving friend and such a very special person.

We are all in the initial stages of grief but we know that this is going to be an ongoing process. We have already supported pupils, staff and parents, and will continue in the days, weeks and months to come, as appropriate. Thank you to all the parents who have shown their support through emails, cards, baking cakes, bringing food, flowers, other messages and hugs. Thank you to our therapist Claire-Louise, and other counsellors and therapists who have been brilliant in their support for individual children and staff, as well as whole classes and parents. Thank you to parent Jodie Cariss, who has also supported us.

We will keep the whole school community informed of any arrangements for the funeral, flowers, collections and a community memorial as and when we have more information. From Monday, there will be a Book of Condolences for parents in the main reception area, so if you would like to write something, please do come in. There will also be a box to collect any letters or cards for Alice's family. The children will also have an opportunity to write their own messages, draw pictures and collect messages for Alice next week.

Portsmouth Class went out on their planned trip to the V&A Museum yesterday, which gave the class a focus for the day and a return to some routine. Thank you to Eileen, Sumon, Adam, Souad and Jane, and parents who accompanied the children.

Despite our collective sadness, classes returned to their routines today, and we were treated to two lovely assemblies by Swansea Class and Nursery. Ice-cream for breakfast was a naughty but nice treat for all the children in Years 5 and 6. We also heard great news that Millfields are the overall winners of the Hackney Cross Country League – well done to all the children who took part but a very special mention to Taejah Barret who won everything she entered and was the outright girls' winner as well as helping Millfields to the title! Well done also to our 'Always Good' winners who visited the Copper Box world table-tennis finals. They had a great time watching and had bit of coaching too!

Today, we are also saying goodbye and good luck to one of our Teaching Assistants Meliha, who has been a part of our school community for nearly 14 years. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Finally, have a peaceful weekend. Make sure you all cherish every moment with family and friends. Best Wishes, Jane

Book Week

26th Feb – 2nd March

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

iDiscover Week

5th – 9th March

Sport Relief

Friday 23rd March

Last day of Term

Thursday 29th March

School closes at 2:00pm

Attendance

Week beg: 5th Feb

Our school target: 96.5%

Last week: 94.2%

Winning classes:

KS1 Liverpool (98.6%)

KS2 Canterbury (97.6%)

Well done!

Tuck Shop

Thank you to

Nottingham Class for
organising last week's

tuck shop. Amount
raised was an amazing

£101.45

Thank you for all of your
support!

Reminder:

Head Teachers Surgery

Thurs 1st March 2-3pm

School Tours

Fri 9th March 9:45am

Fri 23rd March 9:45am

CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE NEWS

We have the results of the last Cross Country event and the overall results from the league.

Congratulations to the Millfields Team who were overall winners!!!!

- 1st - Millfields 499 points
- 2nd - Gayhurst 'A' 628 points
- 3rd - Betty Layward 711 points

A special mention to - Taejah B who won the three events that Millfields attended and was 1st in the Girls group. Great results all round!



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'Come Dine with Us'

This term, we are offering parents with children in Reception, Year 1, Years 4, 5 and 6, the opportunity to have lunch with their child.

Lunch will start at 11.45am and you will be able to sit with your child and their friends in the Dining Hall, to take part in the daily routine, experience the atmosphere, and taste the lovely food that your children are offered every day.

Please sign up and make a payment at the main office if you would like to join us on the day.

Adult Meal with dessert =£4.20 Adult meal without dessert = £3.00

Places are limited so please book early!

Spring Term 2018

Date	Year Group
Tues 13 th Mar	Reception
Tues 27 th Mar	Year 1

Cake off!

Staff members bring to Staff meeting - Wednesday 28th Feb

KS2 Thursday 1st March

EY & KS1 Friday 2nd March

The entries should be created by the children



Winners will be taken to a local book shop to choose some new books

(any entries clearly perfected by an adult will not be judged)

Cakes to be brought to the bottom hall on the Thursday or Friday (staff members to staffroom please)

ALL CAKES WILL BE CUT AND SOLD AFTER SCHOOL AND THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH & THE LIBRARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week:

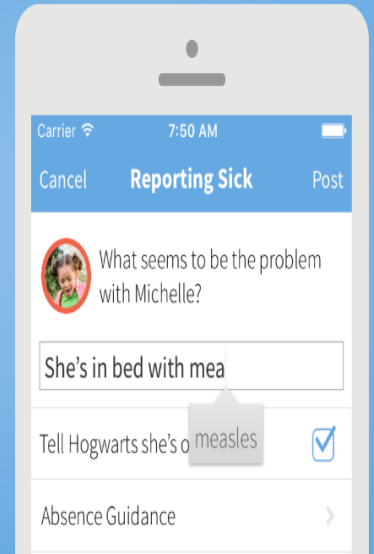
- 17th February ~ Ayaan B
- 18th February ~ Tai MP, Kamali SM & Lata M
- 21st February ~ Harris M, Lemar A, Liam A & Amina A
- 22nd February ~ Keyon O & Vania D
- 23rd February ~ Anjum A & Salma Z

Many happy returns to you all!

We have a new, safer system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

It's called **Studybugs**.

Please sign up on studybugs.com or download the free Studybugs app so you have it ready.



studybugs.com



SECURITY ALERT!

We have been informed today to be aware that a game called 'roblox', played by many children and similar to Minecraft, has been infiltrated by a paedophile ring. Our police liaison officer said that Essex Police have notified London Met Police. Children at Millfields have told staff that they are aware of this app. Please ensure your child does not have access to this app/game as it can be accessed via ipad, smartphone or computer.

Thank you

PSA After-school Tuck Shops Spring 2018

We always need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall. Please remember that all food must be nut free to comply with school policy.

Date	Class
Friday 2nd Mar	Sheffield
Friday 9th Mar	Oxford
Friday 16th Mar	Birmingham
Friday 23rd Mar	Portsmouth
Thursday 29th Mar	Cycle Club

Always Good!

SHARING ASSEMBLIES Spring Term 2018

Date (Fridays)	EY and KS1 (Middle/Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Middle/Top Hall @ 9.10am)
HALF TERM		
02/03/2018	Liverpool (Kimberlie's Class)	Sheffield (Rosie's Class)
09/03/2018	Belfast (Kamilah's Class)	Bristol (Kingsley's Class)
16/03/2018	Derby (Rachel's Class)	Winchester (Naomi's Class)
23/03/2018	Cardiff (Joy's Class)	Y5 Residential (Y5 teachers)





Remembering Alice



Her journey's just begun

Don't think of her as gone away
 her journey's just begun,
 life holds so many facets
 this earth is only one.
 Just think of her as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of warmth and comfort
 where there are no days and years.
 Think how she must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.
 And think of her as living
 in the hearts of those she touched...
 for nothing loved is ever lost
 and she was loved so much.

Ellen Brenneman

