

MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



Friday the 10th December

Message from Mrs Blake

It is suddenly the last week of term! A huge well done to the children and staff for working so hard through the first weeks of the federation and an even bigger well done to those of you who have made it through the term with no absence. We have definitely been up against it with rising Covid rates, nasty colds and flu and some horrible tummy bugs. So that we can have a happy and enjoyable last week of term, please continue to support us in keeping our school family safe by doing the following:

- Be vigilant for signs of Covid and use LFDs to check when required - symptoms are varied and can include coughs and temperatures but children are often asymptomatic and may only complain of mild headaches or tummy upsets - if children demonstrate symptoms, we will encourage you to take them for PCR tests so help stop the spread of the virus.
- Keep children home for 48 hours after the last incident of diarrhoea and vomiting - these bugs are usually very virulent and pass quickly through staff and children - if you do not keep children away from school to allow the bugs to pass entirely out of their system, they pass the bug on to staff and other children causing absence and re-infection.
- Always call us to inform the office about absence - low attendance and unauthorised absence is picked up by the Education Welfare Officer - you should ring us each day that your child is absent unless they have been signed off for a specific amount of time.

Current guidelines still state that all children should attend school, even if they have family members who are Covid positive. School is absolutely the best place for the children to be and we remain committed to offering a full (and fun!) curriculum so please continue to send all children wherever possible. Children SHOULD be at home if they have Covid symptoms and while awaiting PCR results.

Many thanks for your continued support in keeping our lovely school community safe!

Changes to Y1 arrangements

A letter has gone out to the parents of our lovely year one children. Please ensure you have read the letter which details changes to the classes from January. We have both emailed and sent paper copies home with the children so you should have had a chance to read it. If you have any queries please ensure you contact the school in the usual way.

Thank You to Larry Speare

At MBHS we have been incredibly lucky to receive a donation from Larry Speare in addition to the beautiful tree he donated to the HS site. Mr Speare has donated enough so that all children will receive a small end of term gift next week. We look forward to seeing the children's happy faces when they receive their gift next week.



Christmas Lunches

The children loved their roast dinners today! The children I sat with rated their lunches as “a thousand out of ten!”. They demonstrated lovely manners and loved sharing jokes with me from their crackers. Here are a few of the best:

What do you call a snowman in summer? A puddle.

Why did no one bid for Rudolf or Blitzen on EBay? They were two deer.

What did Cinderella say when her photos didn't arrive on time? One day my prints will come.

A huge thank you to Dan and his team at Millbay and also to Kelly and Sharon from CaterEd for working so hard to produce such lovely food.

Also a MASSIVE thank you to Jack Staples (Y3) who, without being asked, tidied all of the used crackers and used some of his own playtime to help the MTAs to clear up in the hall. What a lovely thing to do!



News

Please take a moment to view the [fabulous film](#) that has been uploaded to our website, where year three take a starring role as newsreaders! The children have been learning how to write news scripts, have analysed scripts and watched professionals, and then applied their new skills to their class story, Tuesday by David Wiesner. And with great professionalism, we're sure you'll agree!

Attendance

Reception - 70.2%	
Year 1 - Will - 97.15	Year 1 - Leea - 81.35%
Year 2 - Sinead - 89.10	
Year 3 - Miss Gilbert - 94.65%	Year 3 - Miss Pearse - 87.4%
Year 4 - Craig - 93.45%	Year 4 - Jess - 89.65%
Year 5 - Ian - 95.45%	Year 5 - Ashleigh and Miriam - 89.45%
Year 6 - Joe - 96%	Year 6 - Dani - 92.75%

Our target is 96% attendance.

Please be reminded that repeated absence will be followed up with a call from our admin or pastoral team. This is to ensure we are aware of the reasons for absence and also to offer support where needed.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - INSET day - children not in school
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 - First day back for children

Contacting us

Contact Books

Please use your child's red contact book for messages that may need to be sent to class teachers; they are checked daily by staff.

Here, for your convenience, are the email addresses for both school admin teams.

- High.St.Primary.School@plymouth.gov.uk
- Primary@millbayacademy.org

Web links

For up-to-date information about all aspects of our MBHS federation, please check the [Parent Hub](#) on the Millbay Academy website, which gives easy access to key information including the following:

- The School Day
- Attendance
- Term Dates
- Uniform
- School Meals
- Wrap Around Care
- Walking Bus
- Primary Learning Spaces
- The Primary Team
- How to Contact Us