



Milddene News

Dear Families

Thank you for your support for our school during what has been a short but very busy spring term. Thank you also to the PTFA for the amazing fundraising work that they do and last, but no means least, thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work and enthusiasm

Congratulations to Miss Eglington and Mrs Laban who have been appointed Assistant Headteachers from the summer term. Miss Eglington will continue to be phase leader of Y4, 5 and 6 and Mrs Laban will lead Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3. Congratulations also to Mrs Smith, who is now a qualified ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), which is a valuable asset for our Learning Support Team.

From the summer term, Milddene will be a water and milk only school. At lunchtime and at After School Club, juice will no longer be served. We ask for your co-operation in ensuring that your child's water bottle contains only water.

Please find attached some information from the NHS regarding common childhood illnesses and how these should be dealt with in relation to absence from school.

I wish all families a safe and restful Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 16th April 2024, after the non-pupil day on 15th April 2024.

Mrs Coxhead
Headteacher



Class	Attendance for this Term
Ruby	95.01%
Sapphire	94.30%
Topaz	96.71%
Amethyst	95.10%
Opal	93.75%
Emerald	95.35%
Diamond	94.24%
School Overall	94.88%

Well done to Attenborough House, who earnt the most House Points this week!



Class	Work of the Week Award Winners
Ruby	Alex K & Rosie R
Sapphire	Joey H & Alfie W
Topaz	Yunus A-M & Keira W
Amethyst	Reuben H & Kal-El A
Opal	Phoebe H & Max F
Emerald	Jack W & Emily T
Diamond	Lyla P & Sophie S

Term Dates

- Autumn term: 4th Sept - 20th Dec 2023
- Half term: 23rd Oct - 27th Oct 2023
- Spring term: 4th Jan 2024 - 1st April 2024
- Half term - 19th Feb 2024 - 23rd Feb 2024
- Summer term: 15th April 2024 - 23rd July 2024
- Half Term - 27th May 2024 - 31st May 2024
- Non-pupil Days: 4th Sept, 30th Oct, 15th April, 21st June and 24th June.

School Clubs (after Easter Break)

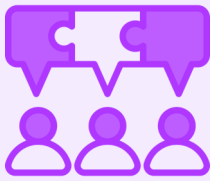
Monday:
Tag Rugby: Yr R/1/2/3/4

Tuesday:
Tennis - Yr 2/3/4
Netball - Y 3/4/5/6

Wednesday:
Gardening Club - Yr 2/3/4/5/6
Dodgeball - Yr 3/4/5/6

Thursday
Gymnastics - Yr 1/2/3/4/5/6
Football - Yr 3/4/5/6

We collaborate together



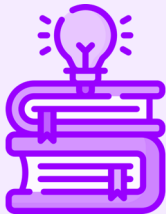
We investigate our world



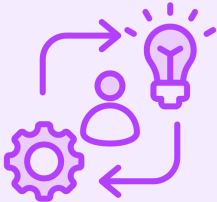
We motivate ourselves and each other



We apply our knowledge



We show initiative



We are resilient



National Online Safety

For children and young people, low quality sleep can become a serious issue. It has been theorised that poor sleep can have a significant impact on children's brain development, affecting them for the rest of their lives. A healthy and consistent sleeping pattern, therefore, is incredibly important for children and young people's wellbeing.



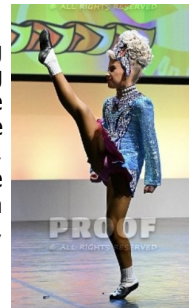
With the stresses and distractions that can present themselves to youngsters, it can be tricky to ensure they're in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. The right approach, however, can give them a better chance of cultivating a healthy sleeping pattern. This week's guide has some practical tips on helping them to achieve exactly that.

Outside School Achievements



A huge well done and congratulations to Ashleigh in Year 6, who has achieved her level 7 swim England badge! Not only that, she has been asked to join Phoenix Swim Club in Colchester and has already taken part in her first distance race of 800m. This is fantastic and we are all very proud of you!

Macie in Year 6 competed in her first ever Irish Dancing World Championships Competition this weekend placing 55th in the world! Qualifying only four months ago, she has shown great determination and worked her absolute best; putting her all into her training four times a week, late nights, aches & pains, tiredness but never once gave up. What fantastic resilience and motivation. This is a huge achievement, you should be so proud of yourself, Macie. Congratulations!



Well done to Finn W in Year 3 for winning the Presidents Cup at the Tiptree Garden Show! Finn got the most points in the children's classes. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who entered into the competition—we had some wonderfully creative entries this year!

On Wednesday 27th March, after both crossing the line 1st in the Colchester Schools Cross Country, Alex G and Naomi B (Year 3) travelled to Southend to compete in the Essex Primary School County Finals, where they raced an impressive distance of 1,200m!



Alex placed 4th and Naomi placed 16th out of around 150 other children from all over Essex. This is an incredible achievement and something to be extremely proud of. Well done to both of you!



PTFA News



Thank You

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter! Thank you for all your support this term. We have lots of great events planned for the summer term including our Summer Inflatable Fete on Friday 17th May 3:30-6:30 pm.

We will be sharing lots more details when we return in April!

HAPPY
Easter

Meeting - 23rd April

Our next PTFA meeting will be on 23rd April 2024 at 7:00pm in the school hall. Our meetings normally last just over an hour and everyone is welcome. Please feel free to join us and see what we have planned for the rest of the year!

Loose Change Challenge

We will be providing each class with a tub to collect loose change donations for a five-day period from Monday 22nd April. This can be coins as small as 1p! The class with the highest total will win the prize they agreed. This treat will be provided before half term at a time agreed by the class teacher of the winning class. The whole school tracker will be published on our Facebook page each evening and will be sent to class teachers to share in class the next day.

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Dates for your diary

April

22nd - Loose Change Challenge Week

PE Days (after Easter Break)

Ruby: Tuesday & Friday

Sapphire: Monday & Wednesday

Topaz: Monday & Tuesday (forest school)

Amethyst: Monday & Friday

Opal: Monday & Friday

Emerald: Monday & Thursday

Diamond: Monday & Thursday

Lunches

Please remember to book your child's meal in advance via the ParentMail app.

To see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals [CLICK HERE](#)

Reporting an Absence?

Please ensure that you report your child's absence before 9:10am, giving full details as to why they will not be in school. You can do this via our telephone system (option 1) on 01621 816490 or via our dedicated absence email address: absence@milldene.essex.sch.uk

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