



# Happy New Year

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. We have had a lovely start to the new school term; we have really enjoyed hearing what the children got up to over the Christmas break.

On Thursday, the M&M Theatrical Productions group treated us to a fantastic Pantomime performance of Beauty and The Beast. The children had so much fun singing along to the songs, cheering, and booing in all the right places!

## After School Clubs

We are so excited about the new extracurricular clubs that are starting next week and we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy them. If your child has missed out on the club they wanted this half term, there will be new clubs on offer next half term.



## OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning)

We would really appreciate you taking the time with your child to complete the attached survey. The questions are for your child to answer as part of our work with OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning). We need their views on playtimes to help us with developing our outdoor spaces and how we use them.

Children's play survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N3WWZ3K>

Thank you for your support.



## Mr Walker's Sports News

### CHAMPIONS!

Mr Walker is so proud of our year 5 and 6 Dodge Ball Team. They attended their first tournament at St Paul's High School on Thursday. They played 6 games and won all 6, a fantastic achievement! Well done to all the players, Mr Walker was so proud of how well you all played as a team. The star player of the tournament was Lewis.

The team will now play in the Regional Finals.



## Nursery – September 2023

We are now accepting admission forms for children who are due to start nursery in September 2023. If your child will be three before the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and you would like them to attend our nursery, please complete an admission form and return it to the school office.

Admission forms are available via our website or a paper copy can be collected from our school office.

Please tell your friends and family.

## Mr Hilditch

We are so proud of Mr Hilditch, who had his first fiction book published today; Lieutenant: Tales from the Super Continent. Mr Hilditch wrote the fiction novel which is based in the "far-flung future" during lockdown and it is now available to purchase from all good bookstores. Well done Mr Hilditch, a fantastic achievement, we are so proud of you and we can't wait to read it!



### Dates for your diaries



10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 trip  
15<sup>th</sup> January – World Religion Day  
25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night



4<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week  
4<sup>th</sup> February - Rosa Parks' birthday  
7<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day  
10<sup>th</sup> February – Feel Good Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> February - Ghyll Head  
17<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term  
27<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school

### Bike Racks

The bike racks have been relocated to the end of the KS2 building off the main drive, next to the gate into Forest school. If your child comes to school on a bike please remind them where to store their bikes. Please note, all bikes are left at your own risk and we cannot take responsibility in the security.

### Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence -  
0161 636 7525  
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline -  
0808 80100327  
NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500  
Childline - 00 1111  
Police (if not urgent) 101  
Women's aid 0161 660 7999  
For help with online safety NSPCC Advice Line for questions about parental controls, privacy settings, apps and social media.  
Call 0808 800 5002, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

### P.E. Kits

There have been a number of children who have not returned to school with their P.E kit and have therefore been unable to take part in their P.E lesson. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. Now the colder weather has arrived your child will require the appropriate clothing for outdoor P.E, such as tracksuit pants and a jumper/jacket.



### Reception - September 2023

If your child is due to start Reception in September, you need to apply for their Reception place via Manchester City Council admissions. The deadline for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applying late means your child will have less chance of getting their preferred school, as Manchester City Council offer places to on-time applications first.

Please apply for your child's reception place via the Manchester City Council website:

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2023/4](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4)

If you would like help with your online application or require a paper copy of the application form, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

### Unicef Rights Respecting

This month we will be learning all about article 14; The right to follow your own religion.



### Attendance

This week's attendance is 94.3%.  
The top class this week was 6F with 98.8%.  
The year to date attendance is 93.1%



### Reception Playground

Please be aware that parts of the Reception outdoor play area are being remodelled, including moving some of the tyres. Please take extra care when passing through this area with your child (arriving and departing).



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### Over and Above

Examples of children going "Over and Above".

**Moonbeam - Jayden**  
For showing great enthusiasm towards our new topic 'transport'.

**5G - Jonjoe**  
For such a wonderful, mature, hardworking attitude towards school after returning from the holidays.

**5C – Alessio**  
For great discussion in maths.

**Palm Tree - Autumn**  
For always giving 100% in all she does.

**Willow Tree – Albert**  
For always being positive and trying his best in school.

**2A - Felix**  
For using excellent questions in his writing. Well done Felix!

**2T - Adam**  
For confidently sharing his knowledge about Mosques with our class.

**5P - Owen and Danielle**  
For being extremely helpful translating English/Chinese for our new starter, Morris.

**3B – Ethan**  
For showing independence getting ready for our P.E lesson.

**6M – Sheng Wei**  
For improvement with reading.

**1H – Harley Mae**  
For good use of positional language in maths.

**1D – Ethan**  
For returning back to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn.

**4M - Riley**  
For practicing his letter joins in handwriting over the holidays.

**4E - Lucien**  
For a brilliant attitude to work all week.

**Sunshine - Elena**  
For labelling her work with correctly formed letters from her name.

**All of 3S for a great tin whistles lesson, Mr Sanderson was really impressed!**

**6F – Lewis**  
For his brilliant enthusiasm and effort in the Dodgeball Tournament this week.