

TERM 6 NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Families

What a year of great development and affirmation of our daily work - the latter coming about when Ofsted judged us as Outstanding in March. As ever that judgment was a point in time and not an end in itself, and I assure all families that 2016-17 will see us all growing Milestone further. I wish to thank the pupils and staff for continually making Milestone Academy a truly purposeful school, and wish you all a restful summer holiday.

Nigel Jones

NEWS

PHASE 1

Phase 1 have had a very busy and fun packed term! We have enjoyed our activity week where our theme was "oh I do like to be beside the seaside". We had lots of seaside themed activities and we finished the week with a beach party.

Our topic has been "journeys" and we have been learning about places near and far. Giraffe Class have even gone as far as the moon as they pretended to be astronauts on a tour of the solar system. We have been learning about hot and cold climates and what we would need to visit the places and the children have all really enjoyed these learning experiences

Leopard and Flamingo Class enjoyed a trip to the cinema and Giraffe and Tiger Class are having a pizza party in school this week to celebrate all their hard work this year. Turtle Class visited Jump Giants and lots of fun was had by all the pupils and the staff.

As the weather begins to warm up and the term draws to an end may I wish you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming all of the pupils back in September.

Nicky McCarthy - Phase 1 Leader

PHASE 2

Wow... what a year! I am pleased to report that the vast majority of pupils achieved their end of year target. James Doddington (Mountain class teacher) is Milestone's newly appointed Personal and Social Development Lead. James will formally be measuring pupil's personal progress. I'd like to welcome Simon Stanton to the phase, he is our newly appointed Phase 2 Leader.

All pupils had the opportunity to participate in the Phase 2 concert 'Around the World in 60 Minutes'. Well done to all pupils who challenged themselves personally to overcome nerves and perform in front of an audience. Thank you to all families who attended.

In September we will be welcoming two new pupils to Milestone. Both of whom will be joining Mountain class. Have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back in September.

Michelle Hilton – Phase 2 Director

TERM DATES 2016/2017

Term 1 Thurs 8th Sept – Fri 21st Oct

Term 2 Mon 31st Oct – Wed 21st Dec

Term 3 Tues 3rd Jan – Wed 8th Feb

Term 4 Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar

Term 5 Tues 18th Apr – Fri 26th May

Term 6 Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

Staff Dev Days: 5th Sept, 6th Sept, 7th Sept, 9th Feb, 10th Feb, 10th Jul

Bank Holidays: 1st May

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the PMLD, Phase 1 and 2 and Phase 3 and 4 sports days. The weather held out and fun was had by all. Thanks in particular to the young sports leaders from the Welling School who helped to organise and oversee activities.

Students from Norman and Dover class represented Team Dartford in the Kent Panathlon final at Polo Farm in Canterbury. We finished in 4th position on the day and activities took place in a fun but competitive environment. Well done to students from both classes who did the school proud on the day.

Kind regards,
Steve Devereux – PE Teacher

LEAVERS

This Term we say goodbye to:

Sarah Haggerty, Tudor Class
Lesley Stewart, Music Teacher

We wish them both well on their new adventures.

PHASE 3 NEWS

Phase 3 have concluded their school year with a fun-packed activity week to celebrate all of their hard work. The theme of the week was 'Our Natural World.' Each day we had special visitors with memorable activities and learning opportunities. These included a dinosaur dome, sports day, and animals who visited our school from Eagle Heights and a local farm. We also had a visit from a Co-Operative Van which kindly donated lots of tasty treats to the students. We ended our week with a fancy dress Ugly Bug Ball on the playground.



PHASE 4 NEWS

As the end of a very busy and productive year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone involved in our department, including staff, students and parents for their continued support throughout the year.

I hope the sun continues to shine for our summer break and that everyone has time to relax. For those moving on I wish every success and for those of you returning in September I look forward to another successful year.

Many thanks
Liesl Andersson, Phase 4 Leader



MORE NEWS

Milestone Academy receives Best in Kent for our Storybox Competition

The English Team are proud to announce that Milestone Academy won a "Best in Kent" award for Most Innovative Literacy Project.

To celebrate World Book Day, each class was responsible for creating a Storybox, complete with props, sensory activities, and of course a story book. This project was graciously supported by our Board of Governors, and expertly overseen by Keren Read, the English Teaching Assistant.

Our Year 11 leavers have been participating in their transition to our Wilmington site, Milestone@Wilmington, and are now almost completely ready for this change.

We paid a visit to Bluewater Shopping Centre to complete our When I Grow Up project, interviewing various shopkeepers about the types of jobs that are available in our favourite stores.

FRIENDS OF MILESTONE



The Friends of Milestone would like to thank everyone who attended the Summer Fete on 9th July. It was a huge success and we made over £2,634 with pre-sales and on the day. We have also received some generous 'apres fete' donations.

In spite of a glitch with the balloon race, we managed to get all balloons away and have already received cards back, including a card from Ahlen in Germany! Assuming we have no returns from further afield I will probably be contacting the lucky winner of £20 very soon.

We were lucky with the weather (if a little windy in the balloon corner) and fortunate to have so many helpers on the day.

We will soon be busy planning our next event and will send details as soon as this is organised.

Meanwhile, we wish you all a lovely summer.

Lyn French, Secretary Friends of Milestone