

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Families, this has been one of our quickest terms on record! This speed was accelerated further by us having our Ofsted inspection last Tuesday. As of yet Ofsted do not allow me to share any final outcomes until their report has been quality assured at their HQ. I want to thank you as parents for the way you responded to fill out their Ofsted survey and to share with you how proud I was of all staff and pupils as they responded to the challenge of the day. I will share the report with you as soon as I have it post Easter. In the meantime may I wish you all a restful and safe Easter break.

TERM DATES

Term 5 – Monday 11th April – Friday 27th May

Term 6 – Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

CHATTERBOX CHALLENGE



Chatterbox Challenge 2016 - Friday 18th March 2016

Elf and Fairy day was a success on Friday - all children and staff made the most of the day wearing fancy dress, singing and signing with the Therapy Team and Elf and Fairy party at the end of the day. We managed to raise just over £580 so thank you to everyone for your support.

LEOPARD CLASS NEWS

Leopard class had a lovely time when they went to see an autistic friendly screening of the Good Dinosaur at the Greenwich Picturehouse.



COMMONWEALTH DAY

Seven students from phases 3 and 4 were honoured to be invited to attend the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey on 14 March. These students represented Milestone Academy brilliantly. In attendance at the service were the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince Harry.

SPORTS NEWS



Normans in secondary are taking part in regular cycling sessions lead by qualified coaches at the Cyclopark in Gravesend. Students have been making excellent progress and the majority of the group have been gaining confidence and skills in this activity.



Milestone Football team ground out an impressive 2-2 draw with Meadowfield School in our first special schools fixture of the year. Goals coming from Reece and a last minute equalizer from David.

TRIP TO LONDON ZOO – UPNOR CLASS

Students from Upnor Class spent a day at London Zoo. We travelled up to London Charing Cross from Dartford and then caught the underground to Regents Park. We had such a lovely day and the weather was very kind to us. Upnor Class students were a true pleasure and enjoyed the experience. Please enjoy the pictures below;



PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Parent Satisfaction Surveys were sent home this week via Parentmail (for those registered) and also hard copies for those not on Parentmail. Thank you to parents who have already returned these. If you have not completed the form but still wish to do so then please could you return them upon our return in Term 5 - Monday 11th April.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS



We are now collecting the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys. Please send into school with your child. Thanks

SALT TEAM NEWS



Our Milestone Academy Core Signs Manual is now available to buy for £30.00 from www.signalong.org.uk (all proceeds go to Signalong). The vocabulary in this manual has been chosen because of its relevance across Milestone Academy and is applicable to other educational settings and has been separated into 19 easily identified sections. The commissioned manual covers every day core signs, curriculum specific vocabulary and signs for home in one comprehensive place. Many thanks to Jamie Weston, Signalong Tutor for creating this wonderful resource.

FRIENDS OF MILESTONE

The Friends of Milestone wish to thank you all for your continued support and were pleased to present either chocolate eggs or sensory toys to all students at both sites.

Date for your diary

School Fete – Sat 9th July 11am – 3 pm

Hope to see you all there
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