



Merry Hill

Infant School and Nursery

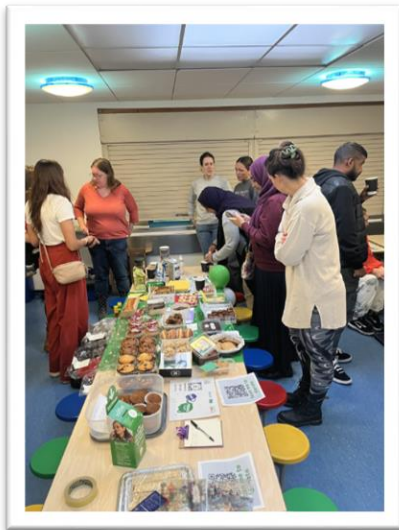
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy but wonderful week here at Merry Hill so we have lots of news to share with you.

It was lovely that many of our families were able to attend the Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Your support for this worthy cause not only raised funds but also provided an opportunity to strengthen our community and establish valuable connections.



In Reception, we had an external moderation for the baseline assessment. The baseline assessment is a short and informal check of each child's early skills in literacy, maths and communication which is a requirement of all schools. We are pleased to share that the moderator agreed with our assessments so well done to our Reception team!

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day, and I would like to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful Learning Support Assistants here at Merry Hill. They play such an important role in supporting the children's learning, providing help, encouragement and care. We are truly thankful for all they do here at Merry Hill.

'Healthy Learners' – how we ensure we are ready to learn

This week, our little gardeners took a special trip to the school allotment and what an exciting day it was! After months of tending to the potato plants – watering, weeding and watching them grow – our children finally had the chance to harvest their hard work.

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With small hands and big smiles, they dug into the soil uncovering a wonderful crop of potatoes. Their harvest was proudly presented to Mrs Michaelson who expertly turned the potatoes into a culinary feast!



'Curious Learners' – what we learn

Year Group Blogs

Each week the class teachers post blogs, which enable you to find out more about our education offer and reinforce learning at home. Please click on the link below to see the wonderful learning that has taken place over the week.

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

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'Ambitious Learners' – how we act when we learn

This Week's Focus: The Golden Rule – 'Do Look After Property'

This week, we have been focusing on the golden rule: Do Look After Property. The children have shown great responsibility in taking care of personal and shared items, keeping spaces tidy and respecting school property. I hope the children are able to apply this rule outside of school and are being extra helpful at home!

'Collaborative Learners' – our place in the world

Rabbi Sharfstein

This week the children learned about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they listened attentively whilst learning about some of the traditions, such as the blowing of the shofar. Thank you to Rabbi Sharfstein for teaching the children about this festival. For those of you who will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah next weekend we would like to say, "Shana Tova".

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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