



Merry Hill

Infant School and Nursery

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8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with your families. It's been wonderful to see the children return, full of smiles and enthusiasm, ready to dive into their learning and play. We've had a fantastic start to what promises to be a busy and exciting new term. There's so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead, including special events, new topics, and opportunities for the children to showcase their talents and achievements.

'Curious Learners' – *what we learn*

Remembrance Assembly

This term started with a thoughtful assembly led by Padre Skillen, who introduced the children to the idea of Remembrance. This was a gentle and meaningful way for our children to learn about Remembrance and respecting others. Throughout November, we will continue exploring the theme of Remembrance with the children. By revisiting this theme in different ways, through stories, discussions and activities we encourage a sense of empathy and respect that is meaningful for young children.

Supporting Every Child

This week, our staff came together to focus on setting specific, achievable goals for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We are deeply committed to ensuring that all our pupils feel supported, valued, and able to thrive within our school community. By collaborating and sharing expertise, we provide consistent, tailored support that meets the unique needs of each child. We strive to create an inclusive environment where every child feels valued and empowered to succeed.

To learn more about how we champion equality and equity in our approach, please visit our blog shown below. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our children's growth and success.

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.

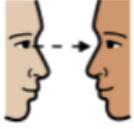
<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

'Ambitious Learners' – *how we act when we learn*

This Week's Focus: The Golden Rule – 'We do listen'

Last term we focused on a different golden rule each week to ensure the children had a secure understanding of the rule's meaning. This coming half term we will continue to have a weekly focus when awarding 'Team Points'. We will focus upon **valued behaviours** which will support all children to understand **what good behaviour** looks like at Merry Hill School. The focus words will also provide an opportunity to promote emotional literacy by considering synonyms for words associated with the rules e.g synonyms for attentive: aware, conscientious, heedful, observant, interested.

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4.11.24	<p>Attentive – Someone who is watching and listening carefully knows what to do.</p> <p>We are looking for children who are actively listening to others, lining up quickly and quietly.</p> <p>GR We do listen/ work hard</p>	 <p>attentive</p>
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‘Collaborative Learners’ – our place in the world

Celebrating Diwali

We were thrilled to host a special Diwali dance session led by Mrs Khanderia (Joshua’s mum) this week. The children enjoyed learning about the festival’s significance, exploring its traditions, and joining in with lively music and dance! They expressed joy and enthusiasm as they embraced the vibrant moves, symbolising the triumph of light over darkness. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of different cultures and celebrate together as a school community. A big thank you to Mrs Khanderia for making this Diwali celebration so memorable!

Christmas Art Work Exhibition

We are thrilled to share that ten pieces of art created by our talented children have been selected for the tree display in the Watford Atria Christmas Art Exhibition. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creativity and celebrate the diversity and imagination of our school community. The exhibition will be open from Friday 15th November 2024 and we warmly invite families to visit and see the incredible work our young artists have produced.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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