



MR PEASE'S BLOG

I can hardly believe we are now past the mid-way point of the Autumn term. I look back at the first few weeks of the academic year and it is incredible to see all the exceptional experiences your children are undertaking. From discos to sculpture parks, from enrichment clubs to local fire station visits and from visiting authors to performing choirs—the amount and variety of learning experiences your children are accessing is a world away from where we were even just a year ago. These experiences will only enrich your child's learning and our aim is to increase the amount and variety of these still further as the years progress.

I look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our autumn term parents' evenings next week. This is an important meeting to ensure you are fully aware of your child's progress and identify strengths and key areas for development for your child. Please ensure you book an appointment to see your child's class teacher at this crucial time of year. If you are unavailable to make the evenings of the 15th or 16th November, then please contact your child's teacher for an alternative appointment—they will warmly welcome this and be more than flexible around times and dates.

As we approach the festive season, you will have already had communication around events which are occurring. More details will be given nearer the time on how to book tickets, (for those performances that require this) and what each event entails. It is a magical time of year for all involved and we hope the planned events will enhance your festive spirit. The dates of the events themselves can be seen to the right in the 'dates for your diary' section.

I'd finally like to thank our newly formed 'Friends of Lilly Hall' parent group who have helped to organise our highly successful bingo night and school discos. It is so important to have community involvement in school and this support is invaluable. If any parent or carer wishes to join the group, please email school on info@maltbylillyhallacademy.com or see the Friends of Lilly Hall Facebook page here: [Friends of Maltby Lilly Hall Academy | Facebook](#)

MR PEASE - PRINCIPAL

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 15th November

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November

CHRISTMAS DATES

1st December—2.30pm

EYFS Nativity—F2 Ladybirds & F1 PM

2nd December—9.30am

EYFS Nativity—F2 Caterpillars, F1 AM & F1 Full Days

5th December—3.30pm to 5.30pm

Christmas Fayre—Whole School

6th December—9.30am

Y1—Humph the Camel

6th December—2.00pm

Y2—Humph the Camel

7th December

Christmas Dinner Day F2-Y6

7th December—5.30pm to 6.30pm

Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert

8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

8th December—5.30pm to 6.30pm

Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert

12th December

Y1 & Y3 Christmas Parties

13th December

Y2 & Y4 Christmas Parties

14th December

Nursery & Y5 Christmas Parties

15th December

Reception & Y6 Christmas Parties

INSET DAY

Friday 24th February

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Friday 30th June

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CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

Our core learning characteristics continue to go from strength to strength. See the information link here:

[MLHA Core Learning Characteristics](#)

Please continue to talk to your child about these as they remain very high profile in school. Teachers are using the language of each core learning characteristic and your child may bring home a postcard explaining how they have demonstrated one of these when they have done it exceptionally well.



ENRICHMENT CLUBS—TERM THREE

Our enrichment clubs continue to go from strength to strength with a wide variety in place last term and this term. Clubs proposed for term three include animation, film club, STEM club (science) and art club amongst others. Term four will offer more variety through possible cooking, drama and languages clubs. More details to follow in due course.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS—15th NOVEMBER

Individual school photos will be taken throughout the day on Tuesday 15th November by Jane Stapleton Photography.

If you have more than one child in school or younger children at home and would like a group family photograph, these will be taken first thing in the morning in the KS1 school hall between **7.45am and 8.40am** please come via the **Lilly Hall Road entrance** to the courtyard (between year 2 and year 5/6 entrances). If this is something that you require, please arrive promptly. Please note during the school day only individual photos will be taken. The photographer will stay in school until all the children from afternoon Nursery have been registered and had their photo taken.

All children will have their photos taken individually for our internal school records and you will have the opportunity to purchase them from the form that your child will bring home.

ROAD SAFETY—PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Sadly, I have to report that the parking situation around school continues to be a concern. We have had recent 'near misses' in recent weeks, with one parent being clipped by a car setting off on Lilly Hall Road.

We are also aware of residents' complaints regarding parents and carers parking across driveways, on grassed verges, double parking and being rude to residents when asked to move.

Although we are aware that space is tight on the roads around school, we ask to please be mindful of residents in the vicinity and of children crossing the road—the safety of our young people is of paramount importance. Being rude to residents is wholly unacceptable and I would ask the tiny minority of parents who have done this to refrain and consider the example set to children around the school.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.



FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL NEWS

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and children who participated in our recent bingo night held in October.

The event raised just over **£600** for school and I know that a fun night was had by all. The next bingo night takes place on Tuesday 29th November in the main hall.

Our recent school discos were incredibly well attended and some of the costumes were extremely creative. Our next discos will be our Valentines event.

The events raised **£1200** which is a staggering amount—thanks to all parents and carers for their support and community spirit.

MRS MOORE'S BULLETIN

Sporting successes have filled our first half term at Maltby Lilly Hall Academy. We have seen some fantastic effort and achievements in PE lessons where the children have already developed their skills and game-play in football, netball, hockey and tag-rugby. Later this half term the children will move onto developing their dance and fitness skills. KS1 children have had the opportunity to develop a variety of skills in their enrichment club in the first half term and it was great to see so many Y3&4 children at Mr Hoskins' football club and Y5 and 6 children at my netball club.

There have been two Maltby Learning Trust Festivals so far this year. Our Y5 and 6 girls and boys football teams competed against the other MLT primaries and had great success, not only did they show excellent motivation and teamwork, but both teams won their tournament. Last week, KS2 children, who were identified in PE lessons for having a strong running ability, competed in the MLT Cross Country Festival, the children stepped up incredibly well.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our current attendance since the start of September stands at 95.5%, although this is currently an improvement on last year's figures, we still feel there is room for improvement. We'd like to remind all parents and carers that good attendance is crucial to your child's development in school and every single day counts. One day missed is equivalent to 6 hours of key learning.

Holidays within term time are almost always unauthorised and are only authorised in very exceptional circumstances. The amount of holidays taken by parents and carers in term time is having a detrimental effect on the learning of some pupils at school. One week's holiday is equivalent to 30 hours of lost learning.

School hours are 8.45am-3.15pm (Nursery 8.30am) - please ensure your child arrives on time as lost learning can equally be attributed to lateness.

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements,



MALTBY LILLY HALL ACADEMY - CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS SHOUT OUTS!

Through our curriculum, we aim to educate the whole child, building character and knowledge together. In order to promote this, we have identified eight characteristics we aim to nurture within our children. Everything we do will promote the development of these core qualities which we feel are central to ensuring our children develop into well rounded, well-educated young people who are prepared for success in their next phase of education.

In consultation with teachers, these children are deemed to have excelled in our core characteristics this month:

The Knowledgeable Child: Liam in Y4 for some brilliant answers in class on his topic work.

The Resilient Child: The whole cross-country team for sticking with the gruelling run last week and finishing well.

The Confident Child: Caleb in Y2 for giving some superbly confident answers in class—particularly in maths.

The Moral Child: Alfie in Y6 for sharing so generously with others at the recent Halloween discos.

The Independent Child: Conner in Y5 for trying harder in his writing and being independently more productive.

The Sociable Child: Everyone who attended the Halloween discos—socially you were fantastic!

The Inquisitive Child: All of Y4 for their trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park recently—always asking questions!

The Ambitious Child: All children in KS1 who have had a bronze badge for reading—you are so ambitious in your thirst to read more books—keep it up!

