



Maltby Lilly Hall Academy

MR PEASE'S BLOG

As we approach Easter, we look back at many of the exceptional experiences your children have had here at Maltby Lilly Hall Academy over the last two terms. And the sheer amount of them has in itself been exceptional. These, of course, will continue into the next few weeks too, with children going to meet Tim Peake (the famous astronaut) next week, our residential for Y5 and Y6 and the discos and bingo nights put on by Friends of Lilly Hall.

What has been especially pleasing is the skill, determination and integrity of our sports teams shown this term. Our girls' football team performed incredibly well in the recent championships, our cross country runners continue to finish high up the rankings in Rotherham and our basketball players and gymnasts compete locally in the next few weeks.

We welcome Mrs Gibson (formerly Miss Pritchard) back to school after the Easter break who returns from her maternity leave. I know parents and carers from across school will be pleased to see her as she has taught many siblings here at Lilly Hall. However, as we welcome back one member of staff, we sadly say goodbye to Miss Powers from our Nursery provision. I am sure I speak on behalf of parents and carers in thanking her for her service with us and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about considerate parking around school. We continue to have instances of parents parking across the school gate and on the yellow zig-zags to drop their children off near the Cliff Hill entrance. These areas are not to be used for this purpose and no parking or alighting in these areas is allowed. Those parents who come into the car park to drop their child off should only do so having gained permission from school. The car park is small and regularly tight for space. This system of permission allows us to monitor who is expected to come into the car park for this purpose. No parents should come into the school car park without express permission from school. I thank wholeheartedly the vast majority of parents and carers who do park considerately, your co-operation is much appreciated for the safety of all the children in school.

I'd like to wish all parents and carers a Happy Easter, please enjoy the break with your respective families.

MR PEASE - PRINCIPAL

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Easter Discos

EYFS & KS1—Monday 27th March

KS2—Wednesday 29th March

Y1 Kestrels Tea Party

Tuesday 28th March - 2:00pm

Y1 Butterflies Tea Party

Wednesday 29th March - 2:00pm

Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 29th March

F2 Ladybirds and F1 Bumblebees AM and

Full Day - 9:30am

F2 Caterpillars and F1 Bumblebees PM - 2:30PM

Y2 African Drumming Workshop

30th March

Easter Holidays

3rd to 14th April

First Day of Summer Half-Term 1

Monday 17th April

Y6 Swimming Lessons

First Lesson - 19th April

Y4 Swimming Lessons

First Lesson - 20th April

Y5 Bambergh Residential

24th to 28th April

May Day

Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday—Kings Coronation Day

Monday 8th May

Y6 SATS WEEK—9TH TO 12TH MAY

Y4 Visit to Murton Park

Friday 12th May

Spring Bank Holiday

29th May to 2nd June

First Day of Summer Half-Term 2

Monday 5th June

Y6 Residential to London

12th-14th June

INSET DAY

Friday 30th June (school closed to pupils)

Y6 Visit to Walesby Forest

Tuesday 4th July

Parents Evening

Wednesday 5th July

Y6 Leavers BBQ

Thursday 13th July

Last Day of School Year - Friday 21st July

Friday 21st July

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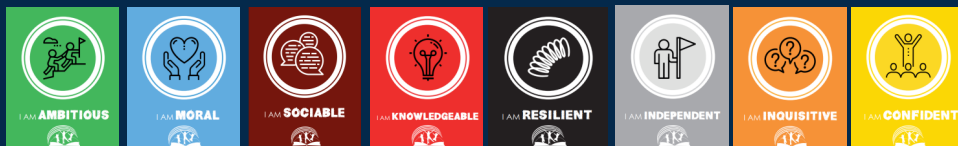
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CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

Our core learning characteristics are integral to all we do at Lilly Hall. See the information link here:

[MLHA Core Learning Characteristics](#)

Please continue to talk to your child about these as they are 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.



INSET DAYS

As a reminder to parents and carers—the remaining INSET day this year is **Friday 30th June**

INSET days for 2023-24 are as follows:

Thursday 31st August Friday 1st September

Friday 20th October Friday 9th February

Friday 28th June

These dates can also be found on our website.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

Our enrichment clubs are running extremely well and continue to prove very popular. We are fully expecting next term to be no exception. On offer in summer 1 are football, athletics and choir clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively.

In summer 2 on Tuesdays will be debate club, Warhammer club and library club. On Wednesdays athletics club will take place and on Thursdays there will be a running and chess club.

The opening up of more clubs tailored to F2 Reception children will be rolled out from September. Please sign up your child when the brochure is sent out as places will be limited.

RECENT EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Take a look at some of our more recent exceptional experiences in school



Successful U11 Girls' football team

Y6 Holocaust Centre visit



World Book Day



FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL NEWS

We have an exciting week coming up with Easter around the corner. Our school discos are on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th March and the big Easter raffle takes place on Friday the 31st.

We would like to thank all parents and carers again for their generosity around our pyjama day. This was held to raise awareness of children's mental health week. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the day in their nightwear.

After Easter, our next bingo night will take place on 16th May - see you there!

MRS MOORE'S BULLETIN

We had a brilliant World Book Day at Lilly Hall, and it was wonderful to see all of our children dressed up to celebrate! We had some fantastically creative costumes from Paul Hollywood to Gangsta Granny to Horrid Henry! The day entailed many book-themed activities throughout school: a live webinar with author and illustrator Yasmeen Ismail in KS1; Y5 joined a webinar with Frank Cottrell-Boyce, author of Cosmic; many year groups completed book quizzes and our children enjoyed guessing everyone's characters in assembly. A big well done to all children who entered the competition this year (a character scene in a shoe box). Mrs Dougherty and I were really impressed by the creativity shown and found judging a winner extremely hard! Well done to Elizabeth, Devon, Rose and Isla who were each key stage's winner.

Last week, our Y5 and 6 girls' football team entered the Rotherham competition. The girls all showed fantastic attitudes, great teamwork skills, respect for others and resilience when faced with tough matches! They had a successful group stage with some excellent victories which led them to the quarter finals where they were unfortunately defeated. The team finished 5th overall out of 24 teams that entered from across Rotherham - a brilliant achievement!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our current attendance from September to March stands at 94.9%, which is on the rise. We'd like to continue 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. One day a week missed is 234 hours of learning over a school year.

Lateness remains an issue in school and we request to all parents and carers that your child should be in school no later than 8.45am, Reception to Y6 and 8.30am for Nursery classes. We are also seeing more children being picked up later from school as well. Please ensure you arrive promptly to collect your child for 3.15pm.

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our Twitter feed which can be found [here](#).



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: Caleb in Y2 for being so knowledgeable about the book he was reading this week.

The Resilient Child: All year 6 for staying resilient in their tests this week—well done.

The Confident Child: Noah in Y1 for being confident in his cutting skills in class.

The Moral Child: Natalia in Y3 for being a fantastic friend and always knowing the right thing to do.

The Independent Child: Jenson D in Y6 for the way he tackled his tests this week—worked hard and got results!

The Sociable Child: Liam in Y4 for being so sociable in making friends since joining us last month.

The Inquisitive Child: Bella in Y6 who never stops asking questions about her topic work and the curriculum in general!

The Ambitious Child: Olivia in F2 for thinking positively about her work and about others in general.

