



Maltby Lilly Hall Academy

MR PEASE'S BLOG

A belated Happy New Year to all our parents and carers, I sincerely hope you enjoyed your respective Christmas breaks.

Your children are already enjoying their new Spring Term learning—information on what your child is currently learning is available via our curriculum newsletters and plans, which can be found on the 'class pages' section of our website by clicking [here](#).

As you'll see there are many exceptional experiences your child will undertake alongside quality teaching in the classroom. Please ask your child's teacher if you require any further information or wish to enhance your child's learning at home on the topics they are studying. Alongside this, our enrichment clubs continue apace on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with a wide variety of activities to choose from. If you have not done so already, I heartily recommend your child signs up for one they are interested in, but please be early as places are limited and they are proving very popular indeed.

We have welcomed Miss Edwards to the team as Early Years leader and I know she has been proactive in ensuring she gets to know the children and parents well before commencing the parent information sessions and Ladybirds rearranged parents' evening later this half term.

Our school council have been superb this year, not only have they supported whole school improvements such as new friendship stops and fundraising, but they have instigated an eco-warrior group which is actively collecting litter in the school grounds, which will be extended to the further immediate school community. Well-being ambassadors are also in place which are a caring group of pupils who carry out actions alongside teachers to ensure all pupils are cared for and have time to talk if required. On top of all of this, our whole school council are visiting the Houses of Parliament in April to see democracy in action.

The Spring term ahead is an exciting one with the prospect of our new library opening, Young Voices concerts, discos and bingo nights, amongst other events, all to come.

MR PEASE - PRINCIPAL

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Y4 The Deep

Thursday 2nd February

Bingo Night

Tuesday 7th February

Young Voices

Friday 10th February

February Half Term Week

13th to 17th February

First Day of Spring Half-Term 2

Monday 20th February

INSET DAY

Friday 24th February (school closed to pupils)

Y6 Holocaust Museum

Tuesday 28th February

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March

Easter Discos

EYFS & KS1—Monday 27th March

KS2—Wednesday 29th March

Easter Holidays

3rd to 14th April

First Day of Summer Half-Term 1

Monday 17th April

Y5 Bamburgh 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

Spring Bank Holiday

29th May to 2nd June

First Day of Summer Half-Term 2

Monday 5th June

INSET DAY

Friday 30th June (school closed to pupils)

Parents Evening

Wednesday 5th July

Y6 Leavers BBQ

Thursday 13th July

Last Day of School Year

Friday 21st July

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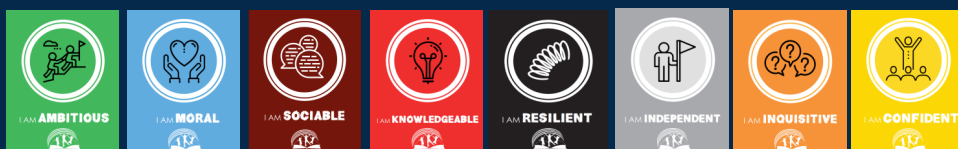
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CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

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.



INSET DAYS

As a reminder to parents and carers—the remaining INSET days this year are as follows

Friday 24th February 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

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPOT



Welcome to the student council section of the newsletter. In September we held an election in school and we now have 24 representatives in our student council from years 1 to 6. Since then, we have been busy. Each class has a pupil voice box where they can share their voice by offering suggestions on how we can make the school a better place. We look at all of these every week in our meetings and we have already started making changes. We are also proud to say that we also have Eco-Warriors and Mental Well-Being teams.

RECENT EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

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



KS2 Virtual reality day

Year 1 creative learning workshop with parents and carers.



Peer mentor training and awards

Year 6 Mayan civilisation workshop and artefacts.



FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL NEWS

We are so excited that from this term we will be partnering up with the School Council to come up with ideas together for fundraising and events management. We have already organised our first joint event "Pyjama Day" on the 9th February to support Children's Mental Health Week and to also raise money for equipment that will support the key areas in providing good mental wellbeing. A donation will also be made to a mental health charity.

We also look forward to seeing you at our next Bingo night on the 7th February

MRS MOORE'S BULLETIN

We've had a great start to 2023 at Lilly Hall. A special mention to our Year 6 children who have returned from Christmas with an excellent attitude towards their learning and fantastic motivation. Year 6 boosters are now up and running in school and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays; we find these to be really beneficial as the children work in smaller groups and can focus on specific areas which that group needs to develop. Being a part of Maltby Learning Trust allows us to benefit from working with staff from Maltby Academy that have an area of expertise like Spanish and PE. Our Year 6 children are developing their Spanish skills in preparation for secondary school weekly with Miss Shields and all of our children at Lilly Hall have one lesson per week taught by MA PE teachers Miss Stanley and Mr Claybourn, and have opportunity to participate in extra-curriculum festivals run by MA. Before Christmas, a group of Year 1 children participated in a dance workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed and this term we have several events scheduled including Sports Hall Athletics, U11 Girls and Boys Football tournaments, a basketball festival and a Y2 gymnastics workshop. It's great that we can benefit from the staff expertise and facilities at MA. As well as many sporting events this term, our choir are attending the Young Voices concert which is always a brilliant event and chance for our choir to show off their fantastic

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our current attendance from September to January stands at 94.7%. 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.

Lateness is becoming a more prevalent issue this month and we politely remind 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.

Lateness contributes to lost learning in the classroom and children having to catch up almost from the moment they arrive in school. This can create anxiety and can disturb classes already in progress.

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: Mila and Rosa in F2 for persevering so well with their work this term and improving their knowledge in core learning.

The Resilient Child: Jack in Y6 who has produced some excellent home learning this term.

The Confident Child: Miki in Y5 for increasing his confidence in all areas of his learning.

The Moral Child: Harry and Freya in Y6 for their fabulous school council work this term.

The Independent Child: Maisey in Y3 for her development in independent learning.

The Sociable Child: Archie in Y5 for becoming more socially aware and making new friends so well.

The Inquisitive Child: Lexi in Y4 for asking great questions in her English and maths learning.

The Ambitious Child: Yet again, all children in KS1 who have had a bronze or a silver badge for reading—you are so ambitious in your thirst to read more books—keep it going!

