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# Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Newsletter 6

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

October 2024

## To all our families,

We have reached the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. Next week is half-term and school is closed. We have really seen the children thrive this term and so much progress can be seen in all aspects of learning. We have seen children grow in confidence and self-esteem and really strong friendships are now established. The progress in writing, reading, phonics and maths is really evident and the learning in all subjects is becoming embedded. We look forward to the second half of this term.

## Thank you to staff

Behind the scenes at Mousehold this term has been very challenging at times. The staff have gone the extra mile and been very adaptable, moved between classes and always without complaint. The children have continued to have the support they need and deserve. We have a very resilient, strong staff team and I'm very grateful and proud of all of them. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff at Mousehold.

**Mr. Tolson and the Mousehold Team**

## This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday afternoon to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. In Key Stage 1, the class with the highest attendance receives 'Top Dog' to keep in their classroom for the week, while the top class in Reception is awarded 'Top Cat.' Well done to **Sparrow** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 80.36%  
Greenfinch: 87.62%  
Chaffinch: 93.64%  
Swift: 95.97%  
Sparrow: 97.04%  
Robin: 96.67%  
Barn Owl: 92.41%  
Raven: 95.17%  
Whole School: 92.67%  
Target: 96%

## Safeguarding

### Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Tolson, Mr Smith, Miss Balachandre, Mrs Greenwood, and Miss Wood.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

**CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020**

Please see our website for all our policies and more information about safeguarding

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding>

# CURRICULUM UPDATES

## Nursery

We have been watching our pumpkin and squashes grow since we started Nursery, they are nearly ready for us to pick now but we have been worried that the birds might come and peck at them. So this week we have been talking about scarecrows and have even made one today to keep the pumpkin safe. Our song of the week has been [Dingle Dangle Scarecrow](#) We have also been reading 'Winnie's Amazing Pumpkin' by Valerie Thomas and looking at Korby Paul's fantastic illustrations of a ginormous pumpkin. We are planning to cook our Autumn pumpkin next week – yummy.

Please send in an **empty glass jar with the label removed** for us to make a lantern from next week.

## Reception

Our Reception children really enjoyed a visit from Emma, a Dental Nurse from the Happy Smiles Club at Plummers Dentists. We learned about how to look after our teeth helped by cheeky Derek the Dinosaur. Did you know that you are not meant to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth? It is much better to leave the toothpaste on your teeth to protect them.



## Year 1 and Year 2

### **This week's focus: History**

This half term we have been fine tuning our understanding of 'beyond living memory' and 'within living memory'. The children learn that 'within living memory' is within the last 80 years or so. We have explored Neil Armstrong and his exploration of the moon (within living memory) and also looked at Sir Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to the North Pole (beyond living memory). We have been history detectives by using sources of evidence to explore the past – looking at photographs, listening to interviews and using drama to help us understand what explorers would have discovered during these significant events. We've also looked at the importance of timelines, and how they help us to put events in chronological order. Great history learning KS1

## REMINDERS

Your child will be bringing home an example Christmas card along with an order form. If you would like to order any cards or Christmas gifts, please could you return the form along with the exact cash next week before the half term holiday. Thankyou

On the 5th November Year 2 will be taking a trip to Mousehold Heath to explore the autumnal changes. This walking trip links to our science and geography curriculum. We ask that children wear suitable clothing and footwear on the day.

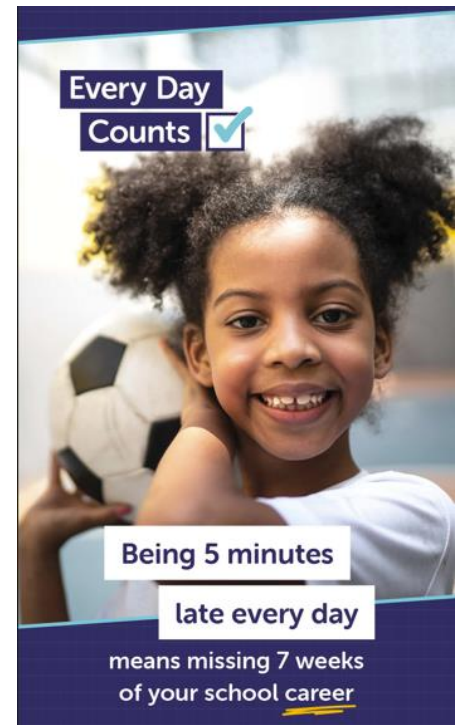
If you would like to help volunteer for this walking trip, please speak with your class teacher.

Date: 5/11/24, 9:00am- 10:30am

Many thanks, Year 2 team

## ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is very important, and regular attendance ensures your child benefits from all the educational opportunities available to them. This is not just crucial for their learning, but also their wellbeing, and wider development. It is equally important that they attend school on time every day. As a school we aim to work jointly and in partnership with the whole school community, therefore, should you need to share any concerns that may impact on your child's regular attendance at school please do not hesitate to contact us. To ensure you have the most up to date attendance information for your child, children with attendance of 92% or below will receive a support first letter after half term.



## HIGH 5S

This year we have decided to celebrate children's achievements with High 5 postcards. Staff will write these for children each week that demonstrate our school values. Well done to all the children who have received a postcard this week.

### *Dates for the Diary 2024/2025*

<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of Autumn term 1
<b>Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b> at 4pm</li><li>- <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> at 4pm</li><li>- <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> at 4pm</li></ul>
<b>w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mousehold parents evening. <a href="#">SchoolCloud - Mousehold Infant school</a>