

Millside School Newsletter February 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends,
We have had a busy Spring Term so far, filled with Millside enthusiasm and energy. In January our OFSTED inspection gave us all the opportunity to shine and I hope that you will enjoy reading the report on our website. This Newsletter will give you a flavor of what we have been learning so far this term. Thankyou for your support as always.

Kind regards,
Mrs Lou West, Headteacher.



Year 9 History Curriculum trip to a Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge.

Students were able to discover what it was like to work in the Bunker by handling and learning from objects that were used in the Operations Room. Students were taught about life in the Bunker, and the different roles men and women would have had at the time. This trip allowed our students the opportunity to develop and even showcase some of their knowledge around World War 2 which is currently the topic they are studying in their History lessons. Student behaviour and engagement was overall excellent and a huge thank you to the staff who supported this trip and kept the students on track. Special thanks to Mrs Farhan for arranging this trip.







Mr Dean Papali



All of our staff and students have been trained to use the 'Zones' for managing our emotional regulation and to help our well being.







Stretch 	Connect with Someone 	Drink Water 	Healthy Snack 
Swing 	Headphones 	Walk 	Deep Breaths 
Ask for Help 	Fidget 	Self Talk 	Take a Break 

Some feelings in the **BLUE ZONE**

	
Bored	Hurt
	
Sick	Tired
	
Exhausted	Sad

Low levels of energy and down feelings

Some feelings in the **GREEN ZONE**

	
Calm	Happy
	
Okay	Focused
	
Proud	Relaxed





Calm energy and a sense of control

Some feelings in the **YELLOW ZONE**

	
Frustrated	Worried
	
Energetic	Silly
	
Excited	Annoyed

Higher energy and stronger feelings

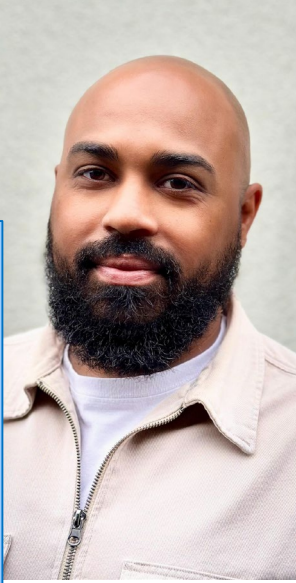
Some feelings in the **RED ZONE**

	
Overjoyed	Wild
	
Angry	Out of Control
	
Terrified	Furious

Extremely high energy and strongest feelings



In his own words: 'Millside's ethos has always resonated with me and I am proud to have contributed to our collective success. That said, I believe there is always more we can do to ensure that every student reaches their potential, and I rise to this ongoing challenge. In addition to my work in education, I am a qualified counsellor in talking therapy and I use techniques that promote personal growth, self esteem and inclusion. I am confident in managing moments of crisis as well as creating safe spaces where students and staff feel emotionally supported and able to reflect and grow'. Mr Deon Weedon



Mr Deon Weedon
Inclusion Manager
Millside School

We are delighted that Deon has been promoted to this new senior role of Inclusion Manager. He leads on **behaviour and attitudes** including pupil attendance, rewards and sanctions. He brings a wealth of experience from the SUMMIT team and will be a huge asset to Millside's future. Mrs Lou West



ICT Department news

- ICT TECHNICIAN JOBS NEED THE FOLLOWING SKILLS**
- WINDOWS 10 AND WINDOWS 11 INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION.
 - MICROSOFT 365 AND GOOGLE WORKSPACE EXPERIENCE.
 - WIRELESS NETWORKING SKILLS.
 - MICROSOFT ACTIVE DIRECTORY AND GROUP POLICY EXPERIENCE.
 - IPAD AND GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK EXPERIENCE.
 - MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT (MDM).
- ABOVE ALL, YOU SHOULD HAVE EXCELLENT PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF ICT IN SCHOOLS, AND A PASSION FOR MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND HELPING SCHOOLS WITH ALL THEIR ICT SUPPORT NEEDS.

Welcome to Mrs Leena Jawanjaj
who is now our permanent
ICT teacher.



Alfie with his 'catch of the day' at Friday Fishing Intervention

Friday Activities

Dungeons and Dragons

(aka Yu-Dun)

In this photo, Aiden was providing background music for our heroes who were encountering a powerful 'lucario' sent from the future to hunt our heroes and claim the time gear!

Our heroes on this Friday were Charlie M, John, KB, Isaac and Aiden himself.

Our Mission is to find all 7 time gears to correct the timelines and save the world from the villains of the far-off future; our heroes are also trying to be reunited with Phil who is stuck somewhere in the future!

Phil Samouel



Y10 Reward Visit to Pizza Express at Windsor

Our Y10 boys aka The Millside Mavericks worked hard in their lessons to earn this trip out. They had some leftover food to feed to the swans who followed them all of the way back to the minibus because they wanted to join the Mavericks Club! Ellie, Khalil & Zak



MILLSIDERS, WELCOME TO WRESTLING SHOWDOWN: THE ROAD TO GLORY!

At Slough Interclub Wrestling Competition on Saturday 18th Jan 2025, our very own Sam G made his Wrestling debut!!

After winning his first 3 matches in spectacular style, he was matched in the final with one of the best under17 wrestlers in the UK and after an awesome match and superb wrestling Sam only just missed out on the title.

What a day of action!!..... We keep the road to glory alive with Sam's next Wrestling competition "The Windsor Open" coming up on Saturday 8th March 2025!!!
Jadie Crute

