



# Christmas 2021 NEWSLETTER



13<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Millside has said 'goodbye and good luck' to the Billingtons, Jack and Sam this term.



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy first term full of learning, new experiences and building relationships. We have welcomed our new Y7s who are settling in well and enjoying all that Millside has to offer, including regular visits to Black Park for forest school and time with Milly Millside our therapy rabbit. Our Y10s and 11s have worked very hard on mock (and real) GCSE/ Functional Skills exams, we are very proud of how well they are facing the challenges around them. New subjects for KS4 including Arts Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award and GCSE PE have all proved really successful.

Thankyou all for supporting our drive on student attendance; against the backdrop of COVID 19 we still want to see students in school as much as possible. We have been hit particularly hard by staff illness and absence this last half term, and to avoid whole school closure we have been asking students to work from home one or two days each week. Staff always set homework (either in a workpack, on TEAMS or via school email) and students do not lose attendance marks if they complete some work. Many of them are learning to be more independent learners and take responsibility for their progress through online platforms such as MyMaths.

I am proud to congratulate our Y11 student Ambassador George Williamson on winning a Slough Youth Award last week for his Volunteering work. George was nominated for his fundraising work in 2020/21 including our Foodbank and 'the Millside Mile'; his work really encouraged our Millside community to think about our health and well being as well as helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Well done George, we are very proud of you!

May I wish you a safe and Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2022.

*Mrs Lou West, Head of Millside School*

The Year 7s have enjoyed trips to Black park and Windsor. They even got to watch the change of the guard.



Miss Tabone organised a bake sale for Children in Need and Movember.

£137.78 in total!

Chris delivered the remaining cakes to the homeless who were very grateful.





Mrs West organised a trip to the panto! Everyone had an amazing time!



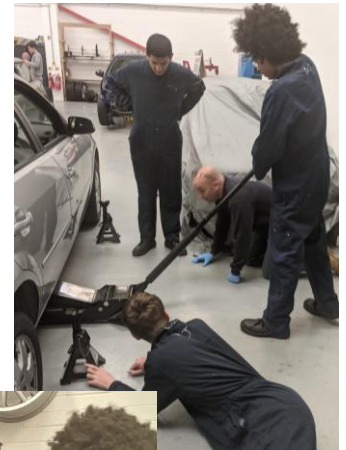
One of our Y9s extracting salt from rocksalt in a Science lesson.



YuGiOh! Club, one of our Friday Activities.



Remember, students can get toast with a range of toppings at our daily Breakfast Club with Phil and his helpers 8.30 – 9am.



Our Year 10s have made good progress with their Motor Mechanics course at Ptistop.



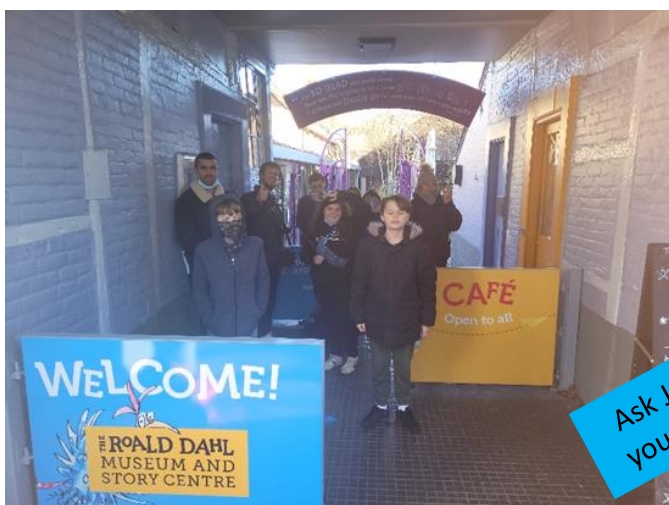
Mr Papali and his students represented Millside at Burnham's Remembrance Day.



Well done George!



Mrs Farhan organised a trip to the Roald Dahl Museum. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and explored Great Missenden, the town which inspired Dahl to write his stories.



**Term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for all students.**  
We will be encouraging daily LFD tests to keep us all safe.

Ask Julie for your LFD kits



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Millside School**