



# Millhouse Primary School

## Newsletter

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**A Small School with a Big Heart**



### Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had a fantastic end to the week with a touring theatre in school. M and M productions performed The Little Princess, the classic story by Frances Hodgson Burnett which had an important anti-bullying theme. The children were mesmerised by the amazing sets which transformed our school hall into India one minute and London the next! They were a fabulous audience and cheered loudly when Sarah and her friends triumphed over the mean bullies in the show.

### Barnsley's Packed Lunch Toolkit

We have been asked to share with parents, Barnsley Council's packed lunch toolkit which aims to ensure children have a healthy balanced lunch each day. The toolkit is printed on the back of this newsletter. Copies of the newsletter are uploaded each week to the school website – a clearer version of the toolkit can be found here.

### KS2 Cross Country

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, in the afternoon, all children in Key Stage 2 will take part in a cross country competition at Penistone Showground. Further details are provided in the separate letter to be sent out this week.

Please keep checking book bags and return permission slips promptly!



### FOMS coffee morning

The FOMS group do a fantastic job of raising money to enrich the educational experiences of our children.

If you wish to find out more about the work of the FOMS group and how you could become involved, come along to our informal coffee morning on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9:00am**. I've promised there will be biscuits!

Thank-you to those of you who have already completed the forms sent out last week, offering your help with various aspects of the FOMS group's work.



### Attendance:

**Target: 96.5%**



Well done to Class 2 pupils for achieving the highest attendance this week!

Class 1 – 94.3%

Class 2 – 99.3%

Class 3 – 95.7%

Class 4 – 95.7%

Class 5 – 90.9%

**Remember every day counts!**



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# BARNSELY'S PACKED LUNCH TOOLKIT

By choosing the recommended portions from each of the 4 main food groups will ensure your child has a tasty, well-balanced packed lunch to keep them focussed and maximise their learning.

**5-11 YEARS**

### DAIRY & DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVES

#### Choose 1 portion

- Small glass = 150ml semi skimmed milk or dairy free alternative (with added calcium & unsweetened)
- 1 small pot of yogurt or unsweetened custard
- Match box size (30g) of cheese



Contains calcium that helps to keep teeth and bones healthy

### CARBOHYDRATES

#### Choose 1 portion

- 1-2 slices of bread
- Small bread roll
- Pitta bread
- 1 dinner plate sized wrap
- 2-3 tablespoons rice, pasta or other grains
- 2 egg sized potatoes



Provides lots of energy

### FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Contains vitamins & minerals which are needed for good health

- Apple
- Banana
- Pear
- Strawberries
- Carrot sticks
- Tomatoes
- Peppers



A portion is a medium sized piece of fruit, or a child's handful of chopped fruit or veg

### PROTEIN

Needed for growth & repair of muscles

#### Choose 1 portion

- Eggs
- Poultry: chicken or turkey
- Lean meat: beef, pork or lamb
- Fish: salmon, tuna or sardines
- Non-meat protein: houmous, lentils, beans or pulses



A portion is the size of your child's palm

- 1 Choose a main course: which contains 1 portion of carbohydrate and 1 portion of protein, use ideas from above.
- 2 Add some salad or vegetables: using frozen veg or cooking extra the night before are quick and cost effective options.
- 3 Add a little something else: Fruit, yoghurt, low sugar jelly, rice cakes, malt loaf or plain popcorn are healthy options.

### HEALTHY DRINKS

1. Remember to pack a drink. Tap water is the cheapest way to keep your child hydrated. Other alternatives that are healthy & less damaging to teeth are low fat milk or sugar free fruit squash.
2. Fruit juice is another option and will count towards 1 of their 5 a day. Limit to 150ml a day due to the sugar content.

### TASTY TRADES

1. Swap crisps for plain popcorn or plain rice cakes.
2. Swap the sweets, cakes, cereal bars and chocolate for fruit cake, malt loaf or fresh, tinned or frozen fruit.
3. Cut back on fat by using reduced fat spread, low fat yoghurt & cheese.
4. Swap white bread and pasta for brown versions to keep little tummies fuller for longer.

