



# Milton Mount Primary School

Friday 24 January 2025

Newsletter

## Headteacher's Message

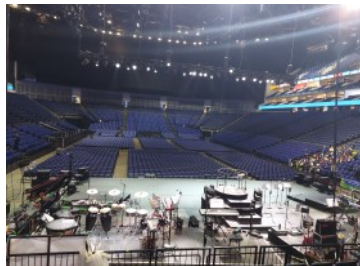
Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, which is a Young Voices Special Edition! A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, and of course children who made Tuesday night's celebration of song such a success.

Tom Little



Young  
Voices  
2025



### Choir – Young Voices 2025

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, the Milton Mount Choir joined thousands of other children to perform in the Young Voices 2025 concert at the O2 Arena in London. Mrs Catling, Mr Little and I had the absolute pleasure of being part of this and we are still on a high from the most wonderful night to remember. I am incredibly proud of all of the children who have worked so hard since before the Summer holidays to learn so many words, actions and dance moves. Their behaviour was exceptional and they were superb representatives of Milton Mount. Thank you, children – you are all shining stars!

Thanks also goes to our four Grown-Ups – Debbie, Jenny, Kevin and Sarah – for joining us for the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

Sam A, one of our children in Year 5, has written a fantastic summary of the day below which we hope you enjoy.

Mrs Coysh



### Choir - Young Voices 2025 – Sam A, Year 5

We went to the O2 for the Young Voices concert. We left school at around 10.30 and set off on our adventure. First, we walked from school to Three Bridges Station and took a train to London Bridge. The train was about half an hour and it went reasonably smooth. We also started practicing our songs then. When we got off our train, we walked through London Bridge Station to get the Underground. When we boarded the Tube, half the people got seats and half were standing, but it was okay. After a while, everybody got a seat. After around 10 minutes, we got off the Tube and the real adventure started.

We arrived at the O2. For some of the choir, it was their first time, but some of us were there last year so we knew what to expect. We took a few pictures outside and some of the children were even interviewed! Then, we entered the O2. After an escalator and a whole load of walking, we finally arrived at our seats, which were right behind the stage! This was where we had lunch and prepared for the rehearsal. We were one of the first schools there, but as time went on, it got busier and busier until the Young Voices side of the O2 was filled up completely.

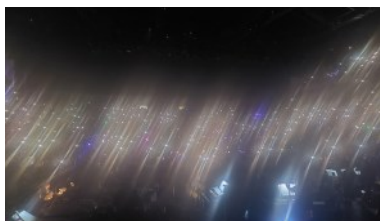
After about an hour, we finally started the rehearsal. The rehearsal went well, and there were some surprises: more songs that we had to learn on the spot. There were also some surprise guests! We would be performing with: MC Grammar, an amazing teacher and rapper who got famous by rapping the Gruffalo; Tommy Blaize, lead singer for Strictly Come Dancing, who just celebrated 50 years in music, and Souparnika Nair, who appeared on Britain's Got Talent and sang at the O2 for Young Voices 2018 with her primary school. After a long amount of time we finally rehearsed all of our songs. Then we had about an hour to eat our tea and have a rest. After that was done, it was now time for the main event.

The other side of the arena filled up with parents as we waited nervously for the concert to start. When the whole O2 was full, the lights were turned off and the show began. It was like nothing I'd ever experienced before (except for last year). It's an incredible experience to sing with over 8000 other children and the music and lights were amazing. We were all given our own torches. It looked like fireworks!

It was hard to see where our families were sitting, but we could see that everybody in the whole place was enjoying the music and even dancing. The night was almost over and we had one more song to sing. A mashup of all of Bob Marley's most famous songs. A piece of Marley Magic. The whole Young Voices choir and all of the guest stars worked together to sing one final song. It was amazing, we sang songs like One Love, Three Little Birds and other Marley hits.

It was a great ending to an awesome show. After this we started heading out of the arena. After a while, we finally headed out to go home and get some good sleep after a grand day out.

Thank you to Mrs Coysh for organising everything and teaching us all the songs and to all the other grown ups for helping us all day.



# Early Years

A busy week in Early Years! We read a book called 'Hats of Faith' and learnt about the shared custom of head coverings. Miss Jafeer told us all about her headscarf.

We have braved the cold and enjoyed lots of outdoor exploration too. Some of us collaborated to build a huge tower structure, the children really worked as a team and spoke to each other to share ideas and resources. We also made a space rocket- the joy of a cardboard box! The children enjoyed some imaginative play, blasting off into outer space and exploring planets.



## Year 1



### Writer of the week

Acorn - Rey

Berry - Jack

Catkins - Marley



### Star of the week

Acorn - Nikodem

Berry - Willow P

Catkins - Ella

This week in Year 1 we have created character descriptions from our Duffy story. We have made friends for Duffy and used some lovely adjectives to describe our character's appearance and hobbies. In Maths we used looked at number lines and explored 'greater than' and 'less than' within 20. We also ordered numbers from smallest to greatest. In Science, we conducted an experiment about waterproof materials. We explored whether paper, plastic, tissue and foil were waterproof. Some toys did get very wet!



# Year 2



## Writer of the week

Bracken - Oliver P  
Fern - Georgia  
Ivy - Tudor



## Star of the week

Bracken - Phoebe  
Fern - Harry M  
Ivy - Brooke

We've had an exciting week in our maths lessons, focusing on practical learning to deepen children's understanding of multiplication. One of the highlights has been using arrays to explore multiplication concepts in a hands – on and visual way. An array is a visual representation of multiplication, using rows and columns to show how numbers can be grouped!



# Year 3



## Writer of the week

Apple - Jacob  
Cherry - Olivia  
Damson - Ella



## Star of the week

Apple - Henry  
Cherry - Ben  
Damson - Alex

# Year 4



## Writer of the week

Beech - Kali  
Chestnut - Ousman  
Hazel - Lexi



## Star of the week

Beech - Mia  
Chestnut - Margo R  
Hazel - Roxi

This week, Beech class have been discovering the features of the River Mole. They have learnt the names of the different parts of the river, such as the source and the mouth. They worked together to identify these and describe these features. We learnt so much more about the journey of a river and what we might see along our local river which flows from Rusper in West Sussex all the way to Hampton Court in Surrey!

# Year 5



## Writer of the week

Hornbeam - Will  
Sycamore - Francesca  
Willow - Zak



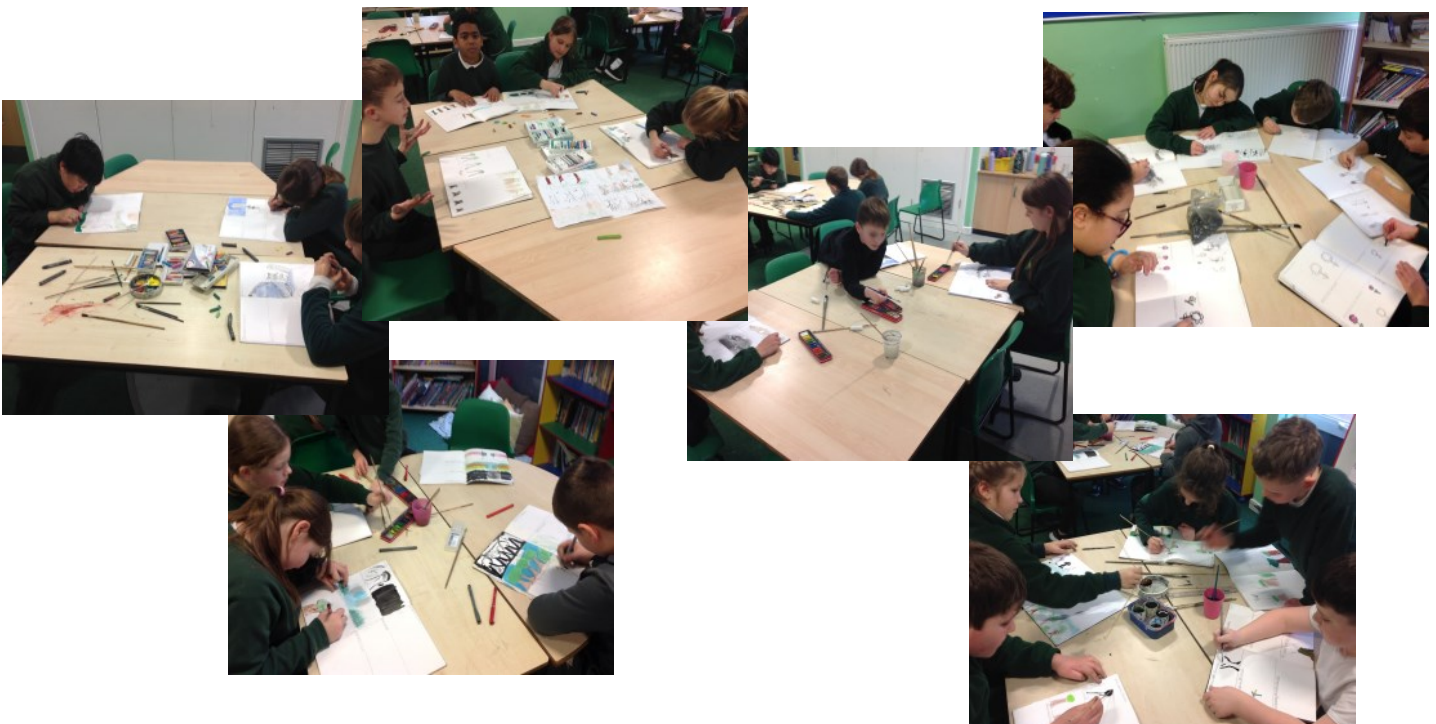
## Star of the week

Hornbeam - Daisy  
Sycamore - Jessica  
Willow - Joshua

Year 5 had a fantastic week! In Science, the children explored the hardness of different materials by seeing if scratching them caused any change. We used a variety of materials - card, stone, metal, plastic, and wood—and tested them with tools such as nails, steel nails, a coil, and a wooden skewer. The children thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on experiment and demonstrated a strong understanding of fair testing. Some even figured out that to ensure a fair test, we needed to apply the same amount of force with each scratch!

In Art, the children have been experimenting with various mediums to create hues, tints, and shades for their illustrations of the Amazon Rainforest. We set up six different stations, each featuring a different medium for the children to explore. They were all very engaged in the creative process and had a lot of fun.

In Writing, we've been working on the final part of our narrative, where the plane crashes in the forest. The children have produced some outstanding pieces, incorporating figurative language and relative clauses to bring their stories to life. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and writing skills shine this week!



# YEAR 6



## Writer of the week

Field Maple - Jessica

Mountain Ash - Anna

Silver Birch - Charlie



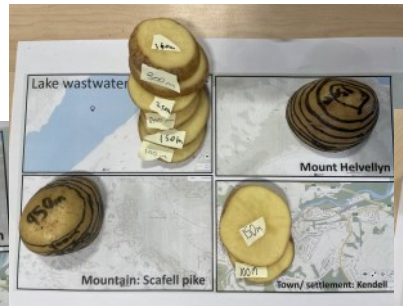
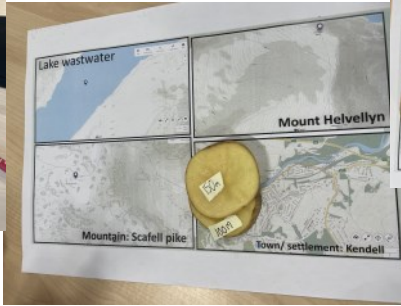
## Star of the week

Field Maple - Isabella

Mountain Ash - Ayaan

Silver Birch - Minsa

In geography this week, we have been looking at the word elevation. We found out some facts about the Lake District and looked at some maps to find the highest points in the area. Did you know Scafell Pike is 983m tall? We discovered that contour lines help us to show how high the land is around us. To demonstrate this practically, we created models of different parts of the Lake District landscape using.... POTATOES!!!





This week, Chestnut class made some delicious flatbreads and Cherry class used the storm kettles to boil water for a cup of hot squash. Sycamore class worked incredibly hard, with digging up brambles in the pond area and adding wood chips to the paths in the woods. We were so impressed with the amount of work carried out by every member of the class – well done! Ivy class collected sticks and made some beautiful clay hedgehogs, and Mountain Ash collected leaves and continued building our new shelter. Catkin class had to stay in class for some of the afternoon because of the terrible weather! They made their bird feeders in the classroom and then hung them up in the pond area when the weather improved.



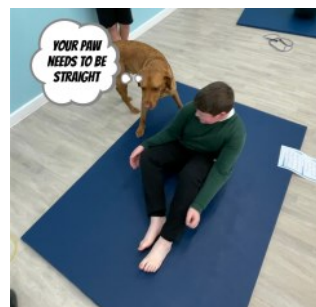


In Year 6 this term, the children are learning about Film Music and the important role it plays in storytelling. It was Field Maple's first lesson this week and to get the children into the new topic, we played a listening game. The children were given three films – Jaws, Superman and Star Wars – and they had to work out which piece was the theme music, what rhythm and melody was represented by the leitmotif (a repeated musical idea), what the mood and tempo was and which instruments were being played. Composer John Williams wrote all three of these pieces. I wonder if you know anymore films he has written music for?

# Lupin

Rollover, stay, spin and paw are just some of the many gymnastic poses I can perform. Infact, between my tail and yours, the audience go wild- especially my spin- it's a real head turner. So it was no wonder Ms Knight asked me to come in and teach the year 6's some mat work for their PE lesson. I was extremely impressed with their tucks and bridges but I'm not so sure they can hold their sits and stays for as long as me!

I would like to especially thank Bonnie in year 3 who took her time at home to draw this Pawfect drawing of yours truly. It made me feel really special and proud to be your school dog! Thank you, I will cherish it forever.





# TERM DATES 2024 – 2025

## INSET DAYS:

- 5 & 6 September 2024
- 4 November 2024
- 14 February 2025
- 21 & 22 July 2025

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 2 September <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November <b>Ends:</b> Friday 20 December
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2025
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 6 January <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 4 April
<b>Easter Break</b>	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 22 April <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May <b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 22 July



### Thought-Full parent workshops

Please let the school office know ([office@miltonmount.co.uk](mailto:office@miltonmount.co.uk)) if you wish to attend any of our Thought-Full parent workshops run by Max our Thought-Full Practitioner.

These themed workshops will run from 2pm to 3pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 29/01/2025: Sleep  
Wednesday 26/03/2025: Routines and Boundaries  
Wednesday 21/05/2025: Regulation  
Wednesday 16/06/2025: Anxiety

# We are hiring!

## Breakfast Club Playworker

Perm, Mon-Thurs 7am-8:45am

Closes: 28 January 2025



\*Free club place for staff member's child(ren)

View vacancies at:

[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)

Internal candidate application form can be found on Edupay (via Doc store).



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