



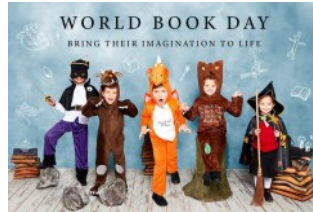
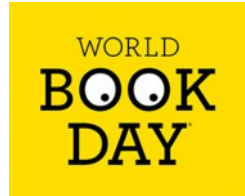
Milton Mount Primary School

Friday 28 February 2025

Newsletter



Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe March is almost upon us – often one of my favourite months due to our enthusiastic celebration of **World Book Day!**

Please note that we will do our Milton Mount World Book Day on Friday 7th March, rather than the official day on Thursday. This is to avoid clashes with other events.

So - next Friday, we're excited to celebrate the magic of books at school for World Book Day! It's going to be a day full of creative fun, with everyone (including the adults) dressing up as their favorite book characters. We've got a whole host of activities planned to inspire a love of reading and bring the world of books to life!

What's Happening?

- **Author and Illustrator Session**
We kick off the day with a special session featuring a guest author and illustrator!
- **Key Stage Assemblies**
Key Stage One will gather in the Small Hall for their assembly, while Key Stage Two will join in the Big Hall .
- **Whole School Parade**
Let's show off our costumes! Everyone will join in for a fun and creative parade, celebrating our favorite book characters.
- **Author Readings & Q&A**
After the parade, each year group will have the chance to hear the author read a story and take part in a Q&A session.
- **Lunch Break**
A well-deserved lunch break before the fun continues!
- **Writing & Publishing Activities**
After lunch, the creative fun continues as classes work on writing and publishing their own stories!
- **Art Based on Books**
In the afternoon, we'll dive into creating artwork inspired by our favorite books.
- **End of Day Story Session**
Parents will be invited into classrooms for a special end-of-day story session, where the teacher will read a selected story to everyone. Parents and children can sit together to enjoy the magic of storytelling!

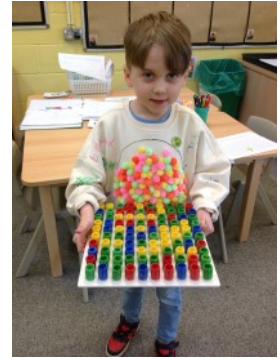
Make sure to wear your best costume and get ready for an amazing World Book Day!

All the best,

Early Years

Today we have been celebrating the children's 100th day in school. We dressed up in various ways to show 100 such as 100 items on a top, dressed as a 100 year old and wearing 100 squares. Thank you to the parents for such wonderful and inventive costumes.

The children explored different activities linked to 100 such as what would you spend £100 pounds on, what would you look like when you are 100 years old, trying to complete a 100 piece puzzle and singing a counting to 100 song.



Year 1

Writer of the week

Acorn - Esme

Berry - Rafael

Catkins - Johnny



Star of the week

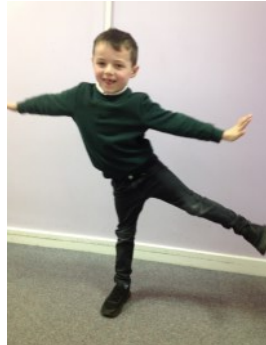
Acorn - Callum

Berry - Ryan

Catkins - Lexi

We hope you had a restful half term!

This week in Year 1, the children have turned into Ninjas to kickstart our story of 'Ninja Nan'. They enjoyed using ninja skills to find our story book and write a prediction about what they think the story is about. In other learning the children explored using watercolour in Art where they used their creative skills to flourish.



Year 2



Writer of the week

Bracken - Ted
Fern - Arlo
Ivy - Theo L



Star of the week

Bracken - Reggie
Fern - Mudaseer
Ivy - Ivy O



Writer of the week

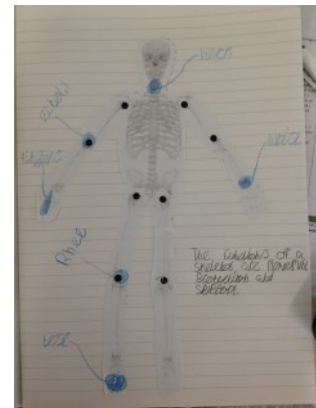
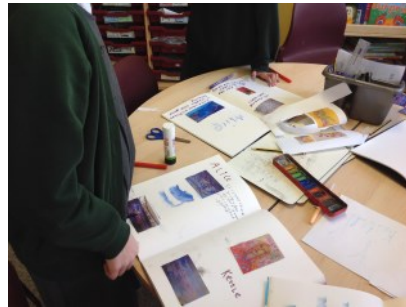
Apple - Anna
Cherry - Minnie
Damson - Max



Star of the week

Apple - Arlo
Cherry - Freddie
Damson - Josh

This week we have been busy starting our learning based on the novel 'Flat Stanley'. We will be writing diary entries and thinking about what we might do if we were flat. In Math we are focusing on fractions and understanding that the bigger the denominator the smaller the fraction. Our new Science topic is nutrition and movements and this week we have looked at our skeleton and built our own. We concentrated on where our joints are and how we use them. We enjoyed a lovely Art lesson looking at the work of Alice Kettle.



Year 4



Writer of the week

Beech - Eleanor
Chestnut - Tyler
Hazel - Alfie



Star of the week

Beech - Archie
Chestnut - Sophie H
Hazel - Vlad

Year 5



Writer of the week

Hornbeam - Arsam

Sycamore - Suli

Willow - Oliver B



Star of the week

Hornbeam - Nicole

Sycamore - Adelina

Willow - Ferne

This week in Science, the children understood that the concept of gravity was explored by Isaac Newton whilst he was sitting under a tree in his garden. The children learned about this important scientist's life and wrote some of these facts down as a fact file or information page. They also explored the weight of an object versus the rate at which it falls and found not much difference between the two. However, many factors can affect this such as the shape of the object and whether they were dropped in a vacuum or not.

In Design Technology, we have started a unit that has sparked interest and enthusiasm for all the children and the teachers too! We will be looking at bridges this half term. This week, the children experimented with different shaped beams using the same type, shape and size paper or card. They tested to see which beam could hold the most load. It was a fun experiment that allowed the children to discover which shapes provide the most structural strength. The children worked well in groups, carefully assembling the bridges and recording their results. We were impressed by their teamwork and creative thinking throughout the activity.



YEAR 6



Writer of the week

Field Maple - Konstantin

Mountain Ash - Saraiya

Silver Birch - Darcie D



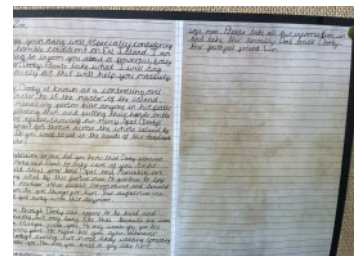
Star of the week

Field Maple - Lyla

Mountain Ash - Liya

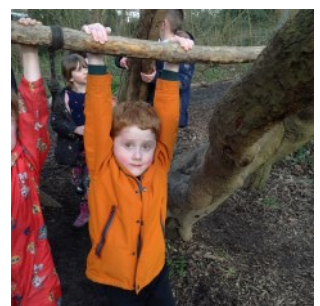
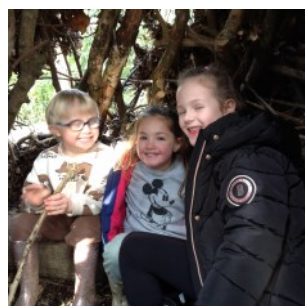
Silver Birch - Darcie D

The year group have worked so hard in producing a variety of work towards their text: Floodland. As you can see, they have produced some wonderful visual art and written excellent letters persuading the main character to flee from the dreaded deserted island- before it's too late! The vocabulary is particularly impressive!





Some classes have been lucky with the weather this week, and some not so lucky! Beech class were surprised by how much they enjoyed making a new path around the pond and covering it with wood chippings, whilst Apple class discovered that we have different types of soil in the school grounds. The huge puddle in the digging area was proof that we definitely have clay soil! Hornbeam class and Bracken class both got a soaking on Wednesday, but it didn't dampen their spirits. Hornbeam learnt that a lever is a simple machine that makes work easier, so easy in fact that they could lift each other off the ground by using just their little fingers. Bracken class and Acorn class both searched the grounds for signs of Spring, and I'm happy to announce that it is definitely on the way! Field Maple class learnt how to use 4-figure and 6-figure grid referencing and used this skill to complete a mapping activity in the school grounds.



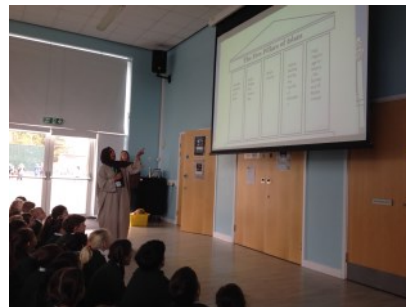
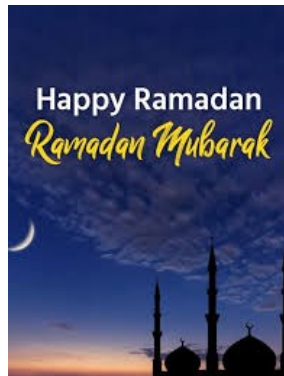
This week, the children in Berry and Catkin learnt about their new musical word - pitch. This means how high or low the note is, either sung or played on an instrument. We listened to lots of different musical instruments and had to decide what the pitch was like. We also played a game where we had to move our bodies up high and down low to match the music being played on the very big and loud vibraphone...it was a fun way to learn about pitch!



Religion and Worldviews in schools

This week we had Miss Jafeer talk to KS1 and KS2 in their assemblies about the month of Ramadan, which will soon be celebrated by those who are Muslim. Miss Jafeer told the children about Ramadan, how it is a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. She also shared how she celebrates Ramadan with her family.

Ramadan is due to begin on the evening of the 28th February and will last between 29 or 30 days.



Lupin

It's been a busy week back as I have been training to be a Paw medic! But I don't think my paws are quite nimble enough for this. I know some of my canine friends are trained to save lives and can even support the humans with illnesses using their brilliantly strong scent and hearing. But, I'm not sure if wrapping bandages requires the same skill set? That said, impossible is simply I'm possible so as a school dog, I decided to set to work! It's my duty after all.

A big thank you to Ms Hammond who took me through all the steps to look after the teachers... and just as well... as poor Ms Dando needed me! I quickly trotted to her rescue and made sure she was ok! Check out the photos to see me in action- Paw Patrol has some serious competition if you ask me!





We need your help to raise £44k for Interactive Smartboards

Do you work for a company that has a Corporate Social Responsibility Department? Can you support us achieve these goals either through fundraising or sponsorship?

Please get in touch with our School Business Manager, Alice Catling
bursar@miltonmount.co.uk



Do you work for a company, that provides playground line painting?
 We want to enhance our lunchtime experience. We would love to hear from you too!
 Please email Alice Catling bursar@miltonmount.co.uk

TERM DATES 2024 – 2025

INSET DAYS:

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

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

We are hiring!

After School Club Playworker

Perm, part time

Closes: 13 March 2025



ST JOHN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
REDHILL

Learning Support Assistant

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 5 March 2025



Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Fixed term, 21.6hrs/wk

Closes: 3 March 2025



KS2 Class Teacher

Perm, full time

Commencing 1 Sept 25

Closes: 10 March 2025



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



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