



Milford News

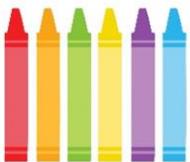
Friday 1st April 2022

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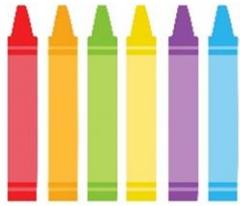


We have arrived at the end of the Spring term – it has been another busy term in school with many exciting opportunities for our children to learn, participate in sporting opportunities and trips out of school. My own highlight of the term was our trip out to the theatre to watch '**Gangsta Granny**' – it was brilliant to see so many happy children enjoying the show! Well done Mr Turner, Mrs Butler and the office team for all of the organising!



It has also been a challenge still, with many bugs and colds doing the rounds, we hope as we now move towards the spring / summer months we will see these reduce down. The children have, as always, coped brilliantly yet again and been a real credit to yourselves and our school as a whole. We now look forward to returning for a busy and exciting Summer term – there will be many trips, residentials and special events taking place which we will keep you informed about over the coming weeks.

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Beyond school, we know there are many other challenges and worrying events taking place nationally and internationally. The conflict in Ukraine continues, we have and will continue to offer support to children who have worries about this and any other events taking place. We are also all facing up to the challenges of rising living costs, petrol, energy and food amongst other things. In school, we are looking at ways to reduce our own use of energy and being more energy efficient. If you have any worries about any of these challenges and want to speak to someone in school please do.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Heiden will be back with us in school after her maternity leave in the Summer term. She will be working two days a week on Mondays and Tuesdays, mainly supporting in Year 1 but also doing some work with the Year 2 team. We look forward to having her back with us!

Mrs Baggley has been doing a phased return to work this half-term after a period of illness. After Easter she will be teaching in Class 4 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Mr Sheffield continuing to also teach Class 4 on Thursdays and Fridays – he will also be in school on Wednesdays.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all of our parents / families who came into school for the recent round of parents' evenings. We hope these gave you useful information about how your children are getting on in school and how you can support their learning at home. If you have not yet had an appointment please do speak to a member of staff. Class 4 will have their next round of appointments in the first half of the Summer term. One of the key things we hope you can continue to support us with is reading with your child at home – it has been amazing to see how often many children are doing this recently! Practicing times tables and using TT Rock Stars is another great and easy way to help your child with some maths.

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SEND Coffee morning

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first SEND coffee morning this half term, it was a really positive event, we will be repeating this again in the future so keep an eye out for more information! Thank you to Mrs Wallace for organising it!

World Book Day 2022

The Milford Academy loved the return of World Book Day this year. It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed as their favourite character from the world of story books. There were lots of magical happenings in each year group. There were explorers and bears in Nursery as they celebrated their class reading book, 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. There was a whole host of Julia Donaldson characters in Reception to celebrate the author of their class reading book, 'Superworm'. Across the rest of the school, the children celebrated in lots of different ways including: designing their own books, sharing their favourite books with a 'reading buddy' and taking part in book themed quizzes. The children came together to celebrate the day and the winners of the 'best costume' from each year group.

Our Reading in Funny Places competition saw lots of funny entries that made the staff smile. It was so hard to choose the winners! Many members of the Milford team joined in by taking photos around the school site (and beyond!) and the children were overjoyed to see these pictures. Hopefully, this has inspired the children to pick up a book and read in a different place.

A huge thank you to the staff and the children for being so enthusiastic and making the day so special. Thank you also to grown-ups at home for supporting the children with their costumes. We all had so much fun and we cannot wait until next year. I am already planning my next costume...

Mary Poppins (Mrs Walker-Jones...)

Red Nose day 2022

Thank you and well done to everyone for supporting our recent Red Nose Day events in school. The school managed to raise a total of £596 for charity!

Reminders

- Please ensure you have left the school site / main playground by 3:30pm as we have to close gates at this time – we use the playground for clubs and sports events.
- Children need to have arrived by 9:00am – beyond this time they will be classed as late and more importantly are missing out on learning in class.
- Please check for and return any school reading books after the Easter holidays – we have a significant number that have not yet been returned to school this year.
- Children must only wear school coloured jumpers – no hoodies should be worn in school as part of regular uniform.
- Please ensure your child does not have a 'smart' watch with any recording capability – these are not permitted in school.
- The final **INSET day** of the school year is on **Friday 1st July** – school is closed to all pupils on this day.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a restful and happy Easter holidays! Remember, we return to school on **Tuesday 19th April**.

