



Milford News

Friday 10th February 2023

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Head Teacher updates...

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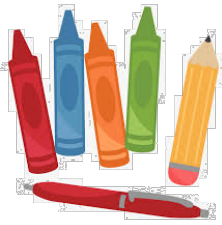
We have reached the end of the first half of the Spring term – it has seemed to fly by in school but we are very proud of how well the children returned after the Christmas holidays and quickly got back into school routines. This has been a short but busy half-term with many exciting events happening in and out of school – lots of amazing learning has taken place and the staff are currently busy creating new displays around the school buildings to showcase some of the amazing learning which takes place across our Milford curriculum!

Whilst we continue to look forwards with excitement at the second half of the school year which is to come, it is only right to pause and reflect once more on the horrific events from before Christmas where tragically we lost one of our pupils in a flat fire. We have continued to maintain contact with Fatimah's family and have agreed that we will be creating a permanent memorial garden for her in our Nursery outside area – we know how much she loved to spend time outside in this area.

Before we share some of the exciting news and events from the last few weeks, a few key reminders...

- It is crucial children are at school every day and on-time – we have had a growing group of children arriving regularly after 9am which means they are missing vital learning time.
- Children need to come to school in the correct uniform – this is part of our drive to **Aim high, achieve!** We still have a few pupils wearing non-school uniform jumpers / hoodies and trainers which are not plain black.
- We politely remind all families to avoid taking any holidays in term time – this has a significant impact on pupil learning and progress.
- Please avoid dropping younger children at the gates – it is much safer for an adult to bring them into school and ensure they are in school / class.

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Key dates:

- **Monday 20th February – INSET day – school closed to all pupils**
- Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day & SEND coffee morning
- Parent evenings – 7th / 8th / 9th March – information will be sent out after half-term
- Friday 17th March – Comic Relief / Red Nose Day!
- Monday 27th March – EYFS Stay and play day

NEU Strike Action update... there is a further proposed NEU Strike action date of Wednesday 1st March – currently, we are planning for school to again be fully open on this date – should this change we will keep you fully informed.

TTRS – Rock stars day!

On Friday 20th January, the whole school took part in our annual TTRS rockstars day. Staff and pupils made a fantastic effort to dress up as rockstars and take part in maths activities for the day. From MESU to Y6, pupils were engaging with Numberblocks, Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) to develop their fluency of maths skills. It was a super day filled with excitement - fun was had by all! Thank you to families for supporting this event and providing the children with fantastic outfits!



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On Friday 27th January we were fortunate to have our **local PM, Lilian Greenwood** visit us here at Milford – she did an assembly with both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to talk to our children about what a Member of Parliament does and what a democracy is all about – the children asked some amazing questions and learnt a lot from the visit!



We have our own wonderful school council, '**The Voice of Milford**' who regularly meet in school and we are looking at the potential to take a small group of pupils down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament later on in the year!

Our Eco-leader club is still going strong, with children across Key Stage 2 dedicating their breaktimes to make sure our playground and surrounding areas are free from litter. Some of our older children have also been given the responsibility to ensure lights are off around school in rooms that are not being used, as well as windows and doors only being open when needed.

Isabel, one of our Year 3 Eco-leaders, has been extending this further by helping clean up our Clifton community with her younger brother, Benjamin. It must run in the family!



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EYFS stay and play day!

On Friday 3rd February we held our latest EYFS 'stay and play' day - We had a total of 9 MESU parents, 28 Nursery parents and 32 Reception parents across the day!

We ran a short parent's workshop linked to Physical Development at the beginning of the morning and afternoon session. All children were sent home with a 'goody bag' which contained playdough recipes, Physical Development activity ideas and resources that we made to send home. We have already had photos from parents of the morning showing children using the resources at home!

We would also like to thank parents who have made kind donations to help us develop our nursery garden area!

Speaking of our Nursery... Our children recently went on a short walk to the local flower garden where they tested out the kites they have been making... what fun!



***** opportunity at Milford *****

We are currently advertising for some midday Supervisors to join the team here at Milford – information can be found on our website or please phone / speak to the main office.

One to check out...

[Science Fun Day at Clifton Library – Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity](http://nottsfosac.co.uk)
(nottsfosac.co.uk)

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Parent feedback

We always welcome feedback in order to ensure we keep making Milford the best school that it can be! If you wish to share any feedback there are a few ways you can do this...

- Speak directly to a member of staff – if you have a question / concern relating to your own child it is always best to speak to their class teacher in the first instance.
- Speak to a senior member of staff – we are nearly always on duty before and after school.
- Speak to one of our two wonderful parent governors – We have Sue Buckby and Danielle Rose currently in these roles.
- We also have a parent feedback / suggestion box which is available to leave written feedback in via the main school office.

Sports updates!

On Saturday 4th February, Victory (Year 6 pupil) represented The Milford Academy and Nottingham City at The County Cross Country Championship. Victory ran with great determination and brilliant resilience through undulating terrain. She finished 62nd out of approximately 100 Year 5 and 6 girls – well done Victory! **#AimHigh,achieve!**

Social media apps and issues

We continue to sadly have a number of reports of some of our pupils, mostly our older children in Year 5 and 6, using devices and social media apps, including WhatsApp, in negative and inappropriate ways. We have all looked at staying safe and being positive online this week as part of the national 'Online safety' day on Tuesday – I would again please ask you all to support us with this and ensure your children are safe online by checking what they are accessing, what apps they are using and what they are sending / sharing with other people and pupils – after half-term I will send out a more detailed information letter about this to our families in Year 5 and 6. The following link from the government provides some useful help and guidance for parents...

[Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

We hope all our pupils and Milford community have a wonderful half-term week and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 21st February – remember... Monday 20th is an INSET day!

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