



Milford News

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We have reached the end of the Spring term – in many ways the Christmas holidays seem a very long time ago but it also feels like the weeks have been flying by at a fast pace – this is possibly due to all of the amazing things that our pupils have been busy doing in and out of school over the last few weeks!

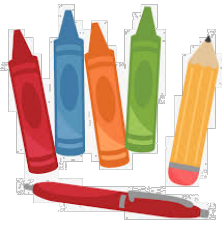
It was great to see so many of you in school recently for our Parents Evenings event – even if the snow did delay one of these days taking place – we hope you found this useful in knowing how your child(ren) are doing in school and how you can support them further out of school. As always, so many of our children have continued to show an excellent attitude to school and their learning this term, they are now in need of a good break over the Easter holidays so that they can return for the Summer term ready to learn even more!

Attendance and punctuality

We will be having a renewed focus on improving overall school attendance when we return in the Summer term – currently **our overall attendance figure for this school year is around 93% - we need to get this up towards 97%** - to do this we need every family to support us to ensure that every pupil is in school and on time every day they are well enough to be in school...How is your child(ren) doing so far?

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| 0 days of school | 100% | Perfection |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year | 99% | Excellent |
| Equates to 5 days off school each year | 97% | Good |
| Equates to 10 days off school each year | 95% | Slight Concern |
| Equates to 20 days off school each year | 90% | Concerned |
| Equates to 30 days off school each year | 85% | Very Concerned |

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Remember...

Statistics show that a child who is absent for one day per fortnight will have missed **one whole year** of school (190 days) by the time they leave secondary education – this has a hugely negative impact on their educational outcomes and will hugely reduce their chances of reaching their full potential.

*****Please also remember, as we move into the Summer term, that no holidays should be booked / taken during term time and that these will not be authorised and in these instances the Local Authority do issue fines per pupil / per day absent from school.*****

Card Club closed... for now!

Since the Autumn term we have allowed children across school to bring in and trade their cards – predominantly football and Pokémon. We have supported this by running and staffing a 'card club' in one of our rooms during lunchtimes. We feel it is now the right time as we move into the Summer term to pause this as we move to using the field more for lunchtimes and this means we will have less staff to go around – we have also seen a significant reduction in the number of children bringing in their cards and coming to Card Club. Please ensure your children do not bring any cards into school from the start of the summer term. We may well review and restart Card Club again next year in the Autumn term.

Summer Residential trips

We look forward to helping many of our pupils create some wonderful Milford Memories via our selection of Summer term residential trips which are as follows:

Year 2 – Wollaton Park Camp – 22nd – 23rd June

Year 4 – Castleton, Peak District – 10th – 12th July

Year 6 – Dearne Valley – 7th – 9th June

These really are some of the most memorable experiences that our pupils have in their time here at Milford – please make sure your child(ren) do not miss out – please speak to a staff member for more information or if you have any questions about these residential trips!



'Aim high, Achieve!' - Milford Memories

Our wonderful residential trips are just some of the fantastic experiences and opportunities that we aim to provide for our pupils during their time at Milford. We are introducing a new special book for each pupil which will stay with them for their entire stay at Milford – these new **'Milford Memories'** books will act as a scrapbook which they will update each half-term with some of the special things and places that they do / experience / visit over time. We will share these books with you during future parents' evenings and then award their completed 'Milford Memories' book to pupils as they complete their time with us at the end of Year 6 each year.



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We are very excited to see how these new memory books develop and grow in the coming years!

*****Key Stage 2 SATs week reminder*****

A reminder that our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATS between Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th May – it is crucial that we have all of our Year 6 pupils in school and on time for these four days.

We will be sharing more information about SATs week with Year 6 families when we return for the start of the Summer term. We will also inform families about other statutory assessments that take place in other year groups during the Summer term.

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Sports news!

28/02/2023 – Year 5 Handball

Children from Year 5 represented The Milford Academy in a Handball Festival at Harvey Hadden Sports Centre. Miss Robinson and Mr Woodward selected 4 boys and 4 girls; from Cairo and Nairobi to play against different schools across Nottingham.

The children have previously played Handball in P.E during their time in Year 4. This excited the children as they finally got to harness and put their skills into action!

After a long, tiresome afternoon. The children had played five games of Handball and were exhausted. But, all children were very happy as they managed to win all five games!



23/01/2023 - 27/03/2023 - Years 5/6 – CVL Football League

From January to the end of March, selected children from Years 5 and 6 represented The Milford Academy in a mixed CVL Football League at FSM Clifton Centre.

Each week, the team played two games of 7-a-side Football, lasting 20 minutes per game, to which both boys and girls could play in.

The Milford Team struggled to get off the mark... Playing four games and not receiving any points. Mr Woodward and Miss Robinson knew something was wrong and needed to change it fast!

After countless training sessions together, The Milford Football Team were ready to take on the final week and fixtures. Nerves were high but even more so because Mr Perkins and Mr Turner came to watch the final two games.

The team came with the ambition to **'Aim high, achieve!'** with all children focused and ready to play after putting in the hard work during training...

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FINAL FIXTURES...

Welbeck Primary School – Unbeaten

Nottingham High School B – Bottom of the table

Both teams were motivated to beat Milford as they needed the points. However, The Milford Team managed to pull through and beat both teams!

Milford (3) – Welbeck (1)

Milford (6) – Nottingham High School B (1)

A fantastic achievement at the end to be the only team to beat Welbeck Primary School!

Special thanks to Mr Turner for officiating the final game – Mark Clattenburg would be so proud of all the ‘correct’ decisions you made.

28/03/23 - Year 4 – Girls Active Festival

On Tuesday the 28th of March, we were invited to take part in the Girls Active Festival at the Harvey Hadden stadium. Eight Year four girls were chosen to represent Milford and did this very well! The girls showed off their skills in a rotation of three activities – street dance, dodgeball and relay races. The aim of the festival was to show girls that there is no ‘right’ way to get active as long as it gets your heart rate up. It was evident throughout the festival that they have really taken this on board - all of the girls got active and, more importantly, had lots of fun doing so. The sports team have noticed a significant increase in confidence in all of the girls and feel extremely proud of each of them. A huge well-done girls!



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21.03.23 - Inclusive Sports hall Athletics

On Tuesday 21st March, eight children from KS2 were selected to represent Milford at the Harvey Hadden Stadium in the Sports hall Athletics event. All children displayed great skills when working as a team throughout the activities. Not only this, but each pupil stood out individually for challenging their own personal best. Two individuals in particular (Stephen – Havana, Amelia – Jakarta) excelled overall and achieved a gold medal! We are extremely proud of them as a team and of each of them individually. Fabulous work!

Curriculum updates

Year 3 Roman Day!

Year 3 enacted Roman battles, played Roman games and became archaeologists on Roman Day this half term. We enjoyed the day delivered by Historic workshops which brought our Roman topic to life, giving us further knowledge and understanding of life in Roman times. It was a fun packed, informative day!



Schools of Tomorrow Project!

Milford Academy has been working with the Nottingham Contemporary and artist Laura Eldret for the past four years. Highlights of the project have been gallery visits, artist workshops, pupil voice, abstract art and creativity development and the living library project inspired by our pupils. Laura Eldret spent three days in school this week working with pupils who have been inspired through the project.

A group of Year 6 pupils will visit the Nottingham Contemporary next month to celebrate our achievements.

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Well done to all of the pupils who have been involved in this creative project and a **HUGE thank you to Mrs Haslam** for all of the work involved with this project

Mrs. Williams-Rayner is a Literacy Champion for 'Readon Nottingham'. The project aims to work with families to enable children to improve their life chances by giving them the early literacy skills they need. She has introduced a Book Swap Club in The Milford Early Start Unit (MESU). The second session took place on Thursday 23rd March. The children chose a brand-new book donated from Readon Nottingham and in return brought in a book from home to give the other children an opportunity to read. The sessions offer time for parents and carers to talk to engage with each other in an informal setting.



Great work Mrs Williams-Rayner, you are really helping our youngest children to **'Aim high, achieve!'**

We finish by wishing the whole Milford community a wonderful break over the Easter holidays and look forwards to seeing you back on Monday 17th April to start the Summer term!

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