



Milford News

Friday 26th May 2023

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We have arrived at the end of first half of the Summer term. The last six weeks have flown by very quickly in school with lots going on – all of the children and staff can now enjoy a break over the half-term holiday before we return for the final half-term of the school year. I would like to particularly say a massive **well done** to the children and staff in Year 6 and Year 2 – they have both carried out the statutory end of key stage SATs over the last few weeks and the children took this in their stride and really showed our '**Aim high, achieve!**' mentality.

Below is a selection of updates on things that have taken place this half-term, reminders to help us all make sure Milford is the best school it can be and a look ahead to some of the exciting things that will be taking place in the final busy half-term of the school year!

Creative collaboratives Project

At Milford, we are currently working alongside 'Makers of Imaginary Worlds' on a project for Nottingham Creative Collaboratives. The year 3 children are exploring creativity across the curriculum. They have used various media and resources to learn in a practical, engaging way with links to science, design & technology, computing, English, art and engineering. A key focus of this has been to raise the aspirations of our children and embed a passion for learning. **We will host an exhibition on Friday 26th May 2023 to showcase our fantastic work!**



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Nursery 'Perform' visit

The Nursery children very pleased to receive a visit from **Perform** recently. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Peter Pan and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.



Wednesday 10th May - Boccia Festival

Miss Robinson and Mr. Woodward took some KS2 pupils out to try Boccia. The boys and girls had a fantastic time, they absolutely loved playing and would like more of it in school! Well done to all those that took part!



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Thursday 11th May - Dodgeball Festival

We were invited to take part in the Dodgeball Festival at the Harvey Hadden stadium. Twelve Year 4 children were chosen to represent Milford and did this very well! The pupils showed off their skills in a rotation of different dodgeball games. Fabulous work everyone!



Monday 22nd May – Girls football

8 Year 5 and 6 girls competed and represented the school in the Forest Football Festival. The girls performed exceptionally well, demonstrating all of our Milford Values. Not only this, but they played out of their skin too, claiming two hard-earned draws against some really good teams. Well played, girls!



Tuesday 23rd May - KS2 – Handball Festival

Nine children from KS2 were selected to represent Milford at the Harvey Hadden Stadium at the Handball Festival. All children showed great enthusiasm and skill throughout! Amazing team work was displayed during each game and the children worked together to challenge themselves. Moreover, the event was an enjoyable one with lots of fun and smiles from start to finish. Behaviour was impeccable and we are extremely proud of the children as a team, as well as of each of them individually. Fabulous work!

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Aim high, achieve! Writing!

It is always amazing to read some of our children's writing. Here is a particularly amazing recent piece that caught our eye...

Razvani laughed a horrible laugh, "Ha, Ha, Ha, you! Firework maker! Hand me the three gifts!" Lila's eyes scanned around cluelessly. "I-I don't know what they are." Transparent ghosts immediately surrounded Lila, wailing and weeping.
"You must walk across the lake..."
"T-That one?" she pointed to the bubbling lava lake.
"Of course! Which other one is there!" Razvani yelled. Lila's legs trembled and so did her hands but she knew she had to achieve her dream so she decided she would attempt to cross...

Shaking and trembling, Lila took her first step onto the burning, rocky path. Immediately, she was in agonizing pain knowing this could be the last step she might ever take. The ghosts swirled around Lila rapidly. She was about to give up until she heard a familiar voice...

Maliyah, Year 5 - an extract of her rewrite of The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

Well done Maliyah – what a stunning and creative piece of work!

Medical Tracker

After the half-term break we will be moving to using a new system for recording all injuries and accidents that occur in school called **Medical Tracker**. This is the UK's leading secure system for schools to record and report injuries and accidents. Instead of the physical slips of paper which we have been using, but which can get lost, if your child has any injury or accident in school you will now be sent an email notification to inform you of this. This will include - the nature of the injury / accident, the action taken and an update about if they are staying in school. For any serious injury / accident, especially those involving head injuries, we will still give you a direct telephone call to let you know as we currently do. There is no need to download an app to access Medical Tracker and no log in is required – you will simply receive email notifications –we will ensure we have up to date email address information for you after half-term.



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Reminders and updates

Please help us make Milford the very best school it can be and a pleasant place for all by reading the following reminders and updates...

- Please ensure that anyone picking up / collecting Milford pupils are on the official 'collection list' with your child's class teacher – we would also remind you that generally pupils should always be collected by someone over the age of 18.
- E-scooters - having been sent guidance from the local council we do permit them to be on site but they must not be ridden on site from a safety point of view – this is also the case for all other scooters and bikes.
- We would also politely remind all families that the **only dogs allowed on site are assistance dogs – please do not bring / carry other dogs on site.**
- All children should have correct PE kit that is separate from their school uniform – this is especially crucial as we move into hotter weather.
- **School site is a strictly no smoking area** – please ensure this is followed at all times.
- **We do not authorise any holidays taken during term time.**
- Please ensure dinner money is paid each week on a Monday and that all MOOSE bookings should be made through the Gateway app – any issues please speak to the office.

Looking ahead – key dates / events next half-term...

Provisional sports day dates:

Tuesday 13th June AM - Reception

Tuesday 13th June PM - KS1

Wednesday 14th June AM - LKS2

Wednesday 14th June PM - KS2

Thursday 15th June MESU and Nursery, repeated in the AM and PM

Further details regarding timings and tickets to follow after half term. Dates are weather permitting

SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Our Summer term SEND Parent Coffee Mornings are a fantastic opportunity for parents to develop a supportive network with other parents, ask questions/share concerns in a safe environment and have their voice heard.

We are running our Summer Term Coffee Morning's in collaboration with Rainbow Parent and Carer Forum and the Local Authority.

Please join us at the next SEND Parent Coffee Morning on the 9th June for coffee, cake and a chat!

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Important dates – Summer 2

- Year 4 Cricket countryside trip – 6th June
- Year 2 Wollaton Park camp – 22nd-23rd June
- Year 4 Castleton Residential – 10th-12th July
- Year 6 Dearne Valley Residential – 7th-9th June
- INSET day – 30th June (school closed to pupils)
- Year 5 trip to Attenborough – Friday 7th July
- EYFS family trip to Whitepost Farm – Wednesday 19th July
- End of year reports sent home – Monday 24th July
- Final day of term – Friday 28th July (usual finish times)

We will be confirming other key dates once we return after half-term week – this includes dates for class swap days, summer Fair and end of year shows!

We hope you all enjoy a great half term and look forwards to seeing you back in school on Monday 5th June!