



Milford News

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We have reached not just the end of another term but the end of the school year! It has been an incredibly busy and fun term in school with countless amazing memories made by all of our pupils! I think we are all now ready for a good break and rest over the summer holidays before we return for another great year in September.

I would like to say how proud I have been this year of all of our pupils, reading their end of year reports was a real privilege and showed off just what a great school we have – I hope you felt equally proud of your children and all that they have achieved this year.

I would also like to thank all of the staff here at Milford – they are a wonderful team and work incredibly hard to ensure that our pupils have the very best opportunities and education possible – this often means going way above and beyond and working long hours.

Also, a big thank you to all of our Milford families – your support over the year has helped ensure that we keep on improving our school and giving your children the best possible environment to learn and grow.

I would encourage all our families to have a good break over the summer but if you wish to support your child during this time – lots of reading, times tables and some writing opportunities would be very welcome!

I would like to say a huge thank you and happy retirement wishes to **Mrs Wallace** – you have been an amazing member of our Milford team and made such a positive difference to so many of our pupils over the last 5 years – we will miss you!

We also say goodbye to **Miss Bennett** today, thank you for the work you have done in our Year 4 team this week and we wish you luck for the future!

We wish all of our **Year 6 leavers** good luck for the future – you are all amazing, - go and *aim high, achieve!*

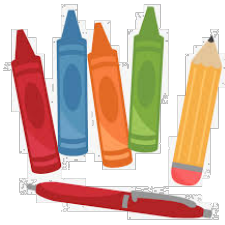
Looking ahead to 2023-24

I sent a letter earlier this week to explain that we will now run breakfast club from 7:30am next year.

We will be fully covering the cost of our Year 2 camp, Year 4 trip to the Peak District and Year 6 residential for the next two years – we don't want any children to miss out on these opportunities!

All new Milford starters will continue to get a free branded Milford jumper or cardigan – we want to have a real push on correct uniform from September!

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What has been happening this half term?

Year 2 Stone age day!

In Year 2 the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and taking part in our Stone Age Day. We were especially excited when we saw that our classroom had been transformed into a Stone Age cave using our paintings from a few weeks ago! Over the course of the day we enjoyed activities such as: playing a hunting and gathering game, having a Stone Age celebration by playing some music using djembes and cave painting using berries, mud and grass. What a fantastic day!



Year 2 camp – Wollaton Park

Many of our Year 2 pupils went and stayed the night in the grounds of Wollaton Park – this was an amazing adventure and challenge – we were incredibly proud of them all!



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EYFS family trip to White Post Farm

Many of our children and their family members made a recent trip to visit White Post Farm – much fun and excitement was involved and they managed to (mostly) avoid the rain too!



Year 3 trip to Nottingham Castle

Year 3 visited Nottingham Castle at the end of term to link to their knowledge of Castles and their study of the text 'Robin Hood'. It was a fun packed day... Year 3 pupils actively explored the themes of castles and Robin Hood through interactive learning and immersive storytelling. Highlights included: discovering the rebellious history of Nottingham castle, hearing daring adventures of Robin Hood, competing in a mixed reality archery competition, exploring the art galleries and Nottingham's creative history and, of course, using imaginative play in the medieval themed adventure playground! Year 3 pupils were wonderful all day, showing Milford values, a thirst for knowledge and respect for everyone.

Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff members for making this trip so valuable and enjoyable.

Well done Year 3!



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Year 4 Peak district residential trip

Many of our Year pupils went on the recent three-day residential trip to Castleton in the Peak District – this was an amazing experience where the children really challenged themselves in many ways – we were very proud of them all!



National RSE Day... 'Launch into Kindness'

We recently took part in the National '*Launch into Kindness*' day – children across school learnt more about the importance of being kind, thought about how we could show this to each other more in school - we observed many children displaying kindness throughout the week in a variety of amazing ways!



Y5 Attenborough Trip

As part of our science and geography topics, Year 5 visited Attenborough Nature Reserve on Friday 7th July. We had a brilliant time pond dipping, bird watching and taking part in a meadow safari. We were able to classify and identify various wildlife that we have around us in Nottingham. Year 5 have been busy writing thank you letters to Attenborough as they enjoyed the day so much.





Year 5 Football Festival

On Tuesday 11th July, some Year 5 children took part in a Year 5 boys football festival. The boys were fantastic and showed great sportsmanship throughout. They even managed to score a fair few goals in their 6 games and represented our school brilliantly!



Year 6 v staff football match

In this final week of term, we held our annual Year 6 v staff football matches. The boys team beat the staff 2-0 and the girls put in a great effort but lost to the staff 3-2 – Mr Goff scored a sneaky winner in the final few seconds! Special mention also to Mrs Walker-Jones for a fine goal in this match!

Summer fair

Many of you will have come along to our recent Summer Fair event – lots of fun was had with a fantastic variety of stalls and activities on offer!



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Healthy start

What is Healthy Start?

The Healthy Start Scheme provides a prepaid card for eligible applicants which can be used to buy healthy food and milk as well as vitamins.

Families should visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk to check their eligibility. More information about this scheme can also be found on our own school website.

We finish by wishing you all a fantastic summer break – the children are due back in school on Monday 4th September 2023 – we look forward to seeing you back for another exciting year at Milford!



Milford's Marvellous Writing - July 2023

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'On Thursday 22nd June 2023, I was walking to school with a suitcase because I was going to a camping trip to Wollaton Hall. I was so super excited when I got to school that I thought that I might pop! I brought a sleeping bag, torch, teddy, PJs, clothes and shoes.

My suitcase was so heavy when I queued up. When I got there, I felt over the moon. When I got on the double decker, I sat on top. On the way, we sang 'Count on Me'. It felt like hours until we finally got there...'

By Enkhbilig, Year 2 - an extract from a recount of the Year 2 camping trip.

'I saw a shadow in the distance. I tried to tell Om but she was too busy drawing a picture of me, then it came closer to me. It had really sharp scary teeth and when it revealed its mouth, it let out a big GROWL! I tried to run but I had nowhere to go. It had red, fiery eyes and strong, powerful legs. It smelled like fish and disgusting, rotten food. It had loads of stripes all over its body. It was definitely dangerous.'

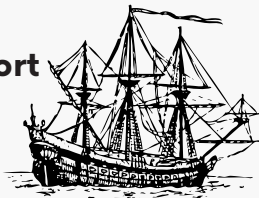


Maddisson, year 2 - a character description

'The big, wooden boat swirled in the ink, black sea. The lightning struck again. The people on board cried for help. The boat started sinking, lightning hit the boat. "Help, help us, we're stuck on this boat! HELP!" Silence...

Black clouds covered the violet night. The boat started sinking, everyone on board helped each other down safely. Prince Eric (who was captain of the crew) had a dog called Max. Max was 6 months old. When lightning struck again, the boat caught fire. Everyone got down safely. But someone was left behind...'

By Jessie-Ray, Year 4 - a short story about a storm.



'A Climate in Crises!

What is climate change?

Climate change refers to the long-term weather patterns within a specific area. The climate across the world has always changed but we are now in a crises as our weather patterns are unpredictable and destroying our planet including the habitats of animals and humans.

The temperature of the Earth is rising due to harmful gases – which include H₂O, methane, CO₂ and nitrous oxide – that are trapped within our atmosphere and breaking the ozone layer which protects Earth from harmful UV rays.

As the temperature of our Earth rises, our planet suffers more and more as disasters are happening more frequently globally...'

Ranae, Year 5 - an extract from a report on Climate Change



'Gustily and dustily, the tempestuous wind blew through the leaning, gnarled trees as the moon was a bright, ghostly galleon tossed upon uneven seas. A torrent of darkness covered the land as a strange silhouette was a dot on the gypsy's hand.

Desperately, the highwayman came speeding down the endlessly winding, cobbled path. He wore a fiery, claret-red coat with an auburn, French-cocked hat. The highwayman's legs were covered in breeches of brown doe skin with a thin, razor-sharp rapier that twinkled as his pistol butt sparkled in the moonlight.

Joyfully, he appeared at the old inn-door. Tap... tap... He waited but no response. Then he pursed his lips and pushed a musical current of wind through his mouth. Not a long time after that, Bess (the landlord's daughter) appeared. She was as stunning and beautiful as one can be, with blood-red lips, a long dove-white dress, obsidian eyes that shimmered wherever she went and interminable, jet-black hair...

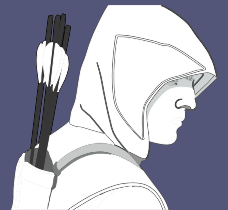
By Taylen, Year 6 - an extract of a retell of 'The Highwayman' poem



'Many centuries ago, there was a courageous outlaw, his name was Robin Hood. The mysterious legend, who was Robin Hood, was very skilled with his bow and arrow. One particular day, the Sheriff's soldiers yelled at young and middle aged, poor villagers. "Pay up! Pay up!" The clueless and angry villagers protested, saying to the soldiers, "We only paid last week!"

"We all know that you paid last week, but from now on you will pay every single week!" the soldier commanded... Just then, a smug-looking man trotted closer on his powerful, black horse. It was Guy of Gisborne! He wore a black leather jacket with brown leather boots. The most important thing about Guy of Gisborne is that he was the Sheriff's nephew and chief guard!...

Adelaide, Year 3 - an extract from a retell of 'Robin Hood'.



'On a stormy, bitter cold night, the waves crashed upon the sides of my ship. The destructive torrent of wind frantically swept through the empty, isolated sea. The smell of salty, fresh water slid through my nostrils. I could feel small splashes of water on my arm as I struggled to steer the ship. The sea became aggressive and turbulent. I shouted for help but there was no use. The wispy clouds suffocated the illuminated moon...'

By Naomi, Year 6 - an extract of a short story



'Something started appearing in the distance. Was it an animal was it a human? It started making a growling noise, it still appeared as a silhouette but it was creeping closer. "Um Om? What's that?" It was showing long, sharp claws. It had orange, stripy fur. Lots of jagged teeth were appearing. They were both frozen in fear but soon Om and the boy realised what it was...

It was a sabre-tooth tiger! "Back away, Om!" The boy took Om's torch. He started walking towards it bravely as it approached him. The spear was used as the primary attacking weapon and the torch was used to scare it away. The boy went in for the first attack but the sabre-tooth tiger quickly swiped his spear away with its huge paw...'

By Theo, Year 2 - an extract of a character description.

