



Milford News

Friday 20th October 2023

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Head Teacher updates...

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<http://www.milfordacademy.org.uk>



We have somehow already reached the end of the first half of the Autumn term – I'm not sure where the last seven weeks have gone! It has been a really positive and successful first half-term in school, with many exciting events already having taken place and lots of fantastic learning going on across school. Well done to all of our wonderful children and staff for working so hard, we now can enjoy a well-deserved break before we return for another busy second half to the Autumn term as we build up towards the Christmas holidays!

Parents evenings – new booking system

We will be holding our Autumn term parents' evenings in the second week back after half-term. For most classes, the dates will be:

Tuesday 14th November
Wednesday 15th November
Thursday 16th November

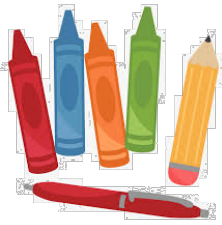
Some classes may have slightly different dates and these classes will let you know. We are moving to using an online booking system, this system is used by many schools and makes booking your appointments a quicker and more effective process. A separate detailed letter will be sent out to you all today which fully explains the process of making online bookings – I understand any change can, at first, seem more difficult but we do feel that once you have used the system once, it will become a much better way to book appointments. We will obviously support any families who are having issues with using the online booking system.

*****Please note – the bookings will not be live until Monday 6th November – we will send a reminder in the morning on that date!*****

Attendance update

Overall school attendance for Autumn 1 was 93.3% - the national average for all primary schools was 95.3% for this half term. We must all aim to improve our pupils' attendance and get it up to 95% or higher by the end of the year. Obviously when children are too ill to be in school we understand this but we do have far too many absences which are not due to this and this has a significant impact on each of these pupil's learning and progress – it is a major impact on their on-going educational achievement and leaves pupils with gaps in their learning and understanding. We will be sharing much more information about how we are working to improve attendance as this school year goes on – we need all of our Milford community to support us with this though and ensure our pupils are in school every day unless they are really not well enough to be in.

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Key reminders

- Please aim to **read with your child 4 times per week** – this is the most important thing you can do to support your child with their education.
- School uniform – we have an updated policy relating to our school uniform – copies will be available on parents' evenings – our main area to improve here is pupils wearing trainers which are white or multicoloured – we only allow black shoes or black trainers as per our policy.
- School is a non-smoking public site – please also avoid smoking near or by the school gates so we keep a pleasant place for all of our pupils and families.
- **We will send out key dates for Autumn 2 when we return on Monday 6th November**

Autumn 1 – what have we been doing?...

Year 2 – Victorians day!

What a fabulous day we had for our Y2 Victorian Day! Thank you for all of your effort with the costumes - the children had a great day! We learnt about life in a Victorian classroom, who Thomas Bernardo was and how he helped children during this time, what mud larking was and we even learnt and performed a Victorian song! The day consisted of lots of facts, drama workshops, singing and lots of fun!



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Drumming Workshops!

Across school we are learning about the importance of people in history. As part of *black history month* in October, we have been learning about the achievements of people and their culture. Many of our pupils learnt about the African djembe drums. We followed the beat, copied patterns and tempos and created our own music. It was so much fun!



Nursery - Messy play day!

Nursery had a Messy Play Day, where children took part in lots of messy, sensory activities. Messy play allows children to use their natural curiosity and engage their senses in an age appropriate way, which is critical for learning about the world and brain development. The children explored slime, made rainbow toast for snack time, painted with puffy paint, and made tie dye t-shirts. Outside, the children experimented with powder paints and made hand and footprints all around the garden. It was so much fun and the children were very proud of how messy they were at the end of the day!



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Kindness quilt!

Last June, a group of current Year 5 pupils worked with Mrs Foote to design and sew a quilt square to celebrate the RSE day theme of Let's Launch into Kindness. They enjoyed sharing kindness stories and converting them into shapes which the children then sewed onto the fabric. A talented artist, Rebekah Johnston, brought together the quilt squares from many different Nottingham schools and turned them into a wonderful quilt. Some of the children were recently able to attend the launch at Bulwell Library to meet Rebekah, view the quilt for the first time and take part in kindness themed activities. The quilt will be on display at Newstead Abbey over half term before touring city libraries!



Half-term ideas...

The link below outlines some of the activities taking place at Newstead where the quilt is displayed over half-term...

[Kindness Collages: Family Drop in workshop - Newstead Abbey](#)

There are also some fantastic creative activities to try over half-term available on the '**Tate kids**' website found below...

www.tate.org.uk/kids

Let us know if you manage to visit the kindness quilt at Newstead or try any of the activities on the '**Tate Kids**' website above!

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Year 6 residential!

Our Year 6 pupils have been enjoying the final three days of this half-term at the Kingswood adventure centre in the Dearne Valley. Lot's of challenges and fun activities have been completed and the children have had a wonderful time despite the weather!



Sports news!

Year 5/6 – Forest Football Festival (09/10/2023)

On Monday 9th of October, ten children from Years 5 & 6 were selected to represent the school in a Mixed Forest Football Festival. The children were in for a very exciting and fun afternoon as they would play against different schools across Nottingham.

The team represented the school very well! Fantastic teamwork, respect to other schools and fantastic build-up play were some of the many skills the children demonstrated on the day. Well done children!



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Year 6 – Dodgeball Festival (10/10/2023)

The Milford Academy were invited to take part in a Dodgeball Festival over at the Harvey Hadden Stadium. Ten Year 6 pupils were chosen to represent the school and battle against other schools across Nottingham. The children were very motivated, as they wanted to have the bragging rights being '*Dodgeball Champions*'!

The pupils showed off their skills in a rotation of different dodgeball games, winning many games and having so much fun. Even Mr Woodward got hit to everyone's delight! Fabulous work everyone!



Year 5/6 – Sports Hall Athletics Competition – HEATS (12/10/2023)

Miss Robinson and Mr Woodward selected 18 Year 5/6 pupils to take part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. A competition that Milford has had great success in over the years.

The team came with an ambition to '*Aim high, achieve!*' with all children focused and ready to go the distance. Let's see if the extra training from the Friday club has paid off. ...

2nd Place! With 332 points The Milford Academy finished second! Well done to all involved! Now time to train for the **FINALS!**

Year 5/6 – Team Relay Challenge (02/10/2023)

Miss Robinson and Mr Woodward took eight Year 5/6 pupils to represent The Milford Academy in a Team Relay Challenge.

The boys and the girls had separate races which lasted 30 minutes in duration each. Each child would earn points for their team after completing one lap of 400m and then passing the baton on to the next child. The more laps the children finished - the more points the team would receive.

The Milford Boys' Team scored – **19 laps (400m) finishing in 1st place!**

The Milford Girls' Team scored – **19 laps (400m) finishing in 2nd place!**

