



Milford News

Thursday 28th March 2024

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We have reached the end of the Spring term – my final term as Head Teacher here at Milford. I'm not sure where the last few weeks have gone! It has, as always, been a really busy and productive term here in school with the children working hard and enjoying many exciting experiences and opportunities – some of these are captured below in more detail.

Thursday 28th March is our final day of the term with it being Good Friday on 29th March. School will return on Tuesday 16th April – Monday 15th April is an INSET day so school is not open for pupils on this date. We hope that the children have a good break over the holidays and return ready for another busy and exciting Summer term.

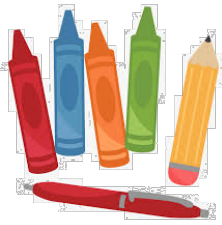
Whilst I will be sad to leave Milford behind, I know Mr Turner will do an excellent job of leading the school and ensuring that Milford continues to go from strength to strength! I know the wider team and community will all support him to do so.

We do also say a goodbye to **Mrs Wallace** and **Mrs Elvin** – both have been wonderful members of our Milford team and done so much to ensure all of our pupils have the very best experiences in school. We would like to once again thank them and wish them well for the future!

Key reminders

- School closed on Monday 15th April – INSET day
- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and school shoes – not white / coloured trainers
- Children need to be in school by 9am – we have had a lot of children late this term!
- School gates will close at 3:25pm after Easter as the playground is required for sports clubs

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Reception spring chicks!

This half term, we have been learning all about growing and looking after living things to develop the children's understanding of the natural world. We have learnt about plant life cycles, so now, we are moving on to the life cycle of a chick! The children have been caring for the chicks as they have hatched during the week and have watched them grow. The children have made their own rules for keeping the chicks safe while they are with us. The children have been keeping their very own 'chick diaries' to record their growth and progress, and we have now had 16 chicks hatch! We even got the chance to hold the chicks and look at them up close...



Year 5 cooking!

Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the 'bridge and claw' method of cutting a range of vegetables in their cooking sessions this half term. They used this method to prepare vegetables for their healthy packed lunches. All of the children tasted and evaluated the food they had prepared and some have been inspired to use the recipe for their own school packed lunches!





Sports updates

KS1 Cricket Festival at Harvey Hadden

On 29th February 2024, 30 Year 2 children went to Harvey Hadden sports centre. During the course of the morning, the children took part in a range of throwing, catching and batting exercises which were delivered by members of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club. The children learnt the basics of cricket and experienced both the fielding and batting skills required in this sport. It was a fantastic morning and the children were exceptionally behaved.



KS1 Infant Agility Festival at NTU

On the afternoon of the 18th March, 30 Year 2 children walked to Nottingham Trent University (NTU) to take part in the annual KS1 agility festival. During the afternoon, the children took part in a range of athletic activities delivered by students from NTU. They had fun, worked up a sweat and thoroughly enjoyed competing in teams against the other schools.



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'Creative Collaboratives' Project...

Throughout the spring term, every child from MESU all the way to Year 6 has worked with '*Makers of Imaginary Worlds*' as part of the Creativity Collaboratives Project. Each child has focused on learning the skills to be resilient when designing their own pieces of work and using digital technology to facilitate the design process. Our early years children explored light and shadow alongside a range of different media. KS1 children used squishy circuits whilst KS2 used the computer coding systems of 'Microbit' or 'Crumble Control.' All of the children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and have had the freedom to be creative problem solvers!



The Year 6 children were tasked with designing and making an alarm system. They were all successful in creating alarms which were programmed to sound if anyone attempted to move a sculpture. The children spent the day programming their alarms, designing and building their sculptures, and then testing the final product. They really enjoyed the challenge!



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A final goodbye...

I would like to finish this newsletter, the term and my time here at Milford by saying one final **'THANK YOU!'** and goodbye to the wonderful children, staff and families that make the Milford community such a special place. I will miss you all and hope to come back and see you in the Summer term at some point. I wish you all a wonderful Easter break!

Mr Perkins



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