

# MICKLEOVER TIMES

April 2021

## Our Easter Egg-stravaganza!

Our annual egg competition happens every year. Here is how it works: we go home one weekend and create an idea of our own to then make an egg-cellent piece of art, including eggs that look like something else eg a character from your favourite film or an Easter bunny! Use your imagination! The winner in each class, of this egg-s-traordinary event, receives a big chocolate egg (kindly provided by FOMPS).

By Zenaya 6MH

Here are the winners:

### RECEPTION



Bees: Elise



Ladybirds: Henry

### YEAR 1



Cats: Hattie



Dolphins: Penny

### YEAR 2



Tigers: Alice



Owls: Olivia

## YEAR 3



3RF: Siddesh



3W: William

## YEAR 4



4F: Emily



4M: Grace

## YEAR 5



5H: Felix



5HW: Eleanor



Reception have been learning about Easter:  
At Easter, the eggs hatch into chicks. We go on an Easter hunt and the Easter bunny comes to give us Easter eggs.

By Ella in Ladybirds





## YEAR 6



6G: Elise

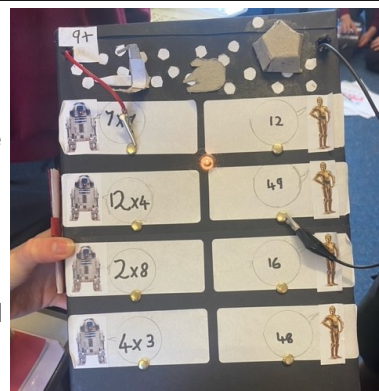


6MH: Milly

### DT Electronic Box Game Quiz

First we made a design, picked a partner and decided which design to make. Next we visited Mrs McNeil's 'shop' and got all the materials we needed. We covered the box in paper and got the decorations ready. After that, we stuck all of the decorations on, (including sticky labels). We wrote our questions on the sticky labels, (some people put pictures instead of sticky labels.) We then put in split pins, opened the box and wrapped metal wire around the split pins, as we needed a connection to make the game work. Finally we tested the games and hoped that they worked!

By Louis 4M



### Hector - Our School Dog

Hector likes to go swimming. Hector likes to roll down big hills. Hector is patient when he needs to wait.

By Miwa in Dolphins

Hector is a border terrier. Hector likes to swim in the sea and in the rivers. Hector likes dog bones with honey on. Hector can run fast and likes to run.

By Oscar in Dolphins

Hector likes to roll down hills. Mrs Coyle has to run after him. Hector likes to be with his friends. Hector likes to be chased.

By Holly in Dolphins

### Bikeability

Over the past two weeks, Year 5 and Year 6 have been completing their level 1 (Year 5) and level 2 (Year 6) Bikeability awards.

On Friday 19th March, most of 5HW (our class), brought their own bikes into school. We split into two groups. Group 1 went outside on the playground first to collect their bikes. Before anything, safety comes first, so we checked ourselves and checked the safety of our bikes. For activity 1, we had to see if we could ride our bikes in a straight line without putting our feet down. We got split into two groups for activity 2; one group was riding and doing 'follow my leader' whilst the other group had to try and intercept us. All in all it was a fun activity which we enjoyed.

By Lilly & Eleanor 5HW

In Y6, we began our Bikeability lessons. Steve and Joe, our two instructors, have taught us how to do u-turns, take our hands off to signal and much more. We did the fun course over 4 days and we ended up cycling on Station Road! Everyone who took part in the lessons received a badge, certificate and a book about how to cycle well. We really enjoyed taking part in bikeability!



By William & Lottie 6G

### Our Work on Tocuaro in Mexico

Y2 have been learning about Tocuaro in Mexico and comparing it with Mickleover. Here are some excerpts from some recent writing that they did:



The school in Tocuaro is small, so the children go in the morning or the afternoon. Older children have to travel to Patzcuaro to go to school; it is 14km away.

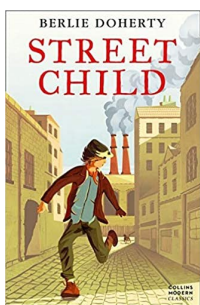
By George in Tigers

There are only three shops in Tocuaro. There is another shop, but that's in Patzcuaro. The weather is dry and it's really hot.

By Evelyn in Tigers

There are only three shops in Tocuaro. There is a mobile shop and it comes every week.

By Ida-May in Tigers



### The Industrial Revolution

In Year 6 this term, we have been learning about the Industrial Revolution. To study this in greater detail, we explored a book called, 'Street Child'. We've been using it to find out what life was like for poorer families in these times. Jim Jarvis is one such boy. He lives in the slums and can rarely afford rent, never mind food. After his mother dies, he is shipped off to the workhouse, where he works hard every day, in harsh conditions. This happened to many people as more people moved to the cities. Will he ever be free? Well, it's a cruel world and I'm glad that Britain has changed for the better; what about you?

By Zaidan 6MH

### FOMPS School Lottery

Everyone at FOMPS would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the current 71 supporters that have signed up to the 'Your School Lottery'. We have had 7 winners so far and would love your help to reach 100 supporters!

Tickets cost just £1 a week with 40% of ticket sales going to our school funds, plus 36% put towards cash prizes. You can pay monthly or make a one-off payment by direct debit or a debit card.

It's an easy way to help raise funds for our school - there are cash prizes every week for MPS supporters and you are also in for a chance to win the £25K Jackpot!

For more information and to sign up, please go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mickleover-primary-school>



### Our Mickleover Group

A BIG 'thank you' to 'Our Mickleover Group' who have donated £1500 to the school, towards an outdoor classroom. Thanks also to FOMPS who are donating £5000. Here is a photo of what it will look like:



### Easter Workshops

Year 2 had a wonderful Easter workshop delivered online by Inspire. We learnt about the Easter story and had time to reflect on what Easter means to a Christian. We even had time to do some exciting crafts and make Easter tree decorations, each one representing a different part of the Easter story. It was a very active session that got the children thinking, making and learning. Thank you Inspire, you certainly inspired us!

Owls Class

### Beat the Street

Don't forget to take your Beat the Street key fob out with you every time you go out for a walk, run or cycle. You have to visit at least 2 Beat Boxes (see the map your child brought home) within an hour to win 10 points for our school. The more boxes you visit - the more points you earn. You could start earning your points yesterday (Wednesday 31st March) and you can keep earning points until 12th May.



### Big Pedal Challenge

We have signed up for The Big Pedal Challenge 2021, which runs from 19th April, for two weeks. Every day, we will count up how children (and their parents) walked, cycled, or scooted to school. We enter these figures and are ranked on both a local leaderboard, as well as a national one. We usually manage to come 2nd or 3rd in Derby, so remember to ditch the car, if you can, as every journey not made in a car, will be counted.



### Parking

Please remember that if you do need to travel by car to school, to park safely and considerately. We have had a complaint from a local resident about people parking across their driveway and on the private roads. Don't forget there is CCTV outside school now and parking fines have been issued to parents who park on the zig zag areas. Why not set off 5 minutes earlier, and park a little further away, to ease the congestion outside school every morning and afternoon?



### Y3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 enjoyed a themed Egyptian Day last week. Everyone dressed up and took part in a variety of activities throughout the day, including an Egyptian feast in the afternoon!



### Dates for your Diary

19th April	Return to school
3rd May	Bank Holiday
28th May	Break up for half term
7th June	Return to school
7th June	Assessment fortnight for all pupils
21st June	Inset day - children not in school
24th June	Class photos
5th July	Inset day - children not in school
12th July	Y6 PGL
16th July	Reports to parents
22nd July	Break up for summer
2nd Sept	Return to school



Happy Easter from all the staff at MPS.  
We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th April.

