

MICKLEOVER TIMES

December 2020

What a Year It's Been!

Well, what a year it's been! We started off in January trying to work out how to best accommodate Y5 & Y6 pupils during the demolition and rebuild - it seems a long time ago now and here we are at the end of 2020, in a pandemic; who'd have thought, 'Have you sanitised?' would become such a well-used question? The children have been incredible throughout it all - they have adapted back into school life as if they'd never been away, despite the different rules and routines.

Thank
You!

I would like to take this opportunity say thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents, for their support of the school, over this very unusual year. I know with work commitments it can't have been easy, juggling home schooling and your own work, both during the original school closure and subsequently with class and year group isolations, so a huge 'THANK YOU' from everyone at MPS.

I must also say a big thank you to the governors, who have supported the school so well through these times and have always been there to support and advise.

And finally, to the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the closure, building works and isolations; no two days have ever been the same and have certainly presented some interesting challenges for us to overcome! The staff are always an amazing team to work with, but 2020 has shown just how dedicated they are to MPS and the children; they have risen above and beyond expectation on many an occasion; so I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all the members of staff, no matter what their role, and say we could not have done this without you.



Let's hope that next Christmas, things will be a little more 'normal' and we will be able to have our usual nativity performances in school and the Carol service in the church. In the meantime, have a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Lynne Gerver

Thank You Tesco!



On behalf of the junior children at Mickleover Primary School, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for donating 180 satsumas for our Christmas Activity Day.

On Wednesday, December 16th, our children took part in a day of festive fun. They made a Christmas card, a Christmas decoration and a 2021 Calendar. Your donated satsumas were part of a goodie bag which the children took home at the end of the day.

After such a difficult year, it is great that we could enjoy a day of festivities and treat the children to some Christmas goodies.

Thank you
Mrs Halliday

Farewell!

We are saying farewell to Mrs Harrison, our Senior Midday Supervisor, who is retiring after 17 years with us at MPS. I am sure you will join with us in wishing her every happiness and a well-earned rest! We are also saying farewell to Mr Sahota and wish him luck in the future.

Welcome

We welcomed Mr Andrews-Roberts as our new site manager, earlier this term. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Backler in Year 1, who will take over from Mr Sahota, and Mrs Goodacre, who is joining the inclusion team with Mrs Coyle.

Farewell!

MPS Time Capsule

As 2020 has been an eventful year in the life of Mickleover Primary, we have decided to mark this year by burying a Time Capsule within the school grounds. We hope that future archaeologists will discover our time capsule and that the historical sources and evidence we have placed within the capsule will form a part of history lessons in the future!

Each class has discussed and voted for an item that they would like placing in the time capsule. The following ideas were the most popular in each class. These items have been gathered and are ready to be placed in the time capsule.

Lady-birds	A bottle of bubbles to represent our class and year group bubbles	3RF	A packet of flour with cup cake cases to represent all the home baking that we did!
Bees	A rainbow to thank all the NHS and key workers	3W	A map of the world representing the pandemic
Cats	A face mask coloured in Rainbow colours	4F	A class photo
Dolphins	A wooden spoon representing the clap for carers during lockdown	4M	A copy of Autumn Term's Mickleover Times signed by all children in 4M
Tigers	A 2m social distancing poster	5HW	A bottle of hand sanitiser
Owl	A closed sign – to represent school closure	5H	Several face masks signed by all pupils and staff in 5H
6MH	A 3D representation of the Covid virus and a jigsaw puzzle to represent how many of us whiled away the time during lockdown.	6G	My class decided that they wanted to put something in related to Black Lives Matter. It was suggested by Merry and a lot of the children agreed with her once she'd given her reasons. She felt that in the pandemic everyone should be looking after each other and treating each other kindly and fairly so it was important to support the black lives matter campaign.

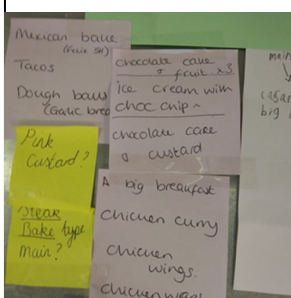


In addition to the above items, we shall place aerial photographs of our MPS site, as our new classrooms have altered its appearance quite dramatically in 2020!

The Time Capsule will be buried within Mrs Jones's memorial garden in the New Year and a plaque will mark where it's buried.

Kitchen Update

In the kitchen we have been busy preparing our new menu, check it out on our website. Even though we can't have meetings with our Food Council at moment, we still like to get feedback on our food and menus. We have asked all pupils in school to draw a picture, or write a message to let me know what they think about the food and what they would like on new menu. We have put stars next to dishes the children like the most and called them "Kids' Choices".



We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year.
The Catering Team





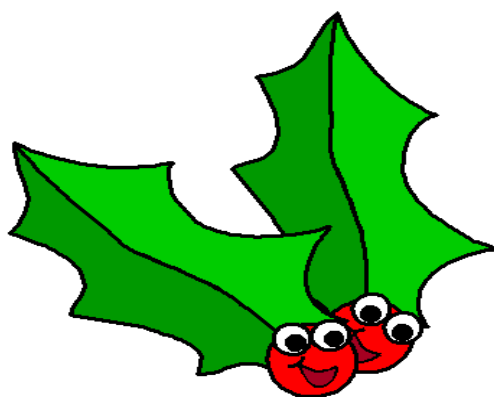
The Great Fire of London

Year 2 have had a great term learning all about The Great Fire of London. Here is what Tilly has to say about it:

'I have really liked my Great Fire of London topic! I have looked at all the ways to make a fire effect. I used wax crayons, oil pastels, tissue paper, foil, paints and fabric. I even did a hot write and had to be Samuel Pepys; I wrote three whole pages! I am making a fire engine next week; I can't wait!'

Christmas Word Search

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candycane
chimney
Christmas
cookies
cranberries
elves
family
holly
lights
mistletoe

ornament
presents
reindeer
Rudolph
Santa
sleigh
stockings
stuffing
tinsel
turkey

The staff and children of Mickleover Primary School wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



**DON'T FORGET WE COME BACK TO SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY**

