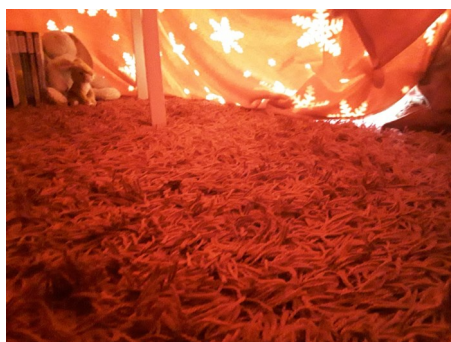
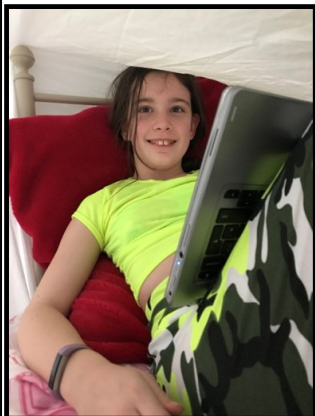


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Well-being Wednesday

Well-being Wednesday – build a den. 5H have had so much fun building dens as part of our Well-being Wednesday non-screen time Bingo.



Here is our den, we had a great time making it under my bed, using our old fire guard and lots of blankets.

We filled it with cushions and teddies and then we read books and ate freshly cooked popcorn. We stayed in it for ages!



On Wednesday, we had free screen time - I made a robot and it was fun.

I was doing a pirate treasure hunt for mum and she had clues and a map to follow. Mum found the treasure and I ate the coins!

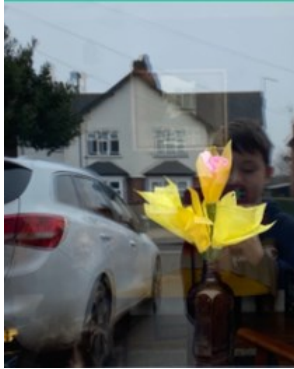


Farewell!

We are sorry to be saying farewell to Mrs Kingdon, our Year 6 teaching assistant. She has decided to take early retirement after working at MPS for 18 years. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best.

Daffodils To Brighten Up Our Day

Year 6 have taken on Radio Derby's challenge to brighten up our windows with daffodils. We have made observational drawings, colour mixing with paint and finally had a session on making daffodils in any media of our choice and displaying them in our windows at home. Look out for them when taking a walk around Mickleover. There's also a daffodil montage in the front of school.



Milo



Isaac



Grace

Nikol



Elise



Year 4 have fun with science at home



We did an experiment with 3 different liquids: cooking oil, tomato sauce and water.

We dropped a marble tied to some string and timed how long it took to reach the bottom.

The water was the quickest. It didn't drop down in the tomato sauce much.

It was FUN!



In Year 1 we learnt about the features of castles and made our own castles out of cardboard boxes and tubes.



Bethany's castle

Horatio's castle



Sasha has spent her weekend working on her wind up tube toy for DT. She painted it on Saturday and we helped assemble it yesterday.



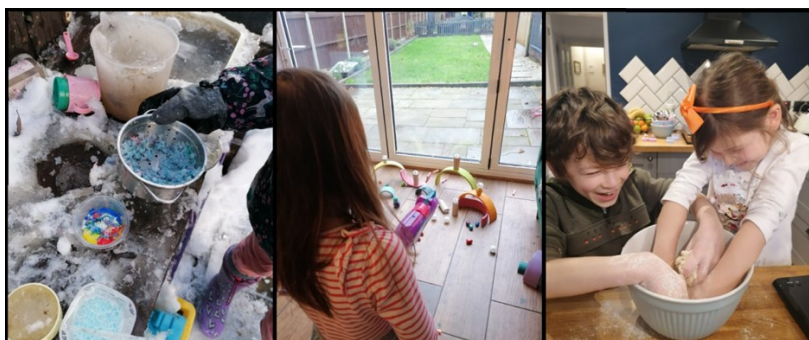
Fun In The Snow

The other week, when it snowed, Joe and I decided to build a snowman. It was tiring but we had lots of fun and we were proud of the result!

By Oliver and Joe



Owls have been working incredibly hard at home. They have found creative ways to carry on the learning and stretch their imagination. Eloise is a prime example of this. From nerf gun multiplication, to icicle science experiments, Eloise has been producing some super imaginative learning and joyous enthusiasm. Check it out!



Reflections on 30 years at MPS

January 2021 marked a significant milestone for me, as exactly 30 years ago I walked through the doors of Mickleover Primary School for the very first time! It was only my second teaching post and I remember being struck by the warm atmosphere that met me the instant I walked in. Everybody greeted me with a smile and I felt at home immediately. That is one of the few things that hasn't changed since 1991. Over the years, I have witnessed many changes to almost every aspect of teaching including curriculum, assessment and most significantly; technology.



The one thing that hasn't changed is the fundamental needs of children to play, learn, feel safe and cared for. The current pandemic has really shown me the reason why I came into teaching in the first place. More than ever, children need our support and strength to guide them safely through these confusing and scary times. We will get through this together and I for one really look forward to the celebrations when normality returns. Take care and most importantly, be kind to yourselves and your precious families.

Mrs Jane Whittingham

1993 Class photo in front of the chocolate brown walls of the hall.
(Some changes are definitely for the better!)



Bridges in Y5

In DT we have been investigating structures in preparation for making bridges.



We have been learning about forces in science. Here, we had to make a paper helicopter; add paperclips; and test to see the effect of the paperclips on the speed it fell at.



Many of the children in 5H have been busy baking at home – we have decided to have a Great British Bake Off Gallery. What a shame Mrs Halliday can't taste all of these delicious creations!

Cooper's brownies

Martha's
chocolate
flapjack



Poppy's gluten free
Carrot
cake



Eva's lamb
koftas





The Mayans

In history we have been learning about the Mayans and for our art unit we are designing and making our very own Mayan masks. But since I didn't have any cardboard, my mum thought of the idea of doing papier mache; I am really excited to finish it.

By Lucy

Diary Dates

12th Feb	Break up for half term
22nd Feb	Return to school
4th March	World Book Day
12th March	Inset day - children not in school
19th March	Comic Relief
1st April	Break up for Easter
19th April	Return to school
3rd May	Bank Holiday - children not in school
28th May	Break up for half term
7th June	Return to school
21st June	Inset day - children not in school
5th July	Inset day - children not in school
16th July	Reports to parents
22nd July	Break up for summer

There will be more dates to come out, once we know when schools will be fully open again.



Fun with the Derby County Community Coaches

We have been fortunate enough to have DCCT in all year groups working on our fundamental skills and multi-sports. We have all been sweating and exhausted - and that includes the staff!



Enjoy the half term break; lessons begin again on Monday 22nd February.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming all the children back into school on March 8th. We're all keeping our fingers crossed, as I'm sure you are!