

# MICKLEOVER TIMES

May 2018



## Y3 visit to Creswell Crags

On Tuesday 1st May we went to Creswell Crags on a Y3 trip. We went there to learn more about the Stone Age.

First we had to put our helmets on to go down a cave. The helmet hurt the left side of my head but it was fun being down the cave when we had to turn all the lights off. Then when we came back, we saw the other group doing another activity.  
By Owen 3C

On Tuesday 1st May, all of Y3, including the teachers and volunteers went to Creswell Crags. We were going to learn a lot about the Stone Age and become experts. There were 3 groups - Reindeer Tribe, Hyena Tribe and the Grey Wolf Tribe.

Firstly, Steph, our instructor, put us into groups. We all got twigs and stones and tried to build a hut. Our hut kept falling down, but we managed to put it back together again. Steph gave us some deer skin for shelter and we wrapped it around the hut. All of our group got inside the hut and we were the winners!

By Matilda 3C

.....The first activity was called Stone Age safari. Firstly we went upstairs to the museum and we watched a video. Next we did a hunt and after that I made a skeleton of a wolf. It was a lot of fun....

By William 3RF

....Our first activity was survival training where we made shelters, did hunting and tried to make fire. After that we did Stone Age safari and each group made a different animal. Our group made a cave lion.....  
By Lottie 3RF

## West End in Schools



On Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 4H took part in a workshop led by Ashley from West End in Schools. The workshop was part of our World Book Day celebrations. The children completed drama-based activities on the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown.

'I loved being the mum in the Flat Stanley workshop. Ashley from West End Musical has inspired me to be an actor.' Lulu 4H

'Ashley has inspired me to do drama when I'm older. Ashley told us that he starred in the Harry Potter film – that's so cool!' Nirun 4H

'Ashley came into school from West End Musical. He really inspired me to have a job like him.' Josh 4H

'Jad and I have always wanted to be actors. Ashley has inspired us more to do it. West End Musical is the

best company we've seen to date. We really loved it.' Jad & Parin 4H

'We did a workshop with Ashley from West End Musical. It inspired me to do drama. I loved every bit!' Joe 4H

## Caterpillars into Butterflies!

In Owls' Class we had a caterpillar. Over the last few weeks, the caterpillar has got bigger. The caterpillar made a chrysalis. On Monday 21st May, two butterflies came out of the Chrysalis - we will set them free. By Joseph  
In Year 2 we have had caterpillars. The caterpillars made their chrysalis and we watched them grow. Then they turned into butterflies and we are going to set them free. By Sophia



## Visit to Sudbury Hall

In Year 1 we went to Sudbury Hall. We went up a chimney, it was really dark! We played with old



toys, they were made of wood. We all had lots of fun.

By Morgan in Dolphins

### Y3/4 Derby City Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, our Y3/4 tennis team, Josh, Blake, Amy and Avani, went to the Derby City SSP tennis tournament. Initially they played a group stage against three other schools; Dale, Oakwood and St James'. Each match consisted of 4 games: girls' and boys' doubles and mixed doubles. We won every game and therefore all our matches.

We went through to the semi-final against Oakwood, which we also won. The final was played against Ravensdale – once again, the team managed to win all of their games and retained the trophy for the 5<sup>th</sup> year running.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, we will play against all the other Derbyshire tennis tournament winners at the Derbyshire School Games near Sheffield.



### Mini-beast Madness

On Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Lower Juniors performed "Mini-beast Madness" by Debbie Campbell to a packed audience. Here are some of our comments about the experience.

- 'I was an instrumentalist in the show. The difficult bit was keeping the rhythm in the songs. I felt nervous at the start.' Alfie 4H
- 'I really enjoyed the singing, it was the best bit! I think the show was amazing – it was a brilliant choice!' Connie 4H
- 'The songs were so catchy and we all tried really hard for it to be the best fiesta in the land!' Emily 4H

- 'The scenery created by the children in Year 3 was colourful and eye-catching. It was the perfect backdrop for the show.' Mrs Halliday
- 'I thought the whole show was amazing! We all did so well to do it in the short amount of time we had!' Olivia 4H
- 'I was a cicada. I was nervous when I had to dance with a girl! I really liked the songs because they made me feel good.' Muhib 4H

Mini-beast Madness was such fun. All of the Y4 were great at taking part. The percussion were great at keeping in time to the songs. Everyone who had to dance and sing was amazing. Queen Bee, Inspector Sectar Side, Snitch and Swatch were great at knowing what to say. By Darcey 4F



### PGL

PGL was full of fun, laughter and amazing activities. From the first activity to the last, the fun just kept on rising and rising! There were lots of team-building exercises that brought the year group closer together. We also saw lots of new faces around the resort.

These were the activities we took part in: breath-taking big swing, crazy canoeing, astonishing abseiling, outstanding orienteering, remarkable raft-building, diva disco dancing, zooming zip wire,

cunning Cluedo, perfect passport to the world, topsy-turvy tunnel trail and hilarious high ropes. We all had a wonderful time and Y5 would all love to go again!



### The Royal Wedding



I am going to watch the royal wedding on TV. I am going to make a cake. By Joshua in Bees.

We are going to write a card. We are going to wrap up presents. By Zara in Bees.

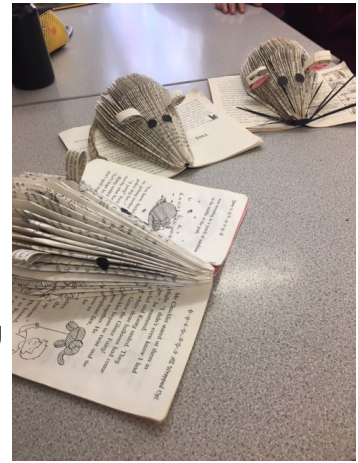




### Year 6 SATs Week



Last week, Year 6 did their SATs tests. Mrs Hilton and Mrs Harrison had told us all year that we would enjoy it, but we were not sure whether to believe them or not! However, after each test, we had lots of fun activities to do. After the Spelling and Grammar paper on Monday, we were inspired to make tangrams from reading a book called, Grandfather Tang. Then on Tuesday (after the Reading test) we did the spaghetti challenge (this involved un-cooked spaghetti, string, masking tape and a MARSHMALLOW!) On Wednesday we had two maths tests, then worked in groups to make umbrellas – out of newspaper.



Later in the week, we went to Ilkeston to go bowling - it was great fun. Finally (on Friday) we went on a long walk. We went all the way from MPS, along the cycle track, past Silverhill School and all the way back to the park. There, we played football and had our lunch. Afterwards, we came back and watched a movie . So ..... Mrs Hilton and Mrs Harrison were right: SATS was REALLY GOOD FUN!!

By Sam & Samuel 6H

### Superb Spaghetti Tower

On Tuesday, Y6 were set an almost impossible challenge of building a tower out of: 20 raw spaghetti sticks; some tape; and a roll of string. The challenge was to see who could build the tallest, standing tower whilst being able to hold a marshmallow on the top! Ella said that she gave up on the idea altogether after the first few minutes: their tower was less than one centimetre tall!

By India 6MH

### Bisons Smash SATs

Last week, Y6 at MPS beat SATs for good! These government inflicted tests can be really stressful, but teachers had good remedies for beating this tense time! .....

By Jessica 6MH

### Breakfast Boost

Every morning of the tests, Y6 pupils enjoyed the spectacular breakfast; served by the fabulous teachers: Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hilton. One child, Nabiha, said, "It was the best breakfast in my eleven years and it was a time for me to interact and socialise before the exams." The

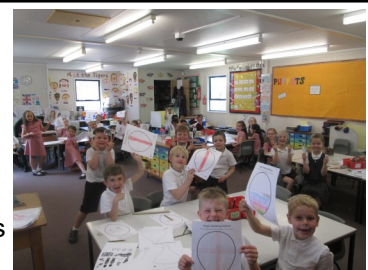
teachers' hard work definitely paid off as everyone arrived exactly on time - refreshed and with a full stomach. By Millie 6MH



### Y2 Royal Tea Party

On the Friday before the royal wedding, we had a party because Meghan and Harry were getting married. We did some fun activities like word searches, invitations, puppets, cards and design a royal wedding dress. We also played some fun games like wink murder and duck, duck, goose. It was a lot of fun and we also had some cakes!

By Molly & Will. Tigers' Class



<b>Dates for your Diary</b>			
25th May	Break up for half term	3rd July	Y6 at new schools
4th June	Return to school	3rd July	Children meet their new teacher
11th June	Y1 phonics check week	4th July	KS1 visit to Tatenhill Adventure Farm
11th June	Rec visit to White Post Farm	4th July	Independence day themed lunch
12th June	Y6 visit to Eyam	5th July	am KS1 athletics festival
12th June	2pm e-safety drop-in for parents (more details to follow)	6th July	KS2 sports activity day
15th June	<b>INSET DAY (children not in school)</b>	7th July	1pm-3pm Summer Fair
17th June	Rolls Royce Challenge	9th July	2.50pm Transition meeting for Rec parents
18th June	<b>INSET DAY (children not in school)</b>	10th July	am Y3/4 sports day
19th June	Food Council trip	10th July	pm Y5/6 sports day
19th June	Theme week—World of Work	10th July	Y3/4 tennis county tournament
20th June	pm Y5/6 tennis festival	11th July	am KS1 sports day
20th June	6pm New parents' information evening	11th July	2.50pm Transition meeting for Y2 parents
21st June	Class photos	13th July	Reports to parents
22nd June	Y2 football festival	17th July	Clothing bag collection
26th June	3.30pm DCCT parent information session (more details to follow)	18th July	7pm Leavers' production
28th June	Book fair	24th July	7pm Leavers' disco
28th June	Y5/6 rounders festival	25th July	Break up for summer
29th June	Book fair	<b>6th Sept</b>	<b>Return to school (school)</b>



<b>Term Dates for 2018-2019</b>	
Thurs 6th Sept 2018	Return to school
Fri 26th Oct 2018	Break up for half term
Mon 5th Nov 2018	Return to school
Fri 21st Dec 2018	Break up for Christmas
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Return to school
Fri 15th Feb 2019	Break up for half term
Mon 25th Feb 2019	Return to school
Fri 12th April 2019	Break up for Easter
Mon 29th April 2019	Return to school
Mon 6th May 2019	May day—children not in school
Fri 24th May 2019	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd June 2019	Return to school
Thurs 25th July 2019	Break up for summer

**5 inset days will be planned for the school year 2018-2019. These dates will be sent out by July 2018. (Please note, no inset days will be planned for September 2018)**