

MICKLEOVER TIMES

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Year 5 Visit to Crich

We came to school (dressed as evacuees) and admired each others' costumes. When we arrived at Crich, we were sorted into different homes with farmers, bakers and fashion designer. First my group went into a room with big boxes in. We opened them and saw what was in there—there were all sorts of things from World War II, such as: gas masks, ration books, toys, fake food, dolls, suitcases and much more. The next activity was spy school where we learnt how to be a spy and how to crack a secret code; we also made a secret code. After spy school, we went up a stair case and learnt a dance, then a loud siren sounded so we went into the air raid shelter and learnt about what

children did during an air raid.

In the afternoon, we went to an old-fashioned sweet shop and on a tram ride. My favourite activity was learning the dance.

By Scarlett 5W

Mary Seacole

Mary was born in 1805. Some of her ancestors came from Africa. She wanted to be a nurse and she did. She gave the people medicine made from plants.

By Ollie Tigers

Mary Seacole wanted to be a nurse. Her dad was Scottish and her mother was Jamaican.

By Amy Tigers

In the Crimean War, many soldiers were dying. Mary travelled to Crimea to help the soldiers.

By Grace Tigers

She sailed in a ship. She paid for herself to get to the Crimea War. The people who worked at the war office were prejudice towards Mary.

By Khoulah Tigers

She went on the battle field because she wanted to help the injured soldiers.

By Alina Tigers

When the war ended, Mary went back to London where she was given medals for the work she had done.

By Molly Tigers



Animals

We have been learning about animals. My favourite animals is a guinea pig because it is soft.

We have learnt about different types of animals like reptiles, mammals, amphibians and birds.



By Alfie Cats

Football Tournament

Two weeks ago, Carina, Ella, Avani, Lucia, Milly, Mercedes, Esme, Francessca and Lily all went to a girls' football tournament. We played against six different schools and we won the whole tournament! We won 5 of the matches and drew one. We were very happy! We now have to go to the finals, so let's hope we can win that too!

By Carina & Ella 5HW



Times Table Rockstar

TT Rockstars is a fun maths game. Although it is a little addictive, it is a lot of fun and educational. It helps us with our times tables and you can do cool things on it such as: create a super avatar, collect coins for your avatar, play times table games and become a rock hero!

You start as a 'Wannabe', then you can become a 'Garage Rocker'. After that you can be a 'Busker' and a 'Gigger'. You then move through unsigned artist, breakthrough, support act and headliner. The final three are rock star, rock legend and finally a rock hero—which is really hard to get to.

By Francessca and Josh 6MH



Invitation to Lunch

Parents are invited to lunch with their child on the following dates; a letter, with the menu choice will be coming out nearer the time. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Wed 14th Nov	Ladybirds	Tues 12th Feb	5W
Tues 20th Nov	Bees	Tues 5th March	5HW
Tues 27th Nov	3C	Tues 12th March	4H
Tues 15th Jan	3RF	Tues 19th March	Owls
Tues 22nd Jan	Tigers	Tues 26th March	Cats
Tues 29th Jan	6G	Tues 2nd April	Dolphins
Tues 5th Feb	4F	Tues 9th April	6MH



The Brownlee Triathlon

On Wednesday 26th September, some Y5 and Y6 pupils participated in the 2018 Brownlee Triathlon. At 9.30am we stepped onto the bus and reached our destination at 10am. We went into a hall and were told how the triathlon would work. We put all our belongings into a basket, which we took with us wherever we went.



We started off in the swimming pool. Once we touched the water, the triathlon started - we had to swim 2 widths and one length. We then ran out of the door and ran 250m. We reached our bikes and did 2 laps of an off-road bike course and then finally, we had to run to the finish line where we were given a bottle of water, a medal and a goodie bag. Changing out of our wet clothes was the hardest part but the sun dried us off! It was a great triathlon and everyone enjoyed it.

By Peter & Oliver 6G

4F's Pet Gerbil

In 4F we are lucky enough to have two gerbils. One is black and the other one is white. The black one is called Stormy and the white one is called Cloudy. They eat dried food and grains. The gerbils are very friendly and tame.

By Isaac 4F

In 4F we have two gerbils. They are very small, cute and friendly; we are such a lucky class! We get to handle them on our reading day.

When we hold them, we have to hold them over a bucket!

By Gracie 4F



Teeth!

Class 4H have been looking at teeth and the digestive system. We did an experiment with 4 eggs. We got 4 cups and filled each one with a different liquid; orange juice, coke, milk and water. We then left an egg in each cup and waited for a week to see what happened. The most damage was orange juice, surprisingly. It wasn't surprising that water was the best. A few days later we did a different experiment to see how much plaque we had on our teeth using disclosure tablets.

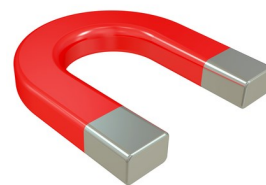
By Ben & Zenaya 4H



Forces

This term in Y3 we have been learning about forces and magnets. We have learnt the super magnets are the strongest magnet and we also learnt that the following metals are attracted to magnets: iron, steel, cobalt and nickel. My favourite investigation was the one where we tested which magnet was the strongest.

By Poppy 3C



Harvest boxes

A BIG 'Thank you' for your generosity in providing harvest boxes for the Mickleover Live At Home scheme. When we delivered the boxes to the lunch on Tuesday, they were thrilled with the gifts.

Some children also delivered harvest boxes to the local elderly residents nominated by you; again they were delighted and passed on their thanks to you all.



Cross-Country

Every Wednesday for three weeks, about eight children from each year (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) went to Moorways Stadium after school to compete in the cross country event. Each week there were different races. On the first week we did individual, the second week we did team races and on the final week we did relays. We went with Mrs Taylor and Miss Neild and had a great time whilst showing some MPS spirit!

By Connie 5HW



Every Wednesday for the last three weeks, children from years 3-6 have taken part in the cross country event at Moorways Stadium.

We were successful, with Stanley winning gold in both of the Y5/6 solo races. The Y5/6 boys also won the relay race. We all did very well and enjoyed it. A lot of people turned up to watch which was fun. Well done to everyone who took part....Come on MPS!!

By Stanley & Noah 6MH

Silver Games Mark

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have recently been awarded the Silver Games Mark Award.

The 4 areas that were highlighted by the external assessor as being particularly strong were:

- The school has a good system in place in order to track young people's participation in the School Games
- The school offers lots of good opportunities which attract less active young people to participate in physical activity
- The school promotes the School Games to parents and the local community very well
- The school engages 19% of students in leading, managing and officiating in School Games activity



Thanks must go to Mrs Branch who leads PE and sport in our school, along with Mrs Whittingham who coordinates lunchtime activities and trains our mini-leaders and Mrs Wright who coordinates our entries into all the sports tournaments and festivals.

New 'Grass' for Reception

Our Reception children are really enjoying using our outdoor area which was resurfaced during the summer holidays. It has enabled us to use the garden all day and we'll be able to use it in all seasons too. It has transformed our children's experience of the outdoor curriculum. Their days are now enriched by exploring the trees, role playing in the play house and doing focused activities in the den.....all without getting muddy!

If anyone has any garden parasols with bases that they no longer use, we would be glad of any donations. We are also looking for toy lawnmowers, hoovers etc.



Dates for your Diary

26th Oct	Break up for half term	12th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
5th Nov	Return to school	12th Dec	9.30am KS1 performance
7th Nov	Y6 Greek Day	12th Dec	KS2 Xmas activity day
7th Nov	9am Parents' Forum	13th Dec	Christmas dinner
12th Nov	Theme week	14th Dec	Interim reports to parents
13th Nov	3.30-5pm KS2 disco	20th Dec	pm Infant Christmas party
14th Nov	Ladybirds' parents invited to lunch	21st Dec	10am Carol service at
16th Nov	Children in Need		Our Lady of Lourdes Church
20th Nov	Bees' parents invited to lunch	21st Dec	Break up for Christmas
22nd Nov	Flu vaccinations (Rec, Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	7th Jan	Return to school
27th Nov	3C parents invited to lunch		
7th Dec	Y2 visit to Aston Hall		
8th Dec	Christmas Fair		
10th Dec	2.30pm Reception Christmas performance		
11th Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas performance		

