

MICKLEOVER TIMES

February 2023

Year 5 River Workshop

As part of our Geography work on Rivers, Year 5 welcomed a visit by Adrian who works for the Canal and River Trust Explorers team in the East Midlands. Adrian worked with both classes to create a model of a river complete with source, tributaries, an ox bow lake and estuary. The children also explored settlements and where would be the best area to build a settlement based on the resources around. The workshop finished with a discussion about rivers being used for transport and trade.

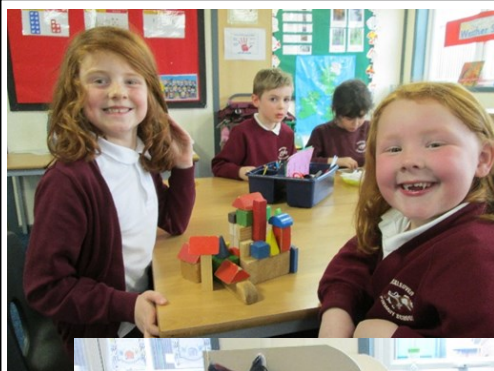
An entertaining, lively workshop which taught us all about rivers, settlements and trade. We would definitely recommend this workshop for Year 5 next year!

MPS 5 star rating



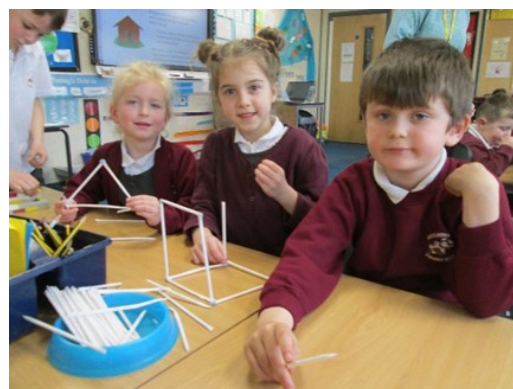
This was a really fun workshop; there was a river built using sand and water and we learnt about how different parts of a river are formed. The workshop made learning about the uses and parts of the river exciting. We would definitely recommend this workshop!

By Amelia-Mae and Lara, 5P



Science in Cats' Class

As part of our Science topic on Materials, we investigated which material would be best to make a strong house that the Big Bad Wolf could not blow down! The children worked in teams to build a house with either plastic lego, wooden blocks or paper straws. It was great to see the children working together and being motivated to build a strong house.



Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday 17th February and return to school on Monday 27th February

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat

On 6th February, there was a show held at John Port Spencer Academy. It was called: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat. MPS Y6 pupils were invited to go and see the show. We had a great time and loved the action and songs. The band at the front was amazing - its musical instruments were remarkable. The Pharaoh's singing was very good; surprisingly, he was only in Year 8! It was fantastic with all the singing, especially the harmonies. Thank you, John Port Spencer Academy!



By Oscar 6HW

On Monday 6th February, we went to John Port School to see a play called Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat. It was a fantastic experience. The actors were outstanding and the songs were also incredible. In my opinion, it was an impressive play! There were even John Port students playing instruments to accompany the songs.

By Isabella 6MH

What have Reception children enjoyed this term?

'I liked my mummy and daddy coming in for 'Secret Storyteller'. It was really great and I really liked the stories.'

By George in Ladybirds

'I like it when all the people get certificates in assembly because I think they get happy!'

By Millie in Ladybirds

'I love the police station because me, Oscar, Arthur and Zach always go in and dress up. We get the bad guys!'

By Elliott in Ladybirds

'I like the painting and when the secret story tellers come in to read the class a story.'

By Annabelle in Ladybirds

I liked learning about fire fighters.'

By Emily in Bees



'I liked it when Poppy's daddy came to talk to us about looking after horses.'

By Hattie in Bees

Cooking in 4F

On Thursday 9th February, Year 4 did cooking. We split into 6 groups on 5 tables; we were making soup. We chopped, peeled and grated vegetables and put them in a bowl. The vegetables we used were onion, pepper, carrots, potatoes, leak, turnip, garlic and parsley. We cooked in the hall and some parents came to help us for safety reasons to keep an eye on us when we were cutting the vegetables up! Once we had finished, we took the soup home to taste it.

By Archie, Evie & Lottie 4F



Girls' Football Tournament

At 9am on 3rd February, 9 girls and Mrs Walker set off to Derby High School where the tournament was being held. Our first match started at 9.45am against Cherry Tree, (who were a very skilled team), but MPS did a good job of defending! In total, the matches were 14 minutes, which made us very tired at the end.



After our matches, we did activities - including football, until our next match. Altogether, we played 3 different teams: Cherry Tree, St Peters and Oakwood. Unfortunately, despite our greatest efforts, we did not make it into the final, but we were still proud of what we had accomplished throughout the day. After the tournament ended, we had the opportunity to stay and play 'friendlies' which were 10 minutes each and great fun. Eventually, after five and a half hours of football, it was time to go. We loved every bit of it and hope that there are more activities like this in the future.

By Scarlet & Lucy 6HW

Art in Year 5

In Art, we have been using different brushes to create some water colour techniques such as tissue paper, sandpaper, cling film, splatter, bubble wrap, salt and wax. We are using these techniques to help create a beautiful watercolour landscape. I personally liked the wet-on-wet technique as it created a great blend of colours on the paper. However, the majority of 5P loved using the splatter and wax technique as they create beautiful patterns.

By Molly 5P



Always remember to stay **SAFE** near water – **Stay Away From the Edge.**

On Tuesday, February 7th, we welcomed Adrian from the Canal and River Trust Explorers team in the East Midlands, into our Infant and Junior assemblies. Adrian talked to the children about how to stay safe near water.



Learning to be safe near water is an important part of a child's education. There are many activities and resources which you can use with your child at home as they learn about water safety. Visit the website below

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/learning-bundles/water-safety>

Year 2 Are Special!

In PSHE, Y2 have been learning about how special and unique they all are! In one of the lessons, Mr Welsh revealed a tin and told the children that it contained the most special and important thing of all. Child by child, Mr Welsh revealed what was in the tin, a mirror. It was a mirror to show their reflection. They learnt that they are special, they are important, they are unique. Perhaps you could spend time talking about all of the things that make your child special and unique!



Online Safety Competition

The I-vengers launched an online safety competition asking the children to complete an A - Z about the amazing internet. We worked together to look through all the entries, (there were so many) to find a winner. We were very impressed with all the entries. We have picked the winners who were announced in assembly on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who entered.

The I-venger Team

KS2 winning entries

Infant winning entries



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London Marathon Challenge for Diabetes UK!

I am running the London Marathon for Diabetes UK on 23rd April. This is a charity very close to my heart as I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes soon after giving birth to my daughter in 2019. I am aiming to raise £2100 for the charity and would be extremely grateful if any MPS families could support me by donating through my Just Giving page.
Thank you so much!

Mrs Sarah Branch

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarahbranch-lm>



Paper Sculptures in Year 2

This half term, we have been learning about sculptures in Art. We have spent time exploring how paper can be folded to make 3D pictures. We've put all these paper folds together to make 3D sculptures of the Tree of Life! We enjoyed using different colours and paper folds to create our masterpieces!

By Tigers' Class



Dates for Your Diary

27th Feb	Return to school	18th May	6MH parents to lunch
28th Feb	9am Parent Forum	25th May	6HW parents to lunch
2nd March	World Book Day	25th May	6pm Sumer music concert
2nd March	Owls' parents to lunch	26th May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
9th March	3W parents to lunch	5th June	Return to school
9th March	Celebration of Dance	5th June	Y4 X-table check fortnight
10th March	Y6 visit to Cromford Mill	5th June	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 assessment fortnight
16th March	Tigers' parents to lunch		Y1 phonic check week
20th March	INSET DAY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL	12 June	INSET DAY
23rd March	5P parents to lunch	16th June	Class photos
24th March	Spring reports to parents	22nd June	am Infant sports day
27th March	Decorated egg competition	28th June	am Y3/4 sports day
28th March	6pm Y3/4 performance	29th June	pm Y5/6/sports day
29th March	9.30am Y3/4 performance	29th June	New classes for the day
30th March	5H parents to lunch	5th July	INSET DAY
31st March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER	10th July	Reports to parents
17th April	Return to school	14th July	6pm Leavers' performance
17th April	Y5 PGL	18th July	6pm Leavers' disco
1st May	Bank Holiday—children not in school	20th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
4th May	Bees' parents to lunch	21st July	
8th May	Bank Holiday—children not in school		
9th May	Y6 SATs week		
11th May	Ladybirds' parents to lunch		
15th May	Y2 SATs week		



A big 'Thank You!' to The Mason's Arms for donating the funds raised from a charity golf day, to the school. A cheque for £1600 was presented to the Y6 members of the School Council and has been used to provide 2 buddy benches on the playground

