

MICKLEOVER TIMES

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Science in Y5

In year 5, we have recently been learning about forces in Science. We learnt that a force is a push or a pull. Some forces (which we know of) are gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance. If there was no gravity, we would be floating because gravity pulls us towards the centre of the Earth. We did an experiment using jelly and chopsticks to see the impact friction has on objects. We discovered that friction is a force that slows moving objects down! Finally, our parachute experiment taught us that air resistance is a force that acts against gravity and slows objects and people down; this is why a sky diver relies on their parachute to catch the air resistance to slow them down.

By Lucas & Riya 5P

Anglo-Saxon Day

On Anglo-Saxon day we completed three activities. The first activity was about what they used to wear and how they made clothes. Whilst designing our Anglo-Saxon outfits, we were given a piece of cotton to dye in turmeric and water – the cotton turned a brilliant golden orange! The second activity was about Anglo-Saxon writing, and with a black permanent marker we wrote our initials on pebbles in runes; this is what Anglo-Saxon writing was called. The last activity we learnt about was Anglo-Saxon food and what they ate and drank. We designed a three course menu and tried bread with honey, which was a staple in Anglo-Saxon's diet. Lastly, we made a 3D version of one of our meals using different materials and plates.

By Nafeesa & Josh 5P



Year 1 Christmas Activities



Last week, Lorraine and Fiona from Mickleover Methodist Church came to do some Christmas activities with Year 1.

We made some paper angels. Mine was a singing angel and I put it on my Christmas tree at home. We really enjoyed making the Christmas stuff.

By Oscar in Dolphins

I made a special toy with a straw. Jesus was on one side and the stable was on the other side. When you spin it, Jesus goes in the stable. We loved it.

Thank you for coming.

By Oliver in Dolphins

In Year 1 we made an angel when we had visitors from Mickleover Methodist Church. We made a twizzle stick too. They told us the Christmas story.

By Joel in Cats

Making Buggies in DT

This half term we have been making buggies for our DT project. We spent our first week researching cars and chassis, getting ready to make our own. Next, we made our chassis by sawing pieces of wood, which we then stuck together using PVA glue and black, triangle pieces of card. Nearly finished, all we had to do was attach our wheels, circuit and make our body, (using paper and card.) Our circuit included a battery, 2 wires, a motor and a pulley system. Once we had finished, we got to take them home! By Chinmayi 6MH

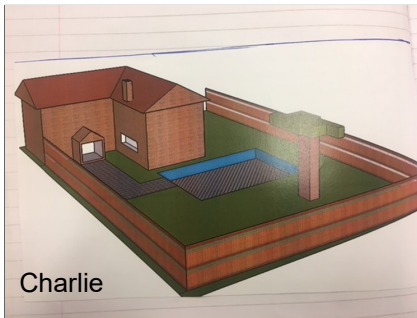


Cyclo-cross Event



On Thursday 17th November, six Y5 pupils went to a cyclo-cross sports event at Moorways. We travelled there by minibus at 9am. We got to practise on some cyclo-cross bikes on a very muddy track, with high hills! Then we took part in 3 races; a boys' race, a girls' race and a relay race. By the end of the event, everyone was very tired, wet and muddy!

By Malika & Khadeejah 5P



Charlie

What We Have Enjoyed Learning About in 5H

Computing - I really liked computing because I really liked building with Sketch-up and using all those different tools to create a house!

By Katherine 5H

In computing this term, we have been doing Sketch-up. We made houses and other designs such as windows, doors, ponds, pools, chairs and roofs. We enjoyed it so much we are still doing it!

By Lewis 5H

Science - In 5H we have been learning about forces such as gravity, upthrust, air and water resistance. We have also been learning about mechanisms like pulleys, levers and gears.

By Lily 5H

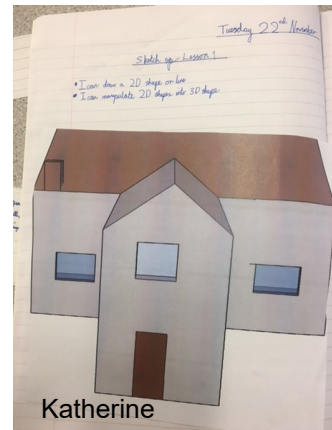
I really enjoyed cyclo-cross because it was a lot of fun! We whizzed round the track and came 3rd!

By Sammy 5H

I have really enjoyed choir; singing at Derbion was really exciting. I

can't believe we came second! I can't wait to sing at the church for the carol service!

By Ella 5H



Katherine



Roman Day

On Wednesday, we had our Roman Day. We had 6 activities to do, which were: tri-ominoes (using Roman numerals), Romans v Celt game, food plate, Roman Top Trumps (about Roman gods), a quiz and a clay pot. All of us enjoyed the day. The quiz was all about baths! It's difficult to choose our favourite activity as we enjoyed all of them.

By Chloe & Alice 4F

On Wednesday, we had Roman day and it was a lot of fun. We did some really exciting activities. The first thing we did was an information hunt all about Roman baths. We also played Top Trumps where we had to write about the Roman gods. We did so many activities, it was a great day. My favourite activity was making a clay pot using clay.

By Ida 4RF

i-vengers Safety Slogan Competition

The online safety slogan was a huge success, with so many brilliant ideas. The i-vengers and Mrs Clennell had a really tricky time choosing the winner! In the end, the winner was Lylah from Y6, with the slogan:

"If you think it's a pretender, don't message the sender".

Lylah received her certificate in assembly and her photo is proudly displayed in the computing suite.

By Mrs Clennell and the i-vengers.



Egyptian Day

Earlier this week, all of Y3 dressed up and took part in an Egyptian day. We did 3 exciting activities, including a scavenger hunt, making an amulet and an Egyptian banquet. Our first activity was a food information hunt - we had to find the answers around the classroom. After break, we made an amulet by colouring and sticking. Finally we had an Egyptian banquet at the end of the day; we ate cheese, grapes and drank ginger beer! It was scrumptious!

By Millie 3S

On Wednesday, Y3 had an Egyptian day; everyone dressed up. Our first activity was a fact hunt and I got all of them right! We then went through to Mrs Watson's classroom to make an amulet. We could choose to make it into a necklace or a bracelet.

By David 3S



Y6 Greek Day

On Greek day, we did a variety of different activities. In the morning, we planned, designed and created our own temples for Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty. My favourite activity however, would most definitely be the taste trial. We were served many different foods, including feta cheese, pitta bread, grapes and hummus, and for dessert, we had fresh Greek yoghurt with honey, (it was very nice!) In conclusion, Greek day was a lot of fun and I would love to do it again!

By Sophie 6MH



Netball Club

After school, we have been taking part in a netball club. We have learnt a lot about the sport as well as improving our catching, throwing and defending. We have also learnt to work as a group, which I think is a really useful skill to have. Often we play matches against each other, but best of all, it's a lot of fun to play!

By Isabella 6MH

Football Tournament—The Derbyshire Final!

Firstly, we packed our things and got changed into our football gear. Next, we went into the ICT suite because we had to wait for our bus to arrive! Once we arrived in Chesterfield, we felt nervous as there were fifteen school teams there. Before our first game, we had a team talk with Mrs Walker and Mr Hatton and talked about the importance of working as a team. When we were on the pitch, we were excited and luckily we won our first game (1 – 0). Next, we played our second game, which we won 2-1. After we played our games, we got into the semi-final and we won 1-0! This meant we were in the final. The final was a tense game! We drew 0-0 and took the game to penalties! Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 on penalties and came runners up. We were sad to have lost, but had a great and fun day!

By Alfie & Alfie 5P



Art in Y2

What an exciting art unit we have had in Year Two! We have been exploring different media and techniques to create a fire effect over the last few weeks. We even tried out Lego printing! Some children thought it would be too rectangular to create a fire effect, but by angling the Lego and layering the paint, the results were fantastic!



Reception Nativity



We really enjoyed performing our Christmas play on the stage to our grown-ups. We have learnt all about the Christmas story when baby Jesus was born. Here are Ladybirds' favourite memories...

"I liked being the special star." Harper

"I liked licking the candy canes." Naomi

"It was nice when our grown-ups came to watch us, I felt a little bit nervous." Millie

"I liked it when we sung Rudolph the red nosed reindeer and when Mrs Clennell played the piano." Narumi

National Roast Dinner Day

On National Roast Dinner Day, some of the residents, from Curzon Court, came into school to have their lunch with the School Council. They enjoyed it very much and after eating, had a tour of the school.



MPS Voices

Mrs Watson and I were lucky enough to enter our Choir into the Derbion Christmas Singing competition this year. After our success in the heats against 18 other primary schools, we were invited back to sing in the final, against another 4 schools, to compete for the 1st prize of £500! The children sang and performed the best we have ever seen them and we are so proud to say that we are the runners-up for the 2022 competition, winning £100 for the school's music curriculum. This is a huge achievement for our Choir and the start of our many successes; well done MPS Voices!

Miss Moran

We've been busy in MPS Voices, performing at the Derbion. On 24th November, we performed with 18 schools from all over Derbyshire for a place in the final to win £500. We got through to the final which took place on the 8th December. We sang amazingly, singing 3 songs: Old Man Winter, All Around the World and Silent Night. We were runners-up and so we won £100. We would like to thank Miss Moran and Mrs Watson for their amazing leadership with the choir.

Ada-Grace 6MH



Dates For Your Diary

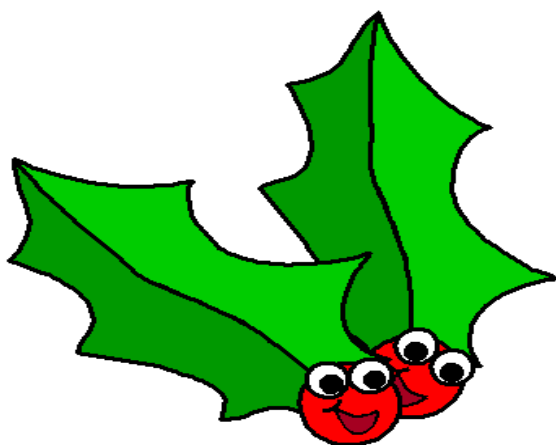
22nd Dec BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
9th Jan Return to school
12th Jan Dolphin parents to lunch
19th Jan 4RF parents to lunch
25th Jan Y5/6 girls' football festival
26th Jan Cats' parents to lunch
2nd Feb 3S parents to lunch
9th Feb 4F parents to lunch
15th Feb Parents' evening
16th Feb Parents' evening
17th Feb BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
27th Feb Return to school
2nd March Owls' parents to lunch
9th March 3W parents to lunch
9th March Celebration of dance
16th March Tigers' parents to lunch
20th March **INSET—children not in school**
23rd March 5P parents to lunch
27th March Easter egg competition

28th March 6pm Y3/4 performance
29th March 9.30am Y3/4 performance
30th March 5H parents to lunch
31st March BREAK UP FOR EASTER
17th April Return to school

Dates for
the Diary:

Christmas Word Search

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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.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK IN SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 9TH JANUARY