

MICKLEOVER TIMES

February 2025



Chinese New Year

In Reception we learnt about Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed making Chinese dragons, role playing Chinese restaurants and making up their own dragon dances.



Year 4 Trip to Think Tank

On Thursday 23rd January we went to Think Tank Science Museum in Birmingham. It was the best day ever! In Science at the moment we are learning about solids, liquids and gases but Think Tank teaches you about all different areas of science. The first level was all about old fashioned cars, planes and trains. We could explore every bit of the train and even see what the inside of a train engine looked like.

There were lots of things to do on the second floor. We explored electricity, our bodies and we could even dress up as different scientists. There were different cars to sit in and lots of fun games to play.

After lunch, we went to watch a fantastic science experiment show where we looked at lots of chemical reactions and saw liquids fizz, pop and explode! We even saw the lady make elephant's toothpaste.

In the afternoon, we visited the gift shop and afterwards had more time to explore the different levels. My favourite level had scientific games and information all about the human body! Finally, there was an interactive game where we could design our own alien in space, which was amazing.

We had such a fun day and we learnt a lot about all areas of science! We definitely recommend Think Tank to all other children!

Khient, Edward and Davina, 4P



A Date for your Diary

It's hard to imagine that summer will ever come, however, FOMPS (Friends of Mickleover Primary School) are already beginning to plan for the summer fair which will take place on **Friday 4th July;**
4pm - 5.30pm.



Multi-Sports Festival

On Wednesday 22nd January, Team 5H went to Derby Tennis Centre for a multi-sports festival. We played 4 games: hand ball, hockey, netball and volleyball. My favourite was volleyball.

By Nabiha 5H

At the multi-sport festival, we took part in 4 sports. Hockey, mini-handball, netball and volleyball. I enjoyed volleyball the most overall - it was great!

By David 5H

On Wednesday 22nd January, Team 5H went to the Derby Tennis Centre with 3 other schools and took part in the multi-sports festival. The first activity was mini-handball, then we did hockey. After that it was netball and lastly we played volleyball.

By Filip 5H



Message from Mrs Harrison

After almost 35 incredible years of teaching, guiding, and learning alongside two generations of students, the time has come for me to turn the page to a new chapter. It is with a mix of emotions that I announce my retirement at the end of this school year; I will leave MPS, a place that has been more than just a workplace - it has been my family and my second home.

It's hard to believe how quickly the years have flown by.

I have had the immense privilege of not only teaching hundreds of bright young minds but also witnessing former students return as parents, entrusting their own children to the same classrooms where they once sat. To be part of that legacy has been an honour beyond words.

To my students - past and present - you have been my greatest inspiration. Watching you grow, achieve, and find your own paths in life has brought me great joy. Your laughter, your questions, your 'aha' moments - these are the moments that make teaching worthwhile.

To my colleagues - past and present - you have been the most wonderful, caring and supportive team; working alongside you has been a privilege for which I will always be grateful.

To the Parents and Carers in our school community - thank you for your unwavering support, trust, and partnership throughout the years. Your involvement and encouragement have been instrumental in fostering a thriving learning environment.

Meanwhile, back to the day job and the joys it brings, until the end of July!

Warmest regards,
Millie Harrison



Science in Cats' Class

In Science we have been learning about materials. We investigated which material would be the best to fix the big bad wolf's roof. We tested some materials using scientific equipment.

'The water didn't go through the foil so it was waterproof.'

By Frankie

'I enjoyed using a pipette to drop the water onto the material.'

By Harry

'The foil and the plastic were waterproof and good for the roof.'

By Maxwell



All About Bones!

Class 3W have had a *bone-tastic* time learning about animal skeletons! From raccoons to reptiles, they've used their amazing reading and research skills to create incredible fact files. Their curiosity and enthusiasm have been *spine-tinglingly* impressive - who knew bones could be so much fun? Well done, 3W!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Isbern, one of our teaching assistants who is leaving us on 14th March to embark on a teaching career. I'm sure you will join with us in wishing her luck in her new career.

The i-Vengers are on a Mission for Online Safety!

The i-Vengers have hit the ground running! They've already delivered their first assembly, introducing themselves and their mission to help keep everyone safe online.

Now, they're hard at work on their next task - **Online Truth Seeking**. The team is researching how we can all become expert fact-checkers and avoid falling for misinformation online. After half-term, they'll be ready to share their top tips and knowledge with the whole school.

Stay tuned for more updates from the i-Vengers!

Mrs. Clennell and the i-Vengers



People Who Help Us

The Bees have been busy learning all about people who help us in our community. We have explored the important roles of the police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, and dentists. It has been an exciting topic for everyone!

Simrut - I liked learning about the police because I like police officers.

Aydin - Police save people by getting the bad guy.

Robyn - I like doctors because they help people if they are sick.

Max - Firefighters put out fire.



Our Wonderful World

In Year 3, we have been learning all about 'Our wonderful world.' The children have learnt many amazing facts about our planet Earth. See how many facts you know - you might learn something new from our brilliant geographers!

Did you know....

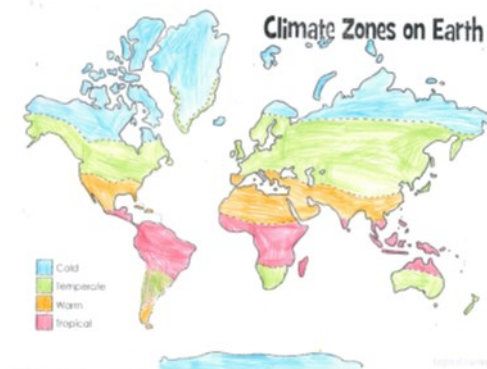
- Asia is the biggest continent and Oceania is the smallest?
- There are only 12 countries in South America?
- There are lots of imaginary lines all around the earth called latitude and longitude? The closer you are to the equator, the hotter it gets!

By Elly & Matilda 3S

Did you know...

- The Amazon rainforest is in South America?
- The tallest mountain is in Asia?
- Day and night on the equator are both 12 hours long?

By Oscar & Florrie 3S



William Morris

In Year 6, our art topic has been inspired by the art work of William Morris. At first, we started using a view finder and finding parts of his artwork to paint. Then we sketched our favourite painting. We explored powder paints (which was quite messy!) After that, we painted our masterpiece sketches. Although most of us haven't quite finished, our art pieces are stunning!



By Eloise & Avneet 6W

Football Success!



In January, eight Y6 girls got the privilege of going to the Premier League Primary Stars tournament.

When we arrived, there were lots of teams from all around Derby. We played against 4 other teams; we drew 1 game and won the rest.....we were through to the quarter final. Everyone was so excited. Although the game was tough, we won! Now we were into the semi final which we...won! The girls were all tired by this stage. It was finally time for the final - we played against Oakwood and.....we won! Everyone was so excited that we have got through to the next tournament.

We went back to school with smiles and a trophy for the cabinet!

By Evelyn & Romy 6W

Year 2 Athletics Festival

It started when we arrived at the Tennis Centre and we saw lots of equipment. We were amazed. Our first activities were running and jumping activities. It was a lot of fun and we loved it. At the second activity we were doing relay races and we loved trying to do all the different kinds of races. Next, we did the third set of activities which were high jump and long jump. We were excited and the high jump was the best! Finally, we got to the fourth one which was throwing activities. We liked it because we had to try and hit the wall and we nearly did. It looked easy, but it was a bit tricky at times. When we finished all of the activities, we went back on the coach back to school. Back at school we had an amazing day! Owls Class



'On Wednesday 29th January, we were lucky enough to go to an Athletics Festival at Derby Tennis Centre! We ate our lunch in the classroom before we got on the coach. The sports hall was very big and we had lots of fun joining in with the different activities'

Annabelle (Tigers)

'My favourite activity was the speed bounce because you had to jump over the step so quickly!'

Lucas (Tigers)

'I really enjoyed the high jump activity'

Narumi (Tigers)

'My favourite part of the day was throwing the Javelin - they looked like rockets flying!'

Barney (Tigers)



Science Fun!

Recently, we did a science experiment about trying to get solids back from a liquid solution. First we put salt, jelly crystals and coffee granules in water. Then we put them by the window and waited for the water to evaporate. Over the course of a week, we observed what happened to the water. In conclusion, we found out that we could get the salt back and the coffee back, but the jelly solidified. By Mason (5F)



Dates for your Diary

14th Feb	Break up for half term
24th Feb	Return to school
27th Feb	4P parents invited to lunch
4th March	5pm Y1 phonics information meeting
6th March	World Book Day
6th March	4F parents invited to lunch
13th March	Dolphin parents invited to lunch
20th March	Cats' parents invited to lunch
21st March	Comic Relief
24th March	Big Walk and Wheel fortnight
27th March	5F parents invited to lunch
28th March	End of term reports to parents
31st March	Decorate an egg competition
2nd April	6pm Y4 performance
3rd April	9.30am Y4 performance
3rd April	5H parents invited to lunch
4th April	Break up for Easter
22nd April	Return to school
1st May	3W parents invited to lunch
5th May	Bank holiday—children not in school
8th May	Owls' parents invited to lunch
12th May	Y6 SATs week
12th May	Y5 PGL visit
15th May	Tigers' parents invited to lunch
22nd May	6W parents invited to lunch
22nd May	6pm Summer Music Concert
23rd May	Break up for half term
2nd June	Return to school
2nd June	Y4 times tables check
2nd June	Y6 writing assessment
5th June	6MH parents invited to lunch
9th June	Y1 phonics check
9th June	Y6 writing assessment
12th June	Ladybirds' parents invited to lunch
19th June	Class photographs
19th June	Bees' parents invited to lunch
20th June	INSET DAY - CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
23rd June	INSET DAY - CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
25th June	9.15am Infant sports day
26th June	9.15am Y3/4 sports day
26th June	1.15pm Y5/6 sports day
2nd July	New classes for the day
4th July	4-5.30pm Summer fair
14th July	INSET DAY - CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
17th July	6pm Y6 performance
23rd July	Y6 disco
24th July	Break up for summer



Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday 14th February. The children return to school on Monday 24th February.