

MICKLEOVER TIMES

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i-engers

The new i-engers this year are: Liv from 5H, Isaac from 6HW, Cass from 6MH and Charlie from 6MH. We are excited to help people stay safe online. Our first task after half term is a digital pledge. We will be asking everyone, including adults, to turn off three devices, 30 minutes before bedtime. Will you be able to do that?

Mrs Clennell & the i-engers



Gardening Club

We would like to say a BIG 'Thank You' to **Our Mickleover** for the new planter, water butt, wellies and wellie benches. The children from gardening club have enjoyed planting up the planter!

At gardening club, we planted some bulbs. We also planted

some pansies, primroses and daffodils as well as pulling out some weeds! Next we went into the classroom and I wrote a letter to say, 'Thank you!' to Our Mickleover. By Imogen 4FT



We went out to our new planters that were full of soil. We made some holes and planted some pansies and primroses. We then dug some more holes and put in the daffodil bulbs.

By Ralph 4F



Harvest Donations

Derby City Mission were thrilled with all the generous donations that were brought in. Helen, from the charity, is coming in to speak to us in assembly in a few weeks, about how our donations have helped the families of Derby.



Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday 27th October. The children come back to school on Tuesday 7th November



Ancient Egypt

Did you know that the Egyptian's favourite pet was a cat? Also the Pharaohs had pets like cheetahs and lions!
By Justyn 3S

In Year 3, we have been writing a non-chronological report about Ancient Egyptian animals. It was really fun. We found out that there were a lot of non-native animals and the Pharaohs even had lions and cheetahs as pets! The Egyptian's favourite pet was a cat. They thought they were very special and even mourned the cat's death like humans and mummified them.

By Fatima & Ashleigh 3S

On 17th October, we went on an adventure in a time machine and travelled back to Ancient Egypt. When we travelled back 8 years, we were in 2016, the year some of us were born. Then we travelled back 80 years to World War II. We travelled back through many civilizations such as the Ancient Greeks, Romans and Ancient Egypt. It was so hot when we got there that I nearly fainted because of the heat! The sand was so soft that my feet sank into it!
By Sophie 3S

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Owls and Tigers have been so creative in their art unit this half term! We have been learning about a 16th century artist called Archimoldo; he painted fruit portraits hundreds of years ago and we have studied many of his works of art! Over the last few weeks, we have been developing our skills of painting fruits using water colours as well as exploring lots of different media/skills, including collage and shading points of light.



Y5 Anglo-Saxon Day

On Thursday October 19th, Team 5H travelled back in time to the Anglo-Saxon period. As part of our learning, we spent the whole day completing research and activities linked to the following questions:

1. What kind of clothes did the Anglo-Saxons wear?
2. What was Anglo Saxon food and drink like?
3. How did the Anglo-Saxons write things down?



We learnt so much! Our favourite activity of the day was the bread and honey food tasting, closely followed by the writing of secret codes using runes. We also dyed fabric using a natural resource - turmeric!

Did you know that the Anglo-Saxons would not have eaten potatoes, tomatoes or chocolate?

On Thursday 19th October, Year 5 had an Anglo-Saxon Day because we have been learning about them in History. On this day we learnt all about their clothes, food and writing. First of all, we dyed some fabric using turmeric as the Anglo-Saxons used to use natural resources to dye their clothes. Then, we tasted some bread with honey as they used to eat this as a staple part of their diet. Whilst trying the food, we designed our own Anglo-Saxon menu. Last, but not least, we learnt that they used different letters to us, called Runes. We had to write our own secret message and we practised writing our name! Over all we had a really fun day!



By Gwen, Archie, Delphie 5P



Our Autumn Walk

In Bees, we went on a walk to spot the signs of Autumn:

'In Autumn, the leaves change colour. They go yellow and brown.' By Jude in Bees

'The brown leaves sound crunchy when you stand on them.' By Kit in Bees



Our First Term at Mickleover Primary School

We have had a busy first term at school. We are enjoying making new friends and learning new things.

We like reading together in our reading tent. Our favourite books are about dragons and animals.

By Lilly and Ameera in Ladybirds



I like playing with the tools and building.

It's fun in the garden, I like finding worms!

By Max in Ladybirds



Y5&6 Mini Girls Soccer Competition

On Tuesday 10th October a group of Year 5 & 6 girls attended a football competition at Derby High School. They played in 4 matches against other Derby City schools and worked excellently as a team. Unfortunately, we did not progress to the final but the girls played extremely well and were a credit to the school. We definitely have some potential future Lionesses within the team!



Y1 Fun With Science

In Science, year 1 have been learning all about animals and we started with ourselves. We learnt that we have five senses and we learnt which body part we use for each of our senses. In one of our lessons we investigated how important our sense of sight is by throwing beanbags into a hoop using both eyes to help us, with one eye covered and with both eyes covered. We went on a sound walk around school and we heard a flute playing, a guitar and lots of reception children having fun.

We have also tested our sense of taste. We tasted salty, bitter, savoury and sweet flavours. Different children preferred different flavours.



Y6 Greek Day

On Wednesday 25th October, Year 6 had an amazing Ancient Greek day. We learnt many things about Ancient Greece: their culture; their geography; and we got to dress up as Greek gods and goddesses!

There were lots of activities including: making and learning about temples; we also found out about Greek theatre and the creative masks that they used to wear when performing to express their emotions.



Later on in the day, we tasted some Greek food which included olives, grapes, feta (cheese), pita bread and humus (a very famous dip!)

By Ella & Isabella 6MH



Dates for your Diary

27th Oct	Break up for half term
6th Nov	INSET DAY—children not in school
7th Nov	Children return to school
7th Nov	9am Parent forum
8th Nov	Talk by fire service for Y2
13th Nov	Anti-bullying week
15th Nov	Fire service talk for Y6
15th Nov	3S Mega-fest
16th Nov	Cyclo-cross
17th Nov	Balance bikes for Reception
1st Dec	Christmas fair
12th Dec	Christmas dinner
12th Dec	2.30pm Reception performance
13th Dec	2pm KS1 performance
14th Dec	9.30am KS1 performance
15th Dec	End of term report to parents
19th Dec	Y1 visit to Mickleover Methodist church
20th Dec	KS2 Christmas activity day
21st Dec	Infant Christmas party
22nd Dec	10am KS2 carol service at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
22nd Dec	Break up for Christmas
8th Jan	Children return to school

