

MICKLEOVER TIMES

December 2024

KS1 Nativity—A Bundle of Joy

"I loved learning the songs and getting into Christmas Party clothes for the Nativity."

By Emily in Owls

"The Nativity was really fun. I liked all the songs and I liked to get dressed in all my sparkly clothes and perform." By Mia in Owls

"I enjoyed learning my lines and saying them in front of people. I didn't get nervous."

By Lydia in Owls

"The best bit was when I got to say my line on stage!" By Ronnie in Owls

"I liked all the songs that we sang." by

Ethan in Owls

"I had a good time being Joseph and I liked getting into costumes." By Finley in Owls

"I liked it when we sang songs, when my parents came to watch, when I waved and people waved back and also when I said my line 'I LIKED LOTS OF STUFF.'"

By Max in Owls



Y1 Christmas Activities

The Dolphins and Cats classes took part in Christmas multi-sports festivals last week at Willows & The Tennis Centre. The children wore their Christmas jumpers and had a great time taking part in festive-themed team games.

'I loved playing dress the snowman.' Eva

'I liked it when we had a snowball fight with the balls.' Indi



Year 1 had a lovely morning at Mickleover Methodist Church taking part in a Christmas workshop. The children enjoyed acting out the Christmas story in costumes and doing some Christmas craft activities.

'I loved acting out the Christmas story, especially when we got to see baby Jesus.' by Moulyia.

'I enjoyed making the angel because I love crafts!' Rose

'The colouring was the best part for me.' Reggie

Reception Performance

The Bees and Ladybirds loved learning and performing the Christmas songs for their Christmas play. It was amazing to see them all perform on stage and be the shining stars that they truly are!



DON'T FORGET WE BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AND RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

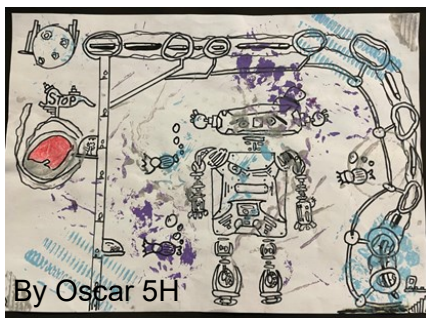
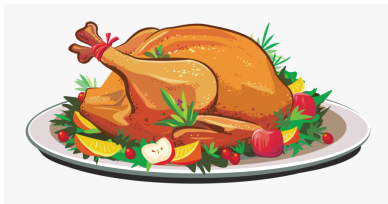
THANK YOU!

A BIG 'Thank you' to the Friends of Mickleover Primary (FOMPS) team for their contributions to all of the Christmas activities across the whole school.



Christmas Dinner

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing middays and kitchen team who worked their Christmas socks off to serve over 400 scrumptious Christmas dinners with such festive Christmas cheer! Their hard work and smiles made this celebration one to remember!



By Oscar 5H

5H Round-up

I enjoyed doing our Retro-futurism work in Art. We used our printing blocks, which were made of lots of different things like pasta and string, stuck onto a piece of cardboard. We used the block to print a background. We drew a design to represent the future – most of us drew robots.

By Rebekah 5H

I liked our Retro-futurism work – you got to predict the future in your mind.

By Arlo 5H



I enjoyed our Anglo-Saxon Day – I liked tasting the food! By David 5H



I enjoyed the Remembrance Service at All Saint's Church because I sang In Flanders Fields as part of the choir. At first, I felt so nervous but then I really enjoyed it!
By Bella 5H

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year Three journeyed to Ancient Egypt, exploring the Eye of Horus and crafting magical amulets. We made papyrus, discovering its role in Egyptian life, and enjoyed a delicious feast with ancient treats like dates and flatbreads. The costumes, smiles, and creativity made it a day to remember!

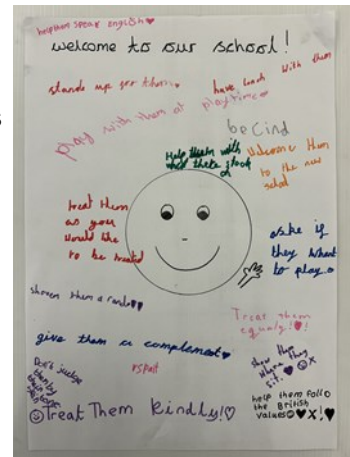


Year 3 AI Character Descriptions

We've been mastering the art of descriptive language in our writing! Using AI, we brought Cleopatra to life! Check out Teigan's stunning AI-generated image - it's a perfect showcase of her brilliantly detailed expanded noun phrases. What a fun way to see our writing skills in action!

Anti-bullying Week

During Anti bullying week the children in Y3 discussed how we can welcome new pupils into our school community and make them feel part of our team. They came up with some super ideas and made a poster to advise others how to be welcoming!



We also wrote poems about what respect looks like:

- Respect is not bullying.
- Respect is not cyber-bullying.
- Respect is not laughing at people.
- Respect is listening to others.
- Respect is accepting people.
- Respect is sharing with people.
- Respect is cleaning the world.
- Respect is not misbehaving.
- Respect is not stereotyping.
- Respect is not discrimination.

By Jacob 3S

Tournament Winners!

On Friday 29th November, eight Y6 girls went to play in the second round of a football tournament. (We won the first round and were through to the second round.) We were competing against 3 teams and we won every game, so now we are through to the county finals! We all had a fantastic day and enjoyed it all so much! We are so excited to be through to the finals!



By Evelyn & Ida 6W

Roman Day

Tuesday 3rd December was Year 4 Roman Day. We did lots of activities from Roman Gods to Roman baths, mosaics, clay pots and an invasion game! The first activity was on Roman Gods and we had to make our own game of top trumps by looking at the information on the Gods. We worked in groups and then after we finished, we played the game with our friends.

Next, we walked around the classroom retrieving facts about Roman baths! It was great fun and we learnt a lot about why they were so important to the Romans.

In the afternoon, we made some Roman mosaics. We could choose between doing a fish and a sunset, it was quite hard but the final result was amazing! Did you know that there were thousands of tiny pieces in one mosaic tile!

The last activity was making clay pots which was by far my favourite activity! The clay was really hard to roll but with some help and a little water we were able to mould our pots!



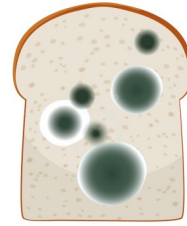
We really loved Roman Day and loved learning all about the Romans! We would definitely recommend that everyone takes part!

By Bella & Charlie
4P

Year 6 Round-up

In Y6, we have been investigating the causes of mould. We placed 8 slices of bread in sealed plastic bags under different conditions:

1) Dry, warm and light; 2) Moist, warm and light; 3) Dry, warm and dark; 4) Moist, warm and dark; 5) Dry, cold and light; 6) Moist, cold and light; 7) Dry, cold and dark; 8) Moist, cold and dark.



Over a period of 9 days, we recorded the changes of the bread in a results table. At the moment, condition 2 is the worst as the front is covered in a vibrant, yellow liquid and the back is stale!
By Esther & Anya 6W



'The Great Wave', is a well-known piece of Japanese artwork by Katsushika Hokusai. Made using an oil brush, it features a huge tsunami towering over Mount Fuji (a volcano in Japan). The Y6 have had a go at creating a piece of artwork inspired by the Great Wave, out of oil pastels. It was a lot of fun.
By Eloise & Olivia 6W

In PE, Y6 have been learning about hockey. The first week, we practised passing and receiving. In the second week, we did 1 V 1 against a partner. We also dribbled around the court. Then we split into teams and had to dribble into the opposite cones. The next week, to warm up, we played haunted house and then did some shooting practice. On the last week, we practised dribbling then split into teams of 6 and played mini matches.
By Leo & Bobby 6W



Year 5 Mega Sports-fest



Last month, 5F went to Derby Tennis Centre. We went with three other school. The first activity was rugby where we learnt how to pass. The next activity was my favourite activity - dodgeball. Mrs Fasey said that I was the best dodger! Next we played handball where we played some matches. The final activity was an invasion game. One person had to put a red bib on and the other people had to pass the ball around whilst the person with the bib had to try and get the ball. When it came to the scores, I was given the certificate!
By Ralph 5F

Our class was chosen to go to the Y5/6 mega sports-fest at Derby Tennis Centre. When we arrived, we had to wait for the coaches to tell us what we were going to do. In the hall, there were 4 stations: rugby, dodgeball, handball and netball. Each school had 20 minutes on each station. First though, we played a fun game against the other schools where we had to pass a rugby ball over heads then through legs. It was great fun!
By Yaad 5F

Sports Update



DERBY COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST

This term several classes from MPS have had the opportunity to take part in none-competitive sporting activities organised by Derby County Community Trust. Classes from Y1, Y3 and Y5 represented our school, having fun and playing games. Both junior classes learned new skills during the 'invasion games' afternoon they attended, while the Y1 were involved in 'Christmas mega fest' activities. Over the next two terms there will be more opportunities for other classes to get involved and experience different sporting activities!

Mrs Sharpe

Y6 Football Festival

On a cold, rainy night in early December, eight Y6 boys were chosen to play in a school football tournament. Miss Payne and Aaron were our coaches. We had 3 schools in our group. If we were able to get to the grand final, we would get the chance to play at the landmark called Wembley! In our first game, we had many chances but we just couldn't score, so unfortunately we drew 0-0. The other game was a lot harder and we lost 1-0. After a wait, we played a friendly which we lost 2-1, however, we did score our first goal!



Even though most of us were devastated, Miss Payne and Aaron said they were very proud of us and we had a great time.
By Joseph 6MH

The i-venger Team

Meet the i-vengers: Liv, Esther, Eloise, Poppy, Millie, Bethany, Juliette and Myla. We are really excited about keeping MPS safe. After Christmas, we will be introducing ourselves, to the whole school, in assembly. We will be busy all year thinking of creative ways to support both the children and their adults online.



Mrs Clennell & the i-vengers

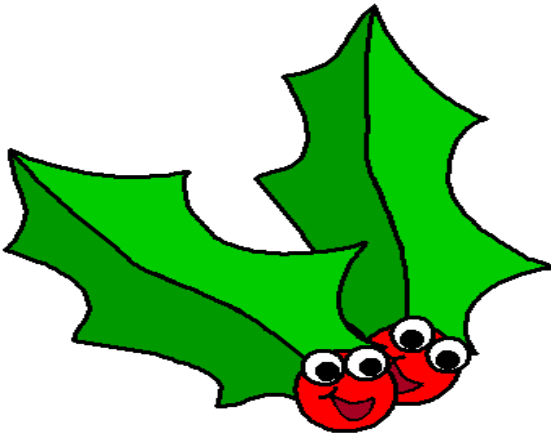
Dates for your Diary

Fri 20th Dec	Break up for Christmas	Wed 25th June	9.15am Infant sports day
Mon 6th Jan	Return to school	Thurs 26th June	9.15am Y3/4 sports day
Wed 22nd Jan	5H Sports mega-fest	Thurs 26th June	1.15pm Y5/6 sports day
Thurs 23rd Jan	Y4 visit to Think Tank	Mon 14th July	Inset day—children not in school
Wed 29th Jan	Y2 athletics festival	Thurs 17th July	6pm Y6 leavers' Performance
Tues 11th Feb	4F sports hall athletics	Fri 18th July	Reports to parents
Tues 11th Feb	Parents' evening	Wed 23rd July	6pm Y6 Leavers' disco
Thurs 13th Feb	Parents' evening	Thurs 24th July	Break up for summer
Fri 14th Feb	Break up for half term		
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school		
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day		
Fri 21st March	Comic Relief		
Fri 28th March	End of term reports		
Mon 31st March	Decorated egg competition		
Wed 2nd April	6pm Y4 performance		
Thurs 3rd April	9.30am Y4 performance		
Fri 4th April	Break up for Easter		
TUES 22nd April	Return to school		
Mon 5th May	Bank holiday—children not in school		
w/b 12th May	Y6 SATs week		
w/b 12th May	Y5 visit to PGL		
Thurs 22nd May	6pm Summer Music Concert		
Fri 23rd May	Break up for half term		
Mon 2nd June	Return to school		
w/b 2nd June	Y6 writing assessment		
w/b 2nd June	Y4 times-table check		
w/b 9th June	Y6 writing assessment		
w/b 9th June	Y1 phonics check		
Fri 20th June	Inset day—children not in school		
Mon 23rd June	Inset day—children not in school		



Christmas Word Search

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Christmas
cookies
cranberries
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family
holly
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 6TH JANUARY**

