



# Micklem Primary School

## School News

### Friday 6th October 2023

#### Reflection on our learning

Another fortnight has flown by. We are racing towards half term and the learning has been inspiring!

I am enjoying hearing our school full of music, as we continue our quest to give every child an opportunity to learn a musical instrument. The sound of guitars, clarinets and brass have filled the school. I have also noticed these last two weeks how eager children are to read around the school. Children are taking pride in the books that they are reading and are showing a real desire to read more.

Trip season has started, and we have already seen a number of classes attending sports events around Hemel Hempstead - I hear that orienteering was particularly exhausting! As the weather starts to change, please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the conditions - we still want them to get outside.

Have a great weekend, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

**Be Kind. Show Respect. Aim High.**

Mr. Swift

#### Reading

This week has been an exciting one with our book fair and our Ready, Steady, Read event. I know that staff have enjoyed taking part! Please bring in your sponsor forms and money to the office by Friday 13th October so that we can calculate money and minutes and give out prizes to the winners.

As all are aware, our expectation is that children read everyday at home as well as regularly in school. We are going to celebrate this excellent reading attitude with our Reading Stars award. Well done to these children!

<b>Reception</b> Evie	<b>Year 1</b> George	<b>Year 2</b> Woody Daniel	<b>Year 3</b> Cillian	<b>Year 4</b> Elsa	<b>Year 5</b> Emmanuel	<b>Year 6</b> Godfred
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#### Attendance 25th September - 6th October 2023

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.4%	88.7%	97.2%	95.9%	94.9%	93.7%	89.8%	96%

**Class above our 95% target**

This year, we are celebrating 'Learning of the Week'. This means that the award does not go to the child that has consistently shown good learning for the week, but to the children that have produced a fantastic piece of learning during the week. This means that we get to celebrate those really special moments, where a child has thrived and shown what they can do.

Learning of the Week						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bella	Lacey	Artem	Iris	Jessie	Fatima
	Cody	Tyler	Jamie	Atay	Stanley	Frenki

### Pastoral Support Team

This academic year Miss Palmer, Miss Evans and Mrs Gilden are working together closely in our Pastoral Support Team. Their role is to provide on-going social, emotional and mental health support for your children, and support for you as parents and carers through sign-posting to external agencies, or where appropriate, through referrals. This includes to Gade Family Services and the Mental Health Support Team.

In school, the Pastoral Support Team can help your child to:

- Express their views.
- Raise self-esteem and confidence.
- Encourage them to achieve.
- Support them in developing friendships.
- Manage pressures and difficult times in their lives.
- Learn about their social and emotional skills and how to improve these.
- Encourage and promote good school attendance.
- Manage feelings following bereavement and loss.

Children may be identified for pastoral support by assessments in PSHE lessons, observations by their class teacher, by the child themselves e.g. by sharing worries, or through conversations with parents/carers. Examples of support the Pastoral Support Team currently provide include time-tabled check-ins and support with learning in class, Quiet Club (available to all children at lunchtimes), Forest School intervention, groups focussing on self-esteem and social skills, and Drawing and Talking.

We are excited to also introduce Protective Behaviours as a vital component of the pastoral support we can offer for your child.

Protective Behaviours is a practical and empowering approach that focuses on personal safety and emotional regulation. These skills can be invaluable in various life situations, helping individuals of all ages navigate challenges effectively.

Should you seek further information about Protective Behaviours, or wish to discuss it with our Pastoral Support Team, please feel free to reach out to Mrs Gilden. She is here to assist and guide you through this important aspect of our pastoral support. Your well-being and that of your children are our top priorities. A child must feel safe and happy in order to grow and learn.

## Swimming Pool

Our above-ground, heated swimming pool will be arriving next week. The company will be installing it on the netball court, on the playground. Please ensure that your children are not approaching it when they arrive and when you pick up. At the end of the day, we will bring children past the marquee, so that our view of parents and carers is clear. We are all really excited for this opportunity and are looking forward to seeing how it works. I would like to remind parents that swimming is part of our curriculum, and children will not be opting out. Even if your child has reached the National Curriculum standard at private swimming lessons, they will still need to partake. We would not say, that a child who has met the National Curriculum standard for maths, no longer needs to be taught maths, we would continue to develop their knowledge and skills. It is the same with swimming.

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## Generosity

We would like to thank you for your generosity over the last few weeks in our fundraising endeavours. We have raised nearly £1000 since September for a variety of great causes.

Our second hand book sale raised **£171.08** and this will all be reinvested into the school library.

We raised **£153.90** for our Jeans for Genes day and that money will support the funding of projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected by genetic conditions.

We raised **£170.55** at our Macmillan coffee afternoon, and that money will support the funding of Macmillan nurses and support line.

And lastly, we had **£503.68** in sales from our Scholastic Book Fair!

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity. We can make a difference and make lives better!

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## Half-Term Happy Hour - Electric Umbrella

Perfect half term entertainment for the family. Come & join Electric Umbrella, as their team of professional musicians and learning disabled superstars deliver an hour of half-term music, in a show guaranteed to leave a lasting memory. If you've never seen them, it's a perfect opportunity to discover the amazing brand of Electric Umbrella fun. And if you've seen their Express or Music Machine shows, at school or online, or any of their performances, you'll know exactly what's in store! At Electric Umbrella they create amazing live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people. And when their superstars take to the stage, they help change the way the world looks at them - and others. Shows are at *Parmiter's School, Garston WD25 0UU* at 2pm on *Tue 24th, Wed 25th and Thu 26th October*. Tickets cost **£5** per individual of any age, or **£15** for a family of 4 (maximum 2 adults). *Unallocated seating - your receipt is your ticket, so please bring it with you. If you have accessibility requirements, please let them know on [info@electricumbrella.co.uk](mailto:info@electricumbrella.co.uk)*

## Celebrating Cultures Day

At Micklem we believe that celebrating our differences, as well as our common interests, helps unite and educate us. This is key to our 'No Outsiders' ethos - all different, all welcome. One of the best things about our school is the wide range of cultures represented in our children, parents and staff, and we want to show off this diversity with a full day of celebrations.

An amazing 23 different languages are spoken by our pupils and their families and our 'Micklem Community' consists of a wide range of ethnicities, religions and belief systems which, we believe, make us a fun and culturally vibrant place to learn and play!

We are excited to share with you our Celebrating Cultures Day which will take place on **Friday 20th October**. On this day, our school community will come together to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our community. We encourage children and staff to dress up in colourful and traditional attire representing your cultural heritage, or by wearing colours of a regional or national flag that is important to you. These are some photos of children at other primary schools on their celebrating cultures days:



It will be a wonderful event that highlights the importance of cultural diversity and the value of different traditions. We hope that this celebration will inspire our students to explore and appreciate different cultures and to continue to celebrate and honour their own cultural heritage.



Towards the end of the day, we will be welcoming families into our school hall to continue this celebration. This is an opportunity for you to host a stall and share something from your cultural heritage with our school community. This could be a traditional dish for people to try, a traditional art or craft for them to have a go at, traditional instruments to play... the list goes on! Please speak to a member of SLT or the school office to register your interest in hosting a stall, so we can confirm timings and arrange enough tables. You can host a stall individually or with other families, and they can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like! Food items will need to have an ingredients list, and must not contain nuts.



## Upcoming Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>13/10</b>	<b>Bronze Ambassadors Trip</b>
<b>16/10</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Start</b>
<b>18/10</b>	<b>Reception Tour</b>
<b>20/10</b>	<b>Celebrating Cultures Day</b>
<b>23/10 - 27/10</b>	<b>Half Term - School Closed</b>
<b>Wc 30/10</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Continue</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Reception Tour</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>02/11</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>03/11</b>	<b>Kittle Individual and Sibling Photographs</b>
<b>Wc 06/11</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Continue</b>
<b>09/11</b>	<b>Active Maths - Year 3</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>
<b>14/11</b>	<b>Year 2 Multi-Sports</b>
<b>16/11</b>	<b>Active Literacy - Year 4</b>
<b>17/11</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying and Children in Need Day</b>
<b>24/11</b>	<b>Occasional Day - School Closed</b>
<b>13/12</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance x2</b>
<b>14/12</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>19/12</b>	<b>EYFS Christmas Performance</b>
<b>20/12</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Carols Around the Tree</b>

# SEND and Family Support Information

## DSPL8 Parent/ Carer Newsletter and Dacorum SEND Courses, Support & Information for Families



The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletters' & 'Dacorum Parent/ Carers courses and support: Autumn' are available to download from DSPL8's website via the following link: <https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

The newsletters for this fortnight and the first fortnight of term include:

- ADD-vance mini consultations: 09.11.2023
- SEND Surgery: 21.11.2023
- DSPL8 EBSA Coffee Morning: 23.11.2023
- Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/ Carer Support



Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support available from various local providers:

- HPCI Parent/Carer Survey
- Children Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop: Autumn 2023
- Families Feeling Safe Online Courses
- Up on Downs Autumn 2023 Newsletter
- NESSie In Ed: Parent/Carer Chat & Connect Session & Free Online Parent/ Carer Workshops
- Fit Fed, Read: Free Holiday Camp in October Half Term
- SEND Drop-in sessions
- Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023



Follow DSPL8's social media pages for their most recent updates:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dspldacorum](http://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/dspl\\_dacorum](http://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum)

# SEND and Family Support Information



1. All schools are required to publish a SEN Information Report. This should answer many of the questions you may have as parents/ carers in relation to SEND provision at Micklem. Our SEN Information Report is available to read on the Inclusion page of the school website. If you have any suggestions regarding the way this is presented, or further questions about SEND provision, please speak to Miss Palmer or email her via the school office.

[www.micklem.herts.sch.uk/inclusion-incorporating-sen-and-disability-informa/](http://www.micklem.herts.sch.uk/inclusion-incorporating-sen-and-disability-informa/)

2. The HPCI 2023 survey is open and waiting for your feedback.

If you are a Hertfordshire parent/ carer of a child or young person with SEND (age 0-25) they want to hear from you.

Last year's survey results influenced Herts Statutory SEND funding, were shared with the Area SEND inspectors and helped HPCI open discussions with new services and teams. They're hoping 2023 will bring them even more data, so they can be even more effective in representing Herts parent carers.

An advertisement for the 2023 HPCI parent carer survey. The background shows a blurred image of a group of people. The text reads: 'Calling all Herts families with SEND! The 2023 HPCI parent carer survey is open. Please share your views via the QR code.' A QR code is positioned on the right side. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'Herts Parent Carer Involvement' with the website address 'www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk'.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2023>

The closing date of the survey is **Sunday 15th October 2023.**

# SEND and Family Support Information

## Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops: Autumn 2023

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
<b>Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16)</b> A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 6pm
<b>Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem</b> A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 6pm
<b>Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem</b> A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 10am Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
<b>Supporting with Sleep Difficulties</b> A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 6pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm
<b>Supporting your Child's Resilience</b> A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 10am Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm
<b>Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy</b> A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November at 10am
<b>General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents</b> A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 6pm
<b>School Transitions</b> A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	