



Micklem Primary School

Newsletter w/e 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks! Our curriculum has always been rich with visits and experiences. We know from talking to the children how this helps them to make links and consequently know and remember more. Year 6 spent a day at the British Museum exploring artefacts linked to their history topic - a study of Benin. They also managed to fit in a visit to the Egyptian galleries to revisit a topic they studied when in year 3.



Year 6 visit the British Museum

On 1st March the smell of pancakes filled the school as a range of year groups mixed, cooked and tossed their own pancakes. Children used Shrove Tuesday to think about why we have a tradition of making pancakes and the links to the Christian period of Lent.



Would you like lemon or syrup on your pancake Mrs Moriarty?



During World Book Week, it was lovely to see parents in our library, choosing books with their children. We had lots of entries for our bedtime reading challenge, earning house points and the winners of the draw will be announced shortly. We hope to build on this and continue to raise the focus of reading for pleasure. We hope more of you have got into the habit of a bedtime story. Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 are enjoying taking turns to take the class bedtime book bag home and we love reading your comments.



We had lots of reading opportunities during book week. Year 6 and year 1 joined up to be reading buddies - what a great way to enjoy reading! We had a wide range of book characters in school on WBD as well as many children celebrating the joy of bedtime stories by wearing their pyjamas. Children in year 2 had great fun sorting their costumes into themes.



Go Micklem Girls!



In our assembly on International Women's Day, Key stage two children thought about how unfair it was that women are paid 36% less on average than men, that only 30% of women were in top government and leadership roles and that in only 66% of countries do girls have equal access to education. Perhaps it was this that spurred our year 4 girls football team to win the football tournament they took part in earlier in the week. Well done to the boys teams too - two matches this week - one won when we played The Reddings and one lost when we played Nash Mills.

#BreakTheBias



Tournament report from Miss Fahy

This week Micklem's year 4 girls were invited to their first FA girls football tournament to compete against other local schools. Although feeling very nervous, we had a stunning start to our first game and won 1-0 against Bishop Wood with a terrific goal from Faith.

We moved on to play St Mary's who had some great players and were a tough team but with great perseverance we managed to win 3-2 with some important goals from Deliah and Olivia. As the games went on we saw some brilliant saves from our goal keepers Faith and Elaina and strong defending from both Asya and Anya. With endless amounts of effort some tired legs started to creep in and we lost our first game.

After we had our lunch the girls got to meet a player from Tottenham Hotspurs Ladies Academy, who inspired them with her story of playing football and set them some fun football challenges. This was perfect timing and helped the girls to give some motivational team speeches to each other. They got straight back into their winning ways beating South Hill 3-2. The girls showed determination throughout the whole game and we saw some more fantastic goals from Elisa and a wonderful assist by Emily who played with such passion the whole day.

At the end of the day all the teams gathered together for the results and presentation. Micklem's year 4 girls walked away with Gold medals and very big smiles after coming in first place.

What a fantastic day out. Mr Swift's football training is really paying off.

Well done girls!

Going Global!

Our reception children are taking part in an exciting project, led by Mrs Lopez, to learn more about the cultures and experiences of similar aged children in many different countries. Mrs Lopez has been busy making connections with reception teachers all over the world. So far the children have met a Greek reception class, a reception class from Quebec (which some of our year 4 children joined to practice their French) and next week a virtual visit with children in Romania has been arranged. We were also thrilled that Skye's mum and dad came into school to tell the children all about life in Ghana. We would love to hear from any of our parents who have links to other countries who could come and talk to use or put us in touch with a school that they have links with.



School Absence Line - 01442 408964

Despite the challenges we all still have with Covid, please prioritise your child's education and make sure they are in school, on time, everyday. We still have children arriving late and we still have children who are missing too much school. If your child is unwell, you must call the school absence line and inform us before the start of the school day. We have a responsibility to follow up any unexplained absences. If we don't know why your child is not in school and we can't get hold of you to check, we have a duty to assume the worst and in some cases may have to call the police to make a welfare check. Staff spend a lot of time chasing families when a child doesn't arrive in school. If your child is not well enough to be in school, please have the courtesy to contact our absence line. Thank you for your support with this. On another safeguarding note - we have had several incidences of children using their mobile phones inappropriately outside of school. If your child has a phone, please make sure you know what they are accessing on them.



Do you know what your child is doing on their phone?

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