



Micklem Primary School

Newsletter 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has absolutely flown by and I can't believe we are approaching the last few weeks of our school year. We have had a great time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our community picnic. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the Science afternoon and we will continue to provide events for parents to come into school. I know many of our parents have never seen inside their child's classroom or spent much time at all in the school because of the pandemic.

Our final half term is one of our busiest. Teaching staff are working at a great pace to complete the curriculum and support the children to know and use all the skills they need to learn in all subjects in their year group. From June onwards, we will be having a big focus on transitions. Transition can be a challenging time for many children. Moving on from a teaching team they feel comfortable and secure with, moving classrooms and for some children moving upstairs and also on to new schools can be daunting and create anxiety about the unknown. We will be working hard to give your children opportunities to get to know their new classroom and the adults who will be with them going forward. Some children will require more support and Miss Palmer will be supporting staff to provide this. If you have any concerns around your child's transition - please get in touch so we can support. Information about courses to prepare your child for secondary maths and English can be found in this newsletter. We are still finalising our staffing plans but once these are firmly in place parents will be notified.

As always - attendance is a huge focus for us. So far our year to date attendance is 93.1%. Our level of persistent absentees (children with less than 90% attendance) is 18.9%. This is an improving picture but we still have a long way to go. Today 7 children arrived late to school. Our gates open at 8:45am - please see this as the time school starts. If your child is often late, please try getting up a little earlier to build in some contingency.

Please encourage your child to keep practising times-tables - we have Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots to support with this. Most importantly - please spend some time reading with your child and/ or encouraging them to read. Half term will be a great opportunity to visit the library where books are free! Further information and how to join can be found here [Library membership | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 7th June
Best wishes
Miss Ormonde



Green - 596
Red - 578
Blue - 495
Yellow - 423

Well done to Green House for earning the most house points this half term. Red house you were close behind. Yellow and Blue - what can you do to improve going forward?

Well done to our Reception children who came third in the Reception Commonwealth Games Event. Our excited children travelled to the sports center to compete with other children on a series of sports activities. Lots of new challenges but our Reception Team report that the children had a fantastic time.

Want to help your child prepare for secondary school maths and English?

June courses from Step2Skills to help parents with child's secondary school transition Step2Skills is offering two courses this June for parents of primary school leavers, to help understand the transition to secondary school level maths and English.

This June, Step2Skills is offering two courses for parents of Year 5 and 6 children as they prepare to leave primary education. Getting Ready for maths at secondary school - A 5-week, online, live-streamed course, starting on Tuesday 7th June at 10am to 12pm.

Getting Ready for English at secondary school - A 5-week, online, live-streamed course starting on Tuesday 7th June at 1pm to 3pm.

Both courses will cover the various topics within the curriculum and the strategies and methods used to teach your child. You'll discover activities each week that you can use to help build your child's confidence as they make the transition to secondary level education.

As a Hertfordshire resident, you can access this course for £15 and places can be booked on the Step2Skills website at www.step2skills.org.uk/courses



Parents in school

The whole school enjoyed a real focus on science last week. Children took part in a wide range of activities designed to develop their skills in working scientifically. This involved investigation, asking questions, being curious, recording, predicting and drawing conclusions. We had over 50 of our parents join us which was fantastic.



Taking Science Outdoors Week

Our focus week was about taking science outdoors. Here are year 6 children exploring senses with their parents. Our year 4 children were using science and maths to measure trees outdoors.



Clubs!

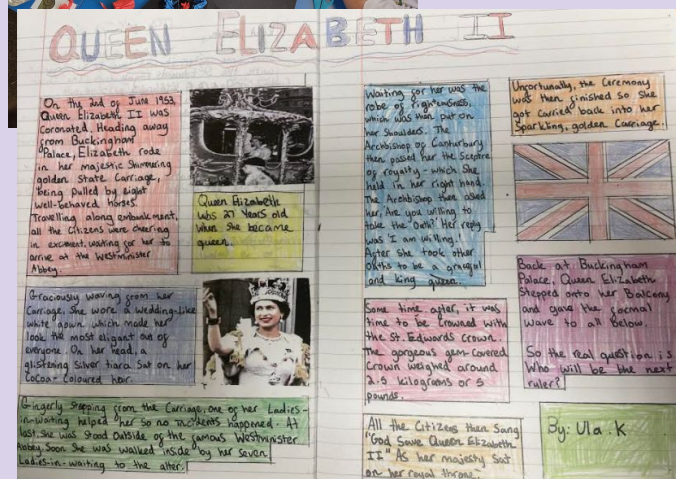
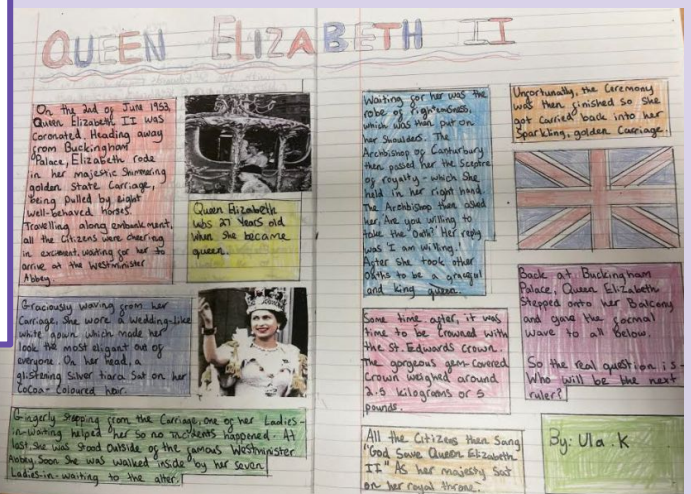
We have a huge range of clubs available to children from Reception to Year 6. This is our art club in action. We are trying to encourage every child to attend a club so if you would like further details then please get in touch. Thank you to all the staff who are giving up their time to run them. This is our art club in action.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We have used the Platinum Jubilee to learn a little more about our recent history. Children in all year groups focussed on a particular decade. Friday 27th May is our community picnic day. Parents will have the opportunity to listen (and hopefully remember) some of the songs the children have been learning. The children will all be provided with a commemorative book which is being sent to all schools by the government. Ours have not arrived yet but when they do, the children will be bringing them home.



Newspaper reports, Jubilee art, playing with games from the 80s. Lots of fun and lots of learning





What a lovely community picnic we had! Thank you to everyone for taking time out of your day to join us. The children really enjoyed singing songs to you from the decade they studied. Well done Miss Mackie and her dance group - you were brilliant. Thanks to all the staff for embracing the decades so well. Thank you Mrs Wellington and Mrs Moriarty for your fabulous organisation (as usual).

