



Micklem Primary School

Newsletter w/c 4th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A short message from me this week as I believe the photos and the stories tell it all. As we fly towards the end of the summer term, we are busier than ever. We have our transition week coming up, where children will get to meet their new staff and spend time with them. Mr Swift will be writing separately to you about this.

This week is sports week and the children are learning how to keep healthy, including looking at the food they eat. They are also enjoying the experience of new sports in our 'try it out sessions'. The highlight of this week will be our sports day and family picnic. A huge thanks to Miss Fahy for her organisation and planning of this week. Thanks to all the staff who are helping out behind the scenes.

Miss Ormonde



Wellbeing is a key focus in our school. Here are our nursery children enjoying a yoga session.

Clubs update

We have been delighted at the wide range of clubs that we have offered to the children this term. Here are two members of our **Art History Club**. The children were learning about Tempera, which for centuries, was the preferred medium for painting. The children are making their own Tempera - just like Michelangelo did when he started painting. The children are using egg yolk with paprika or turmeric and a little bit of water



Music at Micklem

Music is a core part of our ethos at Micklem. There are many benefits to learning a musical instrument - including increased memory function, mood boosts, improved self esteem and many more positive effects. It is also an opportunity that not every child will access outside of school. Every child learns to play an instrument in year 3, currently the ukulele. We have extended this for the last two years so children now progress to learning the cornet in year 4. Some children progress to a wider range of brass instruments, the guitar and the clarinet. Children from year 2 upwards can join choir and any child who learns an instrument, in or out of school can join our school band. I am delighted that for the first time since 2019 on Midsummer's day we were able to hold our music soiree. Despite the pandemic we have continued to grow our music offer and we struggled to fit all our instrumentalists in the stage area. We had a packed audience of parents and our PTA provided the drinks and nibbles(thank you). It was a wonderful evening and what an experience for our young performers.



Proms in the playground

We were joined by the Hemel Hempstead Brass band to enjoy a feast of music from our beginner year 4s through to our advanced year 6 children. All were accompanied by the Hemel Hempstead Brass Band. What a treat! The band are currently looking for new players so please ask in the office for further details. Thank you to Mr Horton for arranging this opportunity.



Year 3 Canal Boat Art

Inspired by their recent visit to Batchworth Lock, children in year 3 have been developing their design and painting skills and creating their own canal style art work.



Year 6 young enterprise afternoon

Year 6 wanted to organise an end of year bowling trip and were challenged to raise the money to do this! What a great afternoon of fun they gave the whole school. Many thanks to Mrs Byrne and Mrs Potts for going above and beyond to support the children. Well done year 6 - you learnt that you have to earn your way in life. Enjoy your trip!

