



# Micklem Primary School

## Final Newsletter Summer 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally here - time for endings and new beginnings. It is time to say goodbye to our year 6 children. They have been a fantastic group of children and have shown their resilience and determination, bouncing back even higher from two school years of disrupted education. They have done this in many ways - as leaders, fundraisers, learning partners, peer mediators, musicians, role models and dedicated learners. Many of the children have extended their days at school, attending boosters and tutoring sessions because they wanted to do their best. Part of our aim as a school is to prepare each child for the next stage of their learning - we do this in many ways but are judged initially on the children's outcomes. Our year 6 children should be extremely proud of their outcomes this year. Our results are shared later in the newsletter. Well done and thank you to the year 6 staff team and everyone who supported the children in their learning this year. We are proud of all the children and their achievements and we know they will 'do us proud' in their new schools.

As some of our children move on, so do some of our staff. I want to say 'thank you' to Mrs Hobbs who will be leaving us this summer. Mrs Hobbs has been with us for three years as our year 4 teacher and contributed much to the life of the school, particularly as one of our lockdown pod leaders. I wish her all the best as she moves on to a new school and a new challenge.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Rawson, our nursery teacher, EYFS lead, Mental Health and PSHE lead. Mrs Rawson has made a difference in many ways to our school through her leadership - as a member of SLT, for implementing our wellbeing strategy and in her role as nursery teacher - setting the standard for the school. She has been a great colleague and I want to thank her for her support over the last six years. Good luck in your new role Mrs Rawson!

This is my final newsletter before I move on to take up my new role. I came to Micklem nearly ten years ago. That time has flown by. If I take a moment to look back, I am very proud of the school I am leaving behind. It has been a very difficult decision to make that leap to leave. I will carry so many happy memories of the fun, excitement and success we have had as a school. I will miss everything about Micklem - it is a special place and it has given me huge amounts of joy and job satisfaction to be the headteacher. We say to the children - continue to develop and grow, seize opportunities and be courageous so now it's time to take my own advice. One person can lead but if you don't have the team behind you, you won't get very far. The staff form an amazing team and without doubt always go the extra mile for the children - thank you so much to you all, I couldn't do this job without you. I want to say a particular 'thanks' to Pete Fuggle our Chair of Governors. He has been on much of this journey with me and I have nothing but gratitude for his unwavering support and faith in me. Last but not least - thank you to all our parents. Schools are communities and parents play such an important part - your support and encouragement over the years has really been appreciated.

Schools never stand still and I know that Mr Swift is excited to add his own stamp to the school and take it forward in to the future. Mr Swift will do a fantastic job as your new headteacher and I wish him and his team every success as they move towards the next phase of the Micklem School journey.

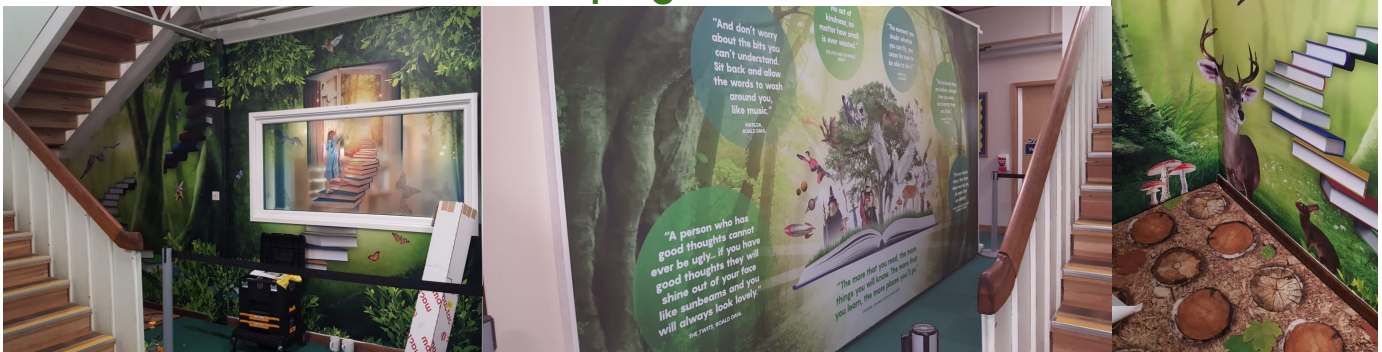
The children will be returning to a revamped year 1 outdoor garden and a new surface outside of the year 2 classroom, including the removal of the wall. Our library (kindly funded by the PTA) will be complete with new furniture and new books. There will be a new safe walkway through our car park for visitors and for our nursery children. From September 5th the gate will be closed at 8:55 and our nursery children will enter through the new carpark gate. Please make sure you are on time!

Have a wonderful summer - if I had one wish for all the children it would be that they keep reading and hearing stories. Click here for information on the summer reading challenge being promoted by the library service [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde

### A work in progress - thanks PTA!



## Outcomes at the end of KS2

Subject	% of pupils achieving at least the expected standard (school 2022)	% of pupils achieving greater depth (school 2022)	% of pupils achieving at least the expected standard (national 2019)	% of pupils achieving at least the expected standard (national unvalidated 2022)
English reading	80	37	73	74
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	80		78	72
Mathematics	80	23	79	71
English writing (teacher assessment)	70	17	78	69
Science (teacher assessment)	80		83	79
Children achieving ARE or above in reading, writing and maths	70		65	59

### KS2 production

What a fantastic end to our term - KS2 you did yourselves proud! Despite the heat you performed brilliantly - with a special mention to our year 6 children for leading the show. What a great end to your time at Micklem School



## Sporting news

### Year 2 Commonwealth Games

Last week year 2 were invited by DSSN to take part in a Commonwealth Games afternoon at Hemel Sports Centre. They got to take part in lots of different activities as a class, including football, basketball, space hopper races, long jump, javelin and more. We competed against 4 other schools, scoring points for Micklem on every activity. We showed amazing team work and determination throughout all activities and tried so hard while also having lots of fun. At the end of the afternoon, all schools competing gathered together for the Commonwealth games closing ceremony and to find out the results. After all our hard work, Micklem came in **1ST PLACE** and took home the golden certificates.

Well done year 2 - Miss Fahy is very proud of you!



### Year 3 Commonwealth Games

Last week year 3 also were also invited to a Commonwealth Games morning where they got to pick an individual activity to compete in. They could choose from activities such as athletics, cricket, boxing, judo, tag rugby and more. Year 3 showed great skill and excelled in most activities gaining certificates for coming 2nd place in Cricket and boxing as well as coming 3rd place in tag rugby and athletics. There were 8 other schools at this event so we did amazingly well to come in the top 3 in 4 different activities. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and showing such passion for sport!

Well done year 3 - Miss Fahy is very proud of you!



## Sports Week acrostic poems by year 3 children

### Gymnastics

Gymnastics is lots of fun,  
 yes I did it!  
 mum is so proud of me!  
 never give up,  
 And I learn lots of things there  
 Successful in everything  
 Fired already never!  
 I swing from bar to bar  
 cartwheel to the beam  
 So keep trying.

by Isla Grace bella

Ranning  
**R**unning is healthy,  
**U**ltimate speed,  
**N**ervous races,  
**N**ever give up,  
**I** am fast,  
**G**lorious trophy.

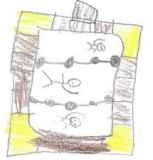
By Luka.



### swimming

Sports day lets go swimming  
 Will we win?  
 I bet it will be lots of fun  
 May I get a trophy?  
 Me and you on a team  
 I mite try a dolphin dive  
 No where close to losing  
 Great games but we won!

by Ollie



## Art around our school



Children throughout the school had the opportunity to meet their new teacher during an informal transition session using our Forest School. This is some of the beautiful Hapa Zome art that was produced.

Year 3 have been practising their painting skills through canal boat art. They have looked at castles and flowers, calligraphy and have practiced painting on different surfaces. This week they painted their final designs onto canvases.



## Sports day

What an excellent end to a brilliantly organised sports week - giving all children the chance to participate in a range of sports. Well done to Green House on your well earned victory



## Attendance

Just a reminder to parents that attendance will continue to remain a high priority going forward. Our attendance policy is available on our website on this link [Attendance policy](#). We offer lots of support with attendance, however if we see no improvement or willingness to work with us on this, we will apply to Hertfordshire County Council for them to issue a fixed penalty notice once unauthorised absence reaches a certain level. Term time holidays are not authorised. Any authorised absence is only in exceptional circumstances. Prior to the pandemic our attendance had improved significantly to above 96% so I know we can do this and better again.