



# NEWSLETTER



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## HEADS UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. It was lovely for the staff to meet our parents and share all the hard work and successes of the children from across this first half term. If you were unable to attend this week, please contact the reception team who will happily make arrangements for you to meet with the class teacher after half term.

We have certainly had much to celebrate in sports over this past week at TMA. Congratulations to our cross country team for finishing in second place overall at the MK championships. This was an amazing achievement and the team showed such commitment to their training, performing brilliantly on the day. Well done! Also, huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Hockey team who became the MK champions on Wednesday evening. A fantastic achievement!

As we come to the end of this half term, we sadly say goodbye to some staff members. Laura Kerrison, our Finance Manager, leaves us today to take on the role of Finance Director in a Multi Academy Trust in Northamptonshire. We wish you all the very best Laura as you take this next exciting step in your career. We also say goodbye to Nikki Hanshaw, our Marketing Communications Assistant, who we have had the privilege of working with for many years both as a parent of the school and a valued staff member. You will be greatly missed Nikki and we wish you all the very best for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our annual TMA fireworks display on Monday 5th November. This is a wonderful community event which we all look forward to each year. Tickets are available at a discounted rate this week from reception or can be purchased on the evening.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th November.

With very best wishes,

Lucy Eldridge

Head of School

## PUPIL SUPPORT



NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.

By Robert Frost

Please visit our website for an Autumn themed challenge list for October half term



Don't forget October half term is just around the corner, spaces are still available, so book now via ParentPay.

Exiting activities include, slime making, art & crafts, indoor & outdoor play, pumpkin carving, spooky bingo, full day trip to Gulliver's Land (Limited availability) and Halloween fancy dress competitions. Prizes to be won!!

It has been noticed that there has been an increase in the cases of head lice in school.



Please help us to get rid of this nuisance by thoroughly checking your child's hair and the rest of your family if necessary over the course of the next 10 days and then regularly after that. Treat where appropriate using one of the following suggested methods:

### CHEMICALS

Use a preparation recommended by your local pharmacist and follow instructions carefully.

### WET COMBING' METHOD

To do this you will need hair conditioner, a nit comb, time and patience.

Wash hair as usual with shampoo,

While hair is wet, apply plenty of hair conditioner,

Comb hair with wide toothed comb to remove tangles,

Comb hair using a fine nit comb. Comb from the roots to the end of the hair, separating the hair a little at a time.

Repeat this every 3 days for two weeks to get rid of any newly hatched lice.

### NITTY GRITTY COMB

The Nitty Gritty nit free comb is available on NHS prescription. For further information and details of how to obtain your NHS prescription please log on to [www.nittygritty.co.uk](http://www.nittygritty.co.uk)

May we take this opportunity to remind you that it is school policy to ask for children to be taken home for treatment when live insects are seen.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Matron

## DIARY DATES NOVEMBER 2018



5th November—Back to School

5th—9th November—Clubs week 5

5th November—TMA Fireworks 6pm

12th November—Children in Need

12th—16th November—Clubs week 6

12th—16th November—Anti-bullying week

15th and 16th November—Year 4 Rainforest visit

19th—23rd November—Clubs week 7

21st November—Year 6 SATs parents evening 6 pm

21st November—Science FAYRE 3.30—5.30 pm

26th—30th November—Clubs week 8

27th and 28th November—Year 6 Lincolnsfield visit



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## YEAR 3



Year 3 had a fantastic day taking part in lots of activities based on our Stone Age topic. In the morning, we created our own 'Survival in the Stone Age leaflets' followed by some Stone Age singing and dancing where we acted like cavemen and women. It was a very busy morning! In the afternoon, we got messy with lots of art activities. Using clay, we made Stone Age necklaces whilst others were outside doing mark making using natural materials that we collected from our surroundings. Some of us even mashed up berries to create a paint! It was a super day!



## YEAR 6



Since the beginning of this school year, Year 6 has been reading, analysing and learning about WW1. In English lessons, we have read poems by poets such as Siegfried Sassoon, Wilfred Owen and Rupert Brooke, using these as a stimulus for our diary writing which has produced some amazing work. Check our website for more amazing work!

*Dear Diary,*

*This week has probably been the worst in my entire lifetime! This terrible war has killed many in brutal ways.*

*To start, there's a serious lack of food. We eat dry stale bread, watery soup and sometimes a bit of corned beef (if we are lucky.) When we do try and eat, the rats scurry around and nibble our food. Oh how I miss a roast dinner at home on the table with Mamma and Pappa.*

*The few friends that I have during this terrible time are very limited. Tom (the one sitting next to me while I write this) has a serious case of trench foot. I myself am fine except for a slight wound in the arm. It ain't that bad but I won't even touch it. Unfortunately, not everyone survived. I saw one desperate man drown in a flurry of gas.*

*On top of that, I am due to go on the 'Frontier' and keep guard against the Germans. I also must do on the constant lookout for deadly gas attacks which kill many men. Next week, we are going over the top to try and capture the German trench. It will be risky, but I'm sure that we'll manage it.*

*Tomorrow, I am going on the front line! I am petrified!*

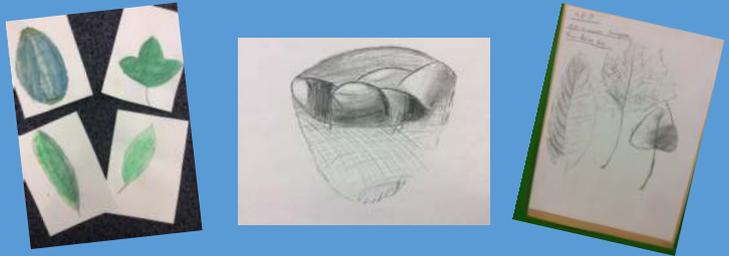
*I really hope that this terrible war will be over by Christmas, so I can go home and see everybody that I hold dear.*

*Ellice*

## YEAR 4



Over the last half term, Year 4 have been working on their sketching techniques. We started off looking at how to achieve tone and texture with our pictures, we did this by trying to draw some eggs in a bowl. We then moved onto collecting leaves from outside and sketching the structure of these. To finish the piece off we learnt how to mix the primary colours to paint out leaf sketches.



## YEAR 5



As we bring the half term to a close, I am very happy and proud to be able to say that Year 5 have settled in brilliantly to life in Upper School. The children have worked extremely hard this academic year and have displayed some wonderful learning behaviours that have made them a pleasure to teach. The learning environments that they are contributing to are a joy to observe and the children themselves seem to be thoroughly enjoying Year 5 in every way.

Wonderfully, we have huge take-up for our Isle of Wight residential, a large amount of our year group sign up for after-school and extended clubs and superb representation in Upper School sports events. A huge notable success was our Junior Girls team taking 2nd place in the MK Schools Cross Country Championships, with Olivia C in 5AS winning the race for the 2nd consecutive year.

The half term concluded with our 'Americana' themed celebration day to tie in with our Route 66 learning journey topic. The children had a fantastic day enjoying learning some basic country and line dancing steps, using mixed art media to create giant portrait collages of famous historical figures and using their creative skills to design and produce large interpretations of the 'Stars and Stripes' USA flag.

Overall, it has been a wonderful half term and set a great starting point for what should be a fantastic year in Year 5.

Mr Adam Shirley

Year 5 Lead



## SPORTS CORNER



Well done to our hockey team for winning the league. Fantastic news guys.

On Saturday 20th October at The National Bowl, our children took part in the annual schools cross country event. There were some amazing individual performances. With our school finishing in 2nd place overall. Well done everyone involved.



**TMA SCHOOL DINNERS**



Look out for our Autumn (2) dinner menus including our Christmas dinner menu.

These are available to book through ParentPay.  
Please book by Wednesday one week in advance.

Two Mile Ash School Presents

# FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

**MONDAY 5TH NOV 2018**

HOT FOOD   SWEET STALL   CANDY FLOSS   LUCKY DIP   GLOW PRODUCTS   TOMBOLA

**£3.00 PER ADULT**  
**£1.50 PER CHILD**  
**ON THE DOOR**

**GATES OPEN AT 6PM**  
**FIREWORKS START AT 7PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN ADVANCE DURING PARENTS EVENING THIS WEEK AND FROM TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL RECEPTION

**£2.00 PER ADULT**  
**£1.00 PER CHILD**  
UNDER 3s FREE

**REFRESHMENTS AND GLOW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE!**

**\*\* ENTRY VIA THE HALL \*\***

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TWO MILE ASH  
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**Half Term Reading Competition**



As part of 'The Big Project', our whole school initiative to raise the profile of reading, we are running a fun competition over the half term for your child to show their enjoyment of reading. We would love to see a photo of your child with their favourite spooky read in Halloween costume. Please email this to with the caption of 'My Spooky Read' but make sure we can see their face and identify your child so they can be in with a chance of winning a great prize! We will then share these photos within the school during assemblies so all the children can join in the fun!

The deadline for emailing photos is Monday, 12 November when the English department will choose their favourite images which showcase a love of books and enjoyment of reading.

Good luck – we can't wait to see your photos!



**Christmas 1914**

Rehearsals are well underway for the Year 6 Christmas production called 'Christmas 1914.' It is a musical based on the events of the World War One Christmas truce. Children are thoroughly enjoying the songs and we certainly have some excellent actors and soloists relishing the opportunity for performing towards Christmas. Keep it up year 6!

**Music**

Well done Trisha of 6DI on passing your piano exams.  
Well done Izzie of 6CG on passing your grade 3 on the fugalhorn.  
Well done Harshini of 6SM on passing your music exams.

**Dance**

Congratulations Mia of 4MF on your recent dance performance.  
Congratulations Anya of 4MF on your recent dance performance.  
Congratulations Uma of 3NM on being awarded medals for 'tap' and 'modern' dance.

**Drama**

Brilliant work Charlie of 6SM on your performances in 'Oliver' and 'Beauty and the Beast.'  
Brilliant work Rosey of 4MF on your performance in 'Troubles are Brewing.'  
Brilliant work Isla-Rose for performing in a London show.

Well done to all of our Performing Arts children!  
We will be culminating all of our creative clubs that we do at TMA for a performance towards the end of term. We will keep you posted!

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**SCIENCE COMPETITION 2018**

Passionate about science? Then TMA's exciting, new 2018 science competition is for you! We would like you to produce a piece of work to showcase your understanding of an area of science. You could, for any area of science you are interested in:

- build a model
- make a poster or leaflet
- produce a display of your own

Ideas could include: A model volcano, string telephones, solar system/space station models, paper aeroplane science, plant diagrams, healthy eating posters, keeping fit information booklets, electrical circuits and much, much more. With any models, remember to include some science instructions or a science explanation to show off your fantastic understanding.

All entries for all year groups need to be in school by **Friday 9th November** and will be judged by your year group teachers and the Head of Science.

Good luck to everyone and start experimenting!

Mrs Blackhurst  
(Head of Science)

For more details visit our website [www.tmaschool.com](http://www.tmaschool.com)

## Everybody's Business

If you are worried about a child, please speak to Hayley Donohue or Michelle Dixon, Assistant Heads and Designated Safeguarding Leads at Two Mile Ash School or contact the MASH 01908 253169 or 253170

**Designated Safeguarding Leads**

  
  
**Mrs Hayley Donohue**

  
**Mrs Michelle Dixon**



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads**

  
**Mrs Lucy Eldridge**

  
**Mrs Kelly Cursley**

  
**Ms Roxanne Jackson**

  
**Miss Sophie Haycock**

  
**Mrs Caroline Prudence**

We're supporting



Children in Need

On Monday 12th November, we are inviting children to come to school wearing something spotty for a donation to Children in Need.

## PARKING



Please be mindful of others when dropping off and picking up at school times. We have received several complaints from local residents who have been blocked in on their own driveways by our parents. The double yellow lines must not be parked on at any times throughout the day. Please do not park in the disabled bay outside school—we have parents and children who need to use this on a regular basis.

Parking at the bottom of The High Street (off the H4 Danstead Way) can also be dangerous particularly on the bend (opposite the church) as this causes blind spots for oncoming traffic.

Please help us to keep your children safe!

### National Express Art Competition

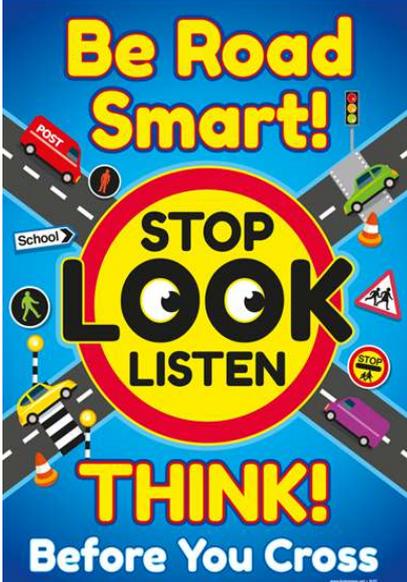
You may remember that Reuel was shortlisted for the National Express Art Competition a couple of months ago. We are still awaiting the winner of the competition, but in the mean time, Reuel has received a letter from The House Of Commons! He has been congratulated personally by Iain Stewart MP who is a member of Milton Keynes South.

Well done Reuel and good luck!



Thanks to your support we raised £127.00 for Macmillan cancer support at our coffee morning.

## Be Road Smart!



STOP  
LOOK  
LISTEN  
THINK!  
Before You Cross

### YEAR 5 AND 6 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

We have been invited by MP Iain Stewart to participate in an annual Christmas card design competition. Details have been sent to all Year 5 and 6 parents via ParentPay. Please could the designs be returned to school by Monday 19th November. The theme is Houses of Parliament with a Christmas twist!



## WORRIED? NEED TO TALK?

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### ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Well done to Anya (4SP/MS) for winning the Citizen newspaper competition to design the logo for a new playgroup at Oakgrove Leisure Centre.



Oliva (4SP/MS) received an award for swimming 5 metres.



Abhijay (4TR) won first place in Kata competition at his Karate Club (Bushido Shotokan Karate). He achieved this with focus, determination and hard work. This is a step up from winning the 2nd place medal in the competition held in the month of May!



Arthur (6CG) was awarded Man of the Match trophy at a recent football game.



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