



Newsletter

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Heads Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

November has certainly been an action packed month for us here at TMA! These last few weeks have been extremely busy with various trips taking place, children being involved in Curriculum Inspiration Days and community and fundraising events taking place. You will be able to find out more details, later in our newsletter.

Alongside these numerous events and our curriculum learning, we have also spent time as a school exploring our 'mental health and wellbeing' and recognising how this is just as important as developing our physical health. We have considered how good levels of wellbeing enable us to feel motivated and engaged, allowing us to develop resilience which the children have recognised as important when facing new challenges. During my weekly Values Assemblies, we have explored the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' (Give, Keep Learning, Stay Active, Take Notice and Connect) helping us to consider how we can develop and support our mental health and wellbeing. This will continue to be a focus for the rest of this half term.

We are also looking forward to a busy diary for the rest of the term and I can therefore no longer put off using the word 'Christmas' as preparations are well underway for our Christmas productions. Harmonize Concert and Christmas Fayre, to name but a few! Full details for each event will be shared shortly.

As the weather is getting much colder now, please can you ensure your child wears a coat and a TMA sweatshirt or cardigan to school every day and these are clearly named. It is important your child is dressed warmly for break and lunchtimes.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Christmas events.

Best wishes
Lucy Eldridge
Head of School

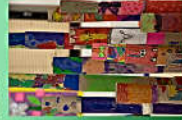
Diary Dates

5th December	Sk1 Trip Drop In Meeting Harmonize & Bradwell Silver Band at Denbigh
7th December	Multi-Day For the Xmas Fair
12th December	Christmas Fair in the Hall
14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Year 6 Production
18th December	Year 3 Production
19th December	Christmas Lunch
20th December	Christmas Discos

Art Club Creates...

Art club have been working hard on these amazingly detailed totem poles!

So creative and colourful!



YouTube Have you seen our latest films?

Science Fair, Year 6 Inspiration Day, Fireworks Night!

Watch this space! Halloween Read photograph winners are being announced soon! Thank you to all children who have taken part.

All Afterschool Clubs Finish on Dec 14th

Thankyou to everyone who came to school in spots for Children In Need.

We raised a fantastic £474.44



Thank You!

The Science Fair

On Wednesday 21st November, TMA held their biggest ever science fair. Throughout the school, there were nearly 50 science activities for everyone to take part in including a rocket launcher, tornadoes in bottles, dancing ghosts and even a dark room! The year 5 and 6 science ambassadors were there to help people understand the science and guide them around the fair - they were outstanding in their role and really enjoyed sharing their knowledge. Included in the fair, were the science competition entries from all year groups. With so many wonderful science ideas and models on display, you can imagine how hard it was to choose the winners!



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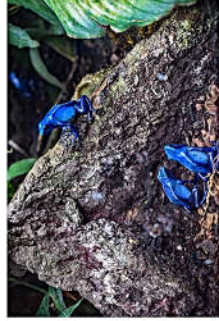


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Inspiring Futures
through Learning

The Living Rain Forest



During the Rainforest trip, children fully immersed themselves into what it would be like to walk through an actual Rainforest. We looked at how different species had adapted to their environment.

What a wonderful day out!



Shakespeare Festival at Denbigh



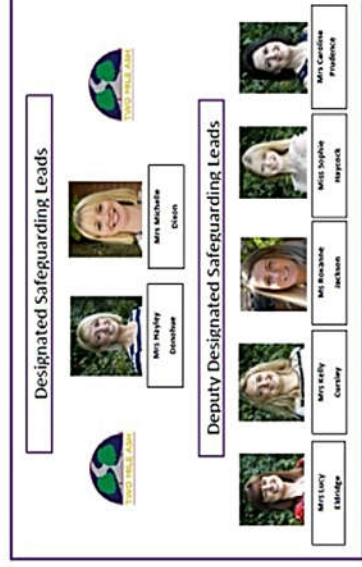
A large group of Y6 children attended a culmination of performances themed around Shakespeare's plays at Denbigh School last week. The children enjoyed watching performances by a variety of schools who interpreted Shakespeare's plays in their own unique way using drama and music.

A huge congratulations to our performers who delivered a quirky news report based on Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth. A huge team effort resulted in a very successful and funny interpretation of these two renowned plays. Well done everybody!



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



Year 3 **WINNER** Benji
 Year 4 **WINNER** Ananya P
 Year 5 **WINNER** Han
 Year 6 **WINNER** Jay

RUNNER UP Jasmin
RUNNER UP Abhijay
RUNNER UP Eden
RUNNER UP Sammy



Science Competition



Every spare table, book case, nook and cranny of Two Mile Ash School was packed with hundreds of amazing entries for our Science Competition. From volcanoes and solar systems to hydraulics and the human body (and everything in between!), TMA students really showed off their passion for science. Staff, students, parents and visitors were blown away with the creativity, effort and wow factor of the entries. A huge thank you and congratulations to every child that took part - judging was no easy task!

Well done to the year group winners and runners up.

Year 3 Library Visits

Year 3 have recently visited the Milton Keynes Library at the Centre.MK. They had a great time learning about the library and exploring all the books they have to borrow.

Please don't forget to return your books!



The Big Project

As a school, we are actively encouraging our children to read because we want all of them to love reading a variety of books and genres. As part of our Big Project, all of our teachers recognise a Big Project winner every week. This is when a child is recognised for one of many reasons, such as: being an avid reader; for reading aloud well to their teacher or in front of peers; diligently filling in reading records and getting them signed or impressing their teacher with their answer or discussion during reading skills. These names are then put into a class pot. In the last week of this term, teachers will pick out a name which then goes into the year group pot and the lucky name that is chosen from this pot will win an amazing prize - a Kindle!

Please help your child to be chosen for The Big Project Award and have a chance to win a Kindle by encouraging them to read at home and asking them questions about what they have read. This discussion is so important for their comprehension skills. Ideally, reading records should be filled in at least three times a week with a parent's signature.

Thank you so much for your support,

Monica Sharma
Head Of English



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Book Christmas Lunch!

Please remember to book your Child's Christmas Dinner on the 19th December 2018

Bookings can be made via ParentPay



Year 6 Visit the Lincolnsfield Childrens Centre



Year 6 has had a very busy week! On Wednesday, 21st November the staff held its first workshop based SATs evening which was attended by 60 families who found out how tricky the reading, SPAG and maths papers are!

On the 27th and 28th of November, the Year 6 classes went on an educational trip to Lincolnsfield to learn all about the history of war. We arrived at school at 7:30 and were divided into 2 coaches. It took 1hr and a half to get to Lincolnsfield and, when we reached there, we were taken to a museum where we met a 94-year-old soldier, who had been captured and taken to a war camp in Germany as a prisoner. The soldier explained the difficulties he had been through and showed us some ancient artefacts from World War II. We then held a machine gun that was used in the war and also got to wear a rucksack that soldiers had to carry.

On our second activity, we visited a historical home where we learned about how people used to live. We also saw a Morrison shelter, which protected you from indirect bombing, and were allowed to experience the thrill of being inside.

Our third activity took us to the garden where we had to rely on our imagination. We had to pretend that our abode was on fire and used a stirrup pump to spray water at the imaginary fire. After the third activity, it was the time we were all waiting for..... Lunch! After a half an hour of eating scrumptious food and constant chit chatter, it was finally time for our next task.

This activity was set in an old historical classroom where the teacher demonstrated punishments that were given to children back in the war times. We were also given an identity card that was also handed to all people to prove they weren't spies.

Following on from that exciting lesson, we were taken to a shelter where an old man described his experience of the war. He explained how he was whisked away to a family he didn't know and that he had to go to a school which was completely different to his old one. We finished off the trip by exiting the centre and entering the coach for a long journey home. This trip was a fun and exciting experience that I enjoyed very much and would love to revisit the centre again.

Back at school, whilst half of the year group was at the Centre, the other half made Anderson shelters, completed their wooden tanks, practised and performed a WWII play which still left time for code breaking, PE, art and ICT!

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