



Newsletter

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Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is difficult to believe it is half term already and that we have reached the half-way point of this academic year! Across these last six weeks, the children have been working incredibly hard and it has been lovely to share their work and successes with you during English and Maths parent consultation meetings this week. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to see your child's teachers, please use the submission form on the school website and this can be passed on to make alternative arrangements for after the holiday at a mutually convenient time. This has been a very busy half term with an action packed calendar! Well done to all the children who have taken part in the vast amount of sporting fixtures and competitions, representing Two Mile Ash School brilliantly. We have really enjoyed parents joining us for our inspiration curriculum mornings and we have had a number of enrichment visits such as to the O2 arena for the Young Voices concert.

I would like to give a special mention to our Student Council, Eco-Warriors and Class Leaders who are working with me to try and make TMA more environmentally friendly and sustainable. We had a very productive meeting last week looking at ways we can save energy and they are busy implementing some changes already as we begin our journey towards this goal.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have revisited the importance of looking after our own wellbeing. The children all looked fabulous today as they were dressed to express their individual personalities and feelings.

A huge thank you to all our parents who have kindly supported our amazon wish-list book donations. Across this last week we have been receiving books to support our British Values and Diversity curriculum and look forward to sharing these with the children after half term.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20th February.

With very warm wishes
Lucy Eldridge
Head of School



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Inspiring Futures
Through Learning

Our Achievements



Sharvikka Entertains!

Well done to Sharvikka who has recently performed at several events across the UK, including the Milton Keynes Muththamizh Mandram Pongal celebrations and Mallavi Union's Thai Pongal celebrations in Harrow.



Bronze for Blade



Blaze, from Year 4, attended the TAGB 40th Anniversary Midlands Championships held at Kettering on Sunday 29th January. This was Blazes' first time competing and he has managed to come 3rd in his sparing group winning a bronze medal.

Freya Dances To Awards

Freya was over the moon (and a bit surprised!) to be awarded her dance schools' special annual award in recognition of outstanding effort and improvement.

Congratulations Freya!



Vihaan Reaches the Semi-finals

Vihaan has completed his first year of 'Project Badminton' with Milton Keynes Badminton Association with great effort.

He performed really well in the 'Project Badminton Championships' and played in the semi-finals with great energy and enthusiasm!

Hazard Alley Visits

We had a visit from the Safety Centre and we learnt all about the Emergency Services; how to identify them and most importantly, how to make a 999 phone call in an emergency. Every child that took part successfully made the call and gave the information needed. Some of our Year 6's took on the role as 'Safety Ambassadors' and supported the younger children in making their call - they even managed to take on the role as the operator when answering the 999 calls! All the children enjoyed dressing up and identifying the uniforms for each service.



Number Day at TMA

It was Number Day at TMA last week which involved lots of sorting, evaluating, timing, graph making and smarties across the whole school.



Harmonize at The 02



Harmonize had an amazing time at the 02 this term singing all the songs they had learnt. It was an amazing experience and unforgettable night!

Twins For Mr Hobley!

Huge congratulations to Mr Hobley and his partner Emma for the recent arrival of twin boys!





Diary Dates



Mon 20th Feb
Term Starts
SEND Coffee Morning

Thur 2nd March
World Book Day

Fri 3rd March
Year 4 Inspiration Day

Tues 7th March
Dance Project @Walton High



Weds 8th March
SEND Indoor Athletics Festival @ MK College

Weds 15th March
Mk Gymnastics Competition
School Disco's

Thurs 16th March
Year 3 Inspiration Day

Thur 23rd March
County Basketball Finals

Mon 27th March
Parent/Carer Online Safety Session
6pm - 7:20pm

Tues 28th March
Year 5 Production

Thurs 30th March
County Netball Finals @ Walton High
MK Football Finals (TBC)
End Of Term

Fri 31st March
INSET Day



PE



Well done to all pupils this term in their PE lessons. They have been working hard in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA), developing their team work and navigation skills in a series of orienteering challenges. Many Year 5 & 6 children have gone on to represent the school in this sport! As well as OAA, children have developed their Badminton, Hockey and Dodgeball skills and game play.

Badminton

Well done to all of those that represented Two Mile Ash School in Badminton competitions or festivals at Shenley Brook End School in January. Our top players from Year 5/6 particularly impressed with 5 wins out of 5 from both the boy's and girl's teams – great play and team work on show!



Hockey

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 pupils at their Hockey Fixture on Wednesday 25th January. In tough games against Giles Brook, Olney & Whitehouse, you showed great improvement and team work in lots of great games!



Dodgeball

2023 started with a Year 3 House Dodgeball competition! Well done to the 69 children that represent their House – you all played great and after 20 matches the winners were Emburey House (Yellow); 2nd – Townsend (Green); and 3rd – Brittain (Blue).





Gymnastics

With the MK Schools Gymnastics Competitions in March, our gymnasts have been working hard at recent trials in hope to be part of the TMA School teams – well done to you all for your efforts. On Thursday 26th January, a group of Year 5/6 Boys represented the school in a friendly competition at Bushfield School. MVP awards given to David and Arjit!



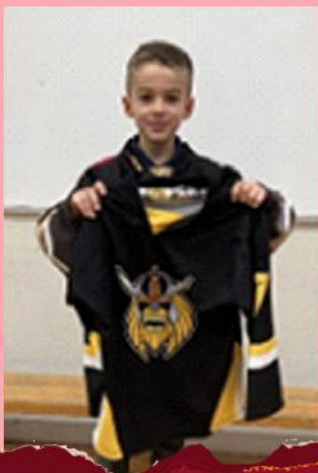
MK Dons SET

We are proud to have had coaches from MK Dons SET at Two Mile Ash School this term delivering their Joy of Movement program to Year 5 pupils. Children have enjoyed learning about healthy, active lifestyle choices and playing many fun games. Thank you MK Dons!

MK Lightning Visit



Many thanks to MK Lightning for a fantastic assembly in January. Head Coach and Forward, Tim Wallace, together with Defenceman Sam Russell, talked through the game of Ice Hockey and showed off the amazing equipment they use in the fast, exciting sport! One of our own, Sammy (Year 3) plays Ice Hockey for junior side MK Storm – we enjoyed hearing how he began his journey in the sport and why he loves it so much!



Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to all our children that received a Headteacher's Award, Well done on your achievements!



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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 13TH FEB - FRIDAY 17TH FEB

**PLUS LOTS
MORE!**

ACTIVITIES

Valentine Crafts
Forest Fun
Football
Dodgeball
Badminton
Fun Games
Picture Frame Crafts
Wind Catchers
Bubble Painting
Cake and Biscuit Decorating
Just Dance

Bookings

Ashbrook and Holmwood pupils please book via your parentmail.com.
Two Mile Ash and visitors of other schools please book via ParentPay.com.

Opening Times

School Day £25 (8.00 – 3.30)

Full Day £35 (8.00 – 6.00)*

*Subject to interest *

Contact During Holiday Club

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Please provide your child with
a packed lunch, snack, and
water bottle

Email - Kidzclub@tma.bucks.sch.uk

www.tmaschool.com

TEL : 01908 562262

Keeping Everyone Safe

A huge well done to our TMA Safeguarding Ambassadors on this years #saferinternetday. The team ran an assembly that shared advice and tips on how to stay safe online at all the schools in the PATH School Partnership. (TMA, Ashbrook and Holmwood)



Amazon Wish list Donations

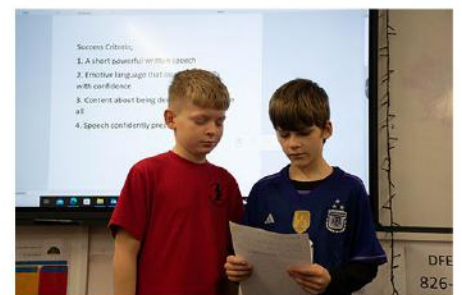
We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have already supported us by donating a book from our Amazon wish-list! We have been blown away with your generosity- thank you again! There is no expectation to donate a book but if any families are happy to we will be very grateful.



Scan this QR code for our wish-list

British Values

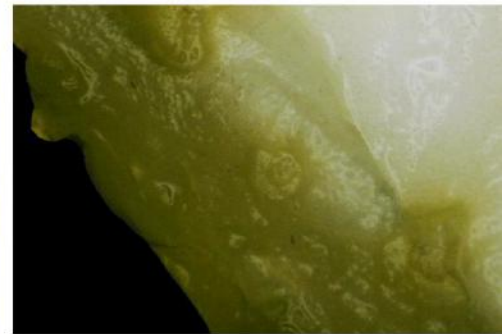
We recently celebrated British Values, with all our classes enjoying a day learning about democracy, rule of law, respect, tolerance and individual liberty. In 6BC, the children presented a speech in which they told their classes what they would do if they were Prime Minister.



Year 3

For our science topic this year, Year 3's have been studying plants. In our most recent experiment, we have been looking at the parts of plants, particularly how water and nutrients are transported around. We started by each of us having a little bit of celery and dissecting it to find the part that lets celery transport the water and nutrients. We found out that xylem tubes are in celery and we located these in our dissection. The teachers used digital microscopes to zoom in closely to see these on the interactive whiteboards.

After we had identified how water and nutrients were transported, we used celery and dyed water to see whether or not the coloured water will travel up the xylem tubes and into the celery. We have been checking up on the celery each day and are eagerly hoping to see the dye in the celery's xylem tubes after 1 week of soaking!



Homework Winners!

Well done to all of the children who took part in our Read to Succeed activity. The task asked the pupils to use either the extract from, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis or, 'Scrooge' by Charles Dickens to create the character described. They were also given the alternative option to choose to draw or create another winter character from a book that they had read. The children whose work was selected chose a book from our, 'Wardrobe of Wonder'. All the children who participated received two merits to add to their Passport to Success.



A selection of some of the entries



Year 4



A belated Happy New Year and welcome back to you all from the Year 4 team! We have had a successful return after Christmas and hit the ground running with our new topics.

Our history topic is Invaders and Conquerors of Britain and is already proving to be as popular with this group of children as it has been with previous year groups. It ties in nicely with our English piece which is writing a news article on the Battle of Hastings and helps the children understand this period of British history in which this country changed forever.

In maths, we are continuing to devote allocated time to times table fluency and the introduction of a set of new iPads has supported this enormously. Please can you encourage your children to be practising at home as much as possible!

In due course, I will be writing to invite parents and carers of those children attending our Whitemoor Lakes residential to a brief information evening so please keep an eye for information being released. In the meantime, why not check out our Whitemoor Lakes videos on our Youtube.

Search Youtube for 'Whitemoor Lakes TMA'



Many thanks all!
Mr Shirley and the Year 4 team.

Do you have any TMA Books?

We have recently taken delivery of lots of new books for students to enjoy both at school and to take home which I am keen to put out, however, on checking the bookshelves around school it seems we have many gaps where new books put out in the last couple of months are missing. Please could families check under beds, behind sofas, in the bottom of school bags etc to see if you have any books which belong to school. There is absolutely no penalty for late returns on books so please do not worry if you find a secret pile that your child is worried about returning late. We just want children to have the opportunity to read as many books as possible and we need to know that the maximum number of books continue to be available to all.

Mrs Williams

Travis to visit Estonia



Our famous travelling bear, Travis, is spending this half-term in Estonia. He'll be enjoying the winter wonderland with Ronin from Year 5.

VW DT Project at Brooklands Farm



Over the past two weeks, three children from Year 5 have taken part in a DT project with Brooklands Farm primary school and The Volkswagen group, looking at sustainability and designing and building a prototype go kart. Throughout the project, they have spent time working and learning with a Year 5 class at Brooklands Farm primary school and have enjoyed making new friends! The project started with employees from the Volkswagen group coming to the school to talk to the children and bringing a selection of their cars for the children to look at – they all very much enjoyed having a go behind the steering wheel! Then they were set the challenge to design and build a functional, sustainable go kart. The children conducted market research, sketched out their designs and then spent the day working with the Brooklands Farm primary school DT teacher building their go karts – and the finished products were amazing! We would like to thank the teachers and children of Brooklands Farm as well as Mr Smith, the DT teacher, for welcoming us into their school.



Earthquake Help

As I'm sure you're all aware, there has recently been some sad news that has come from Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquakes. We send our support to any members of our community that have been affected in any way by this news. We have been made aware that there are charitable organisations that have set up fundraising initiatives if you feel like donating to help this cause.

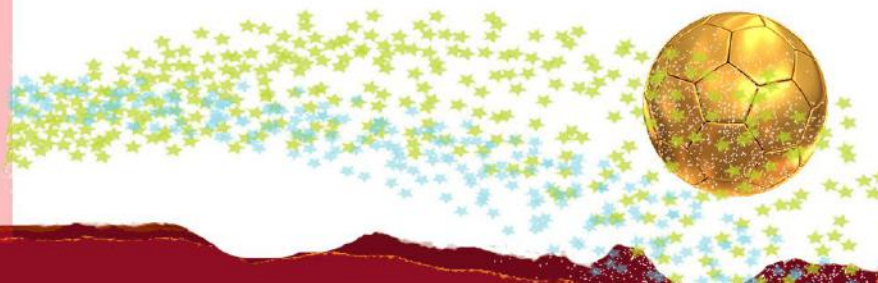
<https://tinyurl.com/wjtff3c7>



Call Up For Olivia

Olivia from 6MS has been invited to join the MK Dons Ladies ETC (Emerging Talents Centre) after successful trials.

Well done Olivia!





Feeling Cold or Lonely?

Everyone is welcome to join us for a hot drink and a chat with good company in a safe, warm environment.

Every Friday from 10am – 1pm.



WHERE TO FIND US

Church of the Holy Cross, Two Mile Ash, MK8 8EQ
Find us at the junction of Church Hill and the High Street



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Year 5

Year 5 has had a very exciting half term. Our science topic has been 'SPACE' and the children have had an 'out of this world' experience. Learning amazing things from the mnemonic to remember the order of the planets 'My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Noodles' all the way to understanding the different phases of the moon! It was universally good!

Space joke: Why did the cow want to become an astronaut?
So she could see the Milky Way

During our History lessons we have been look at 'Crime and Punishment' through the ages. Starting off with the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, the Tudors, the Victorians and ending it with modern day crime and punishment. Learning about how criminals were punished and whether or not some of these punishments still happen today!

We had lots of fun investigating a crime scene during our inspiration day! We were able to use our detective skills to find the criminal using all sorts of evidence! Great job everyone! A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to come and visit us in the morning and played a great game of 'Crime-opoly', everyone's knowledge was truly tested!

Crime and Punishment joke: Why did the criminal go to sleep?
Because he was under arrest.

Have a great half term break everyone!

Kind Regards,

Sumara Siddiqui
Class Teacher



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Performing Arts Day At TMA

Year 6



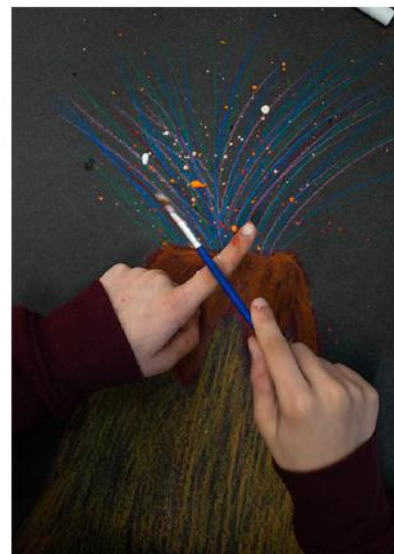
Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their inspiration day for Extreme Earth. Pupils enjoyed visits from their grown up's to join in the art activities; creating volcanoes from different art media. (Take a look at the photos) "I loved using different media to create my volcano" Lucas in 6TR.

Check out the photos of the topic work where Year 6 have been learning about volcanoes around the world and also the impact of these.

During personal development lessons Year 6 have continued to learn about the world around them and how to be better citizens. They have learnt how to have a growth mind-set and think positively about situations; which will help pupils in the run up to SATs in May.

In English Year 6 have been learning about the Titanic and are currently producing a persuasive brochure advertising trips on the Titanic.

As we head into February, Year 6 pupils will begin to find out which secondary school they will be going to, remember that this is an important time in their lives and the transition to secondary school can be difficult. Year 6 teachers are taking time to talk about this transition and what secondary school looks like to ensure Year 6 are fully pre-prepared for secondary.



Mrs Halai Wins the Staff Bake-Off again!

Mrs Halai is now a two-time Staff Bake-Off winner after her pear and ginger tart came up trumps with the staff. She gets to hold on to the famous Bake-off spoon!

<https://realfood.tesco.com/recipes/sticky-pear-ginger-tart.html>

