

#### Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

These last few weeks of the Spring Term have been extremely busy and as you will see from this newsletter, there has been lots going on at TMA! A huge thank you to all the children who supported our non-uniform day and kindly made donations for Comic Relief. We really appreciate your support.

I had the pleasure of watching the Year 5 production earlier in the week, and it was an excellent performance. The children had clearly worked incredibly hard, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and talent shine through. Well done Year 5! Also, our Dance Project were part of an amazing performance at Walton High School earlier in the term. They certainly did TMA proud with their fantastic dance moves! Well done again to all those children involved.

We are delighted to let you know we are planning a special PATH Partnership Kings Coronation celebration on Friday 5th May starting at 4pm here at TMA school. More details will follow the Easter break, so please make a note in your diaries.

To celebrate World Book Day, the children dressed up and it was fantastic to see so many creative ideas as children made their book in a jar. It was a lovely day all around! With this in mind, we are extremely grateful for all the Amazon books we have received from our wish list, we will be updating this shortly. A huge thank you from us all here at school.

Please remember that tomorrow is an Inset day with children not in school. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

With very best wishes

Lucy Eldridge Head of Two Mile Ash School









## Year 3

#### **English**

In Year 3 we have been taking a good look at some of the countries around the world. Pupils have been spending their English lessons brushing up on their facts and knowledge about which country they would like to live in. They have conducted research using the school's newly purchased lpads which they thoroughly enjoyed! We compared what we found out to our own lives to see the similarities and differences. Following this, they have written a wonderful fact file about their chosen country.

#### Geography/History

Year 3 has been studying Milton Keynes both old and new. They have learned about how Milton Keynes developed through the years and compared this to modern-day MK. Children have found out about the different methods in which to travel around: the grid system, the railway, The Grand Union Canal as well as main roads.

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#### French

Bonjour! In French, pupils have been learning new words for a variety of topics. They have found out how to speak about clothes, homes, body parts, and their family. We have been hard at work putting these into practice through conversations with learning partners and work in our books.



This term we started a gardening group to help with our children's wellbeing and mental health. We have been learning what it means to have good wellbeing and good mental health and how gardening can help to improve these things. So far we have tidied lots of our pots, and used the compost from our inhouse compost bins to add to one of our beds in our wellbeing garden where we intend to grow different vegetables such as potatoes, onions and garlic!









### Basketball Champions!

CONGRATULATIONS! To our Year 6 Basketball squad – Winners of the Buckinghamshire County School Games on Thursday 23rd March 2023! 5 wins and 1 draw completes an unbeaten season of Basketball where you have all shown incredible performances throughout. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to







#### **Gymnastics**

A huge well done to both of our Gymnastics Teams who performed wonderfully at the MK Schools Competition at MK Gym on Wednesday 8th March! This term, you all showed great dedication and commitment to sessions impressed with your performances in two routines and a vault – you should be proud of your amazing work!

Our Year 3/4 squad achieved 2nd Place in the MK Schools competition and went on to achieve 3rd Place at the County Finals on Wednesday 22nd March 2023! Both fantastic achievements!





#### Indoor Athletics



This term, Year 5/6 pupils have been working hard at a series of Athletics disciplines. A group of 8 boys and 8 girls were chosen to represent at a Quad Kids & Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Radcliffe School on Tuesday 21st March. Up against nine other schools, Two Mile Ash came 1st Place in both events! A great achievement – well done to you all!

## PE

#### **Cross Country**

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 runners at the Buckinghamshire Cross Country Championships at Stowe School in February. You all ran brilliantly, behaved wonderfully and had a really enjoyable day! Thank you to all the parent support, helping to get children to and from the event and cheering the children on! Stand out individual performances included: Nicole (9th) and Ella (20th (5th Year 5 Girl); Rishit (5th Year 6 Boy), Marshall (11th), Leon (20th) and Mihai (26th (9th Year 5 Boy)).



Following their successes at MK Bowl and/or Stowe School this year, Ayla (Y4), Ella, Mihai, David (all Y5), Nicole & Leon (both Y6) represented Milton Keynes AC or Bucks Swans at the National Cross Country Finals in Loughborough on Saturday 25th March 2023 – we are very proud of you for performing at such a high level and in proper Cross Country conditions – well done!













#### Football

On Thursday 2nd February, our Year 6 Football team recorded two more league wins finishing their season with a 100% record from 11 games – an outstanding achievement! Spectacular goals from Seb, Edward, Dhilan and Jason helped the team to the wins – next on to the MK Schools Finals on Thursday 30th March! Good luck boys!

We have been proud to see over 115 Year 3 & 4 children turn out to football sessions this term, with over 40 of these going on to represent the school so far in matches against Fairfields School and Middleton School. More games to follow next term as well as the start of the Year 5/6 Girls Football League.

#### Tag-Rugby



Groups of Year 5 and 6 children represented TMA at MK Schools Tag Rugby Festivals in March!

You all made lots of improvement, got very muddy and had great fun – well done!







### Bikeability Olympics

Eight of our Year 5 children enjoyed a Bikeability Olympics event at Sports Central on Friday 24th March. Competing across 5 challenges, you all did brilliantly, impressing the instructors and competition organisers. Congratulations to Reshan who won the event with the highest score on the day! Thank you to Cycle Citizens and MK Council for providing this fun opportunity for our pupils.









### DodgeBall

Well done to the Year 6 pupils selected to play Dodgeball at a Milton Keynes Schools competition on Monday 6th February! Very impressive team display showing great improvement as the event progressed. MVPs as voted for by the team: Colbie, Charlie & Ryan.

Well done to the Year 3 Dodgeball players in their matches at Bushfield School in February. We were very impressed with your hard work and great throwing/dodging/catching!







## Year 4







As we close in on the Easter holiday - only 1 term left! - we are continuing to see engagement and enjoyment from our Year 4s. We have recently re-launched our year group points reward system and the classes are eagerly competing for an end of term class reward. If the system works well, we will introduce weekly rewards for those classes that are showing the values and commitment to school life.

Our big focus immediately after the break is the Whitemoor Lakes visit and I met an excited bunch this week to ask them all who they would like to share a room with.

The curriculum has been well received by the children who have loved working on sewing and stitching, learning about how our country was created through its many invasions and show full engagement in our English topic, The Spiderwick Chronicles, for which they produced some fantastic writing. Our new iPads have been a fantastic point of access resource for all the children and they have also performed superbly in our recent assessment week.

Anyway, here's to an amazing summer term and thank you again for your support,

Kind regards Adam Shirley and the rest of the Year 4 team.







#### Travis to visit California



Our famous travelling bear, Travis, is spending the Easter break in California, spending time in San Diego, LA and Anneheim for some disney adventures!

In the May half-term he is booked to go to Paris!

## Year 5

This half-term Year 5 have been working extremely hard with rehearsals for our Year 5 Production called 'Let The Games Begin'. All of the children have spent time during school and at home learning lines and songs to help make the production a roaring success. It has been fantastic watching so many children grow in confidence and come out of their comfort zones! Keep up the amazing work Year 5!! (Remember us when you're famous!)

In the midst of all the rehearsals Year 5 have also been learning about the 'Terrible Tudors' in history and have learnt some shocking and interesting stuff about the Kings and Queens of the past!

We have also been learning about forces in Science and applying our knowledge to a number of experiments to help us understand different forces and their properties. May The Force Be With You Year 5!

Have a great break!

Kind Regards,

Sumara Siddiqui Class Teacher

























#### Parking Reminder

Don't endanger a child's life!

Never park on the zig-zags

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR—

Whilst we appreciate that it is always busy around school during drop-off and pick-ups, it has come to our attention that some drivers are choosing to ignore the "Keep Clear" signs on the roads. We would like to remind anyone dropping off children that these entrances must be kept clear at all times. This includes stopping/dropping and reversing. This is a busy entry and exit point for our students and private access for our nearby residents. We have contacted The Mk Council's Parking Enforcement Team to see if they can visit during busy periods outside school.





#### Journalists Visit The Park

Mrs Ismail and her 'Right to Write Magazine Club' headed out to Lodge Lake with a guide from the Parks Trust last week to put together an article for the next edition of the magazine. We saw lots of wildlife and learnt a lot from our very knowledgeable guide Jools.





## You Tube new films

#### www.youtube.com/twomileashschool



See some of the costumes and smiles at another amazing TMA World Book Day!

World Book Day 2023



Ask Me Anything - Miss Williams & Miss Scott Learn all about our staff from overseas; Miss Williams and Miss Scott!



The PATH School Partnership
- Ashbrook, Two Mile Ash...

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#### You Tube See a film of the day on our































#### World Book Day

A huge thank you to all of our parents and pupils for their support on World Book Day. Every year, we love seeing the number of children who participate. either by dressing up as character from a book, or as powerful vocabulary. The jars created by our pupils have been a joy to look at and are being shown off in our shared areas. Such days really illustrate how much our children are exposed to not only reading, but different genres of books. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed reading to their buddies in Year 3 and many of the Year 5 children, who visited Ashbrook or Holmwood to read to the younger pupils, commented on how they would love to do this more in the future. Children enjoyed and were even surprised by the extracts that teachers in their year group read to them from their own favourite books.

Overall, a very busy and successful day!



















#### Dance Project

Since December, a group of Year 5 and 6 students have been working really hard in their after school club and in their lunchtimes to rehearse our school dances for this year's 'Dance Project'. This is a dance show which lots of schools across Milton Keynes take part in and the children get to perform at 'The Venue' theatre in Walton Hight to an audience of over 300. The show took place on

Tuesday 7th March and was a huge success! Our TMA dancers performed with confidence and huge smiles on their faces and we were so proud of every single one of them. They had a great time in the run up to the show: getting to know each other better, helping to choreograph some of the dances themselves, getting a backstage tour of the theatre and having the experience of doing a dress rehearsal and a tech rehearsal. On the show evening itself, the atmosphere backstage in the dressing room was amazing and their performances on stage were incredible. This week, they have come together once more to perform to Year 2 children from Holmwood school to inspire the next generation of TMA dancers! Well done to everyone involved in Dance Project 2023!









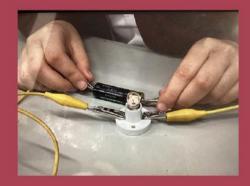




This half term Year 6 have been experimenting with their electrical circuits to solve different scenarios to make the circuits work effectively. They have had to work methodically to test the circuits to solve the problems and then make them work, often lighting up a bulb or making a sound with the buzzer.







Year 6 have also been learning new skills on the iPads, they have been digital artists using Keynote app to create modern inspired versions of Houksai waves. They then used their DT skills to re-create the waves using sewing skills in addition to adding buttons and sequences to add a 3D element to their pieces.

In English and maths, Year 6 have been focusing on SATs revision, practicing key subject skills and test techniques. You can support your child at home by referring to our website. https://www.tmaschool.com/year-groups/year-6/













#### Hanna Passes Exams





Well done to Hanna for passing her Grade 5 practical piano exam with a distinction and gaining a Gold medal for her piano duet performance at the Watford Music Drama and Art Festival.

Hanna also featured at the Milton Keynes and Bedford music festival on 4th and 5th March 2023, with solo and duet performances.





#### Veena Sings

Veena has participated in the Milton Keynes Music Festival held at Walton High on 4th March 2023. This is her first ever competition and he competed in the "Foreign Art Song / Non-European" Category for Under 10 years. She won a Bronze Medal for singing a song by Meera Bai; an Indian Female Saint from 16th Century.

#### **Brown Belt For Chase**



Chase has spent the last 6 months training for his brown belt and on the 12th March all of his hard work paid off!.





#### Sophia Bags 2nd Place

Sophia has just joined the Milton Keynes Festival of Arts and got 2nd place in the Elementary Flute Solo contest, was is just 1 mark behind 1st place.



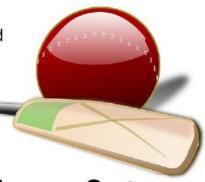
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#### Vivaan Is Most Improved Player

Vivaan has been playing professional Cricket since 2021 and has been associated with Great Brickhill Cricket Club (GBCC) Great Brickhill CC (play-cricket.com) He has been predominantly part of the Cricket Teams of Under 10s, Under 11s and played couple of games for U12s – though he is just 9 years old. On 9th March 2023 Vivaan was awarded with "Most Improved Player of the Year for U10s" award.





Vivaan is also on the Bucks County Leader Board under the U11 NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE – 2022 for Best Bowling.

#### 2nd For Rohan

Rohan (class 4TG) participated in Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts on 4th March, 2023. He secured 2nd place in the category of foreign art song(non-european). He has been learning Hindustani Indian classical music and this is his fourth consecutive year participating in MK music festival.





#### Freya Gets Awards

Freya - 4LN, has passed her Grade 1 piano exam with a Merit and has achieved her Orange Belt with Yellow stripe in Shinri Karate.



#### Mrs Black Writes For The BBC

https://tinyurl.com/yy3jb42j



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## Diary Dates



Mon 17th - Wed 19th April Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Trip

> Mon 17th April Year 3 Fashion Show

Weds 19th April Year 6 Through The Decades Inspiration Afternoon



Mon 24th April - Weds 26th April Year 3 Youlbury Trip

Mon 24th April Year 5 Inspiration Day Height And Weight - Year 6

Thurs 27th April Harmonize Spring Concert

Fri 28th April Mufti Day for the Kings Coronation

Mon 1st May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Fri 5th May PATH Kings Coronation Celebration

Mon 8th May Kings Coronation Bank Holiday (School Closed)

> Tues 9th May - Fri 12th May Year 6 SATS





#### Headteacher's Awards

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















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