



# Newsletter



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## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we come to the end of another busy and successful academic year. It has been a year filled with growth, learning and amazing achievements by our pupils and we are excited to share a number of highlights with you throughout this newsletter. The children across all year groups have shown remarkable effort and perseverance to their learning this year and we are all immensely proud of their achievements across the different curriculum subjects. A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils who performed brilliantly in their Key Stage Two SATs Assessments, and we are all proud of their dedication and hard work. Well done!

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to take a moment to bid farewell to some of our staff members who will be leaving our school community. Mr David Town, Mr Russell Little, Mrs Sureka Govender, Miss Alanah Williams, Mrs Sumara Siddiqui, Miss Katie Whistler and Mrs Ailsa Sims will be leaving to take on new roles and positions and I would like to thank them for their unwavering dedication, passion and commitment to TMA during their time with us. They will all be greatly missed and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We are excited to welcome several new members of staff who will be joining the team at the start of September. I would like to welcome Mrs Fewing, Miss Stuart and Miss Parker to the Year 3 Team, Mr Ali and Miss Moffatt to Year 4, Miss Kimberley and Mrs Peart to Year 5 and Mrs Lim to the support staff team.

I would like to express my thanks to our dedicated teaching staff and support staff for their hard work and commitment to TMA and the pupils across the year. Thank you!

On behalf of the team at TMA, we all wish you a wonderful and restful summer break. Friday 1st and Monday 4th September are Inset days so we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th September refreshed and ready for the new challenges and opportunities that the new academic year will bring.

With warmest wishes,

**Lucy Eldridge**  
Head of Two Mile Ash School



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Inspiring Futures  
Through Learning



# Year 3

In our science lessons, we've been talking about how important it is to eat a healthy and balanced diet. We've learned about the different types of food that give our bodies the energy and nutrients they need. The children have enjoyed discovering new foods and understanding how they can keep their bodies strong and healthy.

We've also been exploring the amazing world inside our bodies. We've learned about bones, which give our bodies structure and help us move, and muscles, which help us run, jump, and play. The children have had fun discovering how our bodies work and how important it is to take care of them.

In a very special workshop, we had a virtual reality experience, where we travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt! We got to see the magnificent pyramids, walk through temples, and learn about the lives of ancient Egyptians. It was like stepping into a time machine, and the children loved every moment of this exciting adventure!

In our literacy lessons, we've been working on our storytelling skills. We read a fantastic book called "Ottoline and the Yellow Cat" and used it as inspiration to write our own mystery stories. Children have been letting their imaginations run wild as they create thrilling tales with interesting characters, mysterious settings, and surprising twists. It's been wonderful to see their creativity shine through their writing!

We are so proud of our Year 3 students and their enthusiasm for learning. The team here in Year 3 hopes all of the children have enjoyed their first year here at TMA and wish them a restful and fun summer holiday!





# Year 4

What an amazing year it has been for us in Year 4 and as with all good things they go quickly and end too soon! We have finished with a flourish, enjoying Mayan Day activities and learning all about their culture to support our Rainforests topic. The children have really enjoyed the topic and particularly looking at deforestation and the effects it is having on our planet. They have shown real interest and engagement regarding this important issue.

To support our topic further, we painted tigers in the jungle (inspired by Henri Rousseau) and sketched natural items. In D.T., we made environmental message cards linking our circuit knowledge from our science topic. The children used a power source and copper tape to create an open and closed circuit to light a bulb.

In English, we have created video diaries and reports on the rainforests and linked this to a poetry topic too. We also had a very successful final assessment week with our year group improving attainment in all areas.

As the year draws to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year. It has been highly enjoyable and rewarding for us all and this is as a direct result of your wonderful children.

We wish them all the best for Year 5 and beyond and don't be strangers - stop by and say hello!

Mr Shirley, Mrs Potter, Mrs Govender, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Goates, Miss Norman, Mrs Williams and Mrs Vunnava.







# TERM DATES

Two Mile Ash School – Term Dates 2023-2024



<u>Autumn Term 2023</u>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY No children in school. Kidz Club not open.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY No children in school. Kidz Club not open.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Term Starts
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	End of Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	INSET DAY No children in school.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Term Starts
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Term Ends
<u>Spring Term 2024</u>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET DAY No children in school.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Term Starts
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Term Ends
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Term Starts
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	End of Term
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Bank Holiday
<u>Summer Term 2024</u>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Term Starts
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	End of Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Term Starts
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	End of Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	INSET DAY No children in school



# Modeshift Stars

Throughout this academic year we have been working hard as a school to achieve Modeshift Stars Schools Accreditation. This scheme recognises schools that show excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. As a school, Two Mile Ash have devised a Travel Plan and recorded initiatives that have taken place this year. We have submitted our application in July with the hope of gaining our first aim - Bronze Award. We would like to thank parents, pupils, staff as well as MK Council for their support in this ongoing journey to develop healthier, safer habits of travel to and from school in our community. Here are some of the initiatives we have completed this year:



## 1. Bikeability Cycling Training.

125 Year 5 & 6 pupils completed their Level 2 Bikeability courses in 2022/23, with many of these completing it twice! 19 of these children then went on to represent the school at the MK Bikeability Olympics organised by Cycle Citizens MK - gaining 3rd Place at the Finals!

## 2. Bike Racks and Scooter Pod installation.

Thanks to a successful £5000 MK Council travel grant application in 2022, we were able to fund the installation of new bike racks to safely secure up to 48 bikes and scooter pods for up to 11 scooters. These were installed over the Easter holidays in 2023.

## 3. Walk to School Week (15th May).

Children encouraged to travel actively to school every day of the week. Year 3 & 4 pupils collected stickers and filled in active diaries to win prizes. Parents and children encouraged to try 'park & stride' or use of public transport to reduce congestion and encourage walking to school!

## 4. Happy Shoesday (16th May).

Children and grown-ups encouraged to wear shoes that make them happiest! We raised £100 through donations from families – this has gone towards initiatives in 2023/24.

## 5. Walking Bubbles.

Images of 5- and 10-minute walking bubbles from TMA School shared on social media. Plans for images in the community to support this will be embedded in 2023/24.

## 6. Bike Week (6th June).

Our bike shed has been overflowing in the Summer Term! We counted 77 bikes and 19 scooters on one morning!

## 7. 'Pedal for Prizes'.

Lots of children have found colourful padlocks on their bike and won prizes including pencils, reflective clips and bike lights.

## 8. Clean Air Day (15th June)

Promotional materials shared online to encourage sustainable travel with the aim to reduce air pollution in our community.





A fantastic year of PE and School Sport concludes, and we are proud of all children at Two Mile Ash for their hard work and dedication. We are also very thankful for the amazing parent and staff support we receive. Whilst we have enjoyed many achievements in both Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire County events this year, it is the volume of opportunities and the number of pupils we have represent the school that fills us with most delight. Over 150 events (school and house) have been accessed by pupils this academic year, with a total of 555 (83%) of pupils representing TMA in a sport fixture and 491 (73%) representing their house in at least one sport competition. On top of this many of our pupils have accessed regular sports clubs and practices both during lunchtimes and after-school.

## Cricket

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 Cricketers at their MK Schools Dynamos Cricket Competitions at Bletchley CC in June. A cumulative 9 wins out of 10 matches from both teams - a remarkable achievement! As a result of this success, we represented Milton Keynes at the County Cricket Finals at Chearsley Cricket Club on Tuesday 11th July. Following two impressive wins in our group and the semi-finals, we came up just short in the Final against a very good side from Ickford School. County Runners up – a fantastic achievement, well done to all of you! Kian named TMA star player for the tournament – excellent leader and player, well deserved!



## Football

Three wonderful evenings of Year 3/4 Girls Football at Fairfields Sports Hub enjoyed in June. All of you have been a delight to work with, showing great improvement and having the best time. Thank you to all the parents for your support. Keep enjoying your football girls!





## Bikeability Olympics

This term we have enjoyed a further Heat and the Finals event of the Bikeability Olympics organised by Cycling Citizens MK. A win for our TMA team in June's heat and an excellent 3rd place finish for TMA on Friday 7th July in the MK Schools Final at Sports Central!

Well done to all of those involved, with shout outs to Ito, Ara & Dylan on winning medals at the July Finals! Thank you to Tom from Cycle Citizens MK and the volunteers from MK Council for hosting a great event!



## Korfball

Congratulations to our Year 6's in the MK Schools Korfball Tournament at Watling Academy on Monday 12th June! 4 wins out of 4 for our 1st team and they walked away as champions! Both TMA teams played brilliantly in this fast, exciting sport! Thank you to Katie from MK Youth Korfball for organising the event and for lending us Korfball Posts for the week leading up to the event.



## Swimming

A great afternoon at the MK Schools' Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Tuesday 23rd May! We competed against 16 other schools in a fantastic competition and finished an amazing 4th place overall! Our swimmers did brilliantly in their races and represented the school wonderfully! Well done to you all! If you are keen to improve your swimming, there are lots of local Swimming Pools in Milton Keynes, including Bletchley Leisure Centre (see leaflet information). If you want to know where else you can start swimming lessons, ask Mr Saville or Mr Hobley!





# Athletics

Well done to the 24 members of our Athletics Squad on Monday 26th June! Up against 9 other Ultra-sized Primary Schools in MK, TMA finished a brilliant 3rd place! This was followed by a great day of Athletics on Thursday 6th July as a team of 8 boys and 8 girls took part in the Bucks County Quad Kids event at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. TMA finishing 5th place out of 11 schools! Great team performances with hard work in practice sessions paying off – thanks for all your commitment!



## Sports Days **See Photos on our website!**

A huge well done to all our children at Sports Days in June! Each taking part in at least six challenges, they earned lots of points for their Houses whilst having fun along the way. Thank you to all the parents that came to support, the amazing Year 6 leaders who encouraged younger pupils and to our staff for their hard work during the four brilliant events. Here were the results:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 <sup>st</sup> – Hawthorne	1 <sup>st</sup> – Rutherford	1 <sup>st</sup> – Rutherford	1 <sup>st</sup> – Brittain
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Brittain	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Townsend	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Hawthorne	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Townsend
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Emburey	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Brittain	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Townsend	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rutherford
Overall – 1 <sup>st</sup> – <b>RUTHERFORD HOUSE</b>			





# MKSSP Primary Sports School of the Year 2023

Together with local school and our friends at Bushfield School, Two Mile Ash have been awarded MKSSP Primary Sports School of the Year 2023!! A huge achievement for all the pupils, parents and staff that have produced a stunning year of Sport and PE.

As well as the school award, congratulations to four of our pupils at TMA. Well done to Hayden and Mia who were nominated for Leadership Awards. Rishit was awarded Sports Ambassador of the Year, while Nicole received plaudits as Sports Personality of the Year.

Thank you to everybody for their continued support to TMA School Sport!



## TMA Wins GOLD!

We are delighted to announce that we, Two Mile Ash School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- County Basketball Winners
- County Cricket Runners Up
- County Gymnastics 3rd Place
- County Netball, Athletics & Cross Country Finalists
- MK Cross Country Ultra-Schools Winners
- MK Athletics Ultra-Schools 3rd Place
- MK Schools Year 5/6 Boys Football Finalists
- MK Schools Netball, Basketball and Korfbal winners



With a total of 556 young people representing Two Mile Ash School in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



# Rounders

There have been lots of Rounders events this term enjoyed by many different groups of children at TMA. These include friendly matches and competitions at Bushfield School, Two Mile Ash and Radcliffe School. Great fun had by all and well done to all of those involved.



# Other Sports

A great afternoon in the sunshine on Wednesday 24th May for a group of Year 4's who had the chance to take part in an Archery Festival at Bushfield School. You all improved lots at your accuracy and impressed with your communication skills with children from other schools – Well done!

A group of Year 6's enjoyed an afternoon at Climb Quest on Thursday 18th May. It was amazing to see you grow in confidence throughout, taking on all different challenges! Well done to you all.



The children and staff at TMA have enjoyed learning all about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and how accepting and celebrating these elements, give us all a sense of belonging. The children have embraced learning about neurodiversity, race, beliefs, gender and culture and have loved sharing their own experiences and what makes them unique!



# Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic term learning all about water worlds! We have taken time to reflect on our learning and hard work and as a result we have been really impressed with the determination showed across all 5 classes.

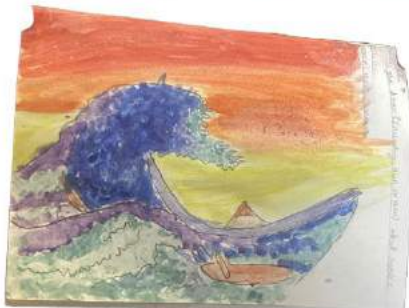
We have had a real push on reading in order to prepare our Year 5's for the year ahead and the ownership and responsibility taken to bringing in their reading records daily has been just fantastic. Well done Year 5. Reading is so important for vocabulary acquisition, and it has been a pleasure to hear of the new vocabulary children are learning as they read more and more challenging texts. It has also been a pleasure to introduce our new magical class read 'The Mask of Aribella' which is set in Venice, Italy. We have discussed the magical powers we would like to have if we were lucky enough to go and lived in the magical organisation described in the text.

A particular highlight this term has been our life cycles topic. Each class became home to 5 butterflies that grew from caterpillars. It was amazing to see the caterpillars begin to spin webs almost like spiders to make their cocoons and some classes actually got to see the butterflies emerge mid lesson! I think it gave our teachers quite the surprise! Having kept the butterflies for a few days and fed them naturally sugary fruit, we set them free from the classroom being careful as they really were very delicate.

The other area of the curriculum where we have learned more about water has been geography and art. In geography, we have investigated local rivers and rivers across the world. Watching the children present the facts they have learned has been brilliant and their confidence when speaking publicly has definitely grown. In art, we have been inspired by Dale Chihuly and his glass sculptures, mimicking his technique with plastic water bottles (a much safer alternative) and carefully using markers to design our translucent patterns delicately. We have also used watercolours to reimagine Hokusai's wave at sunset and listening to the children confidently compliment each other on their artwork has been a pleasure.

As the year draws to a close we are very proud of all our Year 5's have achieved this year.

Miss Baldwin and the Year 5 team





# Year 6

Make sure you watch our  
2023 Year 6 Leavers film  
on Youtube!



The summer term for year 6 has been jam packed with lots of exciting events and experiences. At the start of the summer term Year 6 visited Drayton Manor theme park where the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the rides and thrills. Year 6 have also been working with the Micro:bits to produce codes and operate the LED display, this was a challenge for most of the children, but perseverance and questioning solved any issues. Year 6 children have also been attending their secondary school transitions and additional events, we know this is a really important element to Year 6 and our staff make sure children are fully prepared for the transition to secondary school. As we move towards the end of the term, we have the Year 6 production of 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' to look forward to.

We wish all our Year 6 children all the best for secondary school and the journey beyond!

## Some L.S. Lowry inspired artwork from Year 6



## See the Whitemoor Lakes Photos on our Website





# Headteacher's Awards

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



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# Our Achievements



## Ramin Wins



Ramin won the Mental Maths Championship in his group (group D) at the Brainup Abacus Mental Maths Academy National competition on June 1st, 2023, which was held at the Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC). It was a well-deserved win for Ramin, who has dedicated years to improving his mental maths and abacus skills. It's also worth mentioning that Ramin was a Group C champion in the 2022 competition.

## Ewan Sits Music Exams

Ewan has had a busy term with music. He passed his Grade 2 trumpet with distinction and sat his Grade 2 piano last week. Along with various music school related concerts, he's definitely deserved his ice-cream!



## Award For Krishvi

Krishvi (4AS) is learning Samskrit language from the Samskrit Bhartati UK organisation. She has successfully completed her Level 1 and is progressing well in Level 2.



## Photography Club

Photography club worked on some amazing collages using their photos to finish a very successful club.





# Our Achievements



## Radhika Passes Exam

Congratulations to Radhika from 6MS for passing her french DELF PRIM A1.1 exam with a merit. Very well done and keep it up.



## Dan Is Undefeated!

Dan competed in the TMKA kickboxing competition on Sunday 9th July. He took part in 4 fights with 4 wins and came home as the champion!



## Mylo Wins Awards

Mylo was voted managers player at the Willen football presentation. He has been with the Willen Jackals for nearly a year, attending matches and tournaments. He absolutely loves playing football and there are hopefully more achievements to come.



## Molly Springs to Success

Molly from 3PM has only been doing gymnastics for 2 months and has achieved levels 1 & 2 and gained many new skills.







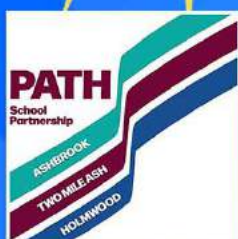
# KIDZ CLUB

Two Mile Ash School

# Summer Kidz Club

## 24th July - 31st August

Offering a huge amount of activities!



Week One	Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July
Week Two	Monday 31st July - Friday 4th Aug
Week Three	Monday 7th Aug - Friday 11th Aug
Week Four	Monday 14th Aug - Friday 18th Aug
Week Five	Monday 21st Aug - Friday 25th Aug
Week Six	Tuesday 29th Aug - Thursday 31st Aug



## Activities

Den Building  
Forest Fun  
Outside Games  
Scooters  
Adventure Playground  
Capture The Flag  
Design A Flag  
Art Collage  
Newspaper Crafts  
Make Your Own Masks  
Sock Puppets  
Hama Beads  
Make A Shield  
Funny Face Kites

Name Art  
Jewellery Making  
Dance Fun  
Movie Time  
Domino Challenge  
Inside Games  
Biscuits And Cakes  
Free Play

PLUS LOTS  
MORE!



### Bookings

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

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

**Opening Times**  
School Day £25 (8.00 - 3.30)

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