



# Newsletter



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## Message from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an incredibly busy and productive Autumn Term and we are so proud of all the children for their hard work and everything they have achieved so far. I know they are feeling very tired and are certainly ready for a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas performances, the confidence the children showed either on stage or performing with the choir was amazing. All children worked incredibly hard in their rehearsals and it certainly paid off! Likewise, the choir children who performed with the Silver Band at Shenley Brook End Theatre also showed wonderful stage presence, high levels of enthusiasm and their love of singing together. Well done to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Williams and the Harmonize children, it was a great team effort and another hugely enjoyable evening!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre last week and supporting this community event. It was lovely to see the pupils, staff and families coming together to enjoy the festivities. Please remember that Monday 8th January is an Inset day so we will welcome the children back in school on Tuesday 9th January 2023.

From all the staff at TMA, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Spring Term.

With very best wishes  
Lucy Eldridge  
Head of Two Mile Ash School



# Year 3

Our Year 3 children have now completed their first full term at Two Mile Ash and what a fun term we have all had! We have made lots of new friends, got to know our teachers, got to know our way around the school and worked hard to earn lots of merits. Well done Year 3!

In science, we have been learning about the qualities and types of rocks and different light sources. Our favourite lesson was the lesson about making shadows with the torches.

Our class reads for this term has been "Me, the Queen and Christopher" and "Anisha Accidental Detective" which we have enjoyed reading together.

In personal development, we have learnt all about the Zones of Regulation and what we can do to regulate our feelings. This is something we will continue working on after Christmas.

Our Design and Technology focus has been kites. We made a prototype and then designed, made, tested and evaluated our own kites. It was great fun using the tools and flying our kites outside.

We have also enjoyed writing and recording our very own podcasts using the Ipads! Wishing all our children and families a very happy Christmas from the Year 3 team.



**We have some photos on our website of the Year 3 Production Rehearsals.**

<https://www.tmaschool.com/news/galleries/>



# Year 4

What a busy term we have had in Year 4! The children have been fantastic at managing all the day to day activities and events that have taken place since October. From twice weekly swimming sessions to Mayan topic day and all in between, the children have thrown themselves into school life with vigor and showing superb growth. The children performed very well during our assessment week and they have been enjoying reading and working on The Iron Man in English. Our topic day was very successful and supported our learning on the Ancient Mayas which we have linked to DT this term by sewing money pouches.

The term comes to a joyful end with our year group performance of Santa's on Strike - for which all of the children have been working extremely hard - and an enjoyable last couple of days in school.

Thank you again for your continued support, Mr Shirley and the Year 4 team.



Click here to see our Year 4 Production Photos!

<https://www.tmaschool.com/news/galleries/>



# Headteacher's Awards

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



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# Year 5



Year 5 have really enjoyed learning about the Romans this half term and have produced some wonderful original mosaic pieces inspired by Roman designs. I think you will agree they look fantastic. In Science, Year 5 have enjoyed conducting experiments around materials (look at the photos from 5LN on the playground). In Art, Year 5 have been studying the work of Salvador Dali and have produced some great original pieces in the style of his work. We are looking forward to learning about 'The Americas' and 'Greeks' next term and we look forward to the work that will be produced.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from the Year 5 team.



# PE



## Sport MK Sports Achiever of the Year 2023 Awards Primary School of the Year – Two Mile Ash School

On Tuesday 5th December, we were honoured to receive the Primary School of the Year award at the Sport MK Sports 2023 Awards evening. A wonderful event held at Denbigh School saw a celebration of the excellent sporting achievements and hard work of sports men, sports women, volunteers and organisations from across Milton Keynes. Adding to the Milton Keynes School Sport Partnership award in July, this recognition caps off a year full of proud moments shared with our pupils and families at Two Mile Ash School. Mr Saville and Mr Hobley thank you all for your commitment and support this year and look forward to what 2024 brings!



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## Basketball

### Year 5/6 MK Schools Competitions

A huge well done to the Year 5/6 Basketball Teams at their MK Schools Competitions in November. In two very competitive, energetic and hard-fought tournaments, TMA placed 1st out of 8 at Shenley Brook End School and 3rd out of 8 at Radcliffe School! You all played amazingly well!



### Basketball Festivals

Well done to the Year 4, 5's and 6's in their MK School's Basketball Festivals this term at Shenley Brook End School and Sir Herbert Leon Academy! Excellent play on show from all, with many of our players being awarded MVPs for their hard work.



## MK Breakers Assembly & Game Day Trip

It was amazing to see so many TMA pupils (including former pupils) and families on Saturday 18th November at the Milton Keynes Breakers Basketball Club game day trip against NASSA. Thank you, MK Breakers, for welcoming us following the inspirational assembly from Jordan Spencer earlier in the month- the team played awesomely and deserved their big win! We enjoyed getting autographs and photos with the players and can't wait to come back and support you again soon! Let's Go Breakers!



## House Basketball

Congratulations to Townsend House (Year 6), Rutherford House (Year 5) and Brittain (Year 4) on winning House Basketball Competitions in November! Very competitive events enjoyed by 120 children, who represented their House across the three lunchtime tournaments.



## Tag Rugby

We are very proud of the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby players that showed amazing commitment in their MK Primary Schools Competition in November. Both of our teams demonstrated great progress over four weeks, with one of our teams qualifying for the finals, winning three, drawing one and losing 1 match. This resulted in them being placed an incredible 2nd place overall! Your hard work paid off, congratulations! Thank you to all the parents that supported too.



# Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

Lots of fun had by groups of Year 5 & 6 pupils in Tag Rugby matches at Bushfield and Middleton Schools this term - games were played in great spirit, with so many amazing tries scored by all teams! Well done to all of those involved!



# Cross Country

## Year 3/4 Running Festival at Bushfield School

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 runners on Friday 3rd November at the Bushfield School Running Festival! Great to see so many children enjoying running at a great event. Our 13 runners did amazing, showing lots of determination and desire to do their best! Three of our pupils (Hasan, Mizuki & Alexis) even came away with medals for coming in the top 3 in their events - amazing work!



# Speed Stacking

For the first time, we were involved in a Speed Stacking event on Thursday 7th December! 21 children from Years 4, 5 & 6 were joined by a group from Bushfield School to enjoy various stacking challenges. There were some very impressive times recorded and fun had by all.



# House Football

In the Year 3 & Year 4 House Football events, a total of 127 pupils competed for their House Sport Trophies! Congratulations Hawthorne House in Year 3 and Emburey House in Year 4 on their wins!





# Our Achievements



## Zayd Wins Competition

### My Friend is a Ghost

by Zayd, aged 10



I have a friend, unlike any others  
He's a bit different, no sisters or brothers  
When I met him, we both gave a shriek  
When he floats through the hallway,  
Nothing, not a creak  
When he arrived at my house, Mum went pale  
It was so peculiar, even the bread went stale  
I wanted a sleepover, he didn't sleep  
Meanwhile I was counting sheep.

When I showed him to others, they seemed quite scared  
At least my dear friend know I cared  
When he disappeared one day, out of the blue  
I still knew that our bond would always stay true



Zayd recently won a writing competition run by Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council. Congratulations Zayd!

## Yuvraj Gets Graded



Yuvraj has successfully graded and received a green belt in Karate. Yuvraj is very pleased with the early Christmas present!



## Stuti Wins Medals

Stuti, from 5LN, is part of the Arabian Gymnastics Floor & Vault Squad. She represented her squad at the Buckinghamshire County Gymnastic Competition 2023 and won a bronze medal in the individual category and gold in the team category.



## Joseph Gets A Distinction

Joseph (5SP) recently took his initial piano exam & passed with a distinction and a fantastic mark of 97%!



Well done Joseph!



## Maria Stars In Cinderella



Maria wants to become an actress and she is training at the Creative Learning Centre, which is a part of MK Theatre. She studies Acting and Musical theatre. Recently, Maria performed in a Youth Theatre production: Cinderella, where she had the role of Bernice, one of the step sisters.

# Dodgeball

A great Dodgeball festival at TMA on Friday 1st December saw over 70 Year 5/6 children take part in 22 really fun games! Thank you to Bushfield, New Bradwell, Cedars and New Bradwell Schools for visiting us and to all the children that played with amazing honesty and respect.

Well done to the Year 4 and 6 children who partook in Dodgeball events in November at Two Mile Ash, Bushfield and Middleton Schools. You all showed amazing sportsmanship, effort and fun in games against SMSG, Giles Brook, Kents Hill Park & Middleton.



# Year 6 House Dodgeball

82 enthusiastic Year 6's stayed after school on Monday 4th December for House Dodgeball! A total of 38 games played with lots of amazing throwing, dodging and catching - in the end, it was Townsend (Green) victorious, with Rutherford (Red) in 2nd and Emburey (Yellow) in 3rd. Well done to all that played and represented their Houses excellently.



# New Sports Website

Visit our NEW School Sports Website to see all upcoming events and key information, including locations and timings. We will be using this website to upload all school sports events, including clubs, training sessions, fixtures and competitions. As well as a great way to communicate what's going on with parents, we can track our pupil participation and also share things like news and photos.

<https://sports.tma.bucks.sch.uk/Default.asp?id=23167>



# Badminton

Groups of Year 3 and Year 5 children enjoyed visits to Bushfield School in December, trying out various Badminton challenges set out for them. All children gave their best and represented the school excellently! Well done to you all.



## Skipping

Across two after-school events in December a total of 120 TMA children took part in House Skipping Competitions. Gaining points in various team and individual challenges, children represented their houses brilliantly and showed amazing skipping skills. The winning Houses in each year were as follows: Year 3 – Townsend ; Year 4 – Rutherford ; Year 5 – Hawthorne; and Year 6 – Rutherford.



## Swimming



This term, over 400 of our pupils enjoyed our first ever Pools to Schools programme at Two Mile Ash School! A total of 100 in-school lessons, across four weeks, were led by Elite Swimming's own swimming instructors with children showing great progress throughout the fun sessions. In addition to the lessons, extra-curricular swimming clubs were attended by over 80 of our pupils. We thank parents and pupils for their support and organisation to make it a successful first run of our new swimming initiative at TMA

## Bikeability

In November, 71 Year 5/6 children completed their Level 2 Bikeability Courses. Around Two Mile Ash we saw our children being instructed around the redways and roads. Bikeability is a council scheme that teaches children how to be safe whilst cycling and visits most of the schools in MK. Well done to all of those involved – more courses to follow through the year – sign your child up if you haven't yet!





# Diary Dates



**Mon 8th January**  
INSET Day (School Closed)

**Tues 9th January**  
Term Starts

**Weds 10th / Thur 11th January**  
MK Pantomime Trip @ MK Theatre  
Year 4 Library Trip 1

**Fri 12th January**  
Year 4 Library Trip 2

**Monday 15th January**  
Year 4 Library Trip 3

**Thurs 18th January**  
Year 4 Library Trip 4

**Fri 19th January**  
Harmonize at Young Voices  
O2 London

**Mon 22nd January**  
Year 4 Library Trip 5

**Sat 27th January**  
Year 5/6 MK Schools Basketball Finals

**Mon 29th January**  
Year 6 MK Schools Badminton Competition

**Thurs 15th February**  
Year 5/6/ MK Schools Swimming Gala @Bletchley LC

**Fri 16th February**  
End Of Term

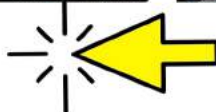


# Watch The TMA Big Band!

We filmed and sampled children from across TMA and made an amazing video and track! Thank you to everyone for their excellent playing!



<http://tinyurl.com/5smkshyp>



Click the link to watch

## TMA Delivers To The MK Food Bank



We recently delivered our Harvest Festival donations to the MK Food Bank, which was very warmly received. Thank you to everyone that donated and to the children that came along to help with the delivery. (We checked all the use-by dates before we delivered)

**#HelloYellow**

Thank you to everyone that donated and wore yellow for Young Minds last term. We raised £395 for an amazing cause. Click the link below to find out more.

**Young Minds Parent Page**

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>



# Year 6

It really has been all systems go in Year 6 this term! It has been fantastic to see how proactive the children have been in making links between their learning, particularly in applying their understanding from geography to computing. We have been so impressed with the independence they have shown in researching and understanding more about natural disasters as well as applying their knowledge to understand even more about the implications of scale on the impacts of earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes. The children have then made PowerPoint presentations with animations and sound to present their new knowledge.

In English, we have read and now watched "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas", before writing interviews with characters and letters in role. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the text and it has been fantastic to see the maturity with which they have responded to themes in the book. We have also really engaged with book club sessions, with the children clearly motivated to listen to their teachers read different texts. You may have seen on Facebook that each of the teachers chose a book by a female author and now the children have put forward new requests including mystery themed texts, graphic novels and even poetry! Our Right to Write Club has been busy writing the school magazine and we are so impressed with the quality of the latest issue! We have shared different learning opportunities with our buddies in Year 3 and it is fantastic to hear about so many of our children proactively helping the younger children. We have also completed our first class read of the year (Private Peaceful) which the children have compared with the text we have read in English.

In Science, we have been learning about Carl Linnaeus and the classification of different plants and animals. Over the last few weeks the children have grown in confidence to make their own classification keys to identify cats, birds, bees and even sweets using their physical features. We used pictures of the animals and even used the whiteboard pens on the table to map out our keys as a team! There's been a real buzz about this learning which is just great!

In DT, we have been using microbits to programme accelerometers and step counters. The children have designed increasingly complex codes before developing their own versions of games such as rock, paper, scissors. It has been fantastic to see their independence and motivation develop to be able to create their own codes, before downloading these onto the microbit and even testing out the code to check for bugs! This unit has challenged both children and staff and there's been quite a competitive feel in Year 6. Well done everyone!

We wish all our children and parents a happy and well-deserved break and look forward to seeing the children return in January where there is much more to come!

Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 team

