



# Newsletter

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## Message from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe it is half term already and we have reached the half way point of the academic year! Although it has only been six weeks we have managed to squeeze in a huge number of exciting events!

As you are aware, we had Ofsted visit the school this week and I would like to thank you for your support, well wishes and for taking the time to complete the parent survey. We will be able to share more information once the final report has been shared with the school. We are all so proud of how the children represented the school, they were incredible ambassadors!

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 26th February.

With very best wishes

**Lucy Eldridge**  
Head Teacher



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# Our Achievements



## Hasan Wins A Medal



Well done to Hasan from Year 4 for winning a bronze medal in badminton!



## Gurshann Wins Bronze



Gurshaan attends MKBA's coaching program. He took part in their yearly tournament and won a bronze medal. It was a round robin tournament with twelve participants

## Ronin Recieves Award

Ronin, from 6BT, was recently rewarded with a 6 year uninterrupted attendance certificate at Stagecoach, which is a performing arts school in Stony Stratford.

He was the only one to receive this reward and we are extremely proud of him as he was only 4 years old when he took interest in theatre and asked if he could go to theatre school.

He also received a crystal award to mark this milestone and was absolutely over the moon when receiving it.



## Reach For The Skye



Skye has recently achieved her level 1 qualification in rock climbing and is now working towards level 2. She can tie the safety knots, belay and support another climber safely and is able to complete difficult climbs using supports of just one colour.

## New Skill For Molly

Molly, from 4AS, has achieved a new skill in gymnastics. Hand spring over vault!



# Year 3



For our science topic this term, 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. 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 we can finally see the dye in the celery tubes!



We have also been very busy with our DT project. Each class has researched and baked their very own fruit tarts, which were then devoured for a taste test! We hope you all have a restful half-term.

The Year 3 Team



## Our Achievements



## Swara Wows The Judges

Swara, from 3LJ, won the Gold Prize for singing in the London Young Musician 23/24 Season 3 competition in the Young Talent 8 and under category.

She sung the song "Home" from "Wonderland" composed by "Frank Wildhorn". She scored 95 out of 100 for her performance. She also won the special prize for "Most Engaging Performance".





# Year 4



Although this half-term seems to have flown by, we have managed to pack quite a lot in. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the introduction of personal iPads and we are now at the point where we are building these into nearly all of our subjects as a teaching and learning aid. Thank you for your support at home; so far the children are by and large using them very well and showing a great level of responsibility for their iPad.

As a key element of our continuous reading provision, the children visited MK Central Library in January and had a fantastic time exploring the resources and books, completing scavenger tasks and listening to stories read by the librarian. Many children took books out on their cards and I know many of you have since joined the library as members which is fantastic.

Back in class, we have been looking at Europe as our geography topic and learning about climate, landmarks, cities, food and more, which the children have been very engaged in. This will culminate in a topic day in the final week of term. In addition to geography, we have been creating some wonderful art inspired by Russian artist Kandinsky and learning about humans and animals in science. Next half term, I am sure will prove to be even more busy as we move towards the final arrangements for our residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes and more.

Many thanks for your continued support with all things Year 4!

Mr Shirley and the Year 4 team.



## Harmonize At The O2

On Friday 19th January, 152 children and 17 adults climbed aboard three coaches to travel to London for one of the best days in the school calendar – the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. Harmonize were incredible and we are so proud of how brilliantly they represented the school and how fantastically they performed. All the staff who attended the visit commented on how prepared the children were, how beautifully they sang and how well they participated in every single aspect of the day. Musical Director of Young Voices, Craig McLeish, said the children sang really well, and during one of the songs we even carried out a secret task – “It’s over here!” (if you know, you know!) Not only were TMA Harmonize children singing away at Young Voices this year, we also participated alongside lots of other IFtL Trust schools. Next year, we hope YV is going to be even bigger for Harmonize!

For those children not at the O2 Arena on Friday 19th January, we held our third Performing Arts Day at TMA. It was a really fantastic day full of drama and improvisation, and the children worked really hard on their performing arts skills. Year 3’s day was all centred around Harry Potter, Year 4 came up with some very silly-sounding news reports, Year 5 had to survive on a desert island and Year 6 developed characters through the game ‘Werewolf’ (which inspired the TV show The Traitors).



# Our IFtL Youth Parliament Members



## The IFtL Family Of Schools



We asked our IFtL Youth Parliament members, Akshay and Poppy, some questions about their roles and what they get up to at their meetings.

### What is the IFtL Youth Parliament?

Youth Parliament is a leadership team with two representatives from each of the 16 IFtL schools. We make decisions on how we can improve our schools at our meetings.

### What are you working on at the moment?

We are working on bringing a new bin system to all our schools so we can help the environment.

### What changes are you bringing to TMA?

We helped bring Ipads into school, which helps with our lessons and teachers.



Click here for a film from the first Youth Parliament meeting

[https://youtu.be/yrTybbhF\\_Vc?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/yrTybbhF_Vc?feature=shared)





# Crookhaven Author Visits



This term, we were lucky enough to have a visit from 'Crook Haven' author, J.J. Arcanjo. He gave a talk about his life as an author and some background on his fantastic Crook Haven books.

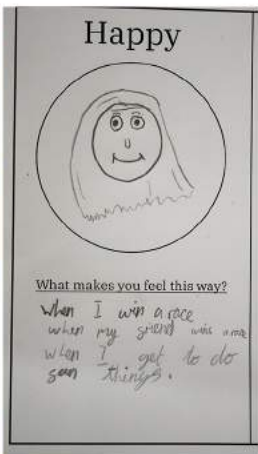
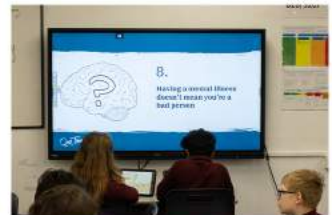


Joel/JJ Arcanjo  
@Joelarcanjo

Thank you for having me in to talk reading, writing and Crookhaven 😊  
Hope the kids enjoyed it!

# Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week at TMA, we have learnt all about mental health and why it is so important. There were lessons all across the Year Groups with some great knowledge, discussion and understanding from our children. 😊





# Diary Dates



**Mon 26th February**  
School Opens

**Sat 2nd March**  
MK Cross Country Competition  
at MK Rugby Club - Emerson Valley

**Weds 6th March**  
Harmonize Spring Concert

**Thurs 7th March**  
World Book Day

**Sun 10th March - Sun 16th March**  
Ski Trip

**Thurs 14th March**  
Year 6 Height And Weight Measurements

**Thurs 28th March**  
End Of Term



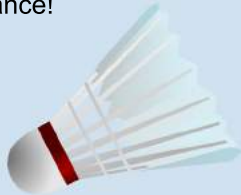




## Badminton

This term, children have been enjoying Badminton lessons in PE! Many children have gone on to represent Two Mile Ash School across several events over the past few weeks, including Year 3, 4 & 5 festivals at both Shenley Brook End and Glebe Farm Schools, as well as in Y5 & 6 matches held at TMA against Bushfield School. All children did amazingly well!

A huge well done goes to our Year 6 Doubles Team who came 2nd out of 9 in their MK Schools Competition on Monday 29th January! Our girls came 1st in their competition (7 wins, 1 loss) and our boys positioned 4th (5 wins, 3 losses) in a brilliant performance!



## Cross Country

A huge well done to the Year 5/6 Cross Country teams that competed at the Bucks County Championships at Stowe School on Wednesday! All 14 of you put in your best effort and represented the school amazingly. Individual highlights included Ella - 15th in the Girls race as well as Mihai (4th), Krish (19th) and William (21st). Congratulations to the boys team on their 3rd place finish overall and to the girls for achieving 6th place! Thank you, Mrs Natalie, for your support on the day.



## Orienteering

Another sport children have been learning about this term is Orienteering as part of their O.A.A topic. Well done to the Year 4's at the Bushfield School Orienteering Festival on Friday 2nd February. You worked well together to navigate around the course using your maps and finding clues!





# PE

## Basketball

Thank you to recently crowned National Cup champions, MK Breakers and to MKSSP for organising an amazing experience for our Y5 & 6 Basketball Team. As the winners of an MKSSP basketball tournament in November, they were given the chance to play a game in front of the MK Breakers crowd during half time on Saturday 27th January! We are very proud of the team, who put on a great performance against fellow IFTL school Whitehouse! Thank you to all the TMA families that came to support both MK Breakers and TMA!



## Football

The Year 3 & 4 boys kicked off their football for the year with a visit over to Stanton School, picking up a draw in each game. This was followed by a tournament at Middleton School that saw the boys leave with a record of W3 D1 L1. The boys have been amazing at displaying teamwork, resilience, and fairness - putting them in a very promising position for their upcoming Football League at Fairfields School starting in February.



## Dodgeball

It was great to see over 70 children from Years 5 & 6 represent TMA in Dodgeball festivals and fixtures this term, coming up against schools including Bushfield, Caroline Haslett, Green Park, Orchard, and Summerfield! You all showed fair play, great energy and enthusiasm - Well done to all!



# Tag Rugby



Thank you, Middleton School for hosting a fun Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival on Wednesday 31st January. We got to play games against Middleton, Portfields and Wavendon Gate Schools! You all showed great progress and there were some amazing tries scored, well done!



# Hockey

It was great to host a Year 4 Hockey fixture on Wednesday 7th February with our visitors, Bushfield School. A group of Year 4's showed great improvement, resilience, and determination in all the games they played, demonstrating the skills they are developing this term in PE lessons.



# TMA Receives Award

Two Mile Ash School are proud that our Good level Modeshift STARS accreditation application has been approved! This follows our successful Green accreditation achieved in September 2023. This award is recognition for the various initiatives and plans we have in place to encourage children, staff and parents to use more sustainable (and healthier) methods of transport to and from school.



Keep an eye out for upcoming Walk and Wheel Weeks as well as our Walk to School challenges and information on Walking/Cycling Bubbles!

Mr Saville





## Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Hannah Buckledee

## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Sophie Haycock

## Designated Safeguarding Officers



Mrs Natalie Phillips



Mrs Lucy Eldridge



Miss Sally Scriven



Mrs Cathie Stone



Mrs Melanie Wilmott



# Year 5

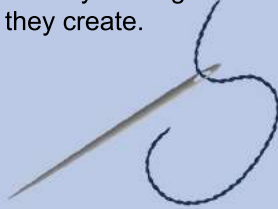


Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their curriculum this term. We have had some wonderful pieces of work created using the iPads. This was part of our vision for children to become more 'digitally' confident and they have blown the Year 5 teachers away with their progression in skills and the content they have created. We really hope you enjoy looking at some of the work they have completed.

Year 5 have also been getting to grips with sewing; it has been a challenge, but we hope the skills taught will help them in the future. Look at the great photos of them practicing their sewing skills.

As we move into the Spring Two term, Year 5 pupils are really looking forward to our next Art and Computing projects. We can't wait to see what they create.

Tom Ruffett  
Head of Year 5



Aztec mood board



# Year 6



This term we have been so busy in Year 6. We are so impressed by the maturity with which children have taken to their learning and the quality of work being produced is excellent! In our foundation curriculum subjects, we have been applying our knowledge in different ways and recording research and ideas with more detail and personal style. In History, we have been researching life through the decades, considering carefully how the population has grown and changed over time, we have also researched the development of transport, communication and cinema through time.

In Art, we have studied art through the centuries before using our 1:1 devices to develop our own artistic interpretation of gem stones. We have photographed gems on a variety of different papers to experiment with tone and texture. Then we used the editing settings to develop the photographs using brightness, exposure, brilliance, highlights and the shadow tool. In our sketch books we have developed sketches before applying wax crayon to show both colour and shine before developing these images artistically in both Showbie and Keynote. It really has challenged us to use technology in different ways!

In English, we have been learning about the Titanic, writing descriptive scenes of boarding the ship, persuasive texts to encourage passengers to board and information texts too. In book club, we have been learning about authors from different backgrounds and texts set at different points in history. We are enjoying our latest class read, Windrush Child, written by Benjamin Zephaniah and children are growing in confidence to read aloud in front of their peers. In French, we have been using our linguistic skills to develop confidence in speaking aloud. We are describing our family members in detail using different adjectives to describe both physical features and personalities. Another success has been mock SATs, where all our children were motivated to show their working as best as they could. The feel around Year 6 was one of concentration and determination and as a team we are so proud of all the children have achieved.

