



# Newsletter



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## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure you can agree, this term has flown by. Although it has been short, it has been very busy here at Two Mile Ash School. Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents that booked and attended their parent consultation meetings. We hope you found these convenient being online and enjoyed hearing about all the progress and achievements your children have made in their core subjects so far this year. If you ever have a query or question regarding anything to do with your child's academic or pastoral needs, please do not feel you need to wait for the next parent consultation evening. Never hesitate to pick up the phone to reception and a message will be passed on the class teacher so they can reply when they are available. Furthermore, if you were unable to make an appointment, please get in contact with reception after the holiday and arrangements can be made for you to speak with your child's English and maths teachers.

When we return from the holiday, we will be entering the Summer Term and we hope this brings warmer and drier weather. We know many of you may be shopping for uniform over the holidays, please can we remind you that trainers are only to be worn on PE days. Children need to be wearing black school shoes when they are wearing their TMA uniform. If you are unsure and need further guidance, please refer to our School Uniform Policy.

Earlier this term, we shared with you our full Ofsted report. We hope you have had the chance to read it and celebrate with us the success of your children. The full report has now been published on the Ofsted website and can also be found here <https://www.tmaschool.com/about/ofsted/> on our TMA website.

Finally, at the end of a term, there is always some mixed emotions as we say goodbye to some staff members, but excitedly welcome some new members to our TMA team. Mrs Emilia Vunnava has made the decision to take a break from teaching to focus on her young family. Emilia has been a key member of the Year 4 team for some years and she will be greatly missed. We wish you good luck in everything you do Emilia! We have been lucky enough to welcome back Miss Jodie Blackhurst to our Year 4 team, she will continue the good work Mrs Vunnava has started with the class. Also, Year 3 will be greeting two new staff members after the holiday. Miss Terriann Allen will be working alongside Miss Haycock as the new Head of Year 3. She will be teaching across the year group as well as leading the smooth transition for our new Year 3 students from their Key Stage 1 schools. Miss Carmen Santos Carro will be teaching class 3AH for the summer term. She joins us with a wealth of teaching experience and is very excited to be part of the TMA team. All that is left to say is we wish you a wonderful holiday and hope that you and your family have some well-deserved time together. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 15th April.

Lucy Eldridge - Headteacher



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# Diary Dates



**Mon 15th - Weds 17th April**  
Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Trip

**Weds 24th April**  
TMA Stem Fayre

**Mon 6th May**  
Bank Holiday (School Closed)

**Weds 8th May**  
SALT Coffee Morning

**Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May**  
Year 6 SAT's

**Tues 14th - Thurs 16th May**  
Year 5 Isle Of Wight Trip

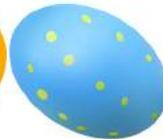
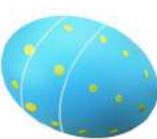
**Fri 24th May**  
End Of Term



# Year 3



Year 3 have had a very exciting term! We have had lots of visitors, including the author Paula Harris who signed some of our books. A huge thank you to the parents who came to share how they celebrate Lunar New Year, where we learned how to wish each other a happy new year with blessings for themselves and their families. We have also had students celebrating Ramadan, and in RE, our focus has been on the Easter story. We have loved learning all about plants in science, including acting out the process of pollination by being bees and flowers. This knowledge has been used, alongside our new research skills on our iPads, to write non-chronological reports about nature. We are looking forward to a thrilling summer term!



## Hazard Alley Visit

Thank to Hazard Alley for visiting us this term and teaching some of our children some valuable tips around safety. We got to learn all about the emergency services, role-played making a 999 call and tried on some uniforms!



# Year 4

Well, a whirlwind half term has already come to an end and it has been busy one! We have had lots going on and the children have dealt with it excellently; adapting and rising to all challenges. From assessment week to pizza making, World Book day to Red Nose Day, the children have shown a full commitment to all things TMA!



## Francophonie (National French Day)

TMA Celebrated Francophonie Day, celebrating all things French! The shared areas were decorated with French flags and red, blue and white balloons. The children had a wordsearch to do in the morning (of French-speaking countries), an activity to do on the iPad (related to French-speaking countries and French culture), and tasty pieces of brioche were delivered to them in their classrooms





# Two Mile Ash School Attendance Information



## Year 3

- The gate opens for Year 3 at 8:45am and closes at 8:55am.
- Registration begins at 8:55am and closes at 9:00am.
- A late mark is given to any child arriving after 9:00am
- If a child arrives after 9:30 am, they will be given an unauthorised mark.

## Years 4,5,6

- The gate opens for Year 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30am and closes at 8:40am.
- Registration begins at 8:40am and closes at 8:45am.
- A late mark is given to any child arriving after 8:45am
- If a child arrives after 9:15am, they will be given an unauthorised mark.

### Two ways to record absence:

Call the school: **01908 562262**

Or Email us at: [reception@tma.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:reception@tma.bucks.sch.uk)

### If Your child's attendance is...

90%, they will have missed 100 hours of school in a year.

Over the year, children are expected to be in school 190 days. This means there are 175 days left for holidays, events and family time.



## Our Policy Aims To:

- Support pupils and their families to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality
- Ensure that all pupils have full and equal access to the best education that we offer to increase learning
- Enable pupils to progress smoothly, confidently and with continuity throughout the school
- Make parents and carers aware of their legal responsibility for attendance

## Holidays In Term-Time

The Department for Education has removed the discretion of headteachers to grant leave in term time unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. It is up to the discretion of the headteachers to determine what are 'exceptional circumstances' and the number of days a child or young person can be away if leave is granted. If leave is not agreed, the school can request a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

(The Education(Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations, 2013).

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolattendance](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolattendance)



## Who Can I Speak To?

We pride ourselves on having an open door policy and are committed to working with parents to help improve attendance. Should you have any questions, you can speak to your child's class teacher, school reception or Claire Hubbard (Attendance Officer), who will offer advice and support.



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# Two Mile Ash School Attendance Information



## How Can You Help?

- Aim for 10 hours sleep a night so your child feels rested
- Make sure your child eats breakfast as it helps keep them alert
- Help your child develop their own routines
- Try and make dental and medical appointments after school or after 1:30pm
- Don't take holidays in term time
- Phone school before 8:30am if you know your child is unwell
- Ensure you arrive on time



## Reducing Illness



If your child is feeling unwell and you are unsure if they should come to school, please send them in. We will monitor them and call if needed. Feeling tired is not an illness; please make sure your children are in bed at a reasonable time.

For children who are taking lots of time off ill, we will recommend a referral to the school nurse.

**Absence from school must always be reported.**

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## Weather



The weather is not an excuse to not be in school. We will close when school is dangerous for staff and students to be on site. Snow Days are still school days. England is known for its different weathers; please be prepared.

## Do I need to keep my child off school?

 Public Health Agency

<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		





# Athletics

An amazing team effort on Monday 11th March saw both our Quad Kids and Sports Hall Athletics Teams take GOLD in their MK Schools Athletics Competition at Radcliffe School! Each athlete, within the team of 8, competed in 2 track and 2 field events across the afternoon, showing excellent effort and determination! Well done and thank you for your commitment to practices this term - you all made great progress!



# Gymnastics

We are very proud of our Gymnastics squads that competed in the MK Schools Gymnastics Competition at MK Gymnastics Centre on Tuesday 5th March! Having shown amazing dedication and commitment to practice sessions this term, they got their deserved reward! Our Year 3 & 4 team finished 2nd out of 13 schools and our Year 5 & 6 team finished 1st out of 14 schools! Both teams went on to compete at the County School Games Finals on Wednesday 20th March with our Year 3 & 4s securing 3rd Place - A fantastic result - well done to you all!



On Thursday 7th March TMA hosted a Year 5/6 Gymnastics Festival in which over 40 children from 6 MK Schools took part in a series of routines and vaults! Each gymnast performed with courage and self-belief and had lots of fun! Thank you to our amazing leaders for offering encouragement and support.



# Netball

On Tuesday 19th March, our Year 6's took part in the MK Schools Netball finals at Hazeley Academy. A brilliant team effort brought about 2 wins and 1 loss, resulting in a 2nd place finish overall! Well done to all of you - William was named our MVP from votes by other teams! Onto the County Finals next term!





## Basketball

Our Year 5/6 Basketball Team enjoyed a great day out at the County School Games Finals at Princes Risborough School on Friday 22nd March. Scoring an impressive 80 points across 6 games, winning 5! The team finished runners-up in the competition having shown amazing teamwork, doing the school and Milton Keynes proud!



## Cross Country

A journey that started back in September, ended with a splendid display of running at the MK Schools Cross Country on Saturday 23rd March! All 23 of our runners did themselves and the school proud! Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, patience, and determination! Thank also for the incredible parent and staff support, making Saturday a special event!



## Hockey



Our Year 6 Hockey team have been competing in the MK Primary School's Hockey League on Wednesdays at Woughton on the Green this term. With 3 wins and 1 defeat in their opening four games, they played Olney, Bushfield and Loughton in the final's night on 20th March, placing 3rd overall!! You all played well as a team, scoring some very nice goals and defending brilliantly along the way.

## Swimming

The Year 6 Swim team competed in the MK Schools Swimming Gala on Thursday 15th February at Bletchley Leisure Centre. There were some stand-out performances, with the team picking up wins and second places in races consisting of breaststroke, freestyle & backstroke. Excellent effort shown at such a highly competitive event, well done to all!



# Rugby

Well done to the Year 5's at their Tag Rugby Workshop on Friday 8th March led by Coach Mark from MK Rugby Club. The club is based at Emerson Rugby Club and are looking to recruit new players to their U10 (Year 5) side, offering a FREE month to try out the great sport. If you want any more information, ask Mr Saville and he will happily help!



# Football

A huge congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 Boys Football Team who finished their campaign as League winners! The boys played 9 games, winning 7, drawing 1 & losing 1, scoring lots of goals! The level of commitment and maturity you have displayed has been an absolute pleasure to witness, we are extremely proud of you. Each of you have played a vital role in achieving this success and well done for keeping your composure in such a tense league-deciding final game!



On Monday 12th February, a group of Year 3 & 4 girls took a trip over to Stanton School. For some of the girls this was their first football match ever and it was great to see so many smiles on faces. It was clear the team really enjoyed themselves - despite all of the mud! They came away with 2 very convincing wins, whilst also showing a huge level of sportsmanship and respect for their opponents. Well done!



Tuesday 27th February, a group of Year 3 Girls travelled to Bushfield School for a small tournament with 2 other schools. All of the girls were so excited to play, and for some of them, this was their opportunity at playing their first ever competitive football matches. The girls really did us proud. Well done on your performances and display of teamwork. Thank you to all the parents for their support and creating such a fun atmosphere.



On Friday 8th March 2024, the Biggest Ever Football Session returned, and what an incredible way to celebrate International Women's Day at Two Mile Ash School! The aim was to get as many girls as possible, all playing football on the same day. During lunchtime, we ran a girls only football festival where any girls could come to the playground and enjoy playing. We had a tremendous turn out, with over 100 girls taking up the opportunity to play.



# Dodge Ball

Well done to the Year 5's in their Dodgeball Festival at Radcliffe School on Wednesday 14th February! Great throwing, catching, and dodging in 5 exciting games against Long Meadow, Southwood, Bushfield, Olney and Tickford Park School! Our MVP (as voted for by the opposition teams) was Dan!

It was great to host a Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball tournament at TMA on Friday 16th February which saw over 40 children from across Milton Keynes enjoying the exciting sport! Thank you to Brooklands Farm, Tickford Park and Langlands Schools for visiting us and well done to all the children who showed great teamwork, respect, and determination! Thank you also to the 4 TMA Year 5/6 leaders for their hard work at the event.



# Mrs Potter Completes The Set!

Mrs Potter went all the way to Japan to do the Tokyo marathon and claim her 6th Star in the Abbots 6 star challenge! It took 16 years to complete and included: New York, Berlin, London, Chicago, Boston and Tokyo marathons! Only 500 women in the UK have completed this challenge, so Mrs Potter is very happy and proud to have completed it. (She is even contemplating the crazy task of doing them all again!) Her favourite was the New York marathon, but Tokyo was very memorable – very polite people and extremely clean place!



# Dance Project

On Wednesday 13th March, nineteen children from Years 5 and 6 took part in Dance Project 2024 at The Venue, Walton High. The team had been rehearsing every week together since September and performed two dances onstage in front of a packed auditorium. They danced to 'Running Up That Hill' by Kate Bush and 'C'est La Vie' by B\*Witched. Yet again, Mrs Williams created some fantastic costumes (the kids looked amazing in their double denim!) and all the hard work everyone has put in over the last six months made it a performance to remember. The team have performed their choreography to the rest of the school this week too, and hopefully, have inspired more dancers to participate in Dance Project next year. Well done to all the children involved: Ethyn, Freya, Sadie and Stuti from Year 5, and Angeleen, Ariana, Ava, Hailey, Hana, Jasmine L, Krasimira, Parvini, Raksha, Ruby, Safa, Saira, Sanjna, Shanae and Zeenat from Year 6.



# Our Achievements



## Niruthiken Shows Talents

Niruthiken, from Year 3, has participated in an MK Talent show in 3 different categories.

- Global dance - 4th place.
- Own choreography - 2nd place.
- Poem write and recite - merit.



## Brothers Awarded



Brothers, Zayd (6CB) and Riyad (3LJ) are proud to have achieved their 1st Dan Black Belt grading in Kickboxing.



## Darsh Takes 1st Place

Darsh secured first place in the MK Festival - Piano Solo Beginners.



# Our Achievements



## 1st Place For Olivia

Olivia has achieved 1st place with her violin performance in the MK festival of the Arts. Her dedication and passion for music has truly paid off. Well Done Olivia!



## Carina Stars In A Show

Carina, from 3VS, took part in her first dance show on the 16th and 17th of March. The show is called Let's Get Louder! and she had to do 3 dances in each show!



# Headteacher's Awards - Spring 1

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



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# Headteacher's Awards - Spring 2

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



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# WORLD BOOK DAY

We had another fabulous World Book Day at TMA and once again we were very impressed with all the costumes! Well done for all your creativity and time!



## World Book Day Film 2024

<https://youtu.be/JslU8yYRLgc?feature=shared>



## Ski Trip

An amazing adventure was had by 33 children from Year 5 and Year 6. We travelled to Claviere in Italy for an incredible week on the slopes. All our children did amazingly well during our skiing lessons and all improved their ability. We also enjoyed a night of bowling, the famous ski trip quiz night, the toboggan run at Montgenvre and an epic snow ball fight! Well done to all the children for pushing themselves to try new things! There will be a film of our trip out next term. (It takes a long time to edit, but, in the mean time, you can enjoy the photos on our website at the link below)



[Click here to see our Ski Trip Photos!](#)

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

# Year 5

This half-term, Year 5 have been working extremely hard with rehearsals for our Year 5 Production Called: 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'. 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! (see the photos on our website!)

Running along side all of the rehearsals, Year 5 have also been learning about 'The Americas' and have learnt a lot about this geographic region. Pupils have really enjoyed learning about the coffee trade. Year 5 have also been learning about space and applying our knowledge to our new science topic of forces in Summer 1.

We have found sewing challenging this term, but have produced some fantastic Aztec inspired pattern designs for a cushion cover.

Have a great Easter!

Tom Ruffett  
Head of Year 5

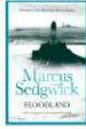


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# Year 6



In Year 6 we have been really focused on our writing this term! We have begun reading a new text called 'Eye of the Wolf' and the children are writing creatively to integrate direct speech into action scenes. This contrasts with the information texts we were previously writing about Titanic. We have been reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick in our classes as our class read this term with the children taking a keen interest in the different social groups of the cats, eels, dogs and pigs! In Maths, we have nearly completed the Year 6 maths curriculum and so now we are full steam ahead with revision for the SATs test after May. Your child will receive some revision materials for the Easter break and there are prizes up for grabs for those who complete this. In geography, we have been researching the devastating impacts that global warming has with some interesting and thought provoking posters being designed and presented in the different classes. In computing, we have been learning all about how information is ranked and organised as well as how networks send information between devices.



We look forward to seeing the children return after the Easter Break, ready to continue learning in their final term at Two Mile Ash. It really has come around so quickly!



Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 Team

