

## **Sports Update**

The Mugginton Mile has shown that we have some very talented athletes in school. We are exploring the possibility of organising a school fun-run fundraiser, potentially at Markeaton Park, for the summer term.

In January the children enjoyed fencing and it was a pleasure to take 6 children to represent our school at a fencing tournament at Brailsford (see the Twitter Feed for action-packed photographs). The children performed brilliantly and we came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools, missing making the final by one agonising point! This term we are doing archery and plan to take a group of year 3 and 4 children to a tournament in April.

## **London Trip**

The juniors are getting very excited about our trip to Westminster on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Whilst it will be an early start, we know this trip will be a special memory for our children (and staff!) and provide an excellent background to our work on Democracy and British Values.

## **Parents Evening**

We look forward to seeing you for Parents' Evening appointments next Wednesday and Thursday. Our school has placed even greater focus on the presentation and quality of the children's workbooks and we are excited to celebrate these with you. We will leave a 'parental feedback' slip by your child's Mathematics and Literacy books, where you can write down your thoughts about your child's progress. Encouraging comments from you will be glued into the children's books to emphasise to them the super progress they are making.



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# **Mugginton News**

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

## **Message from Mr Green**

This half-term promises to be another busy and exciting one. The children have lots of new topics to enjoy (see the website for the latest curriculum maps) including archery as our P.E. topic. In addition, the juniors have a trip to Westminster; the 12 children awarded the most 'class dojos' in both classes will have the opportunity to visit the cinema and we can all dress up as our favourite characters for World Book Day.

We are approaching the key stage 1 and 2 SATs and the year 1 Phonics Check. Our assessment data and book scrutiny shows that all children are making excellent progress and we are proud of the achievements of every one of our pupils. We will work hard to help every child to show their best in their assessments whilst still enjoying equally important parts of school life such as outdoor learning, sports and art.

## **Easter Workshop**

We look forward to Easter and to our Easter Service on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Chris Hadley from Emmanuel Church has offered to plan and deliver a day of Easter-themed activities on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April which we are looking forward to.

## Junior Learning for Term 2

### English

Ancient Greece, SAT's preparation

### Maths

SAT's preparation

### Science

Volcanoes

### PSHE

What is bullying and what should we do?

### RE

Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

### PE

Archery

### Japanese - Nihongo

Adjectives to describe food and weather

### Topic

The Ancient Greeks, Modern Greece

### Music

Composition

### Computing

Modelling and simulations

### Art & Design Technology

Ancient Greek theme

## Infant Learning for Term 2

### English

Poems, Letters, Traditional stories, Humorous stories

### Maths

Number and place value, Volume & Capacity, Fractions, Geometry, Statistics, Problem Solving

### Science

Scientists & Inventors

### Topic

**History - Kings & Queens, Castles**

### RE

How and why do we celebrate special times?

### PE

Games skills, Football skills

### PSHE

What is bullying and what should we do?

### Music

The weather

### French

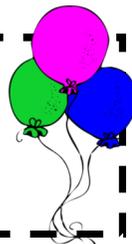
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### Computing

Online safety

### Birthdays This Term

Happy Birthday to: Anya, Joe, Evie Daisy, Tyler, Matthew, Niamh, Alex G and Charlotte who all have birthdays this term.



### World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite characters (I know we will have at least one Tin-Tin!) and the day will be focussed on celebrating our favourite books and our love of reading.

### **Governors**

I feel very fortunate to have the support and also the challenge provided by our governing body. Once again I would like to thank Mr Gowdridge for his hard work in support of our school. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Gayton to the governing body as our new parent governor. I am sure that her teaching and leadership experience will help our school continue to succeed.

### **SATs**

Our year 6 pupils will sit their SATs in the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. The remainder of this term will be used for booster sessions to help the children to feel confident and to show their full potential in the assessments. Revision materials and activities which you may want to do to support your child will be shared at Parents Evening.

### **Gardening club and open Gardens**

We intend to start a gardening club after the Easter break. We think it important that children experience planting and growing seeds and learn where our food comes from. With the kind support of FOMs we will invest in gardening tools and use the Sunshine Garden (next to the junior classroom) and begin to plant vegetables and flowers. We look forward to joining the community Open Gardens event in July.

### **FOMs**

At our last meeting it was agreed that we would donate a wellington boot rack, some gardening equipment and a new sports kit to the school. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us to make this possible. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in school. Everyone is welcome. Beth Wilson

### **Governor Entry**

#### **School Improvement**

In previous newsletters there have been articles about school improvement (T4 & T5 2014/15). A diagram showing how the school controls standards was included and is now available on the web site: *Official Bits* page under *The School Improvement Plan – linked diagram*.

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is the culmination of a host of activities carried out in the school to ensure that all pupils make suitable progress.

The SIP is at the heart of the school improvement cycle and describes the concrete steps, which are time-bound, that the school plans to take to address issues that have been identified as needing attention.

For 2016-2017 the school has identified three priorities:

- Increasing the proportion of outstanding teaching, learning and assessment.

- Ensuring that outcomes in Key Stage 1 consistently exceed national expectations.

- Further optimise the EYFS curriculum and quality of teaching so a higher percentage of pupils achieve a good level of development at the end of the year.

A copy of the SIP is available on the web site (*Official bits* page) so please have a look to see the details of the Plan to further improve standards in the school.

### **Lunchtimes**

We are very pleased with the improvements we have made to the lunch-hour over the last two terms. The menu system has given the pupils greater choice and our children now enjoy around 15-20 minutes more time on the playground than they previously had, thanks to the hard work of Mrs Birks and Mrs Pegg. Mrs Horobin has also put a lot of work into the menu system which is much appreciated.

### Dates For This Term

2nd Mar	World Book Day
10th Mar	London - Juniors Trip to Houses of Parliament
21st Mar	HOW in Village Hall
24th Mar	Red Nose Day
27th Mar	Dojo Winners Treat
4th April	Easter Workshop in School
6th April	Archery Tournament Y3 & Y4
7th April	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
24th Apr	Return to School

### Extended School Day

We are continuing to run the popular before-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have a Cookery club most Thursdays. We strive hard to keep costs for these clubs as low as we can with the average cost being £2.60.

Monday – Archery **FREE** (Subsidised by Sports Premium)

Tuesday – Derby County Football

Wednesday – French

Thursday – Arts and Crafts

Friday - ICT

May we remind parents that our after school clubs finish at 4.30pm and we would ask all parents to ensure that their child/children are collected promptly as staff often have other meetings to attend.

### Future Dates

1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	SAT's Week
23rd May	HOW in Church
26th May	End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
5th June	Return to School
21st Jun	Whole School Photo
21st Jun	Devizes
30th Jun	<b>INSET Day</b>
7th Jul	Reports to Parents
21st July	End of Year Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone

### **Dojos and cinema trip**

We remain very proud of our children's behaviour, manners and pride in their schoolwork. The children's feedback suggests that our use of 'Class Dojos' to reward behaviour and effort in line with our 5 Golden Rules has been a great success. Last term, four children with the greatest number of Dojos were taken for a special lunch at Queenies in Quarndon. This term, 12 pupils (4 infants, 8 juniors) who are awarded the most Dojos will travel to the Broadway cinema in Nottingham to watch a film on March 27<sup>th</sup>.