

MICKLEOVER TIMES

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Year 2 Visit to Peak Wildlife Park

Year Two had a wonderful day at Peak Wildlife Park. They saw polar bears and their cubs, doe and their fawns, wallabies and their joeys and so much more! They observed, they learned and they laughed! It was a fantastic day and the children were impeccably behaved, doing MPS very proud!



Y6 Leavers' Production - Do You Remember the First Time?

On Thursday 18th July, Y6 did a play called, 'Do You Remember the First Time?' The play was based around 4 interviewees going to a job interview at Tesco. They nervously wait, but then begin to talk about some of their first times at school, like sports day and the first time they got sent to the Headteacher's office.



The first scene is comparing how similar, waiting for their interview, is like their first day at school. The last scene is based around after school clubs when all the clubs were cancelled and replaced with a washing the teachers' cars club!

By Jaipreet 6HW

Yesterday, on the 18th July, we performed our Y6 leavers' play. There were 6 scenes and I was in scene 5. When it was my turn, I was nervous, but I did fine! I was a teacher in my scene with Katherine and William. The children were dressed up as: a horse rider, a chef, a

motorbike racer, a ballerina, an explorer and so on. After the play, we went back to the classroom to cool down!

By Elsa 6MH

Yesterday we performed our leavers' production to the parents. It was really fun. There were 6 scenes which were: the first day at school, learning to tell the time, being sent to the head, the egg and spoon race and after school clubs. Finally the interviewees end up wishing each other luck. My scene was being sent to the head! This show was a lot of work and wouldn't be possible without the teachers and the percussionists!

By Freddie 6MH



Y1 Visit to National Adventure Farm

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the National Adventure Farm in Burton. We saw lots of different animals including goats, horses, guinea pigs and sheep. We even stroked a 2 day old guinea pig! Lots of fun was had on the soft play and we enjoyed digging for fossils in the sandpit. A great time was had by all.



Y3 Visit to Creswell Crag

As part of our Stone Age topic, we visited Creswell Crag and retraced Stone Age steps, from building shelters with rope, sticks and animal skins, to exploring caves and making animals with their real bones!

By Alex M 3S



Year 3 went to Creswell Crag on the best school trip! My favourite part was survival skills. In the survival skills we built dens, we tried hunting and felt what Stone Age people used to make fire. We also went into a cave and felt real Stone Age tools. At one point, we had to put gloves on because we put a real Stone Age lion skeleton together!

By Ashleigh 3S

Are you interested in history? If yes, then this is the right place for you! In the cave you'll see lots of things: flint, spears, knives and much more.

By Justyn 3S



Bikeability and Bread Making!



This term, Team 5H completed Level 1 Bikeability training with Cycle Derby. The training was completed on the playground (off-road) and focused on the control of the bike and being aware of the



surroundings. The instructors were impressed with our manners, determination, resilience and riding skills!



Year 5 also had great fun - making our own bread!



Reception Animal Experience



The hare and the tortoise had a race and the tortoise won! I liked stroking the snake and the tortoise.

By Ruth in Ladybirds

The snake was so long!
By Evie in Ladybirds

I did not like the snake because I thought it was slimy but it wasn't.
By Adele in Ladybirds



Euro Festival

On Friday 12th July, some girls from Y5 went to the racecourse to participate in a Y5/6 Euro Festival. We started off the day by playing Bulldog, (a game where you dribble footballs to one side of the pitch and back again without getting tackled.) After that, we played some more really fun games that were run by Chellaston Academy students. Near the end of the day, we played lots of football matches, (we won all of them!) Then we took the coach back to school. All in all it was a fabulous day and we all enjoyed it.

By Phoebe & Abbie 5H



Visit to Mickleover Library

Year Two and Year Six visited Mickleover Library this term. The children were so respectful and super excited to explore all the amazing books. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm! Some of the children even used their library cards to borrow books.

Mickleover Library has lots of free events over the summer that your children can enjoy...for free! From story-time sessions to fun crafts, there's something for everyone! Don't forget the summer reading challenge too!



When we visited the library, (organised by Mr Welsh,) 6MH and 6HW were greeted by someone who had worked there for quite a while. She gave us a test about books and I did quite well! Finally we all chose a bright, colourful book and checked them out with our new library cards. This was an amazing experience and because of this, I think I might visit the library more often!

By Josh 6MH

Sports Day

Sports day was super-exciting. It was really hot and everybody tried their best. In the races, Cass won for the boys and Lizzie won for the girls. During the relays, Ashbourne won the girls' race and Bakewell won for the boys. Once all the points were added up, it was confirmed that Ashbourne were the overall winners.

By Ana 6MH

Sports day was loads of fun. We did multiple activities including sprint, hurdles, long throw, skipping and shuttle runs. Then it was time for the main races: sprint and the relay. Ashbourne won the sprint for the boys and Bakewell won the relay. For the girls, Buxton won the sprint and Ashbourne the relay. Once all the points were added together, Ashbourne won overall.

By Will M 6MH



Transition Day

My transition days at Murray Park were fantastic. It was a great chance to make new friends, meet new teachers and do some fun, taster lessons. We started our three days with an assembly being done by our future Headteacher (Mrs Caley) and we met some of the key staff - who were very welcoming - including our form tutor. It was a good experience to get to know my way around the school. Murray Park is a great school and I can't wait to start in September!

By Alfie W 6MH





Rounders

Every Friday after school, some Y6 children went to a rounders club, with Aaron, the coach. The rules were: the people on the posts have to stand inside the post, because if you're on the outside, you can stop the runner from running and it's not fair! Also if the bowler does 3 no-balls then it's half a rounder to the other team.

After doing a few weeks of rounders, Mrs Branch took us all to a tournament. At the tournament, there were 5 schools competing. The tournament was held at Woodlands School in Allestree. We won all of our games except one. Because of this, we came first and won the festival!

By Ava 6HW



So long.....Farewell.....

It is that time of year when we say farewell to staff who are moving on to new chapters in their lives. As you know, Mrs Hilton and Mrs Whittingham are both retiring and I'm sure you join with us all in wishing them all the best for their retirement (and their new ventures of pickle ball and ice-cream making,) and saying, 'thank you,' for the many, many years they have given to the MPS family.

We are also saying farewell to three of our teaching assistants: Miss Burgess who is going to train as a secondary geography teacher at Landau Forte Academy; Miss Howe, who has enrolled at Derby University and will be studying, and Miss Allen who is taking some time before embarking on a new career.



And Finally.....

I can hardly believe it's got round to this time of year again when we say farewell to all our Year 6. We wish you lots of luck as you move on to all your different secondary schools and we look forward to hearing wonderful things about you in the future!

Here is a poem for our Year 6 leavers:



Your primary school journey is ending
And what a journey it's been!
Full of laughter and lots of learning,
And even a few months of quarantine.
Friends you will remember for a life time,
Teachers who taught all that you know,
There is nothing quite like your primary school days
And the school family who helped make you grow.
As you say goodbye to your primary school,
All the memories will stay in your heart.
Although this part of your journey is ending,
The next one is bursting to start!

By Henry Young



I would also like to extend my thanks to all our governors, for their own time they put into this role and the support they give the school. Thank you also to all the staff who have, as usual, worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that MPS is a happy and safe place for your children to learn.

And finally, a big 'thank you' to all parents; we have appreciated your support this year, whether it's through coming into school in some capacity, or even by just reading with your child and encouraging them to develop a love of learning. Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on **Thursday 5th September**