

# MICKLEOVER TIMES

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## Year 5 Visit to PGL

PGL was an activity, which the majority of Year 5 did. We stayed over 4 nights! On the bus, everyone was excited about PGL, we had no idea what to expect. There were so many different activities; the trapeze was nerve-racking and I was shaking. Overall, my favourite activity was the giant swing, as soon as you pulled the rope you went flying! In addition, archery was also one of my favourite activities, I wasn't as good at this, but I did hit the bullseye, which made my day! Finally, the teachers were supportive and overall we had a really good experience. Isaac, 5P

PGL was a really fun adventure park in Shrewsbury. We did so many different activities, such as the giant swing, zip wire, raft building and rock climbing. My favourite activity was the high ropes, which was like our trim trail, but 20 feet in the air! My second favourite activity was the trapeze; you had to climb up to a small platform and then jump, whilst trying to catch the trapeze! I would recommend it to anyone who loves activities, it is definitely worth going!  
Toby, 5P



I had so much fun doing all the activities and on some I faced my fears. Chayten 5H

My favourite activities at PGL were the zip wire, archery, and the giant swing but the best one was abseiling because it helped me conquer my fear of heights!  
Ana 5H

The giant swing was my favourite activity - it was a shock in the tummy!  
Zara 5H

Our cabin was messy - it looked like a tornado had hit it!  
Elsa 5H

The cabins were warm and spacious. The beds, which were comfortable and cosy, helped me relax after the great days. I liked the rooms because I could chill out and most importantly, eat sweets!  
Siddhesh 5H

Thanks for a wonderful and jam-packed week. I already want to come back!  
Chloe 5H



## Frog Spawn to Frogs!

'I like frogs, I like purple and yellow frogs. I watch the frog spawn in the tank. When the frog spawn was in my hand it felt soft. The tadpoles like to eat food.'  
By Esme in Ladybirds.

'We have had some frog spawn growing to frogs in our tank at school. They grew legs and they turned into frogs and we put them back in the pond.'  
By Annabelle in Ladybirds.



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### Y6 SATs Week



I always thought that SATs week would be a stressful week, but it was anything but that! We did our tests in the morning and in the afternoon, we did lots of fun activities; on one day, we even went bowling. Some activities were relaxing and some were more active. We did a street dance session and had a rounder's tournament with both Y6 classes. We watched a film and did 'zentangle' (doodling), we also did an activity called 'Animal Antics'. Overall SATs week was fun and much better than I thought it would be; I loved it!  
By Alina 6MH

The best parts of SATs week was the activities; we made a working umbrella out of newspaper - even though this was really hard, it was still a lot of fun. Ours was disastrous as it was too small and didn't work, but we had a great time making it!  
By Harry L 6MH



During SATs week, we went bowling in Ilkeston; it was great fun! After many days of hard work (and also some fun activities) we finished our SATs tests on the Friday. When we arrived at the bowling arena, we



checked in and set off to have some fun, bowling with our friends.  
By Ben, Zak, Morgan & Summer 6HW

In our SATs week, we did hard work and then some fun activities. One of our activities was making umbrellas. When Mrs Wright gave us our instructions, we thought it would be impossible! All you could use was masking tape and newspaper. The challenge was to make a mechanism; a mechanism (in our case) that moved up and down. Surprisingly, only two groups made it properly, including ours. Even if groups didn't manage to complete the challenge, they had lots of fun trying.  
By Lucy, Grace & Eva 6HW

### Y6 Visit to Toyota

Toyota was a great trip to go on. It was very enjoyable and we learned a lot about efficiency and Japanese culture. It was one of the best trips I have been on as it was really interesting. One of the things we did, was a Lego production line, where we had to each put on some pieces every time the car came round. We also got a great tour of the Toyota factory.

By Charlie 6MH



### Year 3 Pizza Making



Year 3 finished our DT pizza making topic by creating healthy, balanced pizzas from scratch! We made some marvellous creations, that looked delicious, and we all went home to bake them covered in flour. We want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hutchinson, who provided the ingredients for the base, and taught us how to make dough and use graters and knives safely. We also need to thank the wonderful parents who came in to help us, without whom our pizza afternoon would not have been possible. We had a fabulously messy time!

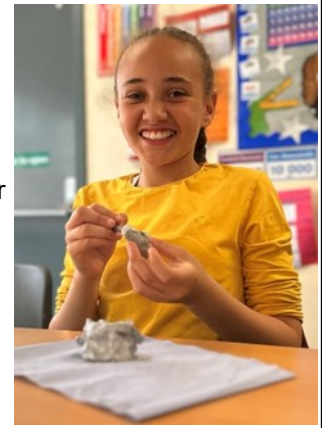




### Art Clay Sculptures

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about Barbara Hepworth in art. She made sculptures out of clay, which represented people. We used her sculptures as inspiration to make our own models. We loved painting them; the silver paint added a lovely shine. We were really pleased with our models because they didn't break!

By Chloe, Briti & Yezmee 5P



### Animation in 4F

In 4F we have been using the computer to make animations. First we made a story board to plan our idea. We got a digital camera and a toy figure that could move its arms and legs. (Lego is good for this) Then we took 12 pictures of the toy doing different movements. We looked through the pictures to see if any were blurry, deleted them and replaced them as necessary.



We downloaded our pictures from the camera to the computer. We used Video Editor to arrange the pictures and set the duration to about 0.2 seconds. We added some special effects like leaves, monsters and bubbles. Some of us were able to do sound, but we had to listen through the headphones. We then played it back to see what our animation looked like.

Mrs Gerver came in to see some. We think we would like to do it again because we enjoyed it and would like to improve. Our favourite part was adding the 3D effects!

By Tabitha, Miriam & Cayson 4F

### Multi-Sports Event



On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5H participated in the Derby City Summer Multi-Sports Festival. The event took place at Moorways Sports Village. The event started with an opening ceremony. We walked out onto the track and Lily gave a speech to the crowd about the school games value – determination.

In the morning, we took part in a rotation of activities such as Tri-Golf, Frisbee, Javelin Throwing, Relays, Tennis and Jumping. After lunch, everybody took part in some track races: 75m Sprint, 150m, 300m and 4 x 100m relays.



It was a great day! We all tried our best and cheered each other on. A special well done to Will Mitchell and Chloe Prince who won a certificate at the end of the day for displaying one of the summer games values: Passion.

Thank you to Mrs Branch & Mrs Wright for organising this event for us and to Mrs Waring and Miss Whittaker.

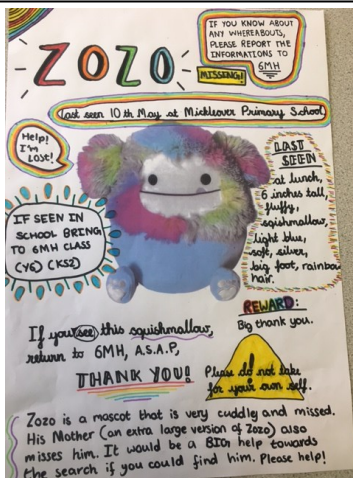


### High Five

Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to join a High Five club this term. We met every Monday after school to practise and then entered in a league against other schools in Derby. Over the last 6 weeks we have had a match every week. The team represented MPS with determination. They showed resilience and made phenomenal progress as the weeks passed. Congratulations to Chinmayi, Sophie E, Ada Grace, Khoulah, Fran, Khadeejah and Katherine.  
Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Walker

This term, we have participated in the High Five netball club, and we have even had the opportunity to join a netball league. The league consisted of a variety of different teams, some were tricky, others were easier. We played some matches at other schools and represented MPS proudly. We won all of our matches except one, against Bishop Lonsdale, but we put up a good fight. Overall, both Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Walker were very impressed with how well we played, since we've not had too much training! We are currently second in the league and look forward to finding out where we finish, once all of our matches have been played.

By Sophie & Khoulah 6MH



### Parents Invited For Lunch

Recently in 6MH, we invited our parents to join us for lunch. Parents were asked to come for 11.55am and they came across to the classroom. We completed a missing poster, together, to help find LOLO, a bigfoot squishmallow who went missing during SATs week.

On the menu there was coconut chicken curry, spring rolls and a cheese quesadilla. Parents were given the option to bring packed lunch if they preferred. It's safe to say, not only the children had fun, the parents did as well!

By Ada-Grace 6MH



### Y2 Visit to Peak Wildlife Park

On Monday 22nd May, we had an exciting school trip to Peak Wildlife Park. We travelled there on a double-decker bus, which was fun, and a bit bumpy! When we got there, we met a zoo keeper, called Becky and she took us to a ginormous tipi with glistening fairy lights. At the park we saw: penguins, meerkats, ring-tailed lemurs, monkeys and even some zebras! We had lots of great fun in the sun and we were very tired on the bus back to school.

By Ashleigh, Kamil, Leen, Zayd & Elise



### The King's Coronation

On Friday 5th May, the whole school did activities connected to the coronation of King Charles III; this included us all having a picnic lunch together. By the end of the day, every class had made their own bunting which we hung at the front of school. We were then able to show our parents the piece we had made!

Here are some photos from the day:



### Dates for your Diary

Fri 26th May	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Return to school
Mon 5th June	Statutory Y4 times table check fortnight
Mon 5th June	Assessment fortnight Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5
Tues 6th June	9am Parent forum
Mon 12th June	Statutory Y1 Phonics check week
Fri 16th June	<b>INSET DAY—CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Tues 20th June	5pm New Parents' meeting
Thurs 22nd June	Class photographs
Mon 26th June	Book Fair
Tues 27th June	Book fair
Wed 28th June	am Infant sports day
Thurs 29th June	am Y3/4 sports day
Thurs 29th June	pm Y5/6 sports day
Tues 4th July	Y6 transition days—number of days will differ according to the individual schools
Wed 5th July	New classes for the day
Wed 5th July	New rec children visits
Mon 10th July	<b>INSET DAY—CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Tues 11th July	Y1 trip
Fri 14th July	Y3 trip
Fri 14th July	End of year reports to parents
Tues 18th July	6pm Leavers' performance
Thurs 20th July	6pm Y6 leavers' disco
Fri 21st July	Break up for summer
Mon 4th Sept	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 5th Sept	Return to school



**DON'T FORGET WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY AND COME BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH JUNE.**