

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 24 September

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### NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

There was no Achievement Assembly today as the Year 6 children who wanted to be considered for the post of Year 6 School Councillor presented to the children in Years 2 to 6 in assembly of why they should be chosen. The children then voted for whom they thought would do the role well and represent Milton St John's during meetings with partnership schools throughout the year.

### **Shine Week**

The children had a fantastic time during our first SHINE week.

The week was split up as follows:

Monday was 'Show respect' day. Parent visitors came in and discussed their achievements with the children who enjoyed asking questions. We would like to thank Stacey Maurice, Rebecca Hatton, Sarah Coy and Melissa Baker who came and spoke with the children.



Tuesday was 'Honest' day where each class took part in an 'Honest Workshop'. The children discussed different moral dilemmas in small groups.

Wednesday was 'Include others' Day. Classes from Nursery - Year 6 paired up with another class and shared healthy snacks. It was really good to see the older children encouraging the younger children to try the snacks.

Thursday was 'Never give up' Day where Key Stage 2 children completed a Forest School Challenge, Key Stage 1 completed a team building challenge

and the Foundation Stage completed a den building challenge.

Friday was 'Excellence in all we do' where each class reflected on how we can 'let our light shine' and all the children made their own SHINE tealights to take home.

During the week all classes produced artwork for a SHINE display and the children in each class were given 3D letters spelling out 'SHINE', which they had to decorate and display in their classroom for the remainder of the year.

We would like to say a special thank you to Father David and Mrs Phillips for their inspiring assemblies on the theme of 'Never Give Up'.

As part of the SHINE week activities each class were awarded £75 from the PTA. The children had to think of ideas for how the money could be spent before presenting their ideas to Ms Tootill and Mrs Galbraith from the School Office who helped the children choose which ideas were the most beneficial to the whole class. The children then had the final vote as to how to spend their class budget.

This is how they voted :

<b>EYFS</b>	Playground equipment to improve outdoor learning e.g. scooters.
<b>Year 1</b>	Toy cars and felt tip/gel pens.
<b>Year 2a</b>	Train track, cars, fairies and animal figures to be used during wet play.
<b>Year 2b</b>	Lego and board games to be used during wet play.
<b>Year 3</b>	Lego, gel pens and games to be used during wet play.
<b>Year 4</b>	Cushions and rug for their reading area.
<b>Year 5</b>	A visitor linked to their curriculum theme.
<b>Year 6</b>	Games and construction toys to be used during wet play.



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### **Parking reminder**

Unfortunately, we have received calls this week from residents complaining about parking in and around school. The safety of the children is always paramount and dangerous parking is not acceptable. We have also had a call from a resident on the private road above school Woodmeadow Court who was very unhappy that a parent had parked across her drive blocking her in. Unfortunately, we as a school are not parking enforcers and residents are well within their rights to contact the police. A number of residents believe we are not doing enough to stop the issues so please could parents and carers be courteous and safe when parking. Obviously we encourage walking to school, where possible, but if parents have to drive, parking on Carrhill Road or Manchester Road would help ease congestion.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning 28 September 9.15am – This Friday**

Any donations of cakes, biscuits etc. for the event would be greatly appreciated and we hope that you can all join us on the morning to enjoy the refreshments, have a chat and catch up with others and donate something towards this worthy cause.

### **Governor vacancy**

We are delighted that we have had three parents that have expressed an interest in being a Governor at Milton St John's. Unfortunately, there is only one vacancy which means that there will need to be a vote. A letter will be sent home later on this week explaining the next stage in the process.

### **Thank you!**

We would just like to say a big thank you to Erin's mum who has been making the toast for the whole school every Thursday! Unfortunately, she is unable to continue after this week, so if anyone is available on either a Thursday or any other morning between the times of 10.00am– 10.40am and would like to assist we would be very pleased to hear from you!

### **MCSP Football Competition**

As part of the MCSP, various competitions throughout the year are organised. Our first this academic year is a Football competition on Wednesday 26 September. Two teams will be taking part from Milton and we wish them well!

### **PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **School Meals**

Please be advised that if you wish to change your child's school meal preference, we require one week's notice to make the necessary amendments and to inform our catering team.

#### **Class Assemblies**

Please note the following dates for your child's class assembly. You are welcome to attend your child's assembly; they start at 9.05am in the school hall for 20-25mins approx. Year 1 and 2 assemblies will be after Christmas.

Class 3	Wednesday 24 October
Class 4	Wednesday 10 October
Class 5	Wednesday 3 October
Class 6	Wednesday 26 September – This week

#### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>28 September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>4 October</b>	Class 6 Safe Squad trip (am)
<b>8 October</b>	Nasal flu vaccination (Reception to Year 5)
<b>11 October</b>	Class 5 Ashton Central Mosque trip
<b>15 October</b>	Finance and Maths Week
<b>15 October</b>	Class 6 Air Raid Shelters trip
<b>17 October</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>25 October</b>	Harvest Service at St John's (Yr 1-6)
<b>5 November</b>	Remembrance Week



Our theme this month is new beginnings.  
May we work hard to do our best and start  
each day with a grateful heart.