

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 28 January

Remember to subscribe to the newsletter on our website to receive an electronic copy.

The Pride of Milton winners are Erin F in KS1, Elsie S in Lower Key Stage 2 and Lewis H in Upper Key Stage 2.

The winners from our Achievement assembly this morning are:



Fantastic Friend	Arts Award	Learner of the Week	Milton Manners
Jessie T Hannah B Baley R	Toby A	Liliana Archie R Evie M Evie H Thea S Sadie B Katie T	Toby B Matthew K

Playtime hero	Team Player Award	Sports Award
Thomas P Solomon K	Martha S	Bill S



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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

JASS Award

A huge well done to Mae Traynor for completing and achieving the Bronze Junior Award Scheme for Schools Award. Mae organised and completed a sponsored walk, improved her swimming skills, attended weekly dance sessions and also navigated around three reservoirs with a group of other children in order to achieve the award. Well done Mae.

For information, the Junior Award Scheme is a progressive learning programme for young people which has been designed to recognise wider achievement. It develops the whole individual by offering recognition in four key areas – regular physical activity (**Get Active, Stay Active**), exploring a personal interest (**My Interests**), working for the good of the community or the environment (**Me and My World**) and completing an outdoor activity or challenge (**Adventure**) and is designed so that participants move through the levels with increasing commitment, learning, and challenge.

The opportunity to take part in the scheme will be offered to Year 5 soon.

Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent Show

On 4 April the MCSP will be holding their annual Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent event. The event showcases talent across all of the schools in the Mossley and Carrbrook Partnership and has proved to be a popular and enjoyable evening.

We now need to find our entries at Milton! If you feel your child has a talent that they would be happy to perform in front of others, please encourage your child to audition for the Arts Council and Mrs Phillips at dinnertime on either Friday 1 or Friday 8 February. Previous acts have been singers, pianists, dancers, drummers, gymnasts and many more. Your child could perform as a solo or with other children at Milton.

Mrs Brayshaw

Mrs Brayshaw is enjoying being a mum so much she has sadly decided not to come back from her maternity leave in February. We wish her and her family lots of happiness.

Reminder - PE lessons outside

Could parents please make sure that your child also has PE clothing that can be worn outside in their PE bags at all times, e.g tracksuit bottoms/tracksuit tops. The children will be doing their PE lessons outside in the fresh air whenever possible as there is more space than in the hall.

Reminder - Nursery for September 2019

Please note the deadline for Nursery applications is Monday 11 February 2019 at the latest. We have availability for 15hrs funded child care and also the extended 30 hrs.

Please enquire at the School office for an application form and further details.

PREVIOUS NEWLESTTER ITEMS

Homework Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who contributed by completing the homework questionnaire last term. The Governors and staff have considered your comments and thoughts and have decided to implement the following changes to how homework is set at Milton.

- EYFS will continue to set tasks fortnightly which encourage children to follow up on learning which has been discussed at school
- KS1 (Year 1/2) will be set homework over a half term period where there are a choice of tasks. Year 1 will be introduced to this type of homework this half term. Spellings will continue to be given out weekly and we encourage reading regularly with your child.
- KS2 (Year 3 - 6) the children will be set homework based on what they have learned in class that week.
 - Year 3 – as well as weekly spellings and regular reading, the children will receive one piece of homework each week.
 - Year 4 – will receive the same as Year 3 but with the addition of times table practise.

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- Year 5 – will continue to have spellings, times tables and reading set each week and will also receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework each week.
- Year 6 – will receive the same as Year 5 with the addition of any SATs preparation in the lead up to their SATS

In order to promote family time, we have decided that homework will not be set over holiday periods (with the exception of Year 6 in the Spring term). We still encourage children to read and practise times tables during this time.

We acknowledge that some parents may struggle to support their child with some aspects of homework. Therefore, we are hoping to arrange some workshops to help teach parents the way we ask the children to work. Lots of parents are unfamiliar with these new ways of working and our workshops will hopefully help you understand more.

Parents Information about Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This is important information we have received from the Intrahealth Immunisation Team that you might find helpful. You may have seen in recent days, a number of media stories, both locally and nationally, around the increase of influenza activity. While many parents will have consented and their son or daughter will have received their vaccination at school, there will be some parents that have not and now wish for their child to be vaccinated. Pupils in reception to year 5 will not be able to obtain the vaccine through their GP surgery, therefore we are advising any parents to get in touch with the immunisation team where they will be able to advise how your child can be immunised.

Below is some advice from the NHS website about how to prevent the spread of flu in school;

'Flu is very infectious and easily spread to other people. You're more likely to give it to others in the first 5 days.

Flu is spread by germs from coughs and sneezes, which can live on hands and surfaces for 24 hours.

To reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- Bin used tissues as quickly as possible'

For more NHS information follow the link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?Id=106234&Type=FLU>

Polit Reminder

To ensure the safety of all children around the school premises during drop off and pick up times, please do not use the school car park. Thank you.

Also we have had some concerns expressed about the parking on Three Counties Road. Please can people be considerate where they park around School times and not block driveways. Thank you.

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.

Class 2a (Miss Collins)	Friday 1 February
Class 1 (Mr Powell)	Friday 8 February
Class 5 (Miss Gee)	Friday 8 March
Class 4 (Mr Clarke)	Friday 15 March
Class 3 (Miss Hurst)	Friday 22 March

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PTA Fashion Show

Our annual Fashion Show is back by popular demand and likely to sell out... Tickets cost just £5 for a great night out & lots of bargains. Bring your friends to the Royal George on Friday 1st March, from 7pm.

Tickets are available from the School Office or PTA members.

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 Feb Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 5 Feb E-Safety Day

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Football Places at 3D Dynamos in Saddleworth

'3D Dynamos are looking for new players to join their newly formed under 10's team. If you are interested in joining or would like to come to training to meet us please contact the club secretary at lesley.milne123@btinternet.com. Training is at Saddleworth School on Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Tameside Choir

Tameside Junior Choir is a junior community choir open to all children ages 6-11. It will take place on Wednesday evenings, 5-5.50pm, at Godley Community Primary School, and is free of charge.

Rainbow Guides

If your daughter is aged between 5 and 7 we have places available on Thursday's 6-7pm at Baden House, Mossley. For further information please contact Anita Mayall on 07743454744
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>



A New Year.....time to pause and
reflect on what to do with the time
that is given to you. Always be your
best and remember we rise by
lifting others.