

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 18 March

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Dolcie S in KS1, Craig P in Lower Key Stage 2 and Evie B in Upper Key Stage 2.

The winners from our Achievement assembly this morning are:



Fantastic Friend	Arts Award	Learner of the Week	Milton Manners
Kaspiana K	Dylan L Alex K	Evie H Evie B Noah T	Lacey R Noah H

Playtime hero	Team Player Award	Sports Award
Abi H Isla B Cian S	Jude B Harrison B Daisy O Robert C Dougie S Joshua D	



We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Governors update

Offering milk as a trial at lunchtimes

Over the past few months, the governors have been liaising with Mellors our School caterers and their nutritionist about ensuring our children get the best in terms of nutrition and what we can offer them.

Whilst everyone knows that milk is a rich source of calcium - essential for healthy teeth and bones, it also has other health benefits.

- Fortified in vitamin D – which helps the body absorb the calcium but also helps to prevent osteoporosis. Also supports the production of serotonin, a hormone important for mood, appetite and sleep.
- Potassium – reduces blood pressure and decreases risk of heart disease.
- Choline – important nutrient to support sleep, muscle movement, learning and memory.
- Iodine – milk and dairy products are the main sources of iodine in the UK. The mineral is used to make thyroid hormones which control your metabolism, helps your brain stay sharp and is a natural antiseptic.

Until now, children have been offered water at lunch time. However, following the Easter holidays and until the end of the academic year we have planned a trial offering cold milk at lunch times for all children, even if your child has a packed lunch or a school meal they will be offered milk. This will be free to parents during the trial as school will be providing the milk for everyone. After the trial we will make a decision whether the provision of milk will continue and how the milk will be paid for.

Fairtrade Competition

The Fairtrade competition has now been judged by members of the Mossley Fairtrade Committee and a special assembly was held last week when the winners were announced as follows:

- KS1 – 1st – Evie M
2nd – Dolcie S
3rd – Matthew H
KS2 – 1st – Erin G
2nd – Alisha T
3rd – Jayden M

Well done to all and everyone who entered received a Fairtrade chocolate gift.



MCSP Eco Competition



As part of our MCSP partnership, the 3 winning inventions were judged by local councillors and scientists at Mossley Hollins last Wednesday. The judging panel looked at the most eco viable product. The overall winner was Alex Baker with his 'Homeless Hammock'. Well done to Alex who won a voucher and a 'Build Your Own Robot Kit'.

Well done to everyone who took part and hopefully next year they will run the same competition so more people can get involved.



Easter Events

Easter Service Thursday 25 April

Our Easter Service will be on Thursday 25 April at St John's Church at 9.30am, all are welcome to attend.

Decorated Eggs – Key Stage 2 Activity (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Unfortunately parents, it's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! Every year we have some fantastic displays and hope that this year will be the same. If your child would like to do this please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are received no later than the morning of Monday 1 April. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year! The eggs will be displayed during Parents Evening. There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the School Council/Arts Council; they will particularly be looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!



The children are able to bring in their creations, from Wednesday 27 March so they can be displayed for all to enjoy.

Easter Bonnet Competition- Year 1 and 2

Back by popular demand! The children in Classes 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition this year. Could parents please ensure entries are in on the morning of Wednesday 3 April, so that winners can be decided during the day by the School Council and Arts Council.

There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.45pm on Wednesday 3 April that parents/carers are more than welcome to attend, we will also announce the winners then.

EYFS Easter Activity Day - Parents/Carers welcome

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to attend an Easter Activity Day on Thursday 4 April. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with your child in the setting taking part in activities together. Further details will be published in the EYFS newsletter.



Easter Egg Hunt

We are also hoping to hold our annual whole-school Easter Egg Hunt during the last week of Term. Each class will have the chance to hunt for eggs. The highest number collected by a class wins!

School Crossing Patrol

Following on from the letter given out to parents regarding whether the school should continue to pay for the School Crossing Patrol, the result from parent feedback was that we continue for 2019/20 and we will review again next year. Thank you to everyone who voted.

Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent – 4 April

Tickets are now on sale for the Mossley and Carrbrook's Got Talent show on the 4 April. Tickets are limited so please get your order in asap. Tickets are priced as £13 for a family (2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children) or £4 for an Adult, £3 for concession. Please send money into the office in an envelope clearly marked with your requirements and then we will liaise with Mossley Hollins to get the tickets.

Class 2a/b Train track and trains needed

If anyone has any wooden train track or trains they don't need anymore and could be donated to our class we would be very grateful. We would love more of these items for wet play. Thank you.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday 21 March we will be celebrating National Poetry Day with the theme being 'kindness'. As well as reading and writing poems, all classes will be completing activities that focus on being kind. There has been a delay in sending out the 'Catch Me Being Kind' cards. These 'fish' will be sent home with everyone tonight and children can return them as soon as they have been completed. We will then use the cards to build a kindness wall, which teachers will use to celebrate the kindness of the children throughout the school.

SATS Meetings

There will be a short meeting for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 to discuss the upcoming SATS tests. The meetings will be held straight after school for approx. 30 minutes on the following dates:

Class 2	Wednesday 20 March
Class 6	Wednesday 27 March

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 3	Friday 22 March
Class 2a	Friday 29 March
Class 2b	Friday 5 April

Dates for your Diary

21 March	World Poetry Day – theme – Kindness (this week)
25 March	Class 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
2 April	Parents' Evening
25 April	Easter Service at St John's
14-17 June	Class 6 Kingswood trip



During the Lent period we think about self-control and willpower. How can we demonstrate this in our daily lives?