

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 2 July

The Pride of Milton winners are Max Hobson in Lower Key Stage 2 and Noah McDonald in Upper Key Stage 2.

Milton Manners



Fantastic Friend



Learner of the Week



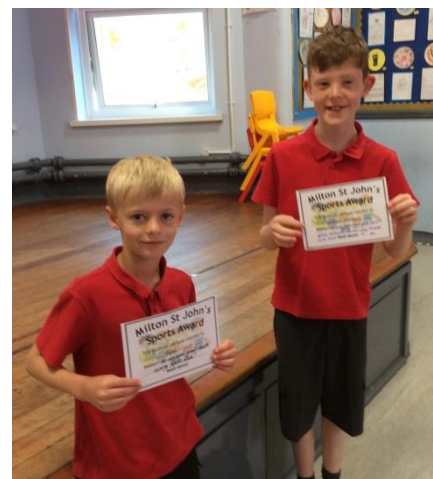
Playtime Hero



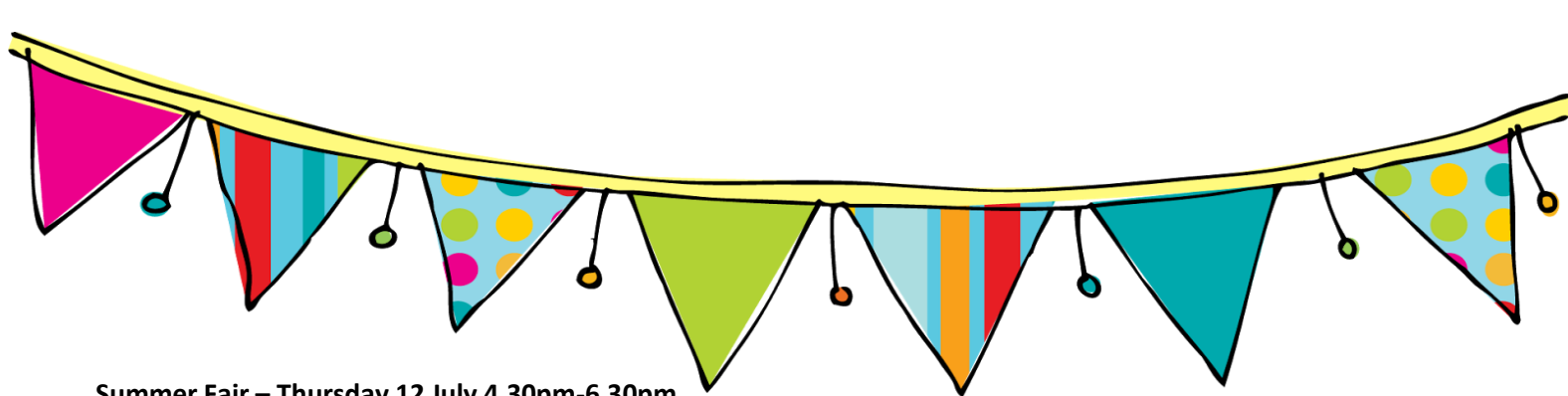
Team Player



Sports Award



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Summer Fair – Thursday 12 July 4.30pm-6.30pm

We are only a small PTA trying to organise a Summer Fair that we hope our children will really enjoy. We appreciate any support we receive from our parents before and on the day itself. This year we are using the proceeds from the fair to raise money to build a seating and large planter area so further outdoor learning can take place on the field. This would be a valuable resource used by children in all classes and an exciting addition to Forest School sessions.

There are lot of ways you can help even if you are unable to help during the fair itself.
We need:

- donated books, toys and 'like new' children's clothes
- cakes brought to school the day before or on the day itself
- raffle prizes
- volunteers to sign up for a slot on the Summer Fair list that has been placed by the school office
- volunteers to help fold raffle tickets and label prizes on Friday 6 July straight after school in the nursery building (a crèche will be provided by school staff)

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6 July for all children in exchange for a bottle donation for the Fair.

The popular 'Fill a Cup' stall will be back again this year. We would like the children to fill and return their cups by Wednesday 11 July so that they can be judged by the school council. Cups have been given to all of the children.

Sports week

A big thank you to Miss Hurst and the Physical Development Team for organising Sports Week. The week was filled with lots of different activities for the children, including skateboarding workshops, Race for Life and Sports Day. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it! We would also like to thank the PTA for supplying ice pops for the children, they were much needed in this hot weather.



Sports Day Scores

Europe	658 Points
South America	618 Points
Asia	597 Points
Africa	509 Points

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Nursery Graduation

All Nursery parents are invited to their child's graduation ceremony on Tuesday 24 July which will commence at 9.05am in the Early Years Unit.

Hot Weather

Please can you ensure that all children have had sun cream applied prior to coming to School. Children can bring their own if they need to reapply later in the day. Please note: We are not able to apply sun cream to your child.

Reorganisation for the Next Academic Year

As the bulge year moves into Year 2 we are pleased to now be in a position to be able to keep Year 1 in the EYFS unit from September 2018. This will allow the children access to the outdoor areas and will aid transition from Reception to Year 1. Therefore when the children in Reception move to Year 1 the children will enter their new classroom via the old nursery door (off the road to the right as you walk up from Mill Lane). Year 1 children in September will start school at 9am like Reception and Nursery to allow parents to drop siblings off further up the school.

As Year 1 will be in the EYFS unit (we will be renaming the unit) we have approached the Local Authority about a possible restructure of the main entrance of the school. This is still in its infancy however this will hopefully take place in the summer of 2019. With this in mind we will be moving some of the year groups into different classes in the main school for September 2018 to prepare for possible building work in the following summer which will hopefully be taking place in the classroom nearest to the main gate (class 6).

Heritage Bid Trail

In the Spring term, Class 5 contributed to the new Mossley Heritage Trails, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. They supported volunteers from Mossley Civic Society, along with facilitators from Green Monster Arts, to create a character linked to our school and its heritage, linking it to The Heritage Centre and other Mossley schools.

"Mr Pickles the Crow and Year 5 at Milton St John's School flew through the history of our town uncovering romantic adventures, waving men off to war and imagining the sound of hundreds of clogs clattering on cobbles. Pupils found blueprints of mill houses and shared stories from their grandparents, as well as learning about how children of their age would be working in the mills not so long ago. 'As The Crow Flies' shares these with you."

You can see some of the children's work in an exhibition at Mossley Heritage Centre on Saturday 7 July from 11am – 3pm for the official launch where you can pick up a trail leaflet and start exploring.

Science Week – 9 – 13 July

The week beginning Monday 9 July, Milton St John's will be celebrating Science Week, taking part in extraordinary experiments with our scientists from 'Mad Science', exploring relevant scientific issues with our visitors from Chester Zoo, developing their outdoor science learning skills in Forest Schools and investigating science problems with their classmates.

To summarise their learning and continue the excitement, on Friday 13 July, we ask that all children come dressed as a well-known/pioneering scientist so they can take part in their final set of experiments as a true scientist!

Informal 'Drop In' Sessions - All Parents and Family Members Welcome

Due to the positive response received from parents who have attended our 'Drop In' sessions, we will be holding our next sessions at the times stated below. The purpose of these sessions are to enable the children to share their work with their families. The children enjoy showing their parents and family members what they have been doing in school. Please see dates below.

All sessions run from the end of the school day until 4pm with the exception of Nursery which will be at 12.00pm.

Nursery (12pm) -	11 July	Class 3 -	16 July
Reception -	19 July	Class 4 -	4 July
Class 1 (Miss Bates) -	16 July	Class 5 -	16 July
Class 1 (Mr Powell) -	17 July	Class 6 -	18 July
Class 2 -	18 July		

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 1 Dolphins	6 July
Class 1 Sea Turtles	13 July
Reception	20 July

Monkhouse/TopForm Uniform Shop

The Oldham shop has now re-opened.

Community News

St George's Church Summer Fair
at the George Lawton Hall
Saturday 21 July 10.00am-1.00pm
Raffle, refreshments, attractions, stalls

Parish of Mossley

Come to St. John's Church for breakfast!
Come and enjoy a breakfast roll and a cuppa – bring your little ones along too!
9am-11am on the second Wednesday of each month
11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October

Dates for your Diary

5 July	Class 3 & 4 Southport Eco Visitors Centre Trip
6 July	Class 1 Dolphins Assembly
6 July	Non-uniform day / bottle donation for Summer Fair
12 July	Summer Fair 4.30pm-6.30pm
13 July	Class 1 Sea Turtles Assembly
23 July	Class 5 Brockholes Nature Reserve Trip
24 July	Nursery Graduation
25 July	Class 6 Presentation Evening – 6pm
26 July	Class 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am
26 July	Class 6 Parents v's Leavers – 2.15pm
27 July	School Closes at 3.15pm for Summer Break



We are thinking about Christian Heroes in the Bible and what we can learn from them. Let us remember that when life is challenging we can lean on God for strength.

"Hard times don't create heroes. It is during the hard times when the hero within us is revealed."

Bob Riley