Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Monday 25 February

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Jack C in KS1, Olivia S in Lower Key Stage 2 and Nell S in Upper Key Stage 2.

NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Governor Update

As you are probably aware a key role of the Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee at our school is to monitor and review the school budget to ensure we get value for money when purchasing anything for school. The Governors and Leadership Team at our school sometimes have to make very difficult decisions about the services we do, (and do not buy) to ensure we are being cost effective whilst ensuring we provide a full and engaging curriculum for all children.

You may also be aware that the funding formula for all schools is changing and as a result we believe that Milton St John's will unfortunately have a reduced budget from 1 April 2019.

Going forward we will endeavor to keep you informed about projects that we are keen to bring to Milton St John's and fund from our budget, but we are advising parents that we may not always be able to achieve everything we would like to do due to a reduced budget and/or increased costs to run the school.

Due to the above, and to ensure parents views are considered, Governors have decided that in some cases, we will ask parents to provide their feedback on specific services that we buy in order to help make an informed decision. As an example of this, a letter will be going to all parents this week asking for your feedback on a specific service to school, and therefore gain parents views before an informed decision is made. A text will be sent to all parents advising them when the letter is being sent home.

Alongside this initiative we will also highlight, on our future newsletters, the projects that we are working to achieve in our budget, so parents are aware of where any savings that are made where those savings could then be re-allocated to. For example one project that most parents are aware of is a cabin for our school field to support Forest schools which we are currently trying to find funding for.

Governors are also keen to keep our newsletter updated with such projects so that any local businesses who may wish to help the school eg donate materials or resources (or monetary donations to the school) can get in touch with us and we can work together to provide the best for our children.

After School Clubs- Tuesday 26 February

On Tuesday 26 February (this week only) there won't be any Hama Beads club or Yoga club after school due to staff training. The Sports club will still be on as normal.

Young Voices

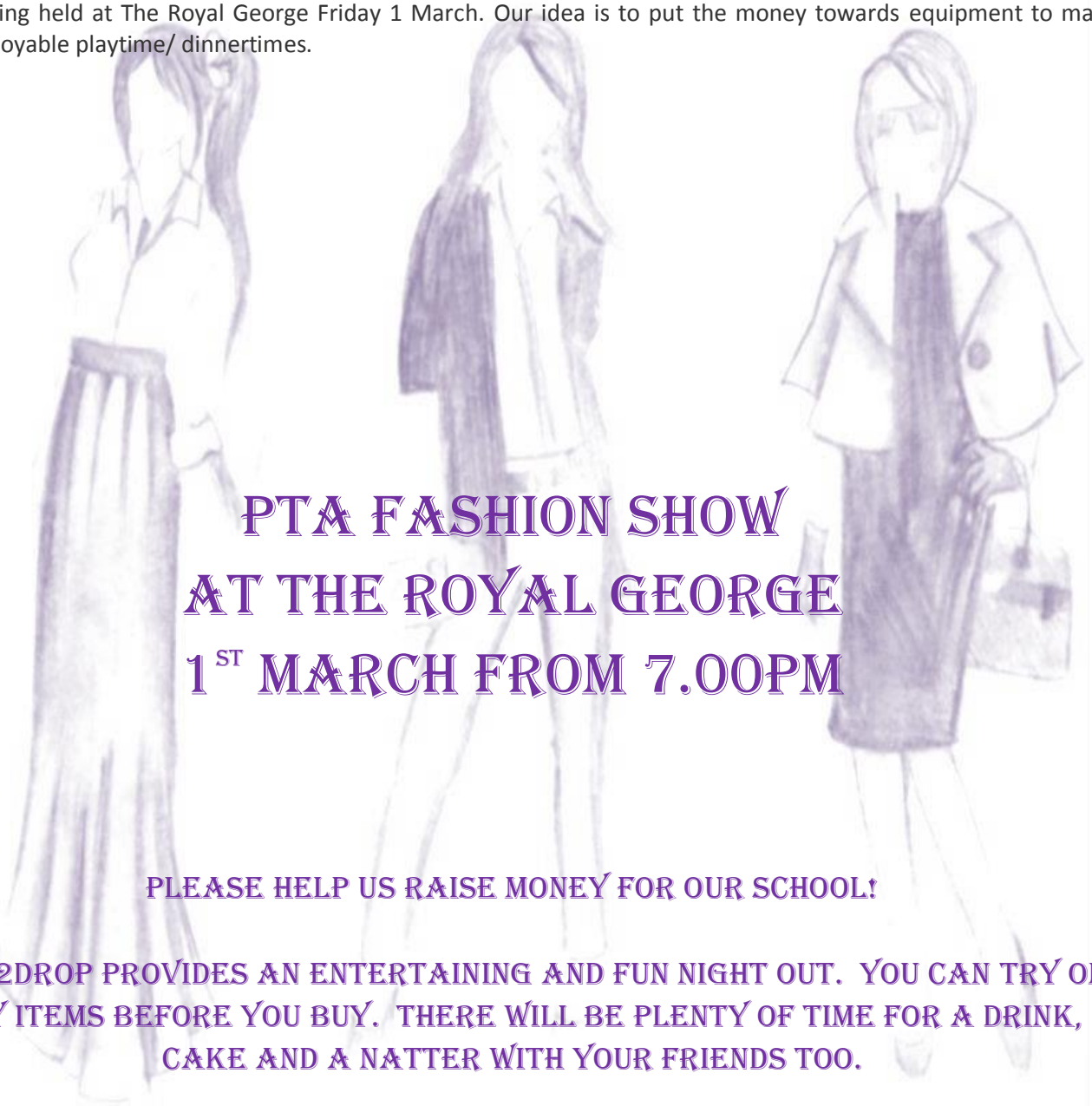
The choir and some of the Year 6 children performed at the Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena on Tuesday 12 February. The children and staff had a wonderful evening and it was a great experience.

MCSP Eco Competition

The closing date for entries will be 3.15pm Friday 1 March. Any late projects cannot unfortunately be accepted as we will be voting for our school's winner the following week.
Thank you again to all those who have taken part and good luck with your projects!
Any questions or queries can be directed to Miss Gee, Science Leader (Class 5).

PTA –this Friday 1 March

Please support our PTA who are working really hard to raise money for school. The latest fundraiser is the Fashion Show being held at The Royal George Friday 1 March. Our idea is to put the money towards equipment to make more enjoyable playtime/ dinnertimes.



PTA FASHION SHOW
AT THE ROYAL GEORGE
1ST MARCH FROM 7.00PM

PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

SHOP2DROP PROVIDES AN ENTERTAINING AND FUN NIGHT OUT. YOU CAN TRY ON ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU BUY. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR A DRINK, CAKE AND A NATTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS TOO.

THE CLOTHING SOLD IS ALL HIGH STREET LADIES BRANDS SIZES 8 TO 20 WITH UP TO 75% OFF RRP. SUITABLE FOR LADIES AGED 16 AND UPWARDS.

COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN!

TICKETS COST £5 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND PTA MUMS.

Fairtrade Fortnight
As a school, we will be looking closely at the concept of Fairtrade during the next 2 weeks as today marks the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight. Many of our assemblies will explore the differences that buying Fairtrade products can make to individuals, families and communities. We will be holding a competition for the children to design something that brings awareness of Fairtrade to others. This can be a picture, poster, booklet, poem or persuasive piece of writing. Entries can be handed in to Mrs T and should be in no later than Wednesday 6 March. Winning entries will be selected by members of the Mossley Fairtrade Committee and some members of the Ethos Team.

Red Nose Day 15 March
We are now selling red noses in school for £1.25. Correct change only please to be sent in.

Mellor's Catering Demonstration

Before the half term we had a Chef from Mellor's Catering who came in and did a healthy eating demonstration with the KS1 children. Everyone enjoyed the cooking tips and learning about healthy foods and cooking skills too. Thank you to Mellor's for this informative session. We hope to have more of these initiatives in the future from Mellor's.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

World Book Day – 7 March
It is World Book Day on the 7 March and to mark the event we would like the children to bring in one of their favourite books to share with other children in different classes. Children can also wear what they want on this day too.

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 5	Friday 8 March
Class 4	Friday 15 March
Class 3	Friday 22 March
Class 2a	Friday 29 March
Class 2b	Friday 5 April

Dates for your Diary

27 February	Class 2 trip to Ashton Mosque – this week
7 March	World Book Day
15 March	Red Nose Day
15 March	Reception trip to Sealife Centre
25 March	Class 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
14-17 June	Class 6 Kingswood trip

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Oliver The Musical
Oliver is on at Stockport Plaza Tues 26 – Sat 30 March 2019. Ticket hotline is 0161 442 3669.

Micklehurst Cricket Club
We are looking for new players for the 2019 season. Training is held at Mossley Hollins High School indoor nets on Monday evenings 7.30pm – 9pm. For more information please see our Facebook page or phone 01457 832163.

Today marks the start of Fairtrade Fortnight around the world. Let us make a special effort during this period to help farmers achieve a better standard of living by purchasing Fairtrade products.