

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 16 February 2022

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REMINDER - SPONSORED READ 14.2.22 – 27.2.22

As part of the Young Leaders Award, the children in Year 4 have discussed holding a sponsored read/listen in the run up to World Book Day on 3 March 2022! A letter was sent out via email at the beginning of the week with further details and the children should have come home with a sponsor form to take part, if they so wish.

Prizes will be given for the most amount of time spent reading/listening for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We hope this event will motivate the children to get involved. The event began on Monday 14 February and will finish on Sunday 27 February.

It would be really good if the children could take part and any money raised (no matter how little) would be greatly appreciated.

FAIR TRADE COMPETITION

This year, we have decided to do something a bit different for our Fair Trade competition and are asking the children to produce a short video clip (no more than 30 seconds) to persuade others to buy Fair Trade products. This is a great activity that the children could do over the half term holidays and will help develop the children's confidence and presenting skills!

To ensure parents are aware of what the children have produced, parents need to check their child's clip and send it to Mrs Galvin on Class Dojo. If parents are having difficulty with this, clips can be sent via email to admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk

The competition closes on Friday 11 March.



NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022

We still have places available in Nursery for September 2022. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01457 832572 for an application form.

'SPEAKING UP' MESSAGE

The Violence Reduction Unit has worked with Greater Manchester education and community partners to produce an important safety message for young people and parents which can be downloaded from this link. [VRU - SPEAKING UP v3.mp4 \(vimeo.com\)](#)

You can also find it on YouTube here: [#speakingoutcouldsavealife - YouTube](#)

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.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS AT HOME...

White Rose, a scheme of work that we use with the children in school, have launched a new app to help children with their basic maths skills at home. The app is **free** and is aimed at children in Key Stage 1 (although may also be suitable for children in Key Stage 2 who find maths difficult or need to consolidate particular maths skills).

More information can be found here... <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths#download>

7 top reasons for using the 1-Minute Maths app:

1. Excellent practice – and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. The mobile app is **completely FREE!**

PE DAY CHANGES – FROM 28.2.22

Please note that there may be some changes to the PE days for your child after half term. These changes are made as we try to ensure all the children in Yrs 1-6 have the opportunity to have PE with the coach over the course of the year. There are also changes with which class goes swimming after half term. Please see table below.

Milton St John's PE kit

White t-shirt (plain or with School logo)

Black/blue shorts

Black/blue jog bottoms and top

EYFS/KS1: plimsolls or velcroed trainers

KS2: plimsolls or trainers

Earrings must be small sleepers (hoops must be smaller than a child's finger/curve around the ear lobe) or studs. If your child is unable to take their earrings out they must be provided with plasters or micropore tape from home to cover earrings during PE lessons.

Days that your child will need to wear their PE kits is as follows...

Class	PE days
Reception	Wednesday
Class 1	Thursday and Friday
Class 2	Thursday and Friday
Class 3	Thursday and Friday
Class 4	Monday and Wednesday
Class 5a	Monday and Friday
Class 5b	Wednesday and Friday (swimming)
Class 6	Tuesday (double slot)

REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is celebrated on 3 March this year. It would be lovely for the children to dress up as a character in a book on this day and bring the book in to school to share with others. Please do not feel pressured to buy costumes from supermarkets etc. There are many characters in books that can be represented from wearing clothes that the children already have at home.

REMINDER - SPORTS AMBASSADOR CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Our Sports Ambassador Challenge of the month is to see how many star jumps you can do in 1 minute! The whole family can get involved in this or you could challenge yourself to beat your score each day!

Tell our Sports Ambassadors how you did!

DIARY DATES

Friday 18 Feb	Finish for half term
Monday 28 Feb	Children back in school
Friday 8 April	School breaks up for the Easter holidays
Monday 25 April	Inset Day – children not in school
Tuesday 26 April	Children return to school
Monday 9 May – Thurs 12 May 2022	SATs week (Year 6)
Thursday 26 May	Children break up for half term break
Monday 13 June	Children return to school
Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2022	Kingswood Residential trip (Year 6)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Message from Tameside Cultural services

Once upon a time there was a town, which was full of magic, and full of stories ... The 'Fairy Tales and Folklore of Droylsden' is a free family friendly 'trail of tales' and event day.

Come down to Droylsden Town Centre on Saturday 19 February (10am till 3pm) 2022 for a fantastical adventure – in Villemomble Square, you might encounter The Wondrous Funderstorm and their dragon, or meet a friendly bard who will spin you a story. Interested in telling stories of your own? Come to Droylsden Library for a drop-in workshop led by Rowbot Street CIC and make your own crankie theatre to take away with you – crankies are an old way of telling stories with pictures and a lot of fun! (Suitable for ages 5 and over)

From the 19 February and for the school half term week (19 – 27 February) you can try out the 'trail of tales', featuring original stories by children from Moorside Primary School, Manchester Road Primary Academy and Greenside Primary School. These fabulous stories are chock-a-block with brave heroes and heroines, wicked villains, sorcery, and sword fights. Their words have been brought to life with beautiful images created by No Eyed Theatre. Collect your trail map from the library and see if you can find all 8 stories and their illustrations in the windows of some of Droylsden's local businesses! Who knows – if you had a workshop with us, we might have chosen your story!

All of the events and activities are free so come on down for a 'happily ever-after' day of fun!

"Once upon a time, there was a town,
brimming with stories, just waiting to be found..."

The Fairytales & Folklore of Droylsden

Saturday 19th February 10.00am – 3.00pm

Join us for an action packed day of fairy tale fun in Droylsden Library and Villemomble Square featuring:

The Trail of Tales
An exciting art installation running throughout Droylsden Town Centre featuring stories written by pupils from local primary schools. Pick up your copy of the Trail of Tales from Droylsden Library to start your adventure! (Available throughout February half term holidays)

The Druids of Droylsden
The druids are back and they're still as boggart obsessed as ever! Join the fun in Droylsden Library for a drop in craft activity available throughout the day (10-3) where you can learn how to make a mini 'crankie' scroll.

A Bird in the Hand Theatre
Step into a fairy tale in Villemomble Square with two of the most well-known fairy tale characters around, Red Riding Hood and The Wolf!

The Wonderful Funderstorm
Toby the dragon and Eunice the unicorn are an adorable pair of young mythical creatures. Come and say hello to them throughout the day in Villemomble Square! Who knows... there might even be time for a selfie!

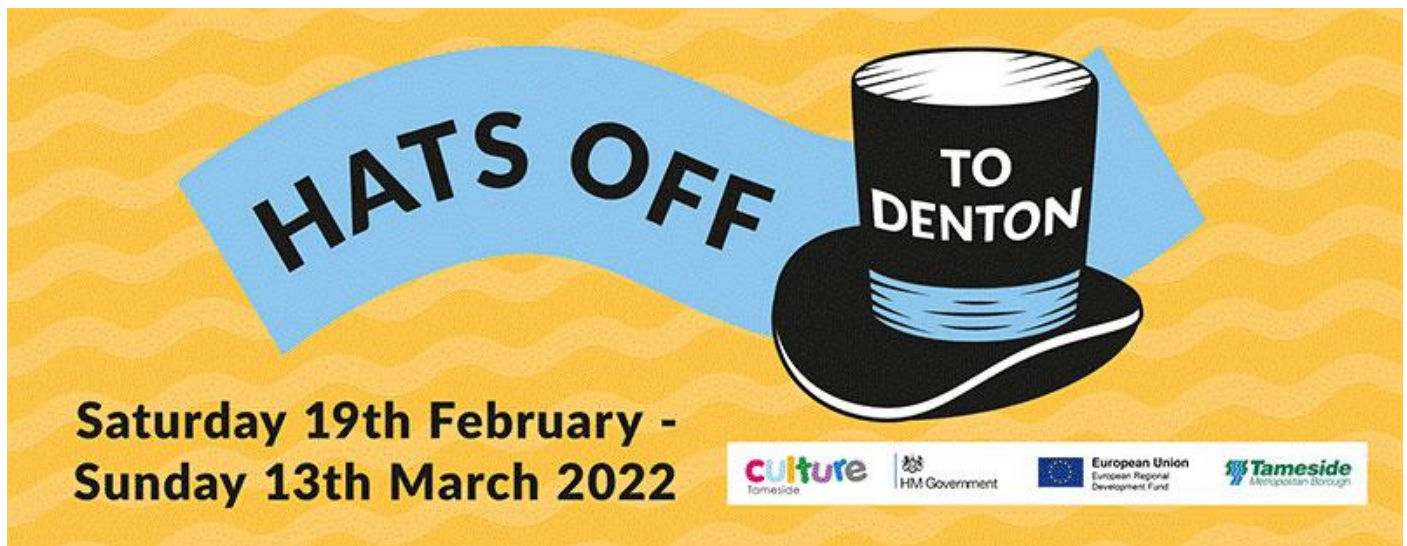
plus much more! All activities FREE!

We hope to see you there!

For more information check out the website and keep your eyes peeled on social media.

tameside.gov.uk/TheFairyTalesandFolkloreofDroylsden

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Hat's Off to Denton is a free hat sculpture trail inspired by the town's hatting heritage. The 15 hat trail, 5 of which are giant, will be exhibited across Denton Town Centre between Saturday 19 February and Sunday 13 March. Each hat will be unique as they will be hand painted by a local artist, with the designs inspired by the town or a community group within the town.

HALF TERM CAMP




PLEASE BRING

- snacks
- drinks
- packed lunch
- money in a labelled envelope

SUITABLE
FOR
AGE 5- 11



SADDLEWORTH

NETBALL CLUB
EST 2012



£15
PER DAY

Fun netball camp to develop and enhance skills and fitness. Plus lots of match play!

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February

Mossley Hollins School
10am - 2pm

To book a place please contact
Your TM or Sheila on 07985 625104