

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 18 January 2023

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INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (the biggest teaching union) has announced strike action that may affect Milton St John's on the following days...

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Tuesday 28 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Unfortunately, at this moment in time, we are unable to give you further details about how this will affect school. We will keep you informed as soon as we are able to.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The closing date for nursery applications for September 2023 is Monday 6th February. Please contact the office for an application form or for further information.

YEAR 6 SATs DATES

Due to the additional bank holiday, Year 6 SATs will start on Tuesday 9th May, rather than Monday 8th May.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Can we remind parents/carers when dropping children off in the mornings not to stop (even for a few seconds) on the zig-zag lines outside school. To do so is breaking the law and is dangerous for our children.

We have also had reports of parents/carers parking discourteously on the roads around school. We understand that mornings/after school is a busy time. This was one of the reasons why we continued to stagger morning and after school pick up times to help alleviate traffic build up. We would really appreciate it if parents could try and be respectful of the residents around school when parking up.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON WOOD MEADOW COURT AT ALL AS THIS IS A PRIVATE ROAD.

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.

NEXT PTA MEETING

The small team that make up our PTA are always welcoming new members and upcoming meetings are to be held at 8pm in the Rising Sun pub. The next meeting is Tuesday 31 January - all welcome!

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

You may already be aware that the government has confirmed that there will be an additional UK-wide bank holiday in 2023 to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year. The coronation is on Saturday 6 May and **Monday 8 May 2023** will be a celebratory bank holiday. School will be closed on this day.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Our collective worship theme for this half term is COURAGE. Please find some ideas about how the whole family can have fun and explore this Christian Value at the end of this newsletter.

DIARY DATES

Monday 23 January 2023

Monday 30 January 2023

Tues 9 May to Fri 12 May 2023

Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023

Year 5 Hindu Temple trip

Year 5 & 6 Young Voices event

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Our theme this half term is Courage.

‘Courage doesn’t always roar.
Sometimes courage is the little voice at
the end of the day that says I’ll try again
tomorrow.’

COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COURAGE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Courage

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

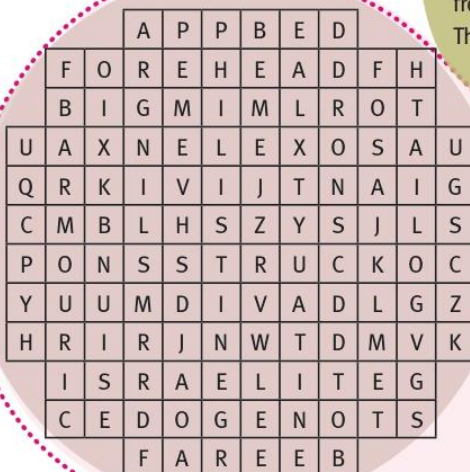
Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

Nelson Mandela



READ TOGETHER...

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

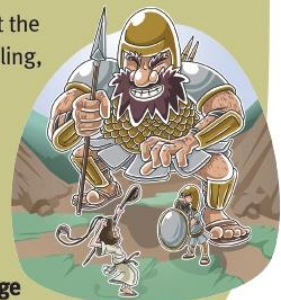
"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17

QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

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| ARMOUR | BOY | DAVID |
| COURAGE | FOREHEAD | GIANT |
| GOLIATH | GOD | ISRAELITE |
| PHILISTINE | SHIELD | SLING |
| SOLDIER | STONE | STRUCK |





FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.



Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

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Has shown **courage** by

.....

This bravery should be recognised because

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HALL OF FAME

Bravery v. Slavery

Harriet Tubman was born nearly 200 years ago in Maryland, USA. Her family were slaves which means that they had to work for the people who 'owned' them. Slaves had no pay and no rights and they could be bought or sold like property. As Harriet grew older she was afraid that she would be sold and sent far away from her family to work for strangers. She decided to try to escape. This needed great **courage** because Harriet knew that if she was caught she would be cruelly punished. After many adventures and with the help of kind people along the way, Harriet managed to escape to Canada, where slavery was banned.

It would have been safest for Harriet to stay in Canada and make for herself a comfortable and easier life, but she was determined not to forget her family and friends who still suffered as slaves in America. She made her way back and forth to Maryland not once, but *nineteen times*, facing great danger and showing amazing bravery as she helped slaves to escape to freedom. By the end of her life Harriet had helped to free around 300 slaves!

After her death Harriet received many honours for her bravery. A ship was named after her, and in 1995 the US government issued a postage stamp to celebrate her **courageous** life.



FASCINATING FACTS

In case of emergency – Dial 999

"Help...my house is on fire!"

"Help....there's been an accident!"

"Help.... burglars are breaking into the house over the road!"

- The emergency number, 999, was introduced in London in 1937.
- In an emergency, phoning 999 will connect you quickly to an 'emergency control centre'. An operator will ask which service you need, fire, ambulance or police. The operator will be able to track your call to discover where you are and soon help will be on its way.
- Firefighters, police and ambulance crew all risk their own lives on occasions to help other people who are in danger.
- Additional emergency services operate in some places such as mountain and cave rescue, coast guards, air sea rescue.
- Over 30 million 999 calls are made each year.
- About half of all calls are hoaxes. Not only do hoax callers break the law, they put people's lives in danger as it takes longer for real emergencies to be dealt with.

Manchester Football Development



At Great Academy Ashton (Sports Hall)
Broadoak Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8RF
Starting on Friday 27th January 2023

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception and Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 and Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at Great Academy Ashton, starting 27th January, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held **inside the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn**. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £5.50 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Matt

TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE

0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked