## Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 15 March 2023

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## **COMIC RELIEF DAY – THIS FRIDAY**

It is Comic Relief Day this Friday 17 March. The children can come in to school wearing red, have crazy hair or both – children are also equally welcome in comfy clothes too. If you would like to donate £2, please do so on Schoolmoney. Thank you.

## MATHS WEEK

The children had a great week taking part in various maths activities. We also had a visit from The Problem Solving Company which was great fun. Next week we have science week

and look forward to more interesting activities!







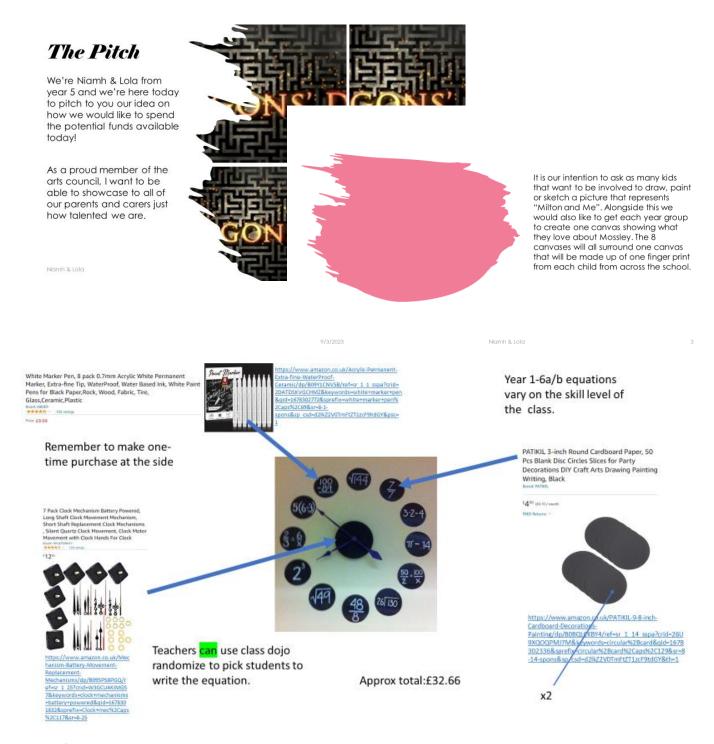


## **DRAGON'S DEN WINNERS**

On Thursday, as part of maths week, a number of children pitched to some very scary dragons about what they would like to do if they were lucky enough to win the Dragon's Den prize of £150! Mrs Phillips and I (dragons) were absolutely blown away with the ideas the children had and the way they took the challenge seriously and presented their pitches. It was very difficult to choose a winner, but we managed to whittle it down to two winners!!

The winning entries are below. Niamh and Lola's idea is to create an art exhibition which the whole school can get involved in and Josh's idea is to purchase equation clocks that are interactive and changeable.

Well done to all the children involved and parents for supporting them. It was clear that the children had practised presenting their ideas and did it so beautifully!!



### **DODGEBALL TEAM**

Well done to our Year 4 Dodgeball team who participated in the MCSP Dodgeball competition last night. They tried so hard and represented the school so well.

Well done everyone and thank you to MSCP Team, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Murray for taking the time to organise the competition.



## **STRIKE ACTION**

As you will be aware, all teachers are striking today and tomorrow. Teachers will not be setting work for the children for these two days. The NEU states 'Strike action, by definition, means a withdrawal of labour. This withdrawal of labour relates to all aspects of the work you would have done on the strike day'. However, there are some useful websites that parents/children can use, should they wish to on these days. Please see below.

Purple mash – <u>https://www.purplemash.com/login/#/</u> (children in Yr 1 - 6 have log ins for this site) TT Rockstars – <u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth</u> (children in Yr 3 – 6 have log ins for this site) Oak academy - <u>https://classroom.thenational.academy/</u> BBC bitesize - <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</u>

## **PARENTS EVENING**

A letter has been sent out with details of how you can book on to Parents' Evening. Initially it was meant to be after half term, but as Mrs Gerrard is leaving at Easter, Parents' Evening for <u>all</u> children will be on either Tuesday 28 March (online appointments) or Thursday 30 March (in person appointments).

The system is open to book now and will close on Monday 20 March at 10am.

## NURSERY PLACES

We still have some Nursery places available for September. If your child was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20, your child is eligible to start in September. I know a number of parents that work sometimes worry about childcare before and after school when their child starts Nursery, however, we are very fortunate to have Castletop and Skools Out on our doorstep who are more than happy to drop off or collect your child if the start and finishing times don't quite work for you.

If you would like to contact Skools Out or Castletop about what they can offer, please see their details below.

Skools Out: 07960458246

#### Castle Top: 01457833322

## PARKING/DROP OFF/PICK UPS

A text was sent out last week to remind parents to be mindful when parking around the school area. We are getting reports from residents that parents are parking on dropped curbs and in front of drives so residents can't get out. Please do not do this.

A number of parents are also continuing to stop on the zig zag lines on Mill Lane to drop off their child. It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, or zig zag markings and is clearly dangerous. If this continues we will have no other option than to report car registrations to the police.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES – PARENTS WELCOME**

Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assemblies which are detailed below. Please come to the main entrance (off Mill Lane) once dropping your child off. Doors will open approximately 9.05am to allow us to put the chairs out after Skools Out finish in the hall.

Class	Assembly date
Class 5	22.3.23
Class 3	24.4.23
Class 1	17.5.23
Class 4	21.6.23
Reception	28.6.23
Class 2	5.7.23
6b Leavers' service	20.7.23
6a Leavers' service	21.7.23

## **EASTER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Easter Service**

We are aiming to maintain our links with St John's Church and having our Church Service on Wednesday 29 March at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend this service. Children from Y2 – 6 will be in attendance and the service will be led by our Worship Leaders.

#### Decorated Eggs – Years 3 - 6

It's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and would like to take part, please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are brought into school by the morning of Tuesday 28 March. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year!

There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the Arts Council; they will be particularly looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!

The children are able to bring in their creations, from Thursday 23 March so they can be displayed for all to enjoy (please no earlier than this).

#### Easter Bonnet Competition- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Back by popular demand! The children in the EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition. Could parents please ensure entries are brought in on the morning of Monday 27 March (clearly labelled).

#### EYFS Easter Activity Day – Tuesday 28 March

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to attend an Easter Activity morning on Tuesday 28 March. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with your child in the setting taking part in activities together.

## **DIARY DATES**

Thurs 23 March 2023 Tues 9 May to Fri 12 May 2023 Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023 Rec and Year 1 trip to Cannon Hall Farm Year 6 SATs week Year 6 Kingswood residential trip

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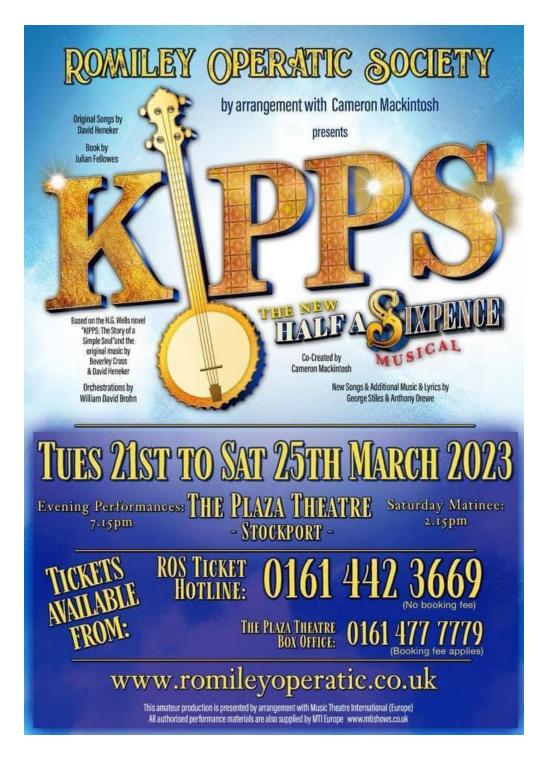
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### **COMMUNITY NEWS**











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## **MOSSLEY TOWN TEAM**

## SPRING MARKET

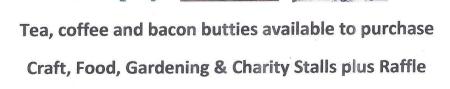
# Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## 11.00am to 2:30pm Free Admission

## **Mossley Methodist Church**

Next day is Mothers Day & Easter only 3 weeks away





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