

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 29 March 2023

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## EASTER ACTIVITIES

It's been a busy week of Easter activities! We have had Easter bonnet parades, decorated egg competitions and were led by the Worship Leaders in our Easter Service this morning at St John's Church. The Arts Council are voting on the winners for the Easter Bonnet and Decorated Easter Egg entries today! Have a look at what we have been up to...



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## GOOD LUCK AND GOODBYE!

Sadly, Mrs Gialluca will be leaving us on Friday as she has been successful in gaining a permanent post at a Pupil Referral unit in Oldham. We wish her the best of luck for the future and she will be missed!

Mrs Gerrard, as previously mentioned in a newsletter, is also leaving us on Friday. We welcome Mr Buckle who will be joining the team and teaching Year 5 after Easter.

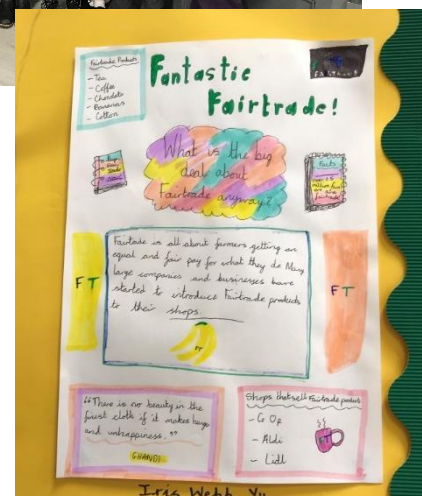
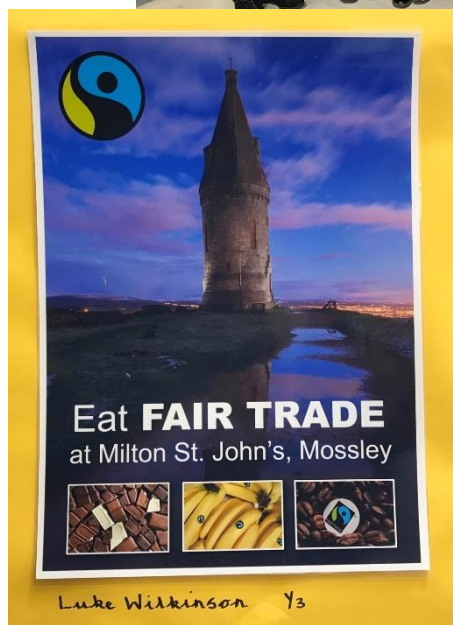
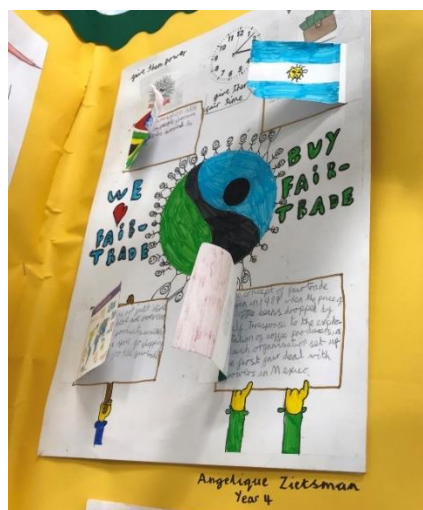
## SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

With effect from 17 April 2023 the price of a school meal will be £2.46 (£12.30 a week). We have made comparisons with other schools and Tameside Council are currently charging £2.68. We are hopeful that there will be no further increases this financial year and that this price will remain in place for the next 12 months.

## FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual promotional campaign, organised and funded by the Fairtrade Foundation to increase awareness of Fairtrade products.

This year the children were able to take part in a competition to design posters to highlight the awareness of Fairtrade products and what they mean. We had 53 entries, which is amazing and the winners were announced in assembly with prizes awarded by Phyllis Kershaw and Janet Davies from Fairtrade, Mossley.



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## FAMILY HUBS OPEN IN TAMESIDE

Tameside's Family Hubs are now open offering an unprecedented level of support to children and parents.

A launch event took place at the Tameside West Family Hub, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, on 20 March that featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Family Hubs are also open in each of Tameside's four neighbourhood areas with facilities also available at other community venues.

A series of open days will showcase the services and facilities at each hub, featuring free family activities and a wide array of stalls offering information and support.

Tameside's Family Hubs are:

- **West Family Hub (Denton, Droylsden and Audenshaw)**, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7RA. Call: 0161 342 5197.  
Facilities also available at Tameside Wellness Centre Denton and Denton Town Hall.
- **East Family Hub (Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Mossley)**, School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA. Call: 0161 342 5533. **Open day: Wednesday 5 April, 1-3pm.**  
Facilities also available at Stalybridge Civic Hall and Mossley Children's Centre.
- **North Family Hub (Ashton)**, Trafalgar Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0LL. Call: 0161 342 2255. **Open day: Thursday 6 April, 1-3pm.**  
Facilities also available at Tameside One and Active Oxford Park.
- **South Family Hub (Hyde, Hattersley and Longdendale)**, Hyde Old Road, Flowery Fields, Hyde, SK14 4SQ. Call: 0161 342 5353. **Open day: Wednesday 12 April, 1-3pm.**  
Facilities also available at Hattersley Hub and Hattersley Children's Centre and Hyde Town Hall.

Family Hubs also include virtual offers and are for families with children of all ages, from 0 to 19 or up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), with a great Start for Life offer at their core, available at [www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk](http://www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk).

The new hubs act as a 'one stop shop' offering early support to families and young people to help them overcome difficulties and build strong relationships. They bring existing family-help services together to improve access and connections.

Ensuring that families get the support they need from birth through to adulthood helps with children's educational attainment, wellbeing and life chances, while also improving wider outcomes such as poor mental health and unemployment.

## KOOTH/QWELL – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT INFORMATION

Kooth is the UK's largest digital mental healthcare provider, accessible to over 11m children and young people (11-25) through our Kooth platform and 4m adults through our Qwell platform, without thresholds or waiting lists. Our service blends immediate access to experienced online counsellors and wellbeing practitioners, alongside self-help tools and a pre-moderated active community with an extensive library of peer and professional created content. You're not alone - Kooth are still available to access during the Easter holiday period.

If you, or someone aged between 11- 25, you know needs extra mental wellbeing support during the holiday season, Kooth are here.

Go to [kooth.com](http://kooth.com) to chat to a practitioner today.

Parents/carers, if you are struggling to cope with mental health or wellbeing during the Easter break, Qwell is available to talk to.

Go to [qwell.io](http://qwell.io) to find free and safe support today.

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## PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

An email was sent out last week asking parents if they would complete a questionnaire. This will help us improve the learning environment and enjoyment for your child while at school. If you haven't done so already please could you click on the link below and submit your response by Friday 31 March 2023. Please complete one questionnaire per child. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CrtzuzTHfEWNMuVWCXyII5f4m10CHFpOiCwGmbT3csIUNUxEOTA4MDNHM043R09RTIBZSDZPNzVHMC4u>

## 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

## 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 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

## DIARY DATES

Friday 31 March 2023  
Monday 17 April 2023  
Mon 8 May 2023

School closes for the Easter break  
Children return for the Summer term  
Additional Bank Holiday

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Tues 9 May to Fri 12 May 2023  
Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023

Year 6 SATs week  
Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Forgiveness is...

Forgetting the hurts  
Offering a new beginning  
Restoring a friendship  
Given and received  
Identifying responsibility  
Valuing the truth  
Ending an argument  
Not holding a grudge  
Encouraging honesty  
Saying sorry  
Starting again

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Willow Wood Shop

We are situated on Arundel Street in top Mossley and are open Mon - Sat 9 am - 4 pm. We sell quality ladies, men's and children's clothing, toys and bric-a-brac, as well as a range of new goods and greetings cards. Any donations would be appreciated.

### March/April news from Tameside Libraries.

#### Holiday activities

There are free, family activities at four of our libraries during the upcoming Easter holiday, all with the theme of In the Garden. These are open to all, although aimed at children aged 4-11, and are drop in. We've also got some workshops run by Explore Learning for 7-9 year olds at Ashton and Droylsden libraries which need to be booked in advance.

**Borrowbox** Free ebook and eaudiobook loans are available to all members of Tameside Libraries by logging in to Borrowbox using a library card and PIN.

This month's unlimited access titles for children are **Poison for Breakfast by Lemony Snicket**, **Two Terrible Vikings by Francesca Simon** and **The Forest Wolves by Alex Milway** in eBook and eAudiobook formats, plus **The Hat Full of Secrets by Karl Newson** as an eAudiobook.

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Children and families can join Tameside Libraries to get a library card at any of our 8 branches: it's free to join the library and free to borrow books. Full details are available on our website: [www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens)

# Build your skills. Boost your happiness. Connect with your local community.

Scouts isn't just good for young people. It's good for you too.

We help young people - and adult volunteers -  
step up, speak up and find their place in the world.  
We build skills for life.

Join us in Tame Valley District at various locations around  
Stalybridge, Mossley and Dukinfield, and find out more  
about our volunteering opportunities. Contact for more  
information

[dc@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk)

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GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS

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Understanding...

English

more languages available  
powered by Google Translate



Enjoy a  
fresh new  
look on  
mobiles

optional voice-over  
where available

...pregnancy, labour,  
birth and your baby

...your baby

...your child

...your child  
with additional needs

...your teenager's brain

...your feelings  
(for teenagers only!)

...your relationships

and much more!



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  2. Enter the Access Code\*
  3. Begin learning
- \*Sign in or registration required

Access Code:  
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# CALLING ALL NETBALLERS!

## NETBALL EASTER CAMP

TAMESIDE NETBALL CLUB IS OPENING IT'S DOORS TO YOU!  
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE GOT WHAT IT TAKES?  
COME ALONG TO OUR EASTER CAMP WHERE PLAYERS  
OF ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

**£15.00** per child

**OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS  
WITH ALL ABILITIES**

**YEARS 4-6**

WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO NETBALL  
OR THE NEXT SUPERSTAR -  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

LED BY OUR DEDICATED TEAM OF  
FULLY QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED COACHES

IF YOU'RE NEW TO NETBALL

- INTRODUCTION TO NETBALL
- LEARN NEW SKILLS

OR IF YOU'RE NOT THAT

- DEVELOP GAME TACTICS/ STRATEGY
- DEVELOP ATTACKING/ DEFENDING SKILLS

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS

- IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY  
HAVE FUN!!!



**WED 5th APRIL: 10AM – 2PM**  
**Ashton Sixth Form College**  
**Darnton Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 9RL**





Adapted from the cult film starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep

# THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

**BOOK  
NOW**  
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**24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**George Lawton Hall, Mossley**

**North of  
England  
Premiere**

Based on the novel by Robert James Waller. Book by Marsha Brown.  
Music by Jason Robert Brown (Parade and The Last Five Years)

Presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorised performance materials supplied by MTI.