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# **Milford Mail**



#### Dear Milford Families

It is incredible at how fast this year has flown by! So much has happened in such a short period of time and as we come to the end I am feeling so proud of what we all together have achieved. From trips to Brooklands, Marwell Zoo, Blue Reef, Tuesley Farm to the wow moments with butterflies, farm animals, Sports Day, Henley Fort and team building games at Rodborough School. In between all the fun bits there has been a lot of good old fashioned hard graft, which has resulted in significantly improved academic results across the school which Milford children can be proud of. I would like to thank the amazing team of dedicated adults, who chose to work at Milford School, for all their care and love for the children and a willing to always go the extra mile for the children and the school team. Behind the scenes we have a committed governing body who volunteer a significant amount of their time to support the running of the school. A huge thanks to you all particularly to Melanie Isherwood and Maureen Holland our Co Chairs who have provided an enormous amount of support throughout the year. Much gratitude goes to Maureen who will be stepping down from her governor role after many, many years of service. A special thank you goes to Natalie Soden who has worked tirelessly all year with a team of parent helpers, along with daughters' Emma and Lucy, putting on an enormous amount of PTA fund raising events and special fun times for the children. Milford families have raised an astonishing £20,000 which will go towards providing enriching extra's for the children. My last thank you goes to our wonderful parents. I have worked in many schools and I have truly never known such a supportive and kind group of parents. Milford School has a very special community and we flourish working together. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you all and I wish you all a fantastic and safe summer break. Much love Miss Cox



#### **Creativity: Lily and Robyn**



#### YEAR 2 AWARD WINNERS



Maths: Ted and Otis W

Mindset: George and Indie





Library: Izzy and Elva Community Spirit: Penelope and David





#### **Funky Feet Winners**

Funky Feet took place on 7 June and the children and adults enjoyed wearing odd and funky shoes. The winners are listed below.



#### Thank You

A huge thank you to Cp-op in Milford for donating this bench to the school



Grow your own Chips at Squires Garden Centre









### Milford School at Godalming Parade and Milford Fete!





















### GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR AMAZING YEAR 2s











































### Thank you to our wonderful Parents, Staff and Governors who came to the 'Sprucing Up the School' day on Saturday.









## YEAR 2 NEWS

#### **British Values**

We learned about the British Value of democracy and held our own election; writing our manifestos and voting for Star of the Week. We also visited some of the older members of our local community and enjoyed singing songs together.







#### **Henley Fort**

We had a fabulous, adventurous day at Henley Fort; team building, problem solving and showing our Milford value of courage!



#### Science

We have learned lots of amazing science this term and capped it off with a Science Day, where we carried out lots of exciting experiments.



#### Rodborough

What a fantastic morning at Rodborough School! The Year 10 Sports Leaders ran a series of different team building challenges, which were lots of fun and helped us to work together with our friends.





#### **Class Allotment**

We worked hard on our allotments and enjoyed harvesting, preparing and eating a range of produce.



#### Art

This half term we have enjoyed experimenting with lots of different art techniques, materials and styles; inside the classroom and outside.





#### Maths

We have become super mathematicians in Year 2 and enjoyed developing our problem solving skills through games, quizzes and challenges.



#### PE

It has been lovely to take our PE learning outside this half term. We improved our technique and performance in the sports and activities we have learned this year.





Computng

The children have enjoyed learning how to use search engines to find animal facts for their files.





# YEAR 1 NEWS



#### ART—We are resilient and artistic

The children in Year One have been developing their artistic skills over the year through sketching, colour mixing, sculpting and DT skills. After focusing on strong observational sketching, they produced these beautiful butterflies inspired by Austin's Butterfly. Some went on to rehearse these skills whilst doing some observational plant paintings. The children have really learnt to be resilient this year and often have a few attempts when trying to draw something.



#### **DRAMA and English**

As you can see from the photos, we have some rather sad looking faces. But do not worry, this is down to some mighty fine acting! When we looked at the text 'Augustus and his smile' we discussed how Augustus must have felt when he realised his smile had gone. We said he would have been sad, upset, unhappy and disappointed and we stepped into his shoes to show these feelings through our facial expressions and body language. Spoiler alert: after some searching in all manner of places, he finds his smile.



#### Let's be dramatic!!

After reading "Augustus and his Smile", we discussed different emotions and explored what they would look like through drama. The children focused on their body language and it helped them understand that we can describe more than just facial expressions. We had a lot of fun and it really deepened their connection to the character



#### Island fun.

The children in Year One designed, made and wrote about their own islands. We started our writing by making a class island and talking about all the features we would like; we had chocolate trees, water-falls and lots of animals! The children went on to write some lovely setting descriptions which you can enjoy reading over the holidays.



#### **Blue Reef Trip**

Thank you to all the parents that helped to make this trip so successful! The children we very excited to be going to the coast for the day and loved watching all the animal life in the aquarium. From stingrays to axolotls, hovercrafts to shark eggs, they were keen to know more. We were very proud of them during the shark talk as they listened intently and asked many interesting questions. Although we had a little rain, the cohort were happy playing on the beach, true Brits!





#### **Mary Anning**

We had such fun learning about Mary Anning and her fossil discovery. Did you know she was one of the first people to hunt for fossils? She discovered an Ichthyosaur which was more than 165 million years old. During our Mary Anning discovery day we hunted for fossils in the sand, created our own fossils using salt dough, created fossil collages, matched dinosaur skeletons to the dinosaur facts, read about Mary Anning and used this knowledge to create some super writing.



#### Team building at Rodborough school

Milford are so lucky to have been invited to Rodborough School to try out some team building exercises. Watching the children work together to get through hoops, balance on beams and lead them blindfolded was an experience. The Rodborough students were wonderful instructors and we were very proud of our school's engagement.



#### **Green fingers!**

We have continued to look after our veg beds with great enthusiasm and have enjoyed seeing our produce. Our strawberries are beginning to ripen, the herbs smell delicious, flowers and beans are growing and the vegetables are almost ready!



#### Maths

The children have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's in many ways, including kicking a ball! They have been ordering numbers and sorting their shapes and having fun with numbers.

### YEAR R NEWS

#### Food, Glorious, Food!

We started our new topic by reading Handa's surprise By Eileen Brown. In the story, fruit is taken from a Handa's basket by some very cheeky animals. We loved role playing this story and really getting into character. We had taste testing sessions, trying all the different fruits in Handa's basket. We loved learning how to chop up the fruit carefully. Oak class made a tally chart of their favourite, mango was a clear winner!



What super mathematicians we have in Reception!

This term we have been building on the children's knowledge of number facts and applying this to sharing and grouping. Children have been participating in activities like sharing fruit or group games as opportunities for children to notice when things are fair. These practical activities help children see whether items have been shared equally and whether everyone has the same. The children have also been looking at different ways shapes can be turned and positioned to make different pictures.



#### PE

We have been working on our ball skills is PE. We have used a range of different sized balls and worked on our control and how to chase a moving ball. We love our PE sessions and learning about keeping fit and healthy.



#### Butterflies

We watched with awe and wonder when we released our butterflies. We learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly.



#### **Tuesley Farm**

We were very lucky to visit Tuesley Farm this half term. We had so much fun – tractor rides, fruit picking and lots of playing. We even got to learn all about Bee colonies and how they make honey.



#### Writing

Early morning writing – We start our day with our morning writing activity. You can see how much we have been working on our sentences and letter formation.



#### Bounceathon

We had so much fun bouncing around for the school bouncathon. We even tried out some of our gymnastic shapes from PE. Look how high we can jump!

















SPORTS DAY 2024











#### Dear Parents & Carers

As Summer term 2024 draws to a close, I would like to reflect on our time here at Milford.

Most importantly, it has been our privilege to have your children under our care. Whether they are moving up through the School or leaving for the next chapter of their school lives, we wish them well and trust a summer of rest and fun lies ahead.

It has been a year of much change and development. We welcomed Miss. Cox as our Head and received our Good commendation from Ofsted. These are the headlines but an amazing amount of work has been achieved in developing curriculums, organising classrooms and our environment and the hard work in tweaking those things that may not be visible but enable our School to run smoothly.

As a Governing Body we have welcomed new members of our team and have said farewell to some whose tenures were up. Of particular note is our Co-Chair of Governors, Maureen Holland, who has been supporting and guiding Milford School with her wisdom and experience for over four years. We thank her for her time and commitment and wish her well. We have a fantastic group of Governors and I thank each and every one for their sage advice and guidance of our School.

Our team of staff have worked tirelessly and we owe them our thanks for their commitment and dedication to Milford.

A core member of our community and one whose legacy will live on is Mrs. Lucy Heslop. Lucy has nurtured and taught countless children over her many years at Milford and she will be forever welcome and will be remembered with fondness by us all as a fantastic teacher and Governor.

Our PTA have had a stellar year under the expert guidance of Natalie Sode with a host of fun and creative and fundraising events to keep children and parents alike entertained. The money raised has been a significant contribution to our funds here are Milford.

We have many exciting plans for next year both through the continued development of our school development plan, vision and curriculum through to our physical surroundings and environment.

I would like to end with a huge thank you to you all as parents and carers for your involvement in the School, joining in on activities and preparing your children each day for Milford School.

Melanie Isherwood Co-Chair of Governors Milford School







Charlie's Games

# Sat 17th Aug 2024

# Run

8.30am 2.5k and 5k Charterhouse School

# Games

**2pm** BBQ, bar, stalls Jubilee field, Milford

# Festival

4.30pm Live music Jubilee field, Milford

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