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# Milford Mail





What a fantastic first half term it has been! It's been wonderful to see all our children settle so happily into their new classes and embrace school life with enthusiasm and curiosity. Willow and Oak Classes have made a brilliant start to school life growing in confidence and independence while exploring stories like Goldilocks and Owl Babies, diving into Monster Phonics, and enjoying learning through play indoors and out. It is lovely to see that children and parents alike have already forged new friends! Cherry and Beech Classes have been busy exploring the human body and senses, discovering old and new toys in History, and working together at Woodland School. Their number bond work and pattern making have

shown real mathematical confidence. Good job! Lime and Elm have impressed us with their creativity in their pirate topic, from stunning seascapes and poetry to exploring survival in Science and hands-on learning in the woods. This half term also saw another fantastic Harvest Festival performance that got everyone's toes tapping. A huge thank you to all our families for their generous harvest food donations, your kindness and community spirit will make a real difference to our most vulnerable Milford residence. Our PTA run pumpkin competition brought an amazing display of creativity and teamwork. A huge thank you to Anna, Hen and Hayley for organising this wonderful event. Across the school, children have shown curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. We are so proud of every one of them and look forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Wishing all our families a restful and 'spooktastic' time. Much love Miss Cox

#### Message from The Friends

It has been a great start to the year with fundraising for the Friends of Milford School. Thank you all for supporting our events.

We must also thank our Year 2 parents who baked and donated for our first cake sale which raised an amazing £211.50! And our class reps and helpers who guided the children in making their Christmas Card designs, these will be arriving mid November - and sales raised £135.50.

The wonderful pumpkin competition raised £72 - a huge thank you to Stacey, Vince's Mum and Secretts Farm for the show stopper prizes! Along with our easy fundraising donations, this half term has already raised £475.

After October half term break, there will be the Autumn Disco, the tea towels and tote bags sale, our sponsored Santa Run, an art competition for the Christmas Fair poster and the Fair itself! We look forward to seeing the ex-

Thank you to all who donated harvest gifts which were donated to The Godalming Food Bank



#### **Pumpkin Competition**

Thank you to everyone who decorated and brought their pumpkins into school today for the competition. A lot of hard work went into decorating these and it made it difficult for the judges to pick the winners.











## YEAR R NEWS

What a fantastic first half term it has been in Reception! The children have settled beautifully into school life and are already blossoming into confident, independent learners. They are thriving in both our indoor and outdoor classrooms—exploring, discovering, and learning through play every day. Most importantly, they are making wonderful new friendships and embracing every learning opportunity with enthusiasm.

We have really enjoyed sharing our favourite stories such as Goldilocks and Owl Babies, and retelling and role-playing them. The children have delighted in learning new songs and performed brilliantly for their grown-ups during our Harvest Festival Assemblies. We have been learning about seasonal change and have explored colour mixing to create autumnal pictures.

With great excitement, we have been getting to know the friendly Monster Phonics monsters. We have successfully been learning letter sounds, sight words and are already reading! In maths, the children have been exploring patterns, matching and sorting objects, and enjoying a variety of counting songs and games.

The children have been very busy developing their fine motor skills, safely using scissors and a range of tools. Outdoors, they have been full of energy—running, jumping, hopping, and skipping their way through lots of physical fun and developing their gross motor skills!

We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in and can't wait to see what the next half term brings!





























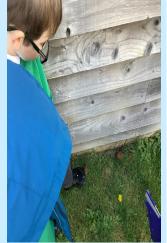












### YEAR 1 NEWS

We have loved starting our new adventures in Year One! In Science we have revisited our knowledge our body parts and learnt new vocabulary. We loved creating and labelling our bodies by drawing round each other in chalk and using ropes to make body outlines. We have learnt about our 5 senses and investigated each of them, A particular favourite was the taste test!

Our first trip to Woodland School was great fun! We went on a woodland walk and used our senses to spot different trees and plants, Den building provided a great opportunity for us to work together in teams to create dens for ourselves and smaller dens for woodland creatures.

In History, we have been developing our knowledge of timeline and that they show events from the past. We enjoyed exploring old and new toys to see how they have changed. We loved playing with the old toys, particularly the bagatelle which we borrowed from Godalming Museum.

We have enjoyed sorting and pattern making in Maths using counters, natural objects and had a lot of fun trying to work out patterns for each other. We are becoming number bond experts, knowing our bonds to 5 and 10 and using this knowledge to help us add numbers using tens frames and number tracks.





























































### YEAR 2 NEWS

#### Art

We enjoyed learning to blend paint and used different media to create rolling seas with sketched pirate ships. Our textile seascapes show our knotting, plaiting, weaving and sewing skills.













#### **English**

We've been writing stories and poems inspired by the Magic Paintbrush and The Sound Collector. We learnt about nouns, adjectives and verbs and used them in our writing. Our class book corners have been so popular, to share a story with a friend or just snuggle up for a good read.





















Year 2 have had lots of fun learning together this term.









#### Geography and Maths

Our pirate topic has helped us learn lots of new skills; from map reading and making to following compass directions. This term we have enjoyed our learning inside and out. We have been using our knowledge of place value to compare and partition numbers. We added two digit numbers using a variety of calculations and resources.











#### Science

In science we learned about the basic needs for survival. We explored what a shipwrecked pirate might need to keep safe until rescue and then researched the needs of our pets.





#### **Woodland School**

We loved our time exploring and learning together in the woods. We got crafty with clay, making Boggart creatures in the trees!







































**Prize Winners** 

Year 2

Most Creative—Emilia

Scariest—Daisy

Cutest—Annabelle

Runners Up—Milo, Sienna and Ayaan

Year 1

Most Creative—Leonardo

Scariest—Osgar

Cutest—Freya

Runners Up—Leo, Julius and Tamsin

Year R

Most Creative—Taron

Scariest—Barnaby

Cutest—Isobel

Runners Up—Jonny, Ivy and Alex



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