

School News

Year 4 Egyptologist Visit

On Monday 11th February, Year 4 had a visit from an Egyptologist from Discover History. This was a hands-on workshop where the children were able to become archaeologists for the day, handling and recording artefacts, dressing up in Ancient Egyptian fashion, exploring everyday life and learning all about Howard Carter and his famous discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The children loved the experience and were inspired to ask some fantastic questions about this interesting period of history.

Charlie's favourite moment from the day was "when we learned about how the Ancient Egyptians prepared the mummies and we got to wrap our friends up like real mummies!"



Year 2 Shakespeare Visit

On Friday 15th February Year 2 visited Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford Upon Avon. The visit allowed children to deepen their understanding of who William Shakespeare was and why he is still famous today as a playwright. The children had the opportunity to explore the house where Shakespeare grew up and to take part in Tudor style activities such as 'quill writing' and 'glove designing' as well as re-enacting some of Shakespeare's plays.



Lily-May commented "I really enjoyed exploring Shakespeare's house. We found out where John Shakespeare made and sold gloves. They were very soft!"

Harris said "It was the best day ever! The house was old."

Thank you to the Year 2 families that contributed towards this memorable visit.

Whole School Disco

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends Association for all their help and support in organising yet another successful School Disco on Thursday 14th February. It was lovely to see so many children dancing.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Fullerton for once again being our fantastic resident DJ. 'DJ Fullers' dropped some very catchy tunes which the children enjoyed singing and dancing along to.

Thank you to everyone that contributed towards this event - over £350.00 was raised.

Catering News — Pancake Day Tuesday 5th March 2019 Reminder.....

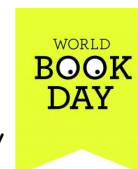
Class Catering will be serving Pancakes as the choice of dessert for those children having hot dinners on Tuesday 5th March. (Allergies have been accounted for within the recipe). Please note the previously advertised dessert for this day will be changed in place of Pancakes.



World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2019.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

Children are invited to bring in their favourite book from home, they will then get the opportunity during the day to share this book with their class.



To celebrate this event we would like to invite children to dress up as a child character from their favourite book, e.g. Oliver Twist, Pippi Longstockings, Harry Potter etc.

Comic Relief - Wear Red on Thursday 14th March 2019.

To support Red Nose day this year we are inviting children to wear 'something red' instead of their school uniform on Thursday 14th March in return for a minimum contribution of £1.00.

Please note this is a change of date to the date published in February's Newsletter.

Please could you send your contributions in to school on **Thursday 14th March 2019** in a clearly named envelope.

Your child is invited to wear as much or as little 'red' as they like— please note football kits or 'onesie's' are not allowed to be worn for this event.

We are pleased to let you know that we will be selling Red Noses in school. Each Red Nose is individually boxed and sealed. Red Noses cost £1.25 and will be on sale in the school office from **Monday 4th March**, please ensure your child has the correct change available.



Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraising event.

Class Photographs - Monday 18th March 2019.

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 18th March 2018 to take Class photographs.

Pre-School children that do not usually attend Monday mornings are invited to join the rest of Willow Class for their group photo - please arrive at school for 9:00am.



School Uniform

It has been noted that a few children are not wearing the correct footwear to school. Trainers are not permitted to be worn as part of our school uniform, children must wear black school shoes. If there is a genuine reason as to why your child is temporarily unable to wear the correct school uniform please notify your child's class teacher.

Can we also politely remind you to ensure that all hair ties are small and in line with the school colours.

We do not allow 'Jo-Jo' bows or any other large hair accessories in school. Thank you.

Mothers Day Coffee Morning — Friday 29th March 2019.

On the 29th March we will be holding another of our successful 'Mothers Day Coffee Mornings'.

For a small donation each, you and your child will be able to enjoy a drink and a breakfast style pastry or a piece of fresh fruit.

Donations: **Adult £2.00, Children £1.00** Please pay on the day—All monies raised will go to the school fund to provide further opportunities for the children.

There will be an earlier option to come in between 7.30am until 8.45 am, and 3 further 20 minute seating's will take place from 9.00am onwards. If you choose the early time slot you will need to stay with your child until the bell goes—unless they are booked into Breakfast Club.

If you would like to join us please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter confirming which seating option would best suit you and return to the office at your earliest convenience.

Please be aware that the 9.00am-9.20am seating will inevitably be a popular time and you may see some queuing / delay whilst we manage this. If you are able to come in at a later time please do consider this as there should be less of a wait / delay as the morning goes on.

Please return your booking slip by no later than **Friday 22nd March**—this will allow us to calculate enough refreshments for everyone attending.

We will also be holding Fathers Day event later on in the year—look out for more information to follow.



Pioneer Residential Visit — Wednesday 3rd April - Friday 5th April 2019

The Pioneer visit for Year 4 pupils is taking place on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019. Full payment should have been paid by the 1st March 2019. Thank you to those of you who have adhered to this deadline the centre we are dealing with will be extremely grateful as we are.

If you still have a payment to be made can you please send in your green paying in card to the Office with payment as soon as possible.

All outstanding paperwork must should be returned to the school office by 1st March. If you have not returned this yet please endeavour to return this to the school office on Monday 4th March.

Please ensure you complete all contact details fully with name, address and contact numbers for each contact provided.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Year 1 - 4 Easter Service Wednesday 10th April 2019.

This years service will take place at St. John's Church on **Wednesday 10th April 2019.**

Parents, family and friends of **Year 1 - Year 4** children are invited to join us at the service. If you are able to assist with walking the pupils to and from the school please gather in the school hall when the bell rings at 8.50am. We will then walk to church for an approximate 9.45am start.

Parents with accompanying pre-school children are welcome to join us, but will not be able to assist with supervising the pupils. Thank you.

We hope you are able to join us and that you have a very enjoyable time.

Please note, Reception and Willow Class will be having a separate Easter Service and Parade - more details will follow soon.

Year 1 - 4 Easter Bonnet Parade - (Friends Event), Friday 12th April 2019.

We will be holding our Easter Bonnet and Coffee Morning in school on Friday 12th April 2019. We would like all pupils to create an Easter Bonnet which they will be able to wear during the parade.

During the morning each class will come down to the hall to parade their bonnets. Some older children who are perhaps not too keen to wear bonnets can wear something with an Easter theme if they prefer for example a decorated T-shirt or tie. Parents are invited to watch the proceedings whilst having refreshments.

The Parade times will be as follows:

Year 1	9.00am
Year 2	9.30am
Year 3	10.00am
Year 4	10.30am



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Please be aware there may be some delay with these start times as it is difficult to predict how many people will attend. Refreshments will be available on the day at a cost of £1.00 for a cup of tea or coffee and 50 pence per child for a drink and biscuit (**payable on the day**).

Free Parenting Clinic June White

We are pleased to be able to offer the continued services of June White, Parenting Practitioner, in our school over the next few weeks. June specialises in supporting parents with all aspects of children's behaviour and is available to parents for free information / guidance on a 1:1 basis. June will be running individual Parenting Clinics for you to drop-in or book on to on the following dates:

Thursday 14th March, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 20th March, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 10th April, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

To access this free service please call the school office or alternatively contact June directly via any of the means detailed on her business card.

June White

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Mobile Phones

Please can you make sure that mobile phones are not used inside the school building - this includes the waiting area by the school office. Children are not permitted mobile phones in school.

Online Safety Awareness

We are aware of a social media challenge that is currently being aimed at children via social media platforms such as Whatsapp, Facebook, YouTube and YouTube Kids. We have attached a link from the BBC for more information should you have any concerns about it: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

National Online Safety have also created an information flyer that you may find useful.

<https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.jpg>

Staff are aware of this and if children are identified as talking about this whilst in school their conversations will be shut down and parents will be informed.

Toilet facilities

We would like to advise you that the toilet facilities near the school office have been re-signed so that visitors and children accompanied by an adult will now have their own toilet facility that is separate to the Staff toilets. The door on the right is for **Staff only**. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Poetry Corner

Year 2 children have been working on their poetry skills this year.

Faith would like to share a poem she has recently written:

In the Ugly City, by Faith

*In the ugly city the traffic was congested,
jammed,
noisy and the buildings were abandoned.*

*In the ugly city the walls were unpainted,
weathered,
faded and the statues were old.*

*In the ugly city the pavements were broken,
crumbling,
cracked and the people were unhealthy.*

In the ugly city everyone left.

Democracy Week

At Millfields we promote the fundamental British Values throughout our curriculum.

Our key British Values are :

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

As a school we will be focussing on 'Democracy' during the week commencing 11th March 2019.

During our 'Democracy Week' children will be able to explore what democracy is and how it is incorporated within our school, the community of Bromsgrove and nationally.

At the end of the week Children will have the opportunity to share their learning with other children in a special assembly.



Millfields First School Motto

We would like to thank all parents who took the time to think of and submit to us a school motto. We have been very impressed with the creativity and the thought that went in to these. All school children were also given the opportunity to put their ideas forward.

Collectively the School Council shortlisted the ones they felt most represented our school ethos, this was then put to a vote. As a result, we are very pleased to inform you that we now have a new school motto:

'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

We will be introducing this to our children and will use this fundamentally in all aspects of school life.

Forest School News



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We would like to say a **big thank you** to everyone who has made very generous donations following our request, which will work to support our forthcoming gardening initiative. We really appreciate all your help. Also thank you for the wood provided which will ensure that the children will enjoy forest school fires around the fire circle, an activity they all love especially when marshmallows are involved. Larger lengths are also invaluable in the building of structures and shelters.

We are still hopeful of more donations if any are available, thank you in advance. Also if any family members are interested in becoming a Forest School volunteer please let us know.

The Forest School Site

Forest school is starting to look like spring might be emerging. We have seen our first frogs in the pond this week much to the children's amazement. The first buds are starting to show on the trees and we have found our first snow drops, daffodils and crocuses growing. It's such a good opportunity for the children to experience the changing seasons at first hand.

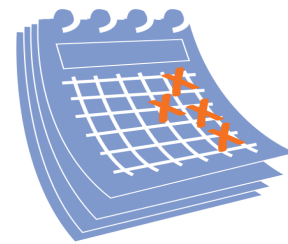
Wildlife cameras

We are in the process of having a great new addition to our children's experience of our site with the installation of wildlife cameras which will be up and running within the next few weeks. The cameras will be able to record any wildlife activity on site during the night and the children will have the opportunity to access this information in their classrooms via the class computers. For them to have this chance to see what happens in our absence and how the animals act will be a fantastic learning experience which we are all really looking forward to. Also we are having bird feeders placed in the view of classrooms ensuring that as we take our in school learning outdoors our outdoor learning can be taken back into school.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Friends Association for working so hard to raise funds to support this project. We would also like to thank the 'Rotary Club', in particular Mr Roy Rowland, who also made a contribution towards the wildlife camera's. This is a very exciting time, we look forward to being able to share our wonderful wildlife images with you.

Dates for the Diary 2019

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March	Friends meeting 6.15pm in school staffroom
Thursday 14th March	Wear Red for Red Nose Day, £1.00 donation
Monday 18th March	Class Photographs.
Friday 29th March	Mothers Day Breakfast
Wednesday 3rd—5th April	Y4 Residential visit
Monday 8th—12th April	Scholastic—Book Fair
Tuesday 9th April	Parent Consultations 3.45pm—5pm
Wednesday 10th April	Parent consultations 3.45pm—7pm
Wednesday 10th April	Year 1-4 Easter Service at St Johns church. Families Welcome 9.30am.
Friday 12th April	Year 1 - 4 Easter Bonnet Parade (Friends event)
Friday 12th April	Break up for Easter.
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term.
Monday 6th May	School closed for one day only.
Tuesday 7th May	School re-opens.
Tuesday 14th May	Friends meeting 6.15pm in school staffroom.
Friday 24th May	Cake Sale (Friends event).
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half Term.
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens after Half Term.
Friday 14th June	Fathers Day Breakfast Morning (further details nearer the date)
Tuesday 18th June	Friends AGM meeting 6.15pm in school staffroom
Friday 28th June	School Bandstand Event.
Friday 5th July	Summer Fayre.
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day (weather dependant)
Wednesday 10th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 19th July	Ice Lolly Day (Friends Event).
Friday 19th July	School Closes at 3.15pm for the Summer Holidays. (Monday 22nd July is a Teachers Training Day)



Mothers Day Coffee Morning: Booking Slip

Childs Name: **Class:**

I will be attending the Mothers Day Coffee Morning on Friday 29th March at: (Please tick one option)

7.30am-8.45am 9.00am—9.20am 9.30am-9.50am 10.00am-10.20am

Please note we can only allow one adult per family due to seating restrictions within the hall.

Please ensure you have the correct change available on the day.

Please return this completed slip to the school office by Friday 22nd March 2019.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.