

Milton Abbot Primary School



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We made **£528** at the Summer Fete! This will go towards playground apparatus for the children – thank you!

So, here is our first digital only newsletter - which you can download via Class Dojo or our School website. However, if you prefer one to stick to your fridge please do let Mrs. Jones know and she will send one home.

Sports Day: Great Sporting Endeavour with a Sunny Smile!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Sports Day yesterday, it was certainly a hot one. We were very grateful to HOOT for buying some new gazebos for the children, they really needed it - thank you! Despite some technical issues with the music, Eagle Owls did a great job with their fabulous dance routines, learnt during dance lessons with Miss Squire. Indeed, Miss. Squire also led the cheerleaders, who dazzled with their pom-poms and fun routine. The races were all highly competitive, with each participant putting in great endeavor and being keen to do their best. The hurdles race was a new addition this year, and has been a feature of summer term PE lessons, as well as our Athletics Club, all as part of wishing to develop a lifelong love of exercise and sport in our young learners. Great efforts Milton Abbot!



Spirit of Adventure at Milton Abbot: Year 5 camping and Year 6 Heatree

Year 6 had a brilliant time with Mr. Walkerdine at Heatree, our annual residential. They experienced many new skills and overcame some exciting challenges, including very high tree surfing, archery and raft-building. Such activities deliberately put an emphasis on teamwork and leadership skills, which we feel are essential for our children as they move on through life. It's also a big step for many as they face an extended time away from home, perhaps for the first time, which builds their self-confidence. Mr. Walkerdine came back full of praise. Next year, we would like to continue to offer Heatree but are keen to add a city break experience at some point, whereby the children can see and experience a side of life they may not get in rural Devon.

Year 5 enjoyed a week without Year 6 (!), particularly their camping adventure, which included a night in a tent (note that I don't say 'sleeping in a tent' because there wasn't much of that!), as well as horse-riding over the Moor, kayaking at Roadford and tree-surfing at Tamar Trails. Mrs Jones and Ms Williams accompanied me, and we were all so impressed by the can-do attitude shown by each child as they tackled the challenges - clearly nervous at times but so determined to achieve. As someone passionate about education, it was especially interesting to me to see the tree-surfing, which follows a set path that the children repeat; from the tentative first go to the tenth time when the children were steaming through it - showing me that practice of skills truly is essential to learning confidence.

DATES UPDATES for your SUMMER DIARY!

9th July - KS2 SATs results are released to schools.

CHANGEEagle Owls Performance afternoon show = 17th July at 13:45 evening show = 18th July, 18:00 - 19:00 with raffle and prizes! Letters will be sent out by Mr. Walkerdine.

19th July - Annual Reports sent home to parents and carers.

Year 6 Graduation = Monday 22nd July, 17:00 has been confirmed. Tissues at the ready!

Beach trip - whole school trip as part of Global Citizen Week = Monday 22nd July

End of term: Celebration assembly = 23rd July at 14:00, including a fond farewell to Year 6. LAST DAY OF TERM.

School returns on 4th September...let's do it again but even better!

Snowy Owls News

This week in Snowy Owls, we have been very excited as our caterpillars have now changed into butterflies! We have been learning to use money in our Maths and the children are now much more confident with using and recognising the value of different coins and notes. During English, we have been learning to read a poem called I love bugs, off-by-heart!

Reminders: Next week we will have dance on Tuesday with Miss Squire.



Tawny Owls News

This week in Tawny Owls we enjoyed a great Transition morning on Monday, thinking about our classroom and different ideas for September. We have looked at different directions and positions within Maths and used the Bee Bots to demonstrate our understanding of these mathematical concepts. Within English we have written and created our own newspaper reports about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and 3000 golden artefacts and treasures, they are available on our outstanding writing wall for you all to see!

Reminders: Next week we will have our Ancient Egyptian Banquet on Thursday so costumes will need to be worn to school, if you have not yet created a costume, please wear white and yellow and we can decorate your outfit in school.



Eagle Owls Heatree Gallery - THE FULL gallery will be shown at the Graduation Ceremony



Reminders: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE PERFORMANCES (PAGE 1).