



Milton Abbot Primary School – Every Child Achieving

**Whole School
Attendance**

95.2%

Dear families,

Happy half term everyone! It has been such a brilliant, productive half term: whether your child has learned about monarchs, Romans, or entertainment through time; producing books based on the Fox and the Star; exploring place value and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; we have been so impressed and proud of the children at our school. It has been a half term full of successes. Hoot held a superb bingo evening, Eagle Owls have heard from all our local services in Tavistock, we have had successes in sport at a football tournament and at the cross-country races too and, of course, we are happy to be welcoming Jonny into school from that first Monday to start teaching drums and guitar as well. It feels like the school is in a good, settled place. We continue to listen to feedback and look to you, our stakeholders, for ways that we can improve, particularly around communication. However, I am grateful that you are all here with the school on our journey.

I must add that punctuality has improved massively these last few weeks - I know the new start time was tricky for some and I know that the darker the mornings get, the harder it is to get everyone in the car, but you're doing a great job of getting here on time. Secondly, on attendance, please understand that the letters we send out are for your reference as well as ours - we know through honest and open communication the reasons behind your child's absence.

So, I thank you again, for your continued support and I wish you a wonderful half term.

Tom Lumby



Stars of the Week

- India
- Jack R
- Isabelle M
- Ellie M
- Reading Raffle - Rose



Mr Hill held his first Principal's table, celebrating attendance above 95%.

Owlets News

We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with the warmth of autumn. The past week in Owlets has been nothing short of exhilarating, with plenty of activities that have sparked curiosity and creativity in our little ones.

Open Day Success

Our wonderful Owlets had the pleasure of showcasing their learning and homework during our exciting Open Day. Parents and some new friends had the opportunity to see the great learning that happens in our classroom. It was a joy to watch our children proudly present their homework.

Pumpkin Crafts and Science Fun

In the spirit of the season, our Owlets joined in with creative pumpkin crafts, turning ordinary pumpkins into whimsical masterpieces. But the fun didn't stop there! We also had a thrilling science experiment with a "volcano pumpkin" that bubbled and erupted, sparking excitement and wonder. The joy on the children's faces as they watched the "volcano" in action was truly heart-warming.

Mastering Set 1 Sounds

We are delighted to announce that our Reception children have officially learnt all the Set 1 sounds. The dedication and hard work they put into their phonics have paid off, and their progress has been truly amazing. We're looking forward to building upon this foundation in the next half term. We also had a visit from Mr Lumby for a wonderful storytelling session, sharing his favourite picture books with the children.

Halloween Decorations

With Halloween right around the corner, our Owlets have embraced the spooky spirit by crafting their very own salt dough Halloween decorations on Friday. Ghosts, pumpkins, and bat now adorn our classroom, and the children's imagination and artistic talents shine brightly.

Star-Earning and Reward Party

As a token of our appreciation for the Owlets' continuous effort and wonderful behaviour, they've managed to fill the star jar to the brim. To celebrate this achievement, the children were treated to a delightful pizza and hot chocolate party, making it a memorable day filled with laughter and excitement.

We hope you have a safe and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all in a week.
Mrs Collacott and the EYFS Team



Snowy Owls

What a busy two weeks we have had in Snowy Owls!

Children have been busy creating a presentation booklet for their English unit, Dadaji's Paintbrush. For this unit we have been looking at writing character descriptions, labels, creating storyboards for our own alternate version of the story and creating work as 'artists'. This has been highly enjoyable for all children, and they can't wait to share these with parents!

In maths, children have been hard at work utilising all their knowledge about place value. We have also introduced our new topic, addition & subtraction in the final week of the half term. The children have had plenty of practical experiences to develop their understanding of 'part, part, whole'. We had a fruity-smelling classroom when we used oranges to help us with this, but we had such great fun!

In RHSE, children have been identifying different feelings and how those can affect our bodies. This was wonderful to watch as the children learnt and discussed the differences between them as individuals but also to see how much they care for one another's wellbeing's. What a lovely group of children we have in our class.

We finished our learning about entertainment through time by looking at how listening to music has changed. Children spent time looking at records, cassettes, CDs, MP3 players, iPods, radios and speakers. They were particularly fascinated with the radio!

We listened to how music sounded when played through a gramophone and compared it to the music we listen to today.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term. Get lots of rest, and as much fresh air as the weather permits and we will see you soon!

A Big Thank You to Hoot!

Snowy Owls would like to say a huge thank you to Hoot for funding lots of new classroom resources for us. We have completely re-done our continuous provision area to provide lots of exciting new learning opportunities for the children. With the funding we were able to buy construction resources, small world toys, puppets, a puppet theatre, fine motor skills activities, books linked to the provision as well as many other exciting resources. The children have loved exploring the new areas this term and we will continue to add resources to build their skills and knowledge into next term.

Thank you!



Hawk owls

This week in Hawk Owls we have been learning about rounding numbers and negative numbers. We have been looking at the weather around the world and comparing different temperatures.

We have written a report about our "dancing raisins" experiment and learnt a fable in Latin, "The Fox and the Grapes". We have finished reading the "Last Fire Fox" and our book reviews are amazingly detailed.

Thank you to all the parents who made our snack time very "delicious". Fantastic homework!

Thank you to all the parents who came to look at their children's work and shared with Mrs Manta how wonderful they are doing. It has been an amazing half term! Well done Hawk Owls.

Eagle Owls News

We have had a super fortnight in Eagle Owls. After a brilliant uptick in the reading raffle entries last week, Eagle Owls filled their reward jar and are having a wonderful Friday afternoon, playing some new and exciting board games that get us to think about numbers and mathematics. Beyond that we also had the fantastic Joe Rice in school. Joe is a fully qualified first aid trainer who delivered two sessions for us, one for Eagle Owls and Hawk Owls and one for Snowy Owls. Joe talked about and taught the children all about what a first aider needs to be, what to do in an emergency and how to look after each other in an emergency. Ask the children in Key Stage 2 about DR HELP ABC! Below, is an account of our recent, exciting cross-country event by Harry F:



Cross-Country

Last Thursday, we did a 3-mile run. It was at Okehampton College where we did a football tournament. It was a soggy rainy day, so the ground was more slippery than usual, and it made the run like 2x harder. I mean, there was a big staircase that made everybody so much more tired, but the rest was just as flat as the flat world in Minecraft. We started on the rugby field, next we went over a small bridge over a peaceful river, then up the treacherous staircase, after that we got to the end and finally, we turned around and did it in reverse. Harry F, (the one who is writing this newspaper report) came second to last and Jack did well. At least we all participated. Korben did very well. When me and Jack were at the final stretch Mr Lumby AKA the best teacher ever, ran with us and recorded us. He said we could get 2 billion views on YouTube, it was very, very funny. When we had finished this challenge, Jack and I were really proud of ourselves for doing it. I chugged my water because I was very thirsty. Harry M in our class won our race – he did amazingly well. Willoughby came third and we were proud of him too.

When we were going back to school on the coach, Korben, Leo Cork and I had a sleep. I had a struggle getting to sleep because Willoughby was being really noisy! I forgave him though (he is one of my best friends). Overall, even though it was a very difficult, treacherous run, it was quite fun. When me and my brother were coming out of the school gates my brother and I were being very negative. My brother even said to Mr Lumby “I ran 2 miles and didn't get anything!!!” (*Edit – certificates are on their way, Leo! Mr L*)

And here is a newspaper report written by one of our Year 6 children, Korben. We wrote reports about a man called Philippe Petit, who walked a tightrope between the Twin Towers in New York city in 1974.

The man walked across the Twin Towers on a tightrope.



Where many people shop, eat and work, a fantastic daredevil life-threatening tightrope stunt was performed on a wire seven eighths of an inch thick, Philippe Petit risked his life.

It was August seventh, 1974, when thousands of people going on their daily walk or going to work saw a man performing dangerously on a thin piece of string as it appeared.

The time was 7:05, just after dawn, on a quiet Saturday morning. Office workers were stopped from going into their offices.

Police officer Bob has a speech he wants to say, “It was a very traumatic day everyone was shrieking or cheering him on. I had to stop people going into work and some of them obliged, which infuriated me, but then I said look up. They saw Philippe Petit dancing, running and even laying down on the wire It was the most extraordinary stunt I have ever seen in New York City.”

It was an amazing day, which was absolutely jaw dropping day, with a dangerous stunt. It took an hour and a half for police and firefighters to get Mr Petit down from the wire to arrest him.

Some policemen even asked for his autograph, and he happily agreed to sign it for them. Even though he was arrested he was still smiling.



Philippe was charged with Community Charge

Here is a quote from Mr Petit himself: "I had lots of fun that day although I got arrested I felt a rush of adrenaline when I set foot on the wire. It took us one hour and forty-five minutes to get to the top. with lots of people cheering, it encouraged me to keep on going. I didn't plan to go across eight times."

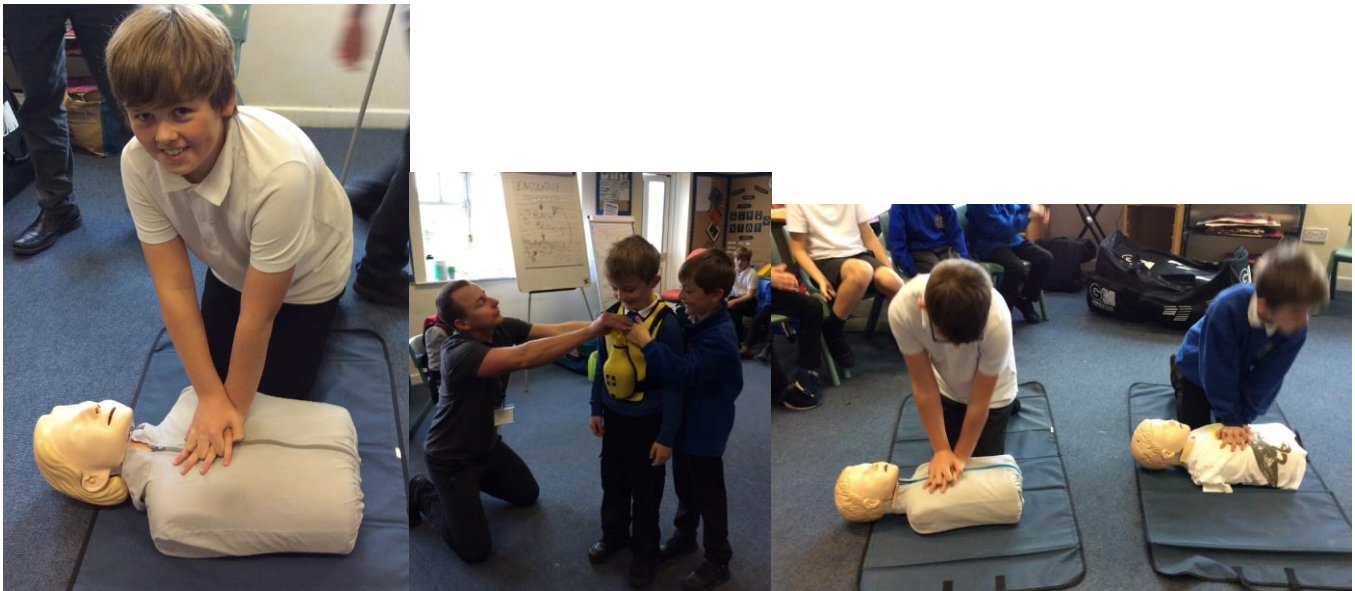
Overall it was a hectic day for Manhattan, which people still love talking about today



Mini Medics

Thank you to Hoot for funding Joe Rice to visit Snowy Owls, Hawk Owls and Eagle Owls for Mini Medics.

Certificates are on their way!



Clubs	
Monday	Tennis
Tuesday	Basketball
Wednesday	Lego Immersion club – pre-paid only
Thursday	Multi Skills with Coach Chris
Friday	Running with Coach Chris

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Diary Dates

October

Mon 23rd Half Term

Mon 30th Back to school

November

Weds 1st Year 6 Parents French Trip meeting – 6pm Bridestowe Primary School

Thurs 2nd Devon and Somerset Fire talk with Snowy and Eagle Owls

Mon 20th Road Safety Week

Weds 22nd Tempest portraits – more information to follow

December

Wed 13th Whole School Panto trip

Fri 15th Christmas Lunch – last day of term!

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragù sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragù Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Fillet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
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Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

Lunches

We have a lovely new menu after half term.

Please remember to book your children's meals on the School Gateway app!



Mr Hill
Hub Principal



Mr Lumby
Lead Teacher



Mrs Baldwin
Snowy Owls Teacher



Miss Caulfield
Snowy Owls Teacher



Mrs Collacott
Assistant SENDco
Owlets Teacher



Mrs Manta
Hawk Owls Teacher



Mrs Bird
Teaching Assistant



Miss Jonas
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Mair
Teaching Assistant



Miss Young
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Curtis
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Cork
Teaching Assistant



Miss Hepworth
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Jinman
Administrator