

# Myton Park Primary School

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## Car Parking

The car park is always very busy at the beginning and end of the day. The vast majority of you use the car park with care and consideration, but we do ask that you all show patience and understanding to all other users. We have several parents and carers who hold blue badges and can therefore find pick up and drop off particularly difficult. Please respect the disabled spaces as you would in any other car park and only use if you hold a blue badge.

## Gardening

The sale of produce made just over £28.00. This will contribute to the purchase of seeds and compost to enable this season's planting to take place.

The children really do love the gardening project, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please pop into the office.

## Leisure Centre

The project remains on schedule. The builders have now constructed their offices and the hoardings will be going up. They are trialling a new set of re-usable hoardings which should be erected by the end of the week.

The swimming pools are being excavated and a great deal of groundworks for services and supplies will be laid over the coming months. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with the progress. A time-lapse of photos of the site will be generated and we will provide the link to this once it is available.

## Stuart Myers

The children enjoyed a visit from Stuart Myers who talked to them about being resilient and determined. It really did support the work we do in school to encourage the children to give things a go. We continue to encourage them to have a positive attitude and to recognise that their learning is for their own benefit and will help in giving a far wider variety of choices within school.

## Times Tables Rock Starz

The children have been really embracing the work in Times Tables Rock Starz. Many are working to better their scores and this is having a real impact on their work in school. Greater speed and accuracy is really helping to develop their own self confidence and many are recognising the benefit of regular practice. A little regularly really is making a difference.

## School Funding

I am sure that many of you have seen the news headlines about the difficulties of school funding. We are certainly feeling the impact of changes in budgets. Rising costs and the burden of many aspects of funding are now falling on individual school budgets, rather than from central or LA pots. This means less and less is available for resourcing. At Myton we are determined to keep the enjoyment of learning as a central part of our curriculum. If any of you have any schemes at work linked to providing schools with resources such as iPads that are being replaced at work, or STEM grants (or any grants) then we would love to hear from you. Times of austerity mean we need to think creatively in order to ensure our children get the best possible education.

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## School APP and the Website

Feedback from parents is that the APP works well. We are aware there can be the odd technical hitch, but we know it gets information to you. We are certainly seeing the benefits of saving paper; which can only be good for the planet.

We would ask you though, to not rely too heavily on numerous reminders. Please do log the notifications or actions you need to do from the first notification you receive.

As part of our move the APP, we will be relaunching the website as the two will link. Any letters or notifications will automatically link to the website and will be uploaded to it. That way, you will have a second information source.

Please bear with us while the transition takes place. We are aiming for a re-launch at the beginning of April.



## Class News

### Nursery

This half term we have been learning about food and why we can't have chocolate for breakfast. We have observed food changed eg jelly, ice to water, bread to toast and talked about whether or not these changes are reversible.

We have talked about what we like on our toast and completed simple surveys. We have buttered our toast ready for snack time.

The gingerbread man has proved very popular. We have retold the story joining in with "run, run as fast as you can" and making and tasting our own gingerbread.

### Reception

This half term our topic was "why can't I have chocolate for breakfast?" We have been trying different breakfasts such as a range of cereals, croissants and yoghurt.

We have discussed how to keep healthy and the importance of being healthy such as healthy eating, washing your hands and brushing your teeth. We have made posters containing information about these things. We have investigated how materials can change properties through melting and freezing.

We have been reading lots of different stories and even some poems, then we have written some of our own poems.

We have really enjoyed this topic and we are looking forward to next half term.

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## Year 1

This half term in Year 1 the children's topic has been "Bright lights, Big City". The children have loved learning all about London and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of those who have allowed their children to show special items and share special family memories with the class.

The focus in Maths has been numbers to 20, addition, subtraction, place-value and number bonds. In English, we have been reading topic based information and story books about Great Britain and London. We have researched, retold stories, made lists and labelled our pictures.

In computing we have used Colour Magic to create fantastic London transport and landmark pictures. We have learned how to copy, paste and save our work. Importantly we have learnt how to stay safe when using the computer. We have learnt traditional songs and nursery rhymes in music and enjoyed singing London's Burning in a round.

IN PE we have played hockey with Mr Busby and finally in Geography we have learned about the four countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities.

Thank you for your continued support. Our next topic is Dinosaurs.

## Year 2

We have had another fantastic half term and are loving our topic Land Ahoy! We enjoyed learning about our local hero Captain James Cook. We have written reports and mapped his voyages as well as sketching his ship Endeavour. We have also loved learning about real life pirates like Blackbeard and Anne Bonny. Our acrostic poems and reports were full of pirate facts and vocabulary.

In maths, we have been learning more about multiplication and division. We have used objects and drawings to support our understanding and can use the inverse operation to help us solve problems. Our big focus next half term will be on spelling and cursive handwriting.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 3

This term we have studied numerous features of maths including measures, money, multiplication and division. The children have enjoyed using concrete and pictorial representations when solving problems. The children have also worked incredibly hard to learn their times tables, participating in regular tests and Times table Rock stars.

In English, the children have learned poetry including Kennings. They have also studied The Firework Maker's Daughter, completing a variety of activities based on the text. At the beginning of the spring term, we wrote newspaper articles about volcanoes and earthquakes – our topic this half term.

In Science, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about rocks, completing various experiments, testing their density, permeability and durability. We have also learned about different types of rocks including igneous and sedimentary.

Our topic this term has been Tremors. The children have really enjoyed this topic, learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. We learned about fault lines and tectonic plates as well as 'The Ring of Fire'.

The children have just completed their second term of swimming and are showing a great deal of progress as well as a greater level of confidence in the water.

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## Year 4

Another great half term in year 4, where all of the children have excelled!

It is fair to say that we are all loving our current topic (Misty Mountain Sierra). I am inundated with facts every morning about the weird and wonderful world of mountains. Keep them coming! The remarkable, Stuart Myers visited us and spoke to the class about the importance of resilience and the children to deepen their understanding of key concepts. In Music the children have been learning to play the recorder, which they have all loved. We are looking forward to our next topic, 'Raiders and Traders'. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Team

## Year 5

Year 5 have been travelling back to Medieval England this term and learning all about the reign of Henry VIII and his six wives. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the fate of each of Henry's wives. The execution of Anne Boleyn has been the focus of our persuasive letters and newspaper reports. We created a Tudor dynasty timeline and family tree. In Art, we have been sketching miniature portraits of each of Henry's wives and creating a Tudor rose. In Design & Technology, we are each creating a section of weaved blanket to sew together to make a huge weaved blanket. It has been a really short half term, but we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Tudor life and times.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their new topic Hola Mexico. They have been learning about Mexican music, art, traditions and the Mayas. They produced some amazing homework. Alongside our topic we are busy preparing for our SAT's in May. All the children are working very hard and we are very proud of them.

## The Hub

This half term the children in The Hub have been learning about dinosaurs. The children were very excited to see CCTV footage of a T-Rex in their classroom. They have found out about different dinosaurs and discovered, how to tell if they were a herbivore or carnivore. They have enjoyed exploring fossils and guessing what they may have been. They even made their own fossils using clay and PVA glue. The children found out about the life of Mary Anning and were amazed to see the fossil of a plesiosaur.

In English the children have been reading and performing poetry, they even wrote their own version of 5 little dinosaurs! They have used their research skills to find out about their favourite dinosaur using books and the internet. They have used this information to plan and write their own dinosaur report.

In Maths, the children have been concentrating on their addition and subtraction skills. They enjoy using a wide variety of physical resources to solve number stories and are learning to recall addition and subtraction facts by heart.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have really become captivated by dinosaurs. The Hancock museum in Newcastle will be exhibiting 'Dippy the diplodocus' in May, why not pop along for a free visit.

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## PE

This term the Y5/Y6 football team competed in the EFL kids' cup. They performed extremely well finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, just missing out on first place in the last game.

Our swimmers will be taking a dive this term as they compete in the cluster swimming gala. We wish our swimmers the best of luck.

The Y6 girls' netball team competed at the cluster netball competition. They all came back with big smiles on the faces and a 1<sup>st</sup> place to show for their efforts. Well done to the netballers!!

## School Council

The school council are currently very busy preparing for Comic Relief. During our regular meetings, we have shared lots of ideas for the big day and look forward to sharing them on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

The school councillors have played an enormous role organising and carrying out school tuck shop every Thursday.

## Future Dates



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 19

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 19

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 19

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 19

February half term holiday

Children return to school after half term

Easter holidays

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