

Dear parent/carer

We have nearly made it to the end of winter! The mornings are light now as I am arriving at school and I've even seen the sunshine, briefly.

Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback in our recent surveys. This has really helped and will be fed into the work we do here. As always, the children have been an absolute joy and everyone in school has made me feel so welcome and proud to be part of the team.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful half term holiday. I am having a short break away with my family and taking advantage of the chance to rest and recharge. Whatever your plans, enjoy and we'll see everyone back in school on **Monday 26th February**.

Best wishes, Alison Morgan

Valentine Disco reminder
Thursday 15th February 2024
KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm
KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm



Have you attended our parent consultations? If not, please contact school – there's still time to book!

Health and attendance updates

Whole school attendance since 1 September to date is: 95.48%

The national attendance rate for state funded primary schools in 2022/23 was **95%**

Myton Park attendance for 2022/2023 was **95.34%**

Well done everyone. Let's keep going, I'm sure we can beat our personal best at the end of the year!



Sports news

This term has seen a variety of success for Myton Park in local sporting competitions. Our Year 5/6 football team have won two tournaments and now find themselves in another final at Rockcliffe. We also celebrate sporting success outside of school with one of our children in Year 6 being selected to play cricket for Yorkshire.



***If your child has been sick due to a virus, please remember our 48-hour rule. This will help us stop the spread in school. Many thanks.

***If your child has been ill and is well enough to be in school with a dose of paracetamol, we are happy to administer this at a specified time with your consent. Just call into the school office with your medication and we'll get you to complete a form.

CLASS NEWS

Nursery

We have had a very busy half term. We enjoyed talking about our favourite toys after the Christmas holidays. We explored how different toys moved and loved playing with the remote-control cars. Dinosaurs has been a very popular topic – the children know so many facts and names and are confident using vocabulary such as carnivore and herbivore. Some elements of 'the curiosity approach' have been adopted across EY and the children are becoming so confident and independent when pouring their own drinks.

Reception

This half term in Reception, we began to transform our classroom into a calming 'home from home' environment. We have been learning about winter, including Arctic animals and how they stay warm and safe; dinosaurs, including herbivores and carnivores and Chinese New Year, including some of the beliefs and traditions that come with this. We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning this half term!

Year 1 have been on a wonderful journey of learning this term.

They have worked scientifically in Biology, Physics and Chemistry to gain a solid understanding of the human body, electricity and materials. They have gathered information on significant people in History and the countries of the United Kingdom in Geography. Year 1 are proud creators of chairs for soft toys and impressionist weather paintings. Overall, this has been another term in which the children of Year 1 are blossoming into confident independent learners.

Year 2 have had a fabulous start to 2024! In English we have been writing a non-chronological report about Elizabeth II. The children really enjoyed finding facts about the Queen and using that information in their reports. In Science, the children have been learning about electricity. They really enjoyed adding components to electrical circuits during one of our investigations! During our study of Neil Armstrong in History, we wrote questions we would like to ask the Apollo 11 astronauts about their adventure to the moon.

The Hub

In the Hub this half term we have been learning about the Romans. The children have enjoyed finding out about the past and how the Roman's expanded and conquered other countries. They have learnt about how volcanoes are formed and what makes earthquakes occur. They enjoyed listening to the story of Escape from Pompeii and watching videos of what might have happened. In Art, we have been learning about Leonardo da Vinci and the children are excited to be creating their own version of the Mona Lisa, using some of his techniques.

Year 3 have had a wonderful, fun filled half term learning about multiplication and division, measuring, mountains, Romans, linked levers and symbolism. Watch out for our art in the style of Edvard Munch's The Scream. We are particularly enjoying using our class reader, Alice in Wonderland. Our swimming skills are improving. You might see some of us in future Olympics!

Year 4 have been working extremely hard in maths learning the formal written method for multiplying two- and three-digit numbers. In preparation for our times table check, and to improve our mathematical fluency, we are continuing to improve recall in the times tables up to 12x12. In ICT this half term we have been creating wonderful animations linked to the story of The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. As part of our learning in Science we have been using our 'Working Scientifically' skills to learn and investigate in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Year 5

In Year 5 this half term, we have been learning all about the different biomes and creating information leaflets about how human processes can damage and affect them. The children have also created some truly wonderful pieces of art work inspired by expressionism and as always they continue to impress me with their amazing creative writing ideas. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

The children have returned after the Christmas break with great enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, which is truly wonderful to see. During break times, our sports leaders have taken charge and have been busy developing various games and activities. They have introduced an exciting new activity called "giant cup stacking," which has been a huge hit amongst the students. This game not only promotes physical activity but also helps in developing coordination and concentration skills.

In computing, the children have been engaged in a fascinating project where they are inventing their own products using light and temperature sensors. It is incredible to witness their creativity and problem-solving skills as they design and construct their innovative creations.

In Design Technology (DT), Year 6 is preparing to embark on an exciting project. Inspired by the visionary entrepreneur Elon Musk, the children will have the opportunity to build their own electric motor toy cars. Get ready to be amazed by their creations, who knows, we might have some budding inventors and scientists amongst us!

One of the highlights in English lessons has been the writing of our suspense story. The children have poured their imagination onto the pages and crafted a thrilling tale, which revolves around a possessed doll. We will be publishing some of these captivating stories on Seesaw, so please keep an eye out for them. I'm sure they will leave you on the edge of your seat!