



MILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Milby family,

Exciting things have been happening in the world of music and art at Milby Primary!



Our talented students have been busy participating in various art competitions, impressing us all with their creativity and skills. We are thrilled to announce that we have had winners across the school showcasing the incredible artistic talents of our pupils—well done to everyone who got involved and entered.

In celebration of World Music Day, the children had a fantastic time exploring the favourite musical tastes of our teaching staff.

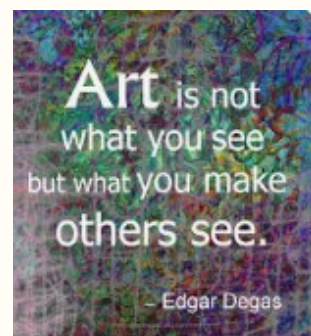
Additionally, we recently held an Art Day from our youngest pupils through to our eldest where they each had the opportunity to unleash their inner artist and showcase their imaginative creations.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students in these creative pursuits. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing their passions for music and art.

Keep making beautiful creativity together!

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Mrs G Johnson

Art and design subject
leader



Mrs J Rowstron

Music subject leader



Here at Milby, we are exceptionally proud of the broad curriculum we have on offer. Each child has the opportunity to learn new styles and techniques while learning and developing artistic skills and key knowledge. Each term, our children are introduced to a different artist, allowing them to discover the unique styles and techniques of three different artists each year.

The children are exposed to various forms of media, ranging from digital art to traditional sketching. Through hands-on experience, our children explore different strands of art, including drawing, painting, craft, and sculpture, helping them to develop a well-rounded artistic skill set.

By immersing themselves in various art forms, your child will have the opportunity to unleash their creativity and express themselves in new and exciting ways. We believe that art plays a crucial role in your child's holistic development, fostering their imagination, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

SCULPTURE



Year 3 and 6 have used clay to make their sculptures.



Year 3 made Egyptian ankhs while year 6 each made an object that means something to them as part of their memory box unit.



Look at some year 2's sculptures using natural resources they found around the school!





Last week the whole school participated in a day dedicated to art. The day was a huge success with children accessing new equipment, materials and exploring new concepts.

To enhance our art curriculum Kapow will be launched from September. Our art day activities were a sneak peek of what the children can expect to learn next year.

Even our youngest members of the Milby family got involved in art day by making cubism fish.



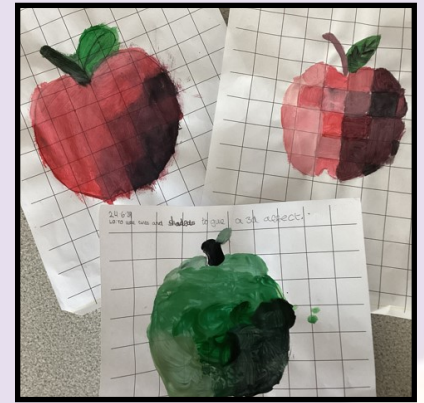
Year 1 made abstract trees (in the style of Clarice Cliff) by blowing paint through a straw.



Year 2 used clay to make a pinch pot.

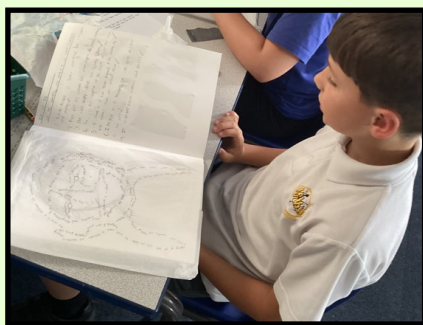


Year 3: Used rubbings of different surfaces and medias they could find around the school and created textured pictures. They also created their own botanical drawings.



[Click here](#) for Lola and Mikey's thoughts on art day.

Year 5: Used a self portrait and traced Highway Man poetry over the outline of their portraits. Finally, the children used a black and white self portrait and snipped it into different shapes before embellishing.



Year 6: Used famous paintings and created their own still using resources found in the classroom. They also used iPads to create monochrome digital art before rounding off their day with still life drawing of a fruit bowl.



GRIT

GRIT is an artist-led programme of creativity culminating in 'Art on the Streets' August 2024. This is a year long showcase of site specific artworks in Nuneaton blending street and transit art, theatre performance, portraiture and music engaging local people to explore contemporary life and work.



We were really lucky to welcome GRIT to our school earlier this month. Two street artists came and worked with some of our families, teaching them how to make stencils and use water-based aerosols in their own piece of street art.



MUSIC NEWS



I am in year 3 and I started learning to play the violin in September, [click here](#) to listen to me play.

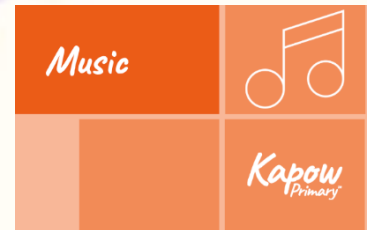
I am enjoying learning to play the violin and I have my lesson on a Monday. [Click here](#) to listen to me play.



[Click here](#) to listen to my musical journey at Milby.



Children in year 3 to 6 have the opportunity to learn to sing or play a musical instrument in school. This week you should have received an email if you have a child currently in year 2-5. More details about these lessons can be found on the email. If you wish to sign your child up then please [click here](#).



At Milby every

child will learn the skills of listening, performing and composing within music. [Click here](#) to listen to an end of unit performance from 2E. Miss Cox explains the unit of learning.

[Click here](#) to listen to Aizzah, Aria, Phoebe and Yuvraj talk about music at Milby.



On Friday 21st June, children in KS1 and KS2 celebrated World Music Day by matching each teacher in school with their favourite artist/ band or album. The children were very excited once back in class to see if their guesses were correct!



ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

At Milby Primary School, our whole school attendance target is 97.5%. Currently, our whole school attendance is 94.83%.

Our attendance stars for the month of June are:

FB with 97.84%

Year 3 with 95.25%

During the month of June, 231 children achieved 100% attendance - well done!

The law relating to leave of absence is changing:

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2023-24

It is important to note, Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to *each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).*

First Leave of Absence Offence: The amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence Offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice). A Penalty Notice will not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

County induction day **Wednesday 10th July 2024**

Open evening **Thursday 11th July 2024**

Year 5 outdoor adventure day (information to follow) **Wednesday 17th July 2024**

Year 6 leavers' party **Wednesday 17th July 2024**

Year 6 leavers' assembly (2.15pm) **Thursday 18th July 2024**

End of term awards assembly **Friday 19th July 2024**

Summer holiday begins **Monday 22nd July 2024**

Please refer to our website for the most up to date *calendar*.

<https://www.milby.warwickshire.sch.uk/topic/news-and-events>

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Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
97%	5 days	1 week	30 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	39 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence - The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 - advise that head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance, parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, any additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could therefore result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, for example: 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days.

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared responsibility.

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

Warwickshire County Council Community Schools	
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A SCHOOL PUPIL IN TERM TIME IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ONLY	
Important Information for Parents/Careers - The Education (Pupil Regulation) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended by Education (Pupil Regulation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013) only allow Head Teacher to authorise leave of absence for any person in exceptional circumstances. - If the exceptional circumstances are agreed, the Head Teacher will determine the length of the absence authorised. - Requests for Leave of Absence should be made in advance and before any arrangements confirmed or money committed. - Leave of Absence is granted upon written school absence request to minimise the impact of the absence on your child's academic progress. - The form MUST be completed by the resident parent/carer(s) before requests will be considered. - Please complete a Leave of Absence form for each child. - Failure to make a request for a Leave of Absence in advance will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised.	
Please note: Parents do not have any legal entitlement to take their child on holiday during term time. I wish to apply for Leave of Absence from school to be granted to: Name of Child: _____ Form Group: _____ First Date of Proposed Absence: _____ Last Date of Proposed Absence: _____ Expected date of return to school: _____ Reason for Proposed Absence - please provide reasons to support the application including evidence (they can only be exceptional circumstances) (see normal absence accompanying): Total Days Requested On This Occasion: (For abridged) I have also applied to _____ School/Academy for leave of absence for _____ (insert establishment's name) Signature of Resident Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____ For school use only: NAME OF CHILD: _____ Date received by school: _____ 1st date of absence requested: _____ Last date of absence requested: _____ Expected date of return to school: _____ Absence Authorised: Yes/No _____ The reasons for this decision are: _____ Head Teacher/Attendance Lead: _____ Date: _____ • Copy of this completed section must be sent back to parent with letter	