



MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 20th Jan 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 23 rd Jan	Eco trip to recycling plant am Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club Crumble Coding club	Children invited via separate letter Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Tues 24 th Jan	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Weds 25 th Jan	Final payment due for IOW Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4	Year 5 & 6 residential Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30
Thurs 26 th Jan	Swimming Y5 am Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Y2 Big woods forest schools Y5 RV festival Dance club	Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit Year 2 group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30 - by invite only
Fri 27 th Jan	Piano lessons Big woods forest schools Y3 Cross Country club LAST ONE! Sewing club starts	Don't forget your music Year 3 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.15 3.30 - 4.30 with Miss Hurrion
Mon 30 th Jan BC/ASC bookings open midday today	Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club Crumble Coding club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Tues 31 st Jan	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Weds 1 st Feb	Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30
Thurs 2 nd Feb	Swimming Y5 am Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Y2 Big woods forest schools Y5 RV festival Dance club	Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit Year 2 group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30 - by invite only

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Last week update

What a freezing cold week it's been – although I do prefer the cold to the rain. Staff have done well to overcome all sorts of issues with their cars and travel to make it into school, as I am sure families at home have experienced too. Mrs Cain has spent most mornings defrosting the minibuses ready for outings which has been a feat in itself with doors iced shut! That said the early skies have been beautiful and the sunshine a welcome change. Long may it last!

Monday was my first assembly of the term linked to the value of Friendship and we learnt all about the characters of Winnie the Pooh in honour of Winnie the Pooh day on January 18th when the author A.A. Milne was born. We discussed the main characters of Eeyore, Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga & Roo, Owl and Tigger who are all good friends despite having very different personalities and qualities. It was good to reflect and celebrate how unique we all are and how special our friendships can be.



Our school councillors met with Mrs Bowles on Tuesday afternoon and had lots to share on their return to class. I gather the children have put together comments from every class about what they like about MPS for a banner to put in our entrance. They have also shared some ideas about how we can make the school even better, as well as asking for new ideas from classes for something we might like to buy to promote more physical activity at school. They have also set up a competition for ALL children to enter if they wish – see poster below for more information. It is lovely to welcome an active school council back and is a great way to capture the children's thoughts and ideas.



On Wednesday Mrs Cain and I were lucky enough to accompany both Year 4 and Year 5 to the Children's concert at the Festival theatre in Chichester. The children were introduced to a full orchestra that played many well-known pieces in a way that was engaging and fun for the audience. We were treated to an incredibly talented percussionist who played the Xylophone with amazing speed and accuracy – so talented - alongside some magical fun from the compere and magician Neil Henry. Both

classes sat beautifully throughout and clearly enjoyed the concert with lots of chatter in the buses on their journey's back to school.

My lovely Year 5 forest school group made it out the woods on Thursday after the disappointment of last week's downpour which cancelled their first session. Thanks to parents for encouraging such sensible kit in the cold, there were lots of hats, gloves and thick winter coats which were much appreciated AND needed! We had a great time building and testing out shelters and had lots of ideas for how they want their sessions to run moving forwards.



It was great to be with the year 3 group last Friday too – nice for Mrs Moorcroft to be out and about again leading sessions. See photos below.

Good luck to the two teams involved in the quad athletics event being held down at MRC this afternoon – we are so fortunate to be part of these events and to have Mrs Alden leading PE at MPS with such enthusiasm and drive! I'm sure we'll have some photos and news to share about how they got on in next week's flyer.

** Breakfast/After school club bookings for NEXT half term**

Please note that BC/ASC booking requests will open on **Monday 30th January at 12pm**. Please send requests for after the half term break to our school bursar Helen Bond by email on –

bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk

Teachers planned strike action

It is my understanding that currently it is only the National Education Union (NEU) that has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action and call their members out on strike. Both the NASUWT and the NAHT's ballots did not meet this threshold. Strike dates that could impact the running of the school are Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Currently I am not aware that any of our teachers are intending to strike, but this may change nearer to the strike dates. While I can and will continue to ask, teachers are under no obligation to tell me of any intended strike action. I do understand how difficult this is for parents and will of course keep you informed of any classes that may be affected as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Some reminders!

Jewellery

Following on from Christmas when children have obviously received some lovely gifts we have seen a rise in children wearing jewellery to school, including expensive smart watches that can hook up to phones and the internet. While we do allow watches in schools these are pricey items and like phones, we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage caused. Children are also asked to turn off or mute any access to messaging services via their watch, through the school day. Other items of jewellery should not be worn to school and we would appreciate your support in encouraging children to leave these items at home on school days.

Pokémon cards

Some of our children are enjoying playing with their Pokémon cards at breaktimes – looking at them and sharing collections with friends. However sometimes these cards can cause arguments and disruption as children trade cards and then demand them back. When this happens some class teachers will insist that the cards remain in school bags for a period of time. Please bear with us, we are trying hard not to ban them completely and to help children learn along the way.

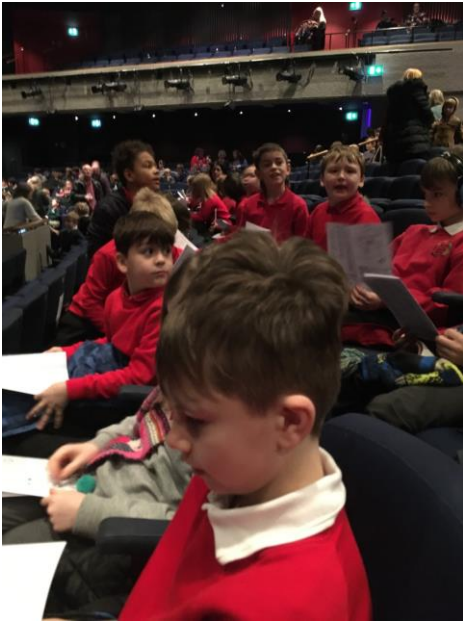
PE KIT

There has been a rise in children regularly coming down to the office to borrow a PE kit to participate in their PE lessons. On some days the office have run out of PE kit to lend and do not always have suitable sizes for the children to borrow. Please help us by sending children in with a PE kit on their PE days so they are able to take part in sessions comfortably and safely. Thank you.



**Last week's FAB awards!
Well done everyone!!**





Theatre and Y3 woods!





Year 5 fun
in the
woods!



Myla and Emilia

School council competition!

Competition Time

Build a bird house!

Enjoy -

Bird house
Deadline:
Monday 20th February

Get Creative!

have FUN

Do your best!

Prizes to be won!

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- Prizes and competitions
- Children need a **NUT-FREE** packed lunch, mid-morning snack, refillable drinks bottle, suitable clothing/protection for the time of year
- Bookings can be made at www.aspirecoaching.org.uk
- For further information email Nigel info@aspirecoaching.org.uk

Dates	Activity	Location	Ages
Mon 13 th to Wed 15 th Feb	Multi-Sports	Buriton Village Hall & Recreation Ground	5 - 11
Mon 13 th to Wed 15 th Feb	Multi-Sports	Easebourne Primary School	5 - 11
Thurs 16 th to Fri 17 th Feb	Football	The Petersfield School AstroTurf, Petersfield	5 – 13



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Friday 24th February 2023

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