



New Chapter School

Year 4 News

This term in year 4 our topic is the Explosive Planet . We have been learning lots of new things about the causes of extreme natural disasters and their impact on the natural environment and the people living in the area.



To start with, we researched volcanoes, created our own, and caused a chemical reaction to represent lava. We also had an earthquake afternoon where we discovered how to create a structure of a building which can withstand an earthquake. We had so much fun working together as a team to make sure we got it just right!

Some of the children in class 7 commented on which part of the day they enjoyed:



Lola: *I like how we did lots of different activities and we were very creative.*

Bez: *I liked that we could use marshmallows to build lots of structures and then we experimented by using different weights to see whose building would be able to hold in an earthquake.*

Later, in science we looked at the changing state of materials by using Starburst sweets to help us to understand the different stages of the rock cycle. We were able to show a lot of equality and teamwork when completing each stage of the experiment.



Jiraiya: *I liked it when we made the tiny starbursts from sedimentary to metamorphic rocks.*

McBoniface: *I like how we melted the starburst into different stages of the rock cycle.*

In music this term, we have been practising African drumming. We have had great fun learning about the different techniques involved and finding out that the middle section of the drum is the base and the outer section is known as the rim. We also learned some incredible African songs which we were able to incorporate with our drumming skills . This week we performed to the whole of KS2. Lots of children were excited to show their siblings what they had been learning in their music lessons. We are looking forward to learning how to play different musical instruments next term.



100%	PERFECTION
98%	IMPRESSIVE
96%	GOOD
95%	NEARLY THERE
94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
<94%	POOR

Average attendance for last week was **94.4%**

Attendance needs to improve. Let's ensure all children are in school and ready to learn so we get a much higher percentage next week.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Class 11 News



In class 11, we have really enjoyed learning about World War 1 in our topic Peace, Love and War. At the beginning of the term, we became soldiers and enlisted even though some of us were underage! We then used drama to explore how the war started. In groups, we recreated models of the trenches using various materials, and used our science knowledge to add bulbs and buzzers to warn off enemies.

To finish off the first half term, we recreated art in the style of the artist Paul Nash. Using different media, we created pictures of the landscape before and after war.



At the beginning of the second half term, we looked at Remembrance, exploring the reasons why we commemorate this important time. We attended the local Remembrance parade at Christ the Vine to show our respects as a year group and school to those who have given their lives in war. We also created clay poppies which we painted and varnished.



Since then, we have been immersed in a new topic: the Suffragettes.

We have really enjoyed looking at the different famous Suffragettes and finding out about how they managed to get the vote for women! During this time, we have worked on our oracy skills and taken part in lots of discussions and debates on the subject; Mrs Green was really impressed with our debating skills! We then wrote a balanced argument on whether we agreed with the protesting of the Suffragettes.



Back in September, we were lucky enough to have an outside adventure day on the school grounds which gave us the opportunity to work with different children in our class and use our teamwork skills. We had to work in teams to interpret map coordinates and find a list of items. If we had the wrong item for our group, we had to put it back and try again! We then had to put up tents in groups with no instructions, which we all managed to do!



Lastly, we took part in archery with Miss Trevis and were very keen to score more points than class 10. We are now looking forward to the residential next

	Star of the week	Values Awards (Responsibility)
Class 2	Haim	Amelia
Class 3	Leo	Jakob
Class 4	Seraphina	Levi
Class 5	Ilyas	Alice
Class 6	Sumera	Hope
Class 7	Olivia	Mateusz
Class 8	Kyah	Melody
Class 9	Folarin	Aadan
Class 10	Corey	Imre
Class 11	Christabel	Kesharia

BIRTHDAYS.

We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who are celebrating their Birthday this week:

Nadia, Charlet, Greta, Miracle, Thandeka

Important Dates

12/12/2023	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
13/12/2023	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
20/12/2023	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
21/12/2023	Christmas Fayre
22/12/2023	Break up for Christmas holidays: 1.30pm finish



Christmas Fayre

Thursday 21st December

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our families to the Christmas Fayre which will take place in the school hall on Thursday 21st December from 4pm to 6pm.

We would appreciate any donations of the following:

- Good quality toys/games/books (both adult and children)
- Lucky dip jar tombola: glass jars filled with sweets/chocolate/small gifts/toiletries -whatever you think might make a nice prize (see image below for ideas)
 - Teddies and soft toys for the teddy tombola
 - Adult tombola prizes
 - Gifts for raffle hampers

If anyone has contacts in local businesses who you think might be willing to donate to the raffle, please let the office know.

Donations can be left in the box in reception.

There will also be a cake stall. Further information on timings for receiving cakes will follow.

Thank you for your support.



LEADENHALL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & MK ACADEMY Present:

SANTAS GROTTO*

Friday 15th December

4.30-5.45pm

Milton Keynes Academy
Fulwoods Drive MK6 5LA

***FREE EVENT:**

***Please book via Eventbrite:**

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/757640492107

Register by Thur 14th Dec for free gift for under 16s

Children must be accompanied by an adult (18+)

For more info please contact:

Kevin on 01908 395 681



Dear All,

Thank you for your recent donation of the Reverse Advent boxes, in support of the Food Bank. Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to continue to help those who are facing hard times in our area.

Your donation helps us to continue to meet the needs of families and individuals, and ensure they can move from crisis to sustainability. Food vouchers can be obtained from professional agencies like Citizens Advice, Milton Keynes and local Councils, children and family centres.

If you have any queries, require any further information or updates on upcoming Food Bank events, please visit our website www.mkfoodbank.org.uk or follow us on social media www.facebook.com/MKfoodbank or on Twitter @mkfoodbank. Alternatively contact us on 01908322800 or via email at lisa.marsh@mkfoodbank.org.uk.

Thank you again for your generous donation – together we really can make a difference!

Yours Sincerely,

Lisa Marsh

Administrator

