Dates for your Diary...

**Autumn 2**

**Monday 4th November**  
Children back in school

**Wednesday 6th November**  
Flu Vaccines

**Friday 8th November**  
School Disco Night

**Wednesday 13th November**  
3LH Class Assembly

**Wednesday 27th November**  
Year 5 Cool Aeronautics Event  
*Selected children

**Friday 6th December**  
Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 11th December** and **Thursday 12th December**  
7pm  
Theatre Club’s Christmas Productions

**Friday 20th December**  
Last day of term

**Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January 2020**  
Christmas Holidays & INSET

**Tuesday 7th January 2020**  
First day of Spring Term

Milford Junior School Council 2019 -2020

We are very proud to present our Milford Junior School Council for 2019 -2020. The children have been selected, by their peers, to represent their class in key, whole school decision making throughout the year.

Our School Council members are: Riley, Harvey, Louis, Alana, Serena, Jacob, Isabel, Ashleigh, Olivia, Daisy, Alisha, Katie, Ethan, Matus, Autumn, Alesha, Ben, Aron and Amber.

The Little Princess Trust provides free, real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Two of our children, within school, have shown amazing courage in supporting the trust. Savanah (3B), had 23cm cut off and has raised over £300 and Jess (6WT) will be having her haircut very soon where she is aiming to have 35cm cut off! A huge well done to both girls for this amazing act of kindness.
Useful Reminders…

School App

Don’t forget to use our app which is available on apple and android platforms. We use this to communicate our latest news.

Twitter: @MilfordJuniors

Our Twitter account celebrates all of the achievements that have happened within school. Please sign up to receive frequent updates.

Picture News

We use Picture News to provide us with a weekly, current affairs debate. Picture News also provides a wonderful newspaper for children which can be found in our curriculum section of our website.

OPAL: Our Play Philosophy!

‘The circus equipment makes everyone have to think as it’s not easy. I pretend that I’m in a circus!’ Chloe (Yr3)

‘It’s fun playing in puddles on the field’ Owen (Yr3)

‘Imogen and I love playing small world on the field.’ Phoebe (Yr4)

‘I really like dressing up in the army outfits.’ Ben (Yr4)

‘Hula Hoops are the best as you can do so much with them.’ Maja (Yr5)

‘We always play with the cannons.’ Omar (Yr5)

‘Playtimes are now easier to meet new friends.’ Emily (Yr6)

‘Having fancy dress is the best.’ Ollie (Yr6)

We are delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all our parents & carers.

The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:
- Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select “I am a: Parent/Carer” from the dropdown:
https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/Milfordjunior

Farewell to Mrs Butcher

After working at Milford for four years, Mrs Butcher will be leaving Milford where she will be embarking on a new role with Somerset County Council as an education safeguarding officer. Many children will know Mrs Butcher in her capacity as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and PPA cover teacher.

Everyone at Milford would like to thank Mrs Butcher for her dedication and wish her the very best in her new career.
Quick Fire Questions ...

Mrs Kitto
Welfare Team

1. Cats or Dogs?
   Dogs

2. Biggest Influence?
   A former English Teacher

3. Starter or Dessert?
   Dessert

4. Favourite Lesson?
   Art

5. If I wasn't at Milford, I'd be...
   Running a campsite

6. Mill on the Brue or Isle of Wight trip?
   Isle of Wight

7. Red or Brown Sauce?
   Brown

8. Favourite Dinner...
   Cottage Pie

9. Must have teaching accessory...
   A glittery, toy lizard!

10. My Hidden Talent...
    Training within the Girl Guiding Movement

A Review from Year 3

3B - As part of our super hero topic, Miss Barsdell took some photos of us flying! First, we had to think about what position we needed to be on when we were on the green screen. So we looked like superheroes, we wore our masks and costumes that we had designed and made. We felt very silly when we were doing it because we were just lying on the floor but when we saw the pictures they looked really realistic. It was a good end to the topic and it was great to fly!

Jameela & Demi

3LH - Yesterday morning, we watched an incredible film called ‘The Lego Batman Movie’. We thought the film was great because it included Robin and lots of other fun characters. In English, we have been using the film to help us with our learning and have written some character descriptions based on either Batman, Robin, The Joker and Harley Quinn. We made sure that we included good vocabulary, similes, alliteration and noun phrases.

Riley & Faith

3NL - We wrote stories about our superheroes and had to make sure we had a beginning, build up, problem, resolution and ending. We included our superhero character that we designed in DT. It was really enjoyable writing our stories as we felt like we were authors and used our creativity. After that, we made our stories into comic strips. Each picture that we drew had to be linked to the part of our story. It was fun drawing the pictures and showing our stories in different ways.

Emily & Alana

3M - In 3M, everyone drew a tractor, a hay bale and a cabbage for the harvest festival assembly because these were in our class section of the poem. We held up our art work in the assembly and performed the sections of the poem we had learnt to the parents. Mrs Laverty also asked us some questions about what we think of when we think about harvest time. We also got to sing the harvest songs twice and listen to the year 5’ rap. This was really cool and it surprised us!

Laice & Lenny
Autumn 1 Assemblies...

Welcome Back!
New Academic Year

Celebration 1
British Values: Respect

Celebration 2
OPAL: Play assembly #1

Celebration 3
Harvest

Celebration 4
OPAL: Play assembly #2

Celebration 5
British Values: Respect

Celebration 6

In addition, we have introduced upper and lower school assemblies where British Values and other topical issues are covered.

A Review from Year 4

4CR - After a quick but noisy bus ride, 4CR arrived at Gore Farm. Stuart and Tess, who run it, took us to a tractor and trailer and we all got on (it was a tight squeeze). Once there, each group was given some string and a tarpaulin and sent to build a den. We could use other logs and sticks to build our den. We decorated it with leaves and built a kitchen to prepare food. We collected berries, hazelnuts and acorns to use for food and some groups made a campfire. It tested our collaboration skills! It was great fun and we can’t wait to go back in the summer.

Ashleigh & Ben

4B - All of year 4 have recently visited Yeovil Library. When we arrived, we were greeted by a friendly librarian called Cathy. Cathy first of all told us about how to join the library and some of the other activities at the library like the Lego club. Amazingly, it is free to join the library! Luckily, we were able to complete two different activities. One was a tour of the library and upstairs we were able to look at old maps of Yeovil. The other activity was a quiz linked to ‘Where’s Wally’. We all had a lovely time exploring and learning about how the library works.

Lennon & Ella J

Mrs Hunt’s Group - We celebrated National Poetry Day on 3rd October. We had an interactive lesson with a famous poet, it was really fun! We listened to famous poems, our favourite poem was ‘No breathing in class’ by Michael Rosen. It made us all laugh. We found some poems funny and some a bit boring. We each wrote a lovely poem called ‘The Hole’, we were very proud of our poems because we tried our best to write them.

Alyissia & Harvey

4A - This half-term, Year 4 have been learning about The Tin Forest, a picture book about an old man who wasn’t happy about other people dumping rubbish near his home. Throughout the story, he showed resilience and aspiration and turned the junk into a beautiful forest. In Art we learned about shading, when drawing tin pipes and in English, we wrote diary entries about the man’s life. 4A also decided to bring the story alive in our class assembly. We enjoyed the Tin Forest topic a lot.

Martyna & Harley
A Review from Year 5

5T - On Friday 4th October 53 Year 5s went to Mill on the Brue Activity Centre in Bruton. There were so many amazing activities such as “Leap of Faith” (which was scary) and tree climbing. I really enjoyed the awesome food which included a curry. My favourite activity was the assault course as it was a challenge to complete and great to help others (Archie). My favourite activity was the tree climbing as we got to climb both a moving metal ladder and an old oak tree. The food was incredible. I was always hungry after the activities so I usually went up for thirds! I wish we could have spent longer there (Isabel).

Archie & Isabel

5RB - We started the Autumn term with our Space topic. Our English lessons focused on narratives which were linked to the theme of Space. We loved reading the story called, ‘Alien Landing’ and then creating our own versions, many of them set within school grounds. Our next unit of work focused on non-chronological reports. We started by watching a clip from ‘Avatar’ which inspired us to create our own planets. Our final outcome was to produce a page for an information text about our planet which included information about the landscape, climate, as well as the plants and animals that loved there.

Jessica, Isabella & Riley

5BH - Recently Year 5 have been focusing on space, so we involved art with it too! In art we have been doing our own rocket designs in space with black sugar paper and using chalks/pastels. On our sugar paper we painted our background with stars and planets. Then we stuck our rocket designs onto the paper. During another lesson we have been designing our own planets and aliens that have to survive on our planets. The artist who inspired us with the space art was the one and only Peter Thorpe.

Maja & Olivia
6F - Our history topic has been about the Victorians. It was called this because Queen Victoria was on the throne for sixty years. After becoming queen at eighteen, she married a German Prince, and had nine children. We learnt what life was like for the rich and poor of the time. While the rich enjoyed nice lifestyles and luxury, the poor had to work. Even children had to work! Most poor people feared the workhouse which was compared to a prison! Many changes happened while she was queen. This included the Education Act, which meant that all children had the chance of a better future.

Luke & Nadia

6H - Year 6 watched the film 'Zoo' and then reviewed it. It's an exciting film packed with action and emotion. It tells the story of the friendship between three misfit friends and a widowed animal lover who all set out on a mission to rescue Buster the elephant from being shot during WW2. The film was brimming with lots of comedy, historical facts, animals and many important messages about friendships and the importance of teamwork. It teaches an unforgettable lesson about how it is alright to be different. We recommend this film for families to watch together as it is outstandingly heart-warming and keeps you glued to the screen right to the end!

Daniel & Brooke

6WT - We have been reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty as part of our Victorian Topic. It is about a boy called Jim and his life as a child in Victorian times. Jim loses his family, is trapped in a workhouse, escapes and has to work, joins the circus and lives on the streets before he meets Dr Barnardo. The story of Jim Jarvis is a true story and actually inspired Dr Barnardo to start helping poor children. We as a class have loved the story and it’s been the inspiration for lots of our writing.

Joshua & Amber

6TH – Measuring Gravity: My prediction was that the mass and the weight weren’t different. I also think that there will be a link between the weight(newtons) and mass (kg and g). My results: Yes, there was a link between newtons and grams, we found out that 100grams is the same as one newton. We found out that gravity is the force pulling the objects down to Earth. The larger the object the larger the force of gravity. Mass measures the amount of stuff inside and is measured in kilograms. Weight is actually a measure of the strength of gravity acting on an object. It is measured in Newtons.

Georgia & Tayla