

Tickford Times

Friday 1st April 2022

Our Town

We've had a wonderful time in school this week, learning all about Newport Pagnell, and I hope that the children have enjoyed this Our Town project. I've certainly enjoyed seeing the children so engaged with their learning and have learnt a lot myself about this fascinating and historical town.

I've been particularly interested to learn about:

- the town's unique parchment works;
- the seven gateway signs (and the three that didn't make it);
- the history of Aston Martin and Tickford Bridge – right on our doorstep;
- the part that the town played in the English Civil War.

I am sure that the children have all learned new and interesting things about the town this week and hope that they have shared these with you. In this week's bumper edition of Tickford Times, we've included some photos from the week as well as some of the children's thoughts about their learning.

It's been great that we've been able to get out and about around the town too – when the weather has allowed – and I'd like to thank all of the children for their exemplary behaviour while they've been out on these walks and visits. I'm sure that you will all join me too in thanking the teachers for planning these opportunities throughout the week.

On the note, of *Our Town*, we send our best wishes to the Newport Pagnell Town Football Club who are competing in the FA Vase semi-final at Willen Road this weekend; Good luck NPTFC!

Easter Egg Trail

Next Thursday, on the last day of term, we'll be setting up a little Easter Trail around the school grounds and invite you to come and solve the trail with your children at the end of the school day. This is not a competition, just a fun, social activity to end the Spring term.

You'll be able to collect your child from their classroom from 2:30pm onwards and we'll be open for families to complete the trail until 4pm. When you collect your child(ren), the resources that you need will be available. Children who usually walk home on their own will not be permitted to do so until their usual finish time.

Our after-school provision and bus services will run as usual; however, if you would like to pick up your child and complete the trail with them instead of sending them on the bus, please let the office know in the usual way.

Term Dates

Thursday 7th April	Last day of term
Friday 8th April	School closed
Monday 25th April	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 26th April	Pupils return for Summer term
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday

Excellence in Music



This week, we are delighted to celebrate with Seth, who started playing the clarinet during the pandemic. He has made great progress – so much so that he was recently able to take his Grade 1 exam, scoring an amazing 97% and earning a *Distinction* as a result.

Congratulations Seth – keep up the good work!



As part of their *Our Town* learning, some children in Year 4 made Newport Pagnell board games. One group (above) even began working on their own Newport Pagnell version of Monopoly!

Sporting Achievements

We're pleased to be able to celebrate with some of our pupils who have achieved further sporting success:

· Tom and Jack came 10th and 12th at the English National Primary Schools Cross Country Finals in Market Harborough.



Harry scored a hattrick and was named 'Man of the Match' in a recent game for Newport Pagnell U8s.

Jacques' rugby team came first in their age group at the Long Buckby Rugby Festival.



Our Town – Pupil Views

We asked some of our pupils what they enjoyed or found interesting about their learning this week. Here's what they said:

"I enjoyed learning about where the cinema used to be; I liked Mrs Osgood's stories about it!"

Ameilia, Year 2

"The old cinema got changed into an arcade."

Zachary, Year 2

"I liked learning about the town clock. It celebrates the bridges."

Alfie S, Year 2

"In the olden days, there was a different library and then they closed the old one and built a new one."

Leo, Year 1

"I learnt that lots of people are famous in Newport Pagnell that have the same name as me – about five times my name has come up this week, like William Cowley, William Taylor..."

William H, Year 3

"Under the arches, they used to put people's bodies before they were buried!"

Sienna, Year 3

"Tickford Bridge is the oldest working iron bridge in Europe!"

Maddox, Year 3

"The space between The Swan Hotel and The Frog & Nightgown used to be where they parked horses!"

Betsy, Year 2

"They used to make lace in Newport Pagnell. I found this interesting."

Ella, Year 2

Easter Activities

There are lots of activities taking place over the Easter holiday, including Sporty Scholars' Easter holiday club at Tickford Park (see below).

For more information, or to book a space for your child, [please visit the Sporty Scholars website](#).

JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR
Easter Camp
Ages 3-14
THE BEARS
SPORTY SCHOLARS

Tennis Cricket Go Karts
Nerf Football Easter Hunt Maze, Dance, Baking & More!

Week One: 4th-8th April Week Two: 11th-14th April Week Three: 18th-22nd April 2022

Banbury: Cherry Fields Primary School
Bedford: Great Ouse Primary Academy
Flitwick: Templefield Lower School
Horse & Wildrens / Quad Camp: Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes:
1. Kents Hill Park Primary School
2. Loughton Manor First School
3. Tickford Park Primary School
4. Willen Primary School

8-5:30pm / 8-4pm / 9-3:30pm / 10-2pm / 10-5:30pm From £18 per day

Activities: Specialising in Tennis, Cricket, and Football plus an introduction to a wide variety of other sports and activities like Go Kart, Zorbs, Nerf, Laser Tag. Throughout the day children can choose their themed activities depending on who is feeling adventurous, or maybe on the creative side! Food options available at most locations

SPORTY SCHOLARS

You might also be interested in the following activities which are taking place over the coming weeks:

- John Lewis are hosting an 'Easter Treasure Hunt' in their Milton Keynes Store. between the 1st and 18th of April, with six Easter chicks hiding around the store. More details can be obtained at the Experience Desk on the Ground Floor.
- Willen Hospice is hosting its popular Teddy Bear Hunt again this year, and this time it's 'On Safari!'. Between the 4th and 18th of April, teddies will be hidden around Willen Lake and the nearby areas. It's a fun event and only costs £10 per family, which will go towards supporting Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes. Find out more at www.willen-hospice.org.uk/TeddyBearHunt.

Eco Committee



This week, our Eco Committee and Green Group had a meeting with Sarah Spicer, Milton Keynes Council's Waste Education Officer and MKC Litter Warden, Alex Hunt to discuss their plans for improving the school grounds

COVID-19 Update

You will be aware that further changes have been made to measures pertaining to COVID-19 across the country and it is now no longer possible to obtain free tests for the majority of people. This naturally will impact on how we manage cases within the school.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should remain at home for 3 days. This starts from the day after they test positive. If they are well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, they may return to school.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, and a high temperature or they do not feel well enough to do their normal activities, they should stay at home until they:

- feel well enough to return, and
- do not have a high temperature

We are pleased to be able to significantly ease restrictions and are grateful to our parents for their support and understanding over the past two-and-a-half tricky years.

Our Town: Gallery

