

MPJ NEWS

The latest news, views and announcements from the MPJ Newspaper Team.



A letter from the News Team

Welcome! The newsletter was first established in 2021 by Liliana (Y5), and has now grown into a strong, hard-working team of eleven members.

Together, we have been gathering some amazing articles, fantastic reviews and loads more exciting things for you to read!

Meet the MPJ News Team:

Liliana (Y5): CEO and Writer.

Miss Poole (Staff): Editor.

Owen (Y6): Editor.

Lola (Y6): Science Journalist.

Beaux (Y4): Fact File Journalist.

Richmond (Y3): Quiz Master.

Pearl (Y5): Quiz Master.

Emily (Y5): Assistant.

Suraiya (Y5): Assistant.

Emma (Y5): Assistant.

Gabriella (Y5): Assistant.

We are looking for journalists and artists!

We are always looking for new stories, works of art and articles to be placed into our newsletter.

If you want to be published, then please post your work into the letterboxes around school:

Year 3 and 4 - the red box by Mrs Wright's Office.

Year 5 and 6 - the red box at the top of the stairs.



GOODBYE 2021 - RECAP OF THE YEAR

As we start the New Year, let's look back at some of the key events of last year. How many of these things can you remember?

1. On the 9th of April, Prince Philip tragically died. Prince Philip is the Queen's husband, and was buried on the 17th in a televised funeral. He was 99 years old.
2. Trump was impeached. This means that he was charged with a crime. Joe Biden became the 46th President of the United States of America.
3. England reached the finals of the Euros. It is the furthest that they have reached in a long time.
5. Captain Tom Moore sadly passed away. He was the man who walked around his garden and raised loads of money during the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
6. In 2021, we also lost Helen McCrory, who played Malfoy's mother in the Harry Potter films.

By Liliana (Y5)



ARTIST WORK WANTED!



We are always looking for beautiful pieces of art work to put into our newsletter.

This could be a painting, a drawing or even a photograph of something that you have made. It can even be a little article about a famous artist.

Post your artwork into the red letterboxes or give it to your teacher.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE - How to make a lava lamp!

You will need:

- Clean plastic bottle
- Water
- Fizzing Tablet (Alka Seltzer)
- Vegetable Oil
- Food colouring
- Glitter (optional)



Instructions:

1. Fill the bottle up with about 1 quarter of water.
2. Pour the vegetable oil into the bottle so that it is almost full. You may want to use a funnel.

3. Wait a few minutes for the oil and water to separate.
4. Add a few drops of your favourite food colouring.
5. Watch as the colour sinks through the oil. What can you see happening here?
6. Break the fizzy tablet in half and drop one half into the bottle.
7. Watch your lava lamp work!

Please remember to do this experiment with an adult, and to throw away all items after use.



By Lola (Y6)

GUESS THE LOCATION!

Read the description below and have a guess where you think this location is in our school. If you guess it correctly, write it on a piece of paper and post it into the letterboxes, you might just win a prize!

Clues:

1. You will visit me at least once a week.
2. I have a zig-zag floor pattern.
3. I am a big space.
4. You might like to sit down after you've spent some time in this location.
5. You do a lot of running around here!

NEW YEAR FACTS

- As we all know, New Year is celebrated on the 1st January. However, a long time ago, Romans celebrated the New Year on the 1st of March. This is because over time, the yearly calendar has changed and new months have been added.
- Fireworks became a tradition in order to scare away any evil spirits and also to bring a year of good luck.
- A lot of people make New Year resolutions. The most popular ones are to lose weight and go to the gym. Do you have any New Year's resolutions?



By Beaux (Y4)

PUZZLE SECTION - By Richmond (Y3) and Pearl (Y5)

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New Year	Fireworks	Friends
Family	Lights	Calendar
Resolution	Cheers	January
	Celebration	

QUIZ

1. What date is New Year's Eve?
2. What date is New Year's Day?
3. What is a New Year's Resolution?
4. What date did the Roman's celebrate the New Year? (Hint: Have a look the New Year Facts Section)



ANSWERS:

Post your correct answers into the letterbox by Wednesday 19th January, and one random child will be selected to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on it!)