

MILLWOOD NEWS

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NEW PARENTS'/CARERS' EVENING WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 3.30pm -5.30pm

There will be a parents'/carers' meeting on Wednesday 27 September for all new parents and carers. See you there!

OFSTED

Thank you to all of you for your lovely comments about our recent outstanding Ofsted report. If you haven't yet seen it, it is available on our website and on the Ofsted website.

<https://goo.gl/sNkDPw>

PHOTOGRAPHER

Just to remind you that the School photographer will be in school on 27 September.

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Happy new year.

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL WATERING VOLUN- TEERS.

Over the Summer Holiday a wonderful team of watering volunteers kept everything growing, happy and healthy in the Children's Garden - that's Jodie-Lee and her Daddy, Eric and his Mum and Dad, former fabulous pupil Dylan, Kian and his Mum and sister, and Max and his Mum and sister. You have done a fantastic job, the Harvest Festival table will be absolutely groaning this year.



SOCIAL MEDIA

We would politely request again all parents and carers to take great care when posting information about Millwood school on any social networks.

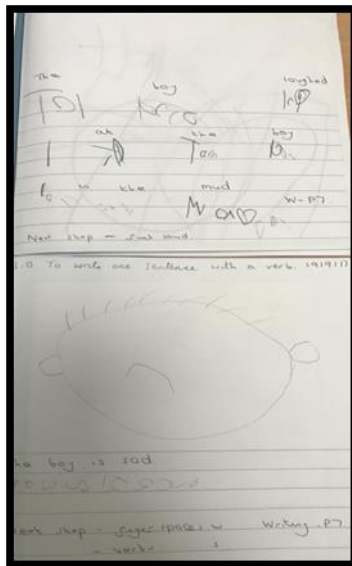
ASDA TOKENS

We are the token collection point on the right. Local people are very generous.



Learning is Fun!

Some of the children in Irwell 3 have been working on linking their speech to their writing this week. Andrew and Kara are getting more consistent at using symbols to describe pictures in more detail. Henry and Lamia have been practising using verbs to extend their speech before choosing 1 sentence to independently record in writing. Well done you fab four!



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Kian T for fantastic interactions with staff.



KS1/2



Niamh A for her amazing responses to the animal sounds during our sensory story and for independently activating the switches.



Hearts of Faith

SMSC stands for spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. In our school we aim to weave SMSC into all aspects of our curriculum, giving children the chance to explore the world around them and develop an understanding of how to be a positive member of society.

Below is an outline of what each aspect stands for:

Spiritual-Learn about and respect values; discover oneself and the surrounding world, use imagination and creativity.

Moral-Recognise right and wrong; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views.

Social-Use social skills in different contexts; work well with others; resolve conflicts; understand communities work.

Cultural-Appreciate cultural influences; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

For the first two weeks of our Autumn Term we worked as a whole school on an inspired project entitled 'Hearts of Faith', an SMSC / RE based enquiry about faith. The children enjoyed representing their thoughts, feelings and ideas through the arts incorporating a multisensory approach. Each class created their own work to display in their classroom and as a whole school celebration of work to be located in the school foyer. If you view the gallery below you can see the work that was produced and see how SMSC has been woven into our whole school curriculum.

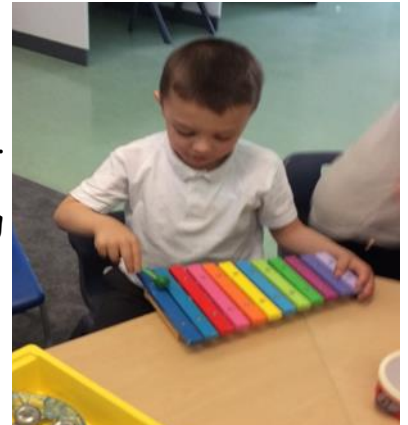
What a wonderful introduction to another inspirational year at Millwood.



Nursery 1 This week Nursery 1 have had lots of fun harvesting our potatoes and cabbages from last Spring. We have also made some beautiful rainbow pictures and we all worked so hard on our physical skills. We especially loved our scented orange playdough and we worked very hard to make marks in it with our hands, fingers and tools.



Whitelow 1 This week we have enjoyed our new topic "My World". We have been very busy learning lots of new things. We explored our finger family, drew around our hands and looked closely at our thumbs and fingers using magnifying glasses. The Whitelow 1 band learnt how to play various percussion instruments. We used the instruments to play along to some of our favourite rhymes and songs.



Nursery 2 have been enjoying lots of sensory lessons and have loved our sensory stories in class. This week we have been learning to join in our Write Dance session. We have explored making marks in shaving foam, writing the letter 'm'.



Whitelow 2 We have been really 'busy bodies' this week in Whitelow 2; exercising with Liam from Manchester City, swimming and trampolining, dancing with our friends, and practising our skills on the Fit Kid Gym equipment.



You have all worked very hard, well done.



Redvales 1 have had another fun week. We have been learning about cold places. We explored ice (some of us didn't like it but others really enjoyed it!), and we used sensory materials to make our own cold place sensory trays. We have also enjoyed counting in maths and had great fun with orange playdough in dough disco.



Redvales 2 We have had a lovely week! We have really enjoyed dipping different vegetables into four different colours of paint and printing with them! We have also been learning new skills in gymnastics. We had great fun rolling on the mats and sliding on our front across the benches.



Redvales 3 In Redvales 3 this week we have been thinking about our emotions and how we can express our feelings through body language and facial expressions. We took part in some role play and acted out the parts for our class story "The Absolutely Crazy Brilliant Party". Here are some photographs of us practising our facial expressions using the mirrors.



Redvales 4 What a great week we've had! These boys have done so much fantastic work they've blown me away. Our "International Talk Like A Pirate Day" was amazing, they all looked fabulous! We matched pirate descriptions to pirate pictures, did some pirate maths, went on a treasure hunt and had a pirate party.



Redvales 5 have had another fantastic week! We now have privilege of weekly Gymnastic sessions with coaches from Beth Tweddle Gym Stars. This week we have been making different shapes with our body and following simple sequences. We also practised rolling with our legs and arms straight.



Irwell 1 and Irwell 2 This week in Irwell 1 and 2 we have been working on our communication skills and using verbs. We have also enjoyed sensory play and cooking.



Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! We celebrated the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah by exploring apples dipped in honey, listening to the sound of the shofar being played and dancing to traditional Jewish music. In Geography we learnt all about Bury. We created our own market stalls and explored model trains to represent the East Lancashire Railway and shredded paper for the paper mills. Finally, we baked a delicious fruit loaf in Food Technology as our focus this half term is bread making.



Irwell 3 In cooking this week we made some lemon fairy cakes. We were working on our hygiene skills so made sure we washed our hands really carefully. We measured out all of our ingredients and



did some fantastic mixing. We carefully put the mixture into baking cases and of course we had to do a taste test. They were yummy!



Irwell 4 For our English reading session this week we have been reading 'Kipper's Birthday'. We have looked at the things that happen when you have a birthday and the games that you might play. Here are Ava and Alex playing 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey'!



Irwell 5 This week, in our science lesson, we have been learning about the parts of a plant that we eat. We went into the vegetable area and poly tunnel and found lot of plants we could eat e.g. carrots, beans, potatoes and marrows.



Irwell 6 have been reading the story of "Handa's Surprise". Here is Declan in our Maths lesson comparing and ordering the fruit by size and using lots of fabulous vocabulary such as tiny and biggest.



Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher

Hi Everyone,

It was great to meet you all at the coffee morning and I hope everyone enjoyed it, I certainly did. I think we definitely have the same ideas about what would be useful to you and the children. It was brilliant to see people swapping information and phone numbers.

It was obvious that you are all positive, proactive parents and carers. What more could your children ask for? Oh I've included the ideas sheet for anyone to send in that couldn't make it last week your thoughts would be very welcome (please see end of newsletter).

On another note check out the British Cross website they have a FREE First Aid app that you can download that is absolutely fab (as I found out at weekend)! Let me know what you think.

Here's a flyer for a Saturday morning club that's just restarted.

Take Care

Sue Steele

THE TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1121232

Disability Multi Skills

STARTING 16th SEPTEMBER 2017

Day:
Saturday

Time:
9am - 11am

Age:
8-16

Cost:
£5 Per session

Venue:
Radcliffe Leisure Centre
Main Sports Hall

Saturday Morning Club
These sessions are designed for participants with disabilities and additional needs, to attend a fun and dynamic multi sports session. These sessions will run during term time only. Limited places available therefore you must book in advance using the following contact details and places will be confirmed before the sessions. Please do not attend sessions unless a place has been confirmed:-

Donna Godwyn
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B&C Children in Need

firstpoint family Support Services

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Sports and PE



Welcome parents and carers to this years first our fortnightly feature in the newsletter to keep you all informed about sporting events taking place in school. My name is Stephanie Bhola (Steph) and I am the PE and Sports Coordinator at Millwood School.



First of all let me start by wishing the new school football team good luck at their first tournament next week.



This is Liam Richards. He is a Manchester City FC coach who will be supporting pupils in their PE curriculum lessons during break and lunchtimes and after school on a Thursday.



We also have Donna Godwyn who will supporting PE on a Friday and will supporting our school football team on a Friday afternoon as part of our enrichment programme. Donna works at Bury FC Community Trust and has worked alongside us at Millwood for many years now.



I am pleased to announce that we now have a new partnership with Beth Tweddle's Total Gymnastics. The very successful athletes visit to us last year has now developed into a fantastic opportunity for our pupils. Mandy Parkinson will be delivering gymnastics sessions all day on a Tuesday and supporting our after school club sessions on this day too.



Sporting Events Coming Up

Monday 25th September

PE Coordinator to attend the first Bury PE conference

Tuesday 26th September

Total Gymnastics coach in all day

Wednesday 27th September

School Football Team attending Round 1 of the 'One city' Primary league tournament at Etihad stadium

Thursday 28th September

Manchester City FC coach in all day

2 staff member to attend a full day course on gymnastics

Friday 29th

Bury FC coach in all day.



Dear Parents / Carers

The Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 6th October at 10.00am.

The proceeds of this year's Harvest Festival will be donated to the Porch Box Appeal. This is a local charity which to date has provided 37, 477 crisis packs to individuals or families. Last year an average of 394 boxes a month were given to people in need.

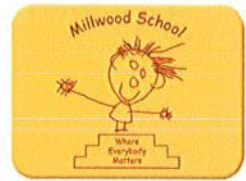
The Porch Box Appeal relies on donations of toiletries and non-perishable foods (tins and packets of dried goods).

All donations will be gratefully received

Thank you for your support

Anne Botham (RE TLR)

What is going well?



Even better if...