



PROUD: Max Turner, Lamia Liburd, Lataya Liburd, and Jack Hinze, with headteacher Helen Chadwick

## School is 'outstanding' again, says Ofsted



■ Millwood Primary Special School is top of the class again

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STAFF and pupils at a school in Radcliffe are celebrating after Ofsted inspectors gave them the highest score once again. Millwood Primary Special School, in School Street, continues to be outstanding from teaching and learning, to personal development, behaviour and welfare of the pupils.

A previous inspection in February 2013 also rating the school outstanding in all areas. The most recent report after the inspection on July 19, read: "The leadership team has maintained the outstanding quality of education in the school since the last inspection."

"Leaders have exceptionally high standards and expect the best from staff and pupil. The school has an excellent reputa-

tion and is very popular.

"A recent increase on the school roll and in the complexity of pupils' needs has not been embraced by leaders with impressive vigour."

The report also concluded that safeguarding continues to be effective and that staff have ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose and that regular training is provided.

Inspectors also praised the way in which the curriculum was taught.

It stated: "Leaders have developed a highly organised curriculum which ensures that pupils have variety and diversity in their learning and meets the different needs of pupils very well."

"Pupils make excellent progress in reading, writing and mathematics and teachers diligently check pupils' progress each month to ensure that pupils are on track with their learning."

The report concluded by offering steps that the school should take to ensure that it remained

outstanding.

It said: "Governance should ensure that they review their current systems for challenging the work of teaching assistants in order to further improve pupils' quality of support."

Headteacher at Millwood, Helen Chadwick, said: "This is Millwood's third outstanding OFSTED in the ten years that I have been headteacher."

"We are all delighted with the outcome even though the date of the inspection took us back a little being just three days before the end of the summer term!"

"It is good to know that OFSTED recognise the quality of the 'exceptional provision' at Millwood and the focus we have on the individual child."

"I am particularly pleased that inspectors saw the creativity which goes into every session and that they see our potential for the future."

"The work we do with other schools was also seen as a positive and we aim to extend this support through the Millwood Project."

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

I hope you all like the fantastic photographs which were taken by Tempest on 27 September.

### JEANS FOR GENES FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support of Jeans for Genes day. We have raised £144.52.

### SCHOOL FUND REMINDER

We would like to remind you that we do request a school fund donation of £1.00 a week to cover extras such as drinks in class, snacks, etc. This is voluntary, but it does help us a great deal. PLEASE send it in and BIG thanks to those of you who already have.

## Learning is Fun!

We have some high flying boys when it comes to writing here at Millwood. Kelvin has a great sense of humour and is currently using Roald Dahl's "The Twits" to write descriptions using more interesting vocabulary. This week he described Mr Twit as "hairy and disgusting". Daniel has been trying really hard to extend both his speech and writing by using "because". He understood that the snowman felt sad "because he doesn't like the sun. He will melt".



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### STARS OF THE WEEK



#### FS/KS1



Umamah for fantastic transitioning on a school trip.



#### KS1/2



Daniel J for fantastic progress with his self help skills and well done for being the first pupil in school this year to get his Duckling 1 award.



**Nursery 1** What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery 1. In writing we have enjoyed exploring different textures to make marks and we have also used several different tools to make our marks. We have also tried so hard with our physio programs.



**Nursery 2** This week Nursery 2 have been reading the story "Sleepy Sloth". We have all tried waking the sloth with tickles, hugs and loud voices. Nursery 2 have also made chocolate and strawberry angel delight. This was a very messy activity but was

worth the mess when we got to eat it!



**Whitelow 1** This week we have read the book "The World Came to my Place Today". We have travelled to Africa and investigated African art, music and animals. We enjoyed visiting Africa as this is where the cocoa bean comes from. We had fun tasting different types of chocolate and making lots of different food and drink, including chocolate, milkshakes and chocolate trifle.



**Whitelow 2** This week we have had our first class outing. Everyone had a smashing time; followed the visual schedule happily and were sensible when we walked along the pavement and when we left the playground to get back on the minibus.

A great start everyone, well done.



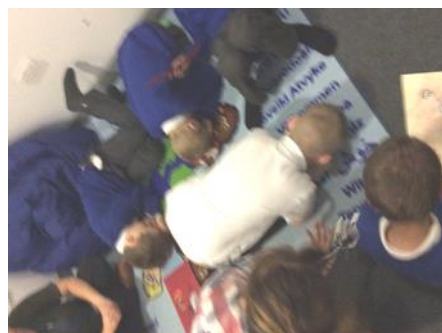
**Redvales 1** have had another lovely week. We have enjoyed number songs and object permanence work - looking for toys in boxes, tins, and under scarves. We had a lovely sensory story, "The Snail and the Whale", and we explored resources to represent the animals, caves, the sea and twinkly stars. We have learned about hot places in geography and we are really excited to be starting story massage sessions!



**Redvales 2** We have had a super week learning all about where milk comes from in our science sessions. We loved choosing and tasting all the different types of food that can be made from milk. Our favourite was milkshake! We have also been practising our balances in gymnastics. We are doing so well!



**Redvales 3** This week we have been learning about the Mosque. We made our own prayer mats and visited the prayer room to pray.



**Redvales 4** Another busy week. We watched a mini film about storks. One stork had the job of delivering a not so cuddly baby creature! We read some words about the film and wrote about an animal that we wouldn't want to deliver if we were a stork. In maths we went on a 2D and 3D shape hunt. In science we melted chocolate and then made chocolate crispy cakes.





**Redvales 5** have had a great week. We have enjoyed our story "Kipper's Birthday" and followed the recipe in the book to make our own Victoria sponge. We also had our own class party to celebrate Kipper's Birthday.



**Irwell 1 and Irwell 2** This week in Irwell 1 and 2 have had a busy week. We have been enjoying lots of activities including cooking, painting and sensory stories.



Here is our bread!

**Redvales 6** have had another fabulous week! We continued our topic "Food Glorious Food" and printed with our own home-grown vegetables in Art. In Geography we looked at the historic town of Sandwich in Kent from where the food item of the same name allegedly originates. We made our own sandwiches using a

choice of fillings and different types of bread. In R.E. we learnt all about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and explored moon cakes and created beautiful moon pictures.



**Irwell 3** have been working really hard in Maths this week learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. We continued with this theme in cooking when we made different shaped biscuits and decorated them with chocolate and icing. They were yummy!



**Irwell 4** have been learning 2 new letter sounds in Read Write Inc - "n" and "p". Here are Scarlett and Brandon beautifully forming our newly learned letters!



**Irwell 5** This week we have been learning about recycling. We watched a presentation about different materials that can be recycled and then we completed an activity sorting rubbish into the correct bins. This created lots of discussion about recycling at home.



**Irwell 6** This week Irwell 6 have been learning all about the countries of British Isles in Geography. We have located our school on a map, recognised our own homes from pictures and peeled a few leeks as we taste tested different Welsh foods such as rarebit, Welsh cakes and leek and potato soup. Here is Jaike using all his strength to peel the leeks.



Best wishes  
Helen Chadwick  
Headteacher



## PARENTS'/CARERS' NEWS

### Info! Info! Info!

Hi Everyone

I hope you've had a good week.

After looking at the feedback from the coffee morning there will be 15 minute individual slots available with the School's Educational Psychologist at our next "get together", if there is enough demand. It's a chance to get some advice on behavioural issues that affect the children's learning and your family life.

If we don't use it we'll lose it! Please ring me a.s.a.p. to book a slot.

I've also been talking to the Children's Disability Team to organize for someone to come and give you some information on Personal Assistants and other support that may be available to you.

Take Care

Sue Steele

Child and Family Support

Dear Parents / Carers

The Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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)



Well done to PC Edutech for having their legs waxed and heads shaved for The Christie. They have raised £1,334 so far and the total is still climbing.



# One City Premier League



On Wednesday 27th September the newly formed football team of the 2017-18 season took part in their first tournament at the Manchester City's Etihad stadium .



The whole team played phenomenally and were a credit to Millwood. Out of the 6 matches we played , we won 4, drew 1 and lost one.

We were once again in the Premier League for our fantastic goal scoring ability and many school commenting on how well we played as a team as were good sports.

## THE PREMIER LEAGUE

### RESULTS

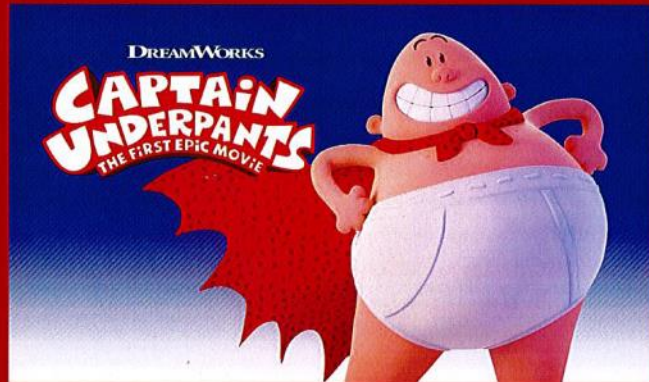
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Round 2	Pictor	<b>2</b>	<b>Millwood</b>	<b>2</b>
Round 3	<b>Millwood</b>	<b>3</b>	Camberwell Park	<b>0</b>
Round 4	<b>Millwood</b>	<b>0</b>	Longford Park	<b>3</b>
Round 5	St John Viani	<b>1</b>	<b>Millwood</b>	<b>2</b>
Round 6	<b>Millwood</b>	<b>5</b>	Hawthorns A	<b>0</b>



2 of our team players ,Sophia and Jack ,also got to meet Manchester City's Oleksandr Zinchenko as he finished his training session. Jack had a pep talk from the City player who asked him about what position he played and wished him luck in the tournament and one day may be playing where he is now.



# Millwood School Presents....



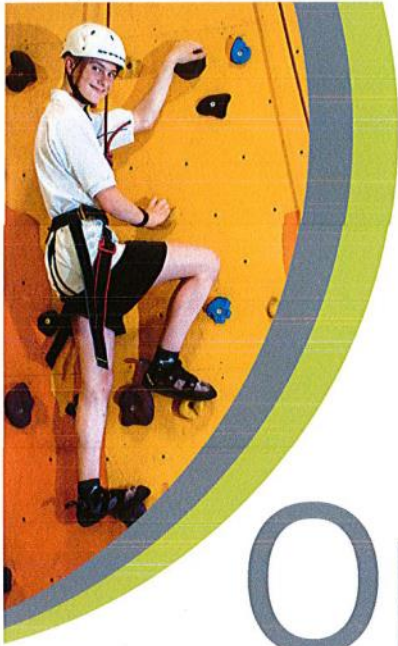
**Friday 13th October 2017**

**Doors Open 5.30pm ( film starts 6pm)**

**Admission : £2.50 inc. hotdog**

**( vegetarian option available)**





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# Open Day

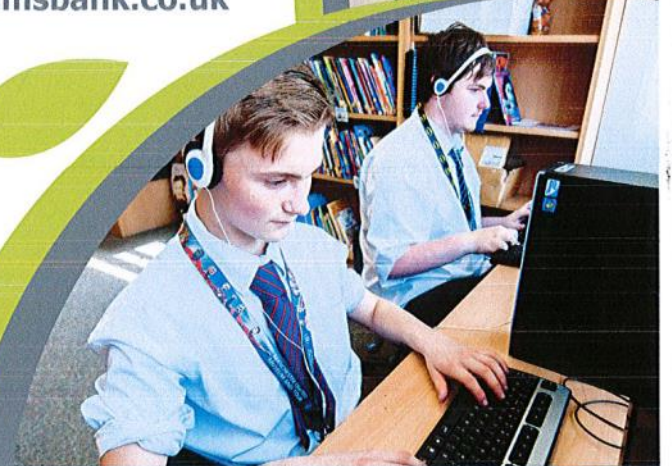
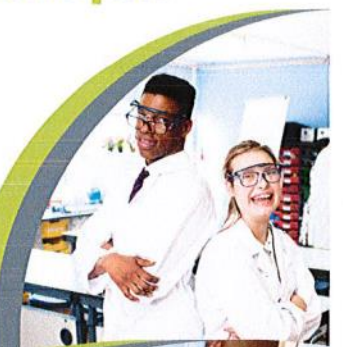
**Tuesday 3rd October 2017**

Open Day sessions  
including tour of the school from  
**9.30am - 12.00pm** and **1.30pm - 3.00pm**

To sign up for a session  
or for any further information  
please contact the school on

 **0161 766 1597**

 **enquiries@elmsbank.co.uk**



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