

# MILLWOOD NEWS

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to Tony Booth, Matt Ashworth and Jason Rakha for their donation of £50 to school. Tony auctioned off his Bury FC season ticket when he is on holiday and the lucky winners were Matt and Jason.

It is wonderful to know that such fab fans support us.



## CHRISTMAS TIME AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Just to let everyone know that Christmas will begin at Millwood on Friday 1st December. If any parent or carer needs any help with "the Christmas thing" please contact your child's teacher.

Special guest.....watch this space!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### FS/KS1



Kian and Hamnah for fantastic walking in rehearsals for our Christmas performance.

### KS1/2



Solly F for excellent communication in the Sensory Integration Room and in TACPAC

**Nursery 1** have had a lovely week - We've had fun continuing to learn all about "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We've explored oat playdough, played in porridge oats, sung songs about bears and have enjoyed our Christmas rehearsals.



**Nursery 2** have had a very busy week. We have been practising for our Christmas Performance and each have our very own role to play. We have been enjoying our "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" story, counting the bowls, chairs and beds. Nursery 2 have also been following a dough disco video and can now do it all by ourselves.



**Whitelow 1** This week in Whitelow 1 we have explored how to stay safe. We have been learning about road safety. We listened to songs and played road safety bingo, where we investigated signs and people who keep us safe in the community.



We played a stop and go game in our playground using traffic lights and a zebra crossing.

**Whitelow 2** This week in Whitelow 2 we have been doing lots of super Maths work related to Goldilocks, counting and comparing the size of different objects.

We also went shopping to buy "just what was on our shopping list" - and we did, happily! Very well done everyone.





**Redvales 1** have had a busy week, we enjoyed sensory and messy Christmas poems. We are loving our rehearsals for the Christmas production and exploring trees through the seasons.



**Redvales 2** We have really enjoyed learning through our sensory story "Wizard of Oz". We had great fun printing with bricks in yellow paint to make our own yellow brick road. We have also had lovely "Communication breakfasts" sharing, sitting together, enjoying breakfast and requesting more!



**Redvales 3** In Redvales 3 this week we have been learning outside the classroom. We have been on a hunt to look for the Gruffalo and his friends. Aayan and Eric found some animals hiding in trees and bushes! In Maths we have been learning how to share and looking at halves and quarters. We have tried really hard to make our sharing equal. In Geography and History we have been learning about St Andrew's Day and why it is celebrated in Scotland.



**Redvales 4** During the last week we have learnt about what it might have been like in World War 1, made Pudsey Bear biscuits, practised our Christmas play, made our own little fir trees and made electrical circuits in Science!



**Redvales 5** have been discovering the workings behind hot air balloons in science this week. They experimented, created their own, and had great fun watching them fly up in the sky.



**Redvales 6** have had another fabulous and fun-packed week! We began making treats to sell at the Christmas Fair and glittery snowflake props for the play all of which is part of our DT. We have also been working hard on our physio programs and in Art created an Emerald City collage for our "Wizard of Oz" story.



**Irwell 1** have had a busy week. We have enjoyed a new story and learning about fish. We worked together to make a fish bowl and fish picture using our hand prints. We have also been making our own snack, spreading butter onto crackers.



**Irwell 2** In Irwell 2 this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have also enjoyed Read Write inc learning new letters and sounds.

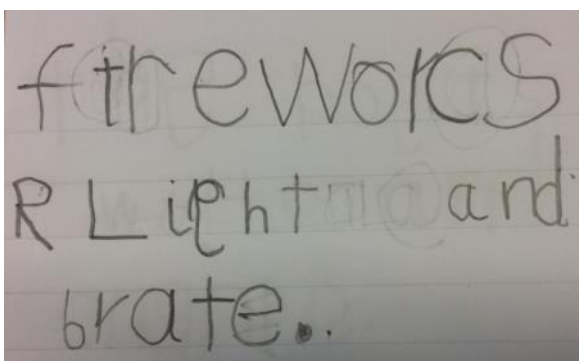




**Irwell 3** In Art this week we learnt about an artist Jennifer Collier who makes lots of different items from recyclable material. We tried this for ourselves using old newspapers and balloons to start to make a paper mache bowl. We ripped up the paper ourselves and then used PVA glue and water to stick it onto the balloon.



**Irwell 4** This week Irwell 4 have been continuing with our firework poems. Here is Tendekai's independent writing and sounding out of "fireworks are light and bright". We have also been practising our Christmas performance, doing excellent signing, singing and dancing.



**Irwell 5** This week we have enjoyed starting to practise for the Christmas Show. We have also enjoyed learning rugby skills with the coach from Bolton Rugby Club. The warm up is very challenging.



**Irwell 6** This week Irwell 6 have been enjoying learning about static electricity in their science lessons. We had lots of fun rubbing the balloons and then using them to make cheerios dance and drinks cans roll. Of course we had to do the hair-raising stunt which got lots and lots of giggles.



## SWIMMING GALA



On Monday 20th November, 8 pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in their very first swimming gala. The gala was held at Radcliffe Pool and was shared with 3 other main-stream schools from Radcliffe.

All pupils were an absolute credit and staff and pupils from other schools, the organisers, and parents commented on how well our pupils performed and represented Millwood. We have never done anything like this as a school and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them!

A huge thank you to parents for coming along and support us , it was wonderful to see.

Steph

This was a message we received from Eva's mum straight after the event.

Hi all

I just want to say how fantastic the swimming gala was today. The Millwood children were incredible and should be very proud of themselves. I certainly was bursting with pride!

Thanks so much for all the hard work that went into this event and for all the amazing PE activities that Millwood children take part in on a regular basis.

Kind regards

Ruth

## TRANSPORT AND THE CAR PARK

When using the car park at school and the parent spaces on the left, would you **please** drive in the gate, park and exit through the same gate. Whilst the buses are being loaded at night and unloaded in the morning cars ARE NOT ALLOWED to drive round in front of the buses.

There are occasions when buses are cancelled; this means an increase in traffic on the car park. Please be extra careful and patient with everyone.

If there are traffic cones on display and or staff standing and directing traffic, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE CONES, AROUND THEM OR MOUNT THE FOOTPATH AND CONTINUE DRIVING ON IT. The footpath is for pedestrians NOT cars.

If you are leaving the school and have a child with you, please cross at the crossing at the front of school. Please do not walk in between the buses as you may not be seen when all the buses set off together.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who makes the safety of our children a priority when using the car park.

Margaret Miller







# Sports and PE



Hello , lots going on with sport at the moment, we have already taking part in our first competition of the year and with another event next week it's an exciting time. Have a read of what we have been up to!

## Swimming Gala

On Monday we visited Radcliffe Pool to take part in our very first swimming gala. The 8 pupils from Key Stage 2 were an absolute credit and showed excellent team work and determination throughout. I am so incredibly proud of each and every single one of them. Eva even achieved her 25m badge whilst she was there.



## Rebound Therapy

Thank you to the 8 staff who gave up 10 hours of their own time after school to train as Rebound Therapists. This will benefit our pupils immensely.

## Sporting Events Coming Up

### Tuesday 28th November

Total Gymnastics coach in PM and after school club

### Wednesday 29th November

Bolton Rugby Club coach in—PM

Dare2believe sports festival— Manchester Indoor Athletics Stadium—PM

### Thursday 9th November

Manchester City FC coach in all day

Millwood Family Fitness 3.30-4.15

### Friday 10th November

Bury FC coach in all day.

## Millwood family fitness

We are back up and running and having lots of fun with new activities, and a new coach and we still have the same fabulous families coming along each week. It would be wonderful to see more families coming to join us. There is no charge and no expectation to do anything out of your comfort zone. All we ask is that you come and have fun with your child and their siblings too.





Hi All,

A huge thank you to everyone that came to the coffee morning last Friday! Great company and really importantly great feedback for the next get together! It is obvious we have very proactive parents.

'Very informative, really opened my eyes and the relaxation techniques were ...fab'.

'Very useful session. Now I feel I am not alone'.

'Very informative today I feel I know more about what is available'.

If you have any ideas for future sessions please give me a ring it would be great to chat to you.

Just a quick reminder about the informal chats that school have organized with our Educational Psychologist, Jacqui Lamb.

You have the opportunity to discuss progress , behaviour needs, needs at home e.t.c. Please see the attached flyers and give me a quick ring to book a slot.

Appointment times will be sent home shortly.

Take care

Sue

Child & Family Support Worker

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE WHO HAS JUST BECOME A GRANDMA!

Best wishes  
Helen Chadwick  
Headteacher

Parent / Carer  
Consultations with  
Jacqui Lamb  
(Educational  
Psychologist)



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Please book in with the Sue Steele for a 15  
minute slot.

Please come and see me to have an informal chat  
about your child – it could include:

- their progress in school
- behaviour needs
- needs at home

I am also hoping to be delivering workshops on  
different topics – please let me know which topics  
would interest you by filling out the questionnaire.

Thanks, Jacqui Lamb



Millwood School would like to offer you a chance to be involved in workshops once a term, especially for parents and carers with our Educational Psychologist Jacqui Lamb. These are likely to happen once a term during the school day.

Please can you let us know which workshop/s you would be interested in attending (please tick as appropriate).

Possible workshops:

Having a positive relationship with your child through play / communication ☐

Understanding and supporting your child's social communication needs ☐

Reducing unwanted behaviours ☐

Repetitive behaviours and obsessions ☐

Sleep ☐

Eating ☐

Anxiety ☐

Sensory needs ☐

Toileting ☐

Any other ideas:

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If you have ticked a number of the workshops, which one would be a priority for you?

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Thanks Jacqui Lamb (Senior Educational Psychologist)

PLEASE RETURN TO SUE STEELE AT MILLWOOD SCHOOL