

MILLWOOD NEWS

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MARATHON

Congratulations to Karen Hogg, Katy Neild and Terri Wild to completing the Manchester marathon to raise money for 'Ethan's Gift' charity.

LIVING EGGS

Many thanks to Catherine Jackson for organising this ever-successful activity for the children.



SCHOOL NURSE

It is with regret that we have to say goodbye for a second time to Margaret Stevens who is leaving us again after covering in her usual unflappable and capable manner until our new nurse, Diane Marney was appointed. I am pretty sure we will not be seeing the last of her!

EASTER BONNETS AND EGGS

Thanks to Katy Neild and to Alison Wild for their lovely Easter Bonnet and Egg

parade and to Christine and Michelle for judging. I was completely overwhelmed by the incredibly high standard of hats and egg decoration. I am sure that the winners Louis G (Bonnet) and George M (egg) are delighted - they seemed to be - and I hope that those of you who obviously spent hours on helping your child in designing and decorating their absolutely fantastic hat or egg do not feel too disappointed not to have won. In my eyes, every child is a winner and I am sooo glad it was not me judging! Perhaps we should have more prizes next year. See the pictures anyway and we will put them on the website.



FOOTBALL PITCH

The grassy area will at long last be in a fit state to be marked out over the Easter break just in time for the end of the football season! We will be out there every lunchtime practising our skills.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1

KS 1/KS2

Areebah for fantastic concentration
and for joining in all this week

Jason Y for fabulous talking



Nursery 1 and 2

We have had a very busy and fun week down in Nursery 1 and 2 this week. We have enjoyed making our Easter cards, getting ourselves messy and sticky! Our dress rehearsal for the dance festival went really well. We loved every minute of being on the stage, we can't wait for the real thing!



Whitelow 1 This week has been a very creative one! We have been rehearsing the dance festival



and making lots of different Easter crafts.

Whitelow 2 have had a wonderful week learning about Easter. We sequenced the Easter story and visited the prayer room for quiet reflection. We had hopping competitions and egg and spoon races in class.



Redvales 1 This week Redvales 1 has been busy creating beautiful Easter crafts and yummy Easter treats to take home. Happy Easter!



Redvales 2 This week in Redvales 2 we have been planting our potatoes. We've planted them in the raised beds outside the New World Cafe, so when they're ready they can go from earth to plate as quickly as possible!



Redvales 3 What a fabulous week we have had in Redvales 3! We had a lovely start to the week at Smithills Farm. The children bottle fed the lambs, fed the goats and stroked lots of animals including the snake! The children also had a sensory experience on a very wet and bumpy tractor ride! The heavy downpours didn't put a dampener on our day out at the farm!



Redvales 4 This week we have been working EGGStremely hard on our reading and spelling. We have been learning to



spell our names and read and order the days of the week. Also we have been making lots of Easter goodies to take home, how EGG-Straordinary!!! Additionally, we have been tracking the progress of the live chicks. They are getting really big but they are very cute and fluffy. So, as you can see, we have had a SMASHING time!! (Pardon the eggy jokes, we couldn't resist)!

Redvales 5 have been having lots of fun learning why Christians all around the world celebrate Easter. We have been making Easter Cards, cakes and trying hot cross buns. All the children really enjoyed showing off their Easter Bonnets at Monday's assembly. We hope you all have lovely Easter.



Redvales 6 have had a fantastic week! We welcomed back Alex who was a brave little boy in hospital after his operation last Monday. It was also his birthday and we held a little party in class. In music we sang spring songs and made some yummy chocolate nests in food technology. We hope you all have a lovely holiday.



Irwell 1 Boy it's been a busy week. The children have been rehearsing hard for the dance festival -



it's been a fun challenge for them but everyone has done really well in their own way. We have also had more chick encounters - our fluffy friends have now got feathers and are practising flapping their wings. And finally, everyone is doing wonderful work in mark making activities - here are just 2 examples of some chocolate-themed writing by Oyunaa and Carmen. Really good work girls.



Irwell 2 This week we have been working on our numeracy skills. We have been looking at ordinal



numbers and racing frogs to work out who comes 1st 2nd 3rd. We have also been celebrating Easter with our Easter bonnet competition and celebrating our success

with what we raised for sport relief .



Irwell 4 have spent all their spare minutes rehearsing their dance for the dance festival on Friday. We have enjoyed reading our new story, "Jack and the Beanstalk" and helped the giant to shout " Fe Fi Fo Fum". In numeracy we have continued our work on money and we have been creating some lovely Easter goodies. We hope everyone has a good time in the Easter holidays.



Irwell 6 has been exploring how our body moves and what is under our skin. We have been learning about our skeleton and muscles. We drew around a friend's body then we put pictures of our internal organs, brain, heart, lungs, stomach and intestines in their correct places.



Irwell 5
This week in Irwell 5 we have been really busy rounding off the term and



finishing our 'Once Upon a Time' topic. We have really enjoyed learning our dance for the dance festival and we are looking forward to performing for our families and friends on Friday. We have loved watching the chicks hatch out and begin to get some feathers and we wish everyone a lovely Easter break.



EASTER BONNET AND EGG PHOTOGRAPHS



Dear Parents/carers

Elms Bank Specialist Arts College

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 13th May 2014

9.30 am - 12.00 pm

and

1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Please visit and see our school in action. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 13th May 2014. Please confirm your approximate attendance time on an email to me at e.j.parkinson@bury.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Parkinson

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EASTER BREAK

We wish you all a very pleasant and peaceful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children once again on **MONDAY 28 APRIL**. They have had a long term plagued by one virus after another and I am sure they are looking forward to some family time. They have kept going and have produced some spectacular work as you can see from the newsletters. They have also been very kind to one another in trying circumstances!

Best wishes

Helen Chadwick

Headteacher

