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STRIKE DAY

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

A letter was sent home earlier this week. We have completed a risk assessment for the day which shows that at least 73% of teaching assistants will be on strike on Tuesday 14 October, as well as all the catering staff and 44% of midday assistants. I have sent a copy of the risk assessment to the Chair of Governors and to the local authority with the decision that we will be unable to open on that day to pupils as their safety, medical and care needs, would be significantly affected. **THEREFORE, THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER.** Pupils should return to school on Wednesday 15 October.



FS/KS1

Liora M for visual tracking, activating the plasma independently and for fantastic turn taking in intensive interaction.



TODAY IS NATIONAL POETRY DAY AND COMMUNICATION DAY AT MILLWOOD

The theme is "Remember" as it is the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Thanks to all the staff who have organised the activities today. Look out for photographs in next week's newsletter. There will also be a display of Radcliffe 100 years ago to replace the World Cup display.

HALLE ORCHESTRA

We are delighted to welcome professional musicians from the Halle orchestra, Jim and Ewan, into school today as part of Communication Day.

PHOTOGRAPHER

All went well yesterday for the annual photographs and the pupils looked lovely. Thanks for sending in such beautiful children - as you do every day!!



STARS OF THE WEEK

KS 1/KS2

Noah B for completing his written work about planets and for playing nicely with one of his classmates.



Nursery 1 We've had a great time in Nursery learning about the Autumn. We did leaf printing and used a fan to blow around leaves in the classroom! We made house pictures as part of our topic work. We all tried lots of new things on Communication day and loved listening to the new instruments played by the Halle orchestra.



Nursery 2 This week we have been working hard on exploring new things in and around school. We have been practising mark making using sticky, dry and wet messy materials.



Whitelow 1 have been busy reading "Kakadu Jack" this week in literacy; we enjoyed tasting bananas, papaya, mango, figs and grapes. During our topic work the children have been exploring France, making flags, building the Eiffel Tower, tasting croissants and listening to French music.



Whitelow 2 This week has been very eventful; we have fed the ducks, ridden on donkeys, baked amazingly delicious Jewish spiced apple cake, but most of all we have been doing some good group work and sharing.



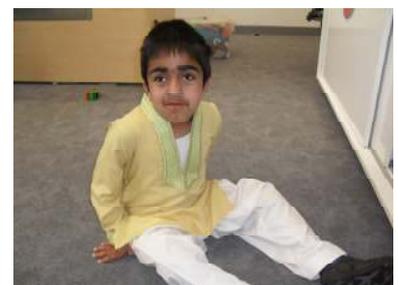
Redvales 1 This week Redvales 1 have enjoyed exploring sinking and floating activities. We have hunted for silver and gold treasure in the sand pit. We also collected crunchy leaves from the playground and created autumn collages. We got a little bit messy with the orange paint but we had great fun!



Redvales 2 had a wonderful trip to Asda to buy a selection of fruit for the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. We are reading and exploring a variety of fruits from the story for our communication day in school. Everyone's behaviour and manners were exemplary. We are also researching what houses in Radcliffe looked like during the war to create a wall display in school. We are all finding this very interesting.



Redvales 3 We have had a lovely week! We enjoyed a visit to view our local landmarks. We saw the Urn in Ramsbottom, Peel Tower and the Sir Robert Peel statue in Bury. The children also dressed up in their Eid clothes. Here is Sami looking very handsome!



Redvales 4 This week we have been learning about Roman Gladiators. We made our own gladiator helmets. Lochlann looks super in his as I think you'll agree! We have also been working hard on our physical targets in the Pirate Room. We are really excited about Communication Day where we can all try something new! We'll let you know how that goes next time. Until then, Bye!!



Redvales 5 have had fun this week. We have been learning about the Romans and made our own shields, and we have been learning about artists. We had fun photographing ourselves with different expressions.

Redvales 6 have been very creative this week making poppies and Union Jack flags for our World War 1 display. This is to mark its 100th anniversary. We also loved our sensory story, "Suddenly!" especially the part where Preston the Pig went to the park. We had lots of fun outside on the wheelchair swing and roundabout!



Irwell 1 have had a wonderful week exploring foliage from our woodland walk. We have also continued to explore Janet Bell by creating pastel colours.



Irwell 2 have been looking at healthy and unhealthy food. We made food kebabs and lace necklaces. We have also been working on



our writing skills by using the Write Dance method using music to help us with our mark making.

Irwell 3 This week Irwell 3 have been programming the Bee Botts and trying to get our Bee Bott to travel through a tunnel. We did some great estimating work to figure out how far the Bee Bott needed to travel.



Irwell 4 This week the children have started physical literacy. Irwell 4 have had fun samba drumming, using the parachute, rebound and bouncing on the hoppers! They have been practising their French greetings 'bonjour' and have been learning about breakfast in France 'Le



petit déjeuner'. They loved making their own hot chocolate.



Irwell 5 This week in Irwell 5 we have been thinking about the World Wars in preparation for Remembrance Day. We are making a whole school display and Irwell 5 have been making a model of the Radcliffe War Memorial.



Irwell 6 During Irwell 6 Food technology session, the students made individual trifles. The students chose which fruit and coloured jelly they wanted to use. They then followed instructions to make their trifle.



Literacy and Numeracy Groups

Amber loves to read and can change her voice to match her character. This week, we read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and Amber confidently read her parts with fluency and expression. Christian is practising using connectives - he selected the correct word to join up two silly fairy tale based sentences. Well done to all the children this week!



Best wishes
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