

MILLWOOD NEWS

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LATE ARRIVALS

We very much appreciate you bringing in your child when buses are not running and when traffic is very bad. However, if you arrive late with your child please would you wait in the reception area. We will endeavour to arrange for staff to meet your child and take them to class as soon as it is safe for the class staff to leave their other pupils. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Could parents/carers of After School Club children please wait in reception and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Thank you
Catherine and Loretta.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RETURNING YOUR PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE.

We feel very lucky to have such a wonderful group of parents and carers. We are looking carefully at all your comments in order for us to improve our provision even further.

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU

Fond farewell to Marie who has been with us for 27 years as one of the catering team, preparing our lunchtime meal and helping with the annual magnificent Christmas dinner. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

SIGNS OF THE WEEK

Our two signs of the week are, Holiday and To grow.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1

Tendekai for amazing literacy and numeracy progress this week.

KS 1/KS2

Amy S for excellent behaviour throughout the week, great recall of information and a wonderful attitude to her work.



Nursery 1 We've had a great last week in nursery before our half term break.

We've been doing lots of fun Halloween themed activities-messy mark making, spooky sensory boxes, numicon in worms! (spaghetti!) and Halloween songs. We hope you enjoyed our biscuits this week- Witches fingers with green finger nails!



Nursery 2 This week we have been having lots of fun as we celebrated two birthdays. We have been singing happy birthday and playing party games. We have also been designing our own houses.



Whitelow 1 This week we have been writing and illustrating our class poem "Engine, Engine Whitelow 1". We have been exploring 2D shapes making colourful train pictures. The children have used their numeracy skills to number the carriages.



Whitelow 2 It's been a very Hallowe'en-y week in Whitelow 2 with lots of pumpkin related singing, counting, mark making, and creativity using colours, gluing and sticking, and even play dough pumpkins. All the children have tried really hard and had lots of fun. Well done everyone.



Redvales 1 This week Redvales 1 have enjoyed "messy maths", where we explored



lots of different textures and put them in different containers and tubs with



our hands and scoops. We have also been busy in the light and dark rooms working on our communication skills - it was great fun and we were very chatty!

Redvales 2 This week in Redvales 2 we have been weighing and measuring.



We've used weighing scales to measure items in grams and then order them by weight and used the vocabulary heavier and lighter.

Redvales 3 We have had a spooky Halloween themed week! We have made and decorated Halloween biscuits, been singing and signing to Halloween songs and used Halloween cutters to make bats, pumpkins and spiders! We have also had lots of fun paint printing to make ghouls and collage sticking to make a pumpkin.

Happy holidays!



Redvales 4 This week in RE we have been learning all about Joseph and his wonderful coat of many colours. We also enjoyed turn taking when we played the parachute game.



Redvales 5 This week Redvales 5 have been learning about shape. We have investigated and sorted shapes, and we are learning about 3D shapes now. We have worked



really hard! We have also made a Roman brooch and enjoyed learning about Halloween.

Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! In R.E. we celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali by exploring light toys and creating beautiful Diya cards. We also loved our sensory story "Kipper's Birthday" especially playing with all the bubbles and balloons!



Irwell 1 have had a lovely week exploring Halloween. We've been reading 'Room on the Broom' and exploring sensory cauldrons.



Irwell 2 In Irwell 2 this week we have been working on musical scales. We have used the keyboard on the interactive white board



and played the piano.

Irwell 3 This week in Irwell 3 we have been talking about prayer mats and making prayer mats and we also went to our school prayer room for some quiet re-



flection and to look at the different Islamic artefacts.



Irwell 4 This week we have been very busy doing some acting! Lewis loved being an astronaut from our 'Red Planet' book and Jake had fun saying 'woof woof' just like Floppy does. Usman liked colour-

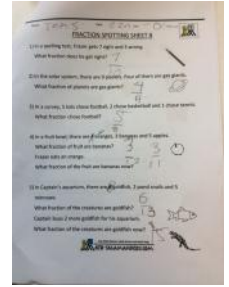


ing in 'Bob's' teeth to help him subtract from 10. All the children made space rockets in science, 1, 2, 3.....Blast off!

Irwell 5 It was Irwell 5's class assembly this week. We really enjoyed learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali and telling all our friends in school about it. We made diva lamps from clay and barfi sweets which we passed round during the assembly for our friends to try.



Irwell 6 have been exploring fractions this week. There has been some fantastic work from all the children, however Tom S was an absolute superstar and showed that fractions are obviously his talent! Here is a picture of the work he completed independently. Amazing!



Literacy and Numeracy Groups

A fab week! Brogan loved our sensory poem called 'Hands' and responded to lots of different



stimuli - such a happy girl! The boys have been working extremely hard reading by themselves. This week it was the traditional tale 'Stone Soup'. Oisin and Ethan are gaining confidence to read aloud with fluency. Alfie has been a super star! He has been counting and sort-



ing numbers by himself.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the Harvest donations we have collected over 150 items. We have sent the tins cans and packets to Porch Box a locally run charity supporting people in the community in times of need.

The annual "Ready Steady Cook" competition was very competitive and the very happy winner was Anne and her red tomatoes team. Well done.



MILLWOOD PUMPKINS- many thanks to Mark our Premises Manager for the fantastic carved pumpkins.



Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher