

MILLWOOD NEWS

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2014

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next Tuesday's Christmas Fair which starts at 9.45. There are some great stalls and some really superb raffle prizes. The children have worked really hard to make a wide range of Christmas gifts for you to buy so do come along to support us. Parents' forum will have a stall and we have some t-towels for purchase with all the children's self-portraits or handprints or marks on them—ideal Christmas gifts for the discerning buyer.



'SPARKLE'



Don't forget to order your tickets for our annual Christmas performance—this year it's 'Sparkle!' Come and see your children sparkle and shine—just like they do every day but with added Christmas glitter.

SIGNAGE AROUND SCHOOL

We will be developing our programme of installing appropriate signage around school to help the children wayfind and communicate. Thanks to Louisa Carter for leading this. We are also hoping to get a new school sign for the front of school so everyone knows who we are—not the big MILLWOOD sign, just the one which schools have which has all the information on it by the gate.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

I hope to have a summary of response for you before Christmas. Thanks for all the positive comments—we are always very pleased and often touched by what you tell us about the progress your child is making.

SICKNESS BUGS

Please continue to support us by following the guidelines about **keeping you child off school for 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.** Many thanks.

STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



KS1/KS2



Fawaad for fantastic communication and speech

Alex B for excellent listening skills and for being a good friend in class.

Nursery 1 We have been learning about all bears this week in Nursery 1. We've been reading bear stories and enjoyed a group sensory story 'The bear and the scary night'. We made Paddington Bear pictures with



fingerpaints and made honey sandwiches for a teddy bear's picnic. In food technology we loved making teddy bear biscuits. We hope you enjoyed them!

Nursery 2 This week we have been working on shapes and we enjoyed hiding and finding shapes in different boxes. We have also been finding shapes inside our story books.



Whitelow 1 This week the children have listened to the story This Old Man. They have read and matched sensory objects; the children have been using the rhyme to add one more during numeracy sessions.



During our topic work we have been learning about our body using the French version of the song Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. The children have also tasted and explored French food and music

Whitelow 2 We have been very busy, getting a bit more festive; preparing treats for our stall at



the Christmas fair, making stained glass windows, and topping it all off with that delicious seasonal treat - Hot Chocolate. Wonderful!

Redvales 1 we have explored empty and full using water, pasta and shredded paper. We have also enjoyed a sensory story about The 3 Billy goats gruff. We have also made chocolate reindeer for the Christmas Fair



Redvales 2 We have been learning about place value by exchanging 10 bricks for a rod then counting our rods and bricks to find the number we have. We've done so well at this that Mike's had to think of extra work to stretch our amazing brains even further!



Redvales 3 We have had a fantastic week! We had a super time on our Christmas trip to LEGOLAND. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to Millwood. We really enjoyed the 4D cinema experience and building with lego. Well done!



Redvales 4 We have been making our own stained glass windows, and learning about The Five Pillars of Islam in RE, where we built our own Pillars, tried on the different items of clothing, and had a look at a Prayer Mat. We have also had a lot of fun in our Christmas Play rehearsals, learning the songs, dances, and lines.

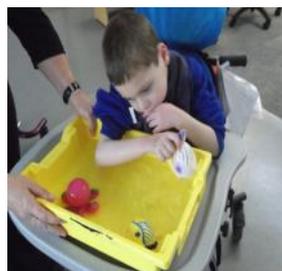


Redvales 5 have had lots of fun this week. We learned all about China and tasted some yummy food. We have also done some fantastic work in Literacy - reading about the Great Fire of London. In Numeracy we are learning about Capacity, and some of us can now recognise full, half full and empty, Fab!



Redvales 6 have had another wonderful week! Our focus in geography was the world's oceans. We experienced moving water using foot spas and a parachute to

simulate the wave action. We also listened to the sound of the ocean drum, explored goggles, snorkel and flippers and had lots of fun during water play!



Irwell 1 have had a wonderful week learning about winter. We enjoyed exploring cold ice and trying on hats, gloves



and scarves. We have been reading our new book 'One Snowy Night'.

Irwell 2 Irwell 2 have been busy learning about money this week. They have played with coins and matched coins. they



have been working hard on their individual targets and are making good progress.



Irwell 3 In Irwell 3 this week we have been practising our writing skills by using shaving foam to do our Write Dance movements. On Monday we will be having a French day to consolidate our work on France. We will be singing songs, testing French food and playing different language games. It would be lovely if you sent your children in wearing red, white and blue for the day.



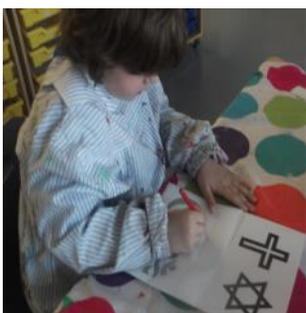
Irwell 4 Irwell 4 have been practising keeping clean. They know to wash their hands before and after food and when they've been to the toilet! This week is



'Inter Faith' week at Millwood and the children have learnt about different faiths and festivals. They painted religious symbols and visited the Prayer Room to pray.



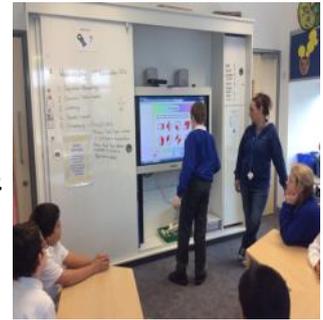
Irwell 5 We have had a busy week in Irwell 5 making decorations for the Christmas Fair in DT and starting to practise for the Christmas concert. It



has also been Inter-faith week and we enjoyed learning about the symbolism of light in the different religions and making stained glass windows.

Irwell 6

Irwell 6 have been learning about fractions this week, and the wizards have also been learning about numerators and denominators. Here's Tom working on our interactive media wall. They were all fantastic!



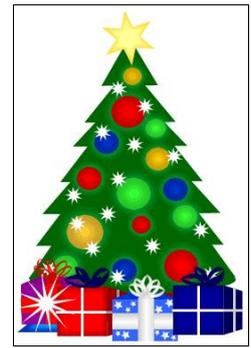
Literacy and Numeracy Groups

We have done a great deal of work on using books as a starting point to talk and problem solve. Yusaf was using pictures to tell the story of: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin". His understanding and use of language is really coming on. Logan loves books and could discuss as part of a group which object was different and why? - "this shell is smooth but this is bumpy!"





CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES- PARENTS/CARERS
WELCOME



Tuesday 25 November 9.45—11.15 Christmas Fair- we are still accepting raffle prizes- thank you.

Monday 8 December 10.00am Christmas Performance— EYFS & KS1

Tuesday 9 December 10.00am Christmas Performance— KS1 / 2

Friday 19 December 10.00am Christmas Carol Concert



Best wishes

Helen Chadwick

Headteacher

TICKET REQUEST FORM FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Nursery1, Nursery 2, Whitelow 1, Whitelow 2, Redvales 3, Redvales 5, Redvales 6, Irwell 3

I/we requiretickets for the Christmas performance on Monday 8 December at 10.00am.

Parent/carer signature

Pupil's namePupil's class

OR

Redvales 1, Redvales 2, Redvales 4, Irwell 1, Irwell 2, Irwell 4, Irwell 5, Irwell 6

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Please note that there is a limit of 2 tickets per pupil on a first come, first served basis .