

MILLWOOD NEWS

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I wish you all a very restful, happy, festive, enjoyable and magical Christmas, and a very peaceful and prosperous start to the new year in 2015. Pupils return on Monday 5 January 2015.



VISIT BY FATHER CHRISTMAS

Please see photographs of the visit by Father Christmas on Monday - a big thank you to him for taking valuable time to come down from the North Pole to see us. Christmas parties went with a bang unless you were in the quiet Christmas party which we had this year which was full of lights and sensory magic.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Father Christmas was busy here on Tuesday as well giving out gifts to all the pupils. Saif K wasn't quite sure what to make of Santa but he was very happy with his gift. Look out for a picture in next week's Christmas edition of the Bury Times.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner was hugely enjoyable and thanks to Caroline Rawstron, vice chair of governors, for being our guest of honour.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

We will send you pictures in the first week back of Amy and Amber in their first recital and hopefully of Ryan singing Silent Night.

RETIREMENT

We wish Pauline Gaskell all the very best for the future and thank her for being a magnificent support in the office team.

CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Please see the website for our commemoration of the Christmas Truce.

BURY TIMES

Look out for pictures from our Christmas Truce next week.

BLUE PETER

Well done to all the pupils for taking part. We are looking forward to seeing ourselves on the telly.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1

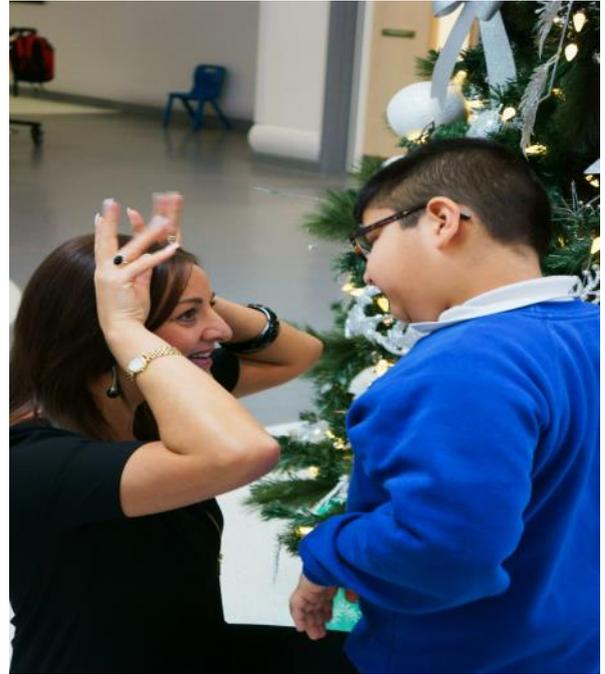


KS1/KS2



Adeena Q for fantastic verbal communication to let staff know her needs.

Christian W for being so mature and representing Millwood at Blue Peter so brilliantly.



Nursery 1 would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. We've had a fun filled last week with the highlight being a visit from Father Christmas who arrived on his fantastic sleigh and delivered lovely gifts to us all. We also enjoyed a Christmas party and the carol service and after what has been a very busy term we hope the children have a well deserved rest and a lovely Christmas



Nursery 2 This week has been very festive



and we have really enjoyed lots of exciting things including a visit from Santa, a Christmas party and a delicious Christmas meal. We

hope you have a great holiday.

Whitelow 1 have had an exciting week! We have been making lots of Christmas arts and craft including: Christmas chocolates, Christmas wreaths, calendars and Christmas bauble decorations. We were thrilled by a surprise visit from Father Christmas..



Whitelow 2 Fabulous festive times in Whitelow 2. The children have been doing lots of seasonal counting and creating as well as exploring a little history in our



recreation of the famous WW1 Christmas Day football match. Good times at the end of our first term together - we hope that everyone has a wonderful family celebration this Christmas.

Redvales 1 have had a very exciting and festive week. We had a visit from a very special guest who very kindly gave us some lovely gifts.



We also learnt about the Christmas Truce and made some beautiful calendars to take home. See you all in 2015!

Redvales 2 have been learning about the



Christmas Truce in World War 1. We had a great time role playing the four stages of the truce; Fighting, Forgiveness, Football and Friendship.

Redvales 3 We have had a fabulous 'Christmassy' week! The children have really enjoyed seeing Father Christmas on his sleigh and in our class! We were so excited! We have also been learning about the Christmas Truce and signing 'friends'.



We tried on a British and German helmet and shook each others hands. Wishing you all a 'Happy Christmas! and see you again in the New Year!

Redvales 4 Wow!! What a busy week we have had so far. A visit from Santa on his sleigh on Monday, on Tuesday Santa came into our classroom with presents for everybody. On Wednesday we had our Christmas dinner.



We have been doing lots of preparation, activities and party celebrations. We continue to do Jolly Phonics and numeracy.

Redvales 5 have had a fantastic week! We have done lots of Christmas crafts, activities and had lots of fun! We met Father Christmas and had our party, and we learned about the Christmas Truce in World War I. We acted out the football match and made white poppies for peace. Happy Christmas everyone!



Redvales 6 have had a fantastic week! We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas party on Monday, especially exploring all the light toys. Father Christmas even made a guest appearance on his magical sleigh! In food play, we explored sprouts, stuffing, Yule log, sweet mincemeat and tangerines. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents and carers a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!



Irwell 1 Irwell 1 have had a wonderful time at the Space Centre for our Christmas trip. We have enjoyed meeting Father Christmas and learning about baby Jesus.



Irwell 2 In Irwell 2 this week we enjoyed our school Christmas show we have been re-enacting the Nativity in class also. We have also enjoyed the Christmas dinner and party.



Irwell 3 Irwell 3 have had lots of fun this week in the build up to Christmas. We loved our Christmas party and the visit from Santa. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and wish you all the best for 2015.



Irwell 4 We had so much fun on our trip last Friday. We went on the Santa express and then visited Santa in his grotto. Alfie even found time to do some window shopping. This week the fun has continued when Father Christmas visited us in school,



we had our Christmas dinner and PARTY! Irwell 4 hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!



Irwell 5 are really looking forward to Christmas and we would like to wish everyone a really Happy Christmas. This week we enjoyed the Santa parade and we loved it when Father Christmas visited our class with presents. We have also been for a walk to the post office to post some special Christmas cards.



Irwell 6 have been getting in the festive spirit this week and creating our very own luxury chocolate logs. We had lots of fun decorating them and are looking forward to taking them home.



Welcome back to Steph Bhola in Irwell 6. Good luck to Katie Collinge who is leaving for maternity leave.

Many Thanks to Derek Spencer for helping Father Christmas out with visits at this busy time of year.



Literacy and Numeracy Groups



Even though it is the end of term, we have still been working hard on our reading and speaking skills. George loves to read and demonstrated a great understanding of our non-fiction book "Eeek!" when he read it in a group this week.



Logan enjoys finding out about how things work and he asks lots of informative questions. This week, he followed some visual instructions in order to make a 'fizzing' volcano. He was very proud of his achievement. Well done to both boys!



Christmas Truce



Best wishes

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