

MILLWOOD NEWS

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SARAH RIDGWAY LEAVING

We are sorry to inform you that Sarah Ridgway will be moving to a permanent post with Barnardo's with effect from Friday 6 March. I am sure you all agree that she has been an incredible asset to school in the last two years, supporting parents and families. We have already held a meeting with Barnardo's managers to determine what support they can provide to you between 6 March and 20 April. I will let you know as soon as I have further information. We intend to appoint a replacement for Sarah to start on 20 April or as soon as possible afterwards so we can continue to work together, and with the local authority Children's Disability Service. Obviously, this is as much of a shock to us as it will be to you and our priority is to make sure that we have a 'seamless' transition between Sarah leaving and a new support worker starting. Watch this space!

DONATION

Thank you to Oisin and family for their donation!

COAST TO COAST WALK

Kim Johnson the Senior Branch Manager from Teaching Personnel is doing the Coast to Coast walk in aid of Millwood. Thank you Kim!

She is raising money through a Just Giving site and has already received a £300 pledged. If anyone would like to support Kim donations can be sent into Millwood.

ILLNESS

Please would you keep your child at home if they are ill. If your child has a bug and they bring it into school, they put other children at risk. If your child has a respiratory infection or virus please keep them at home until they are recovered or until your GP (if you can get an appointment) says they are fit to return to school. If they have sickness and/or diarrhoea pupils should be absent from school for at least 48 hours after the last bout. The school nurse is available for advice and so are your child's class teacher and assistant head. Many thanks.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



KS1/KS2



Daniel B for doing some fabulous writing and talking during our work on "Brown Bear, Brown Bear".

Logan W for excellent problem solving whilst building a tunnel.

Nursery 1 We have enjoyed learning about the colour brown this week. We made chocolate scones and made marks in chocolate powder, brown sugar and treacle!



Nursery 2 This week we have been looking at the colour brown. We have enjoyed singing "Five Current Buns" and completing tricky maths problems. We particularly enjoyed making our own fruit scones. They were "YUMMY"!



Whitelow 1 This week the children have been reading the book "Socks" and learning to match and pair socks on a washing line and exploring counting in two's. The children have also investigated sorting and matching socks using their senses. We have enjoyed looking at the artist Monet's work and have painted pictures of water lilies in his style.



Whitelow 2 have had a really busy week, on Monday we enjoyed our regular visit to the donkey sanctuary and had lots of fun seeing our donkey friends. In numeracy we have been learning to recognise shapes and made a shape



dinosaur picture and during our PHSE session we have been looking at the different ways we may feel and did some great 'happy face' pictures in salt.

Redvales 1 have been working hard this week. We have made lovely Aladdin pictures. We have also explored hot and cold using a variety of activities such as textures of food and water.



Redvales 2 have been learning about electricity in science. We have been making circuits and looking at appliances and whether they are mains or battery powered. We made some cakes exploring different electrical appliances. Using the mixer to make cakes was fun and the cakes were delicious too.



Redvales 3 We have had a lovely start to the week visiting 'The Chinese Buffet' for lunch for our China link in Languages. The children really made Millwood School proud! They used lovely manners with the staff, tried lots of different foods and had a great social time together. Well done! All the children highly recommend it!



Redvales 4 have been busy in literacy and numeracy. Consolidating number work, and using number lines- with increasing accuracy. Individual reading and celebrating the Chinese New Year 2015 - the Year of the Sheep. In Languages we have been listening to Mandarin music; tasting or feeling prawn crackers. In science; we continue to investigate the water cycle - exploring water, gas, and solids. We have made an igloo from ice cubes, played games using the movement of air (gas) and investigated water further (water and bubbles).

Redvales 5 have done some lovely work this week. we have learned all about Greek theatre and made masks, we had great fun making shakers in music, and we have been investigating shapes in numeracy. We also read the story of "The Hare and The Tortoise" and enjoyed matching and sequencing the pictures.

Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! In art, we looked at the work of Claude Monet and made some beautiful water lily pictures using tissue paper and paint. In languages we celebrated the Chinese New Year through three sensory activities: lantern-making; food exploration and finding Chinese artefacts buried in rice.



Irwell 1 have had a lovely week. We have been learning about the water cycle and enjoyed our evaporation lesson watching the steam rise.



Irwell 2 have been working on time. We have been learning our o'clocks and the times of the day i.e. night and day.



We have also been working hard in design and technology learning about puppet shows.

Irwell 3 have been following simple notation to play the drum in music. We started by using smarties as notes and we were soon playing simple compositions!



Irwell 4 We are all becoming fantastic at brushing our teeth after lunch. Alfie loves to use the teeth timer to brush his teeth for exactly 2 minutes. Lewis had fun at the Tu B'Shevat assembly on



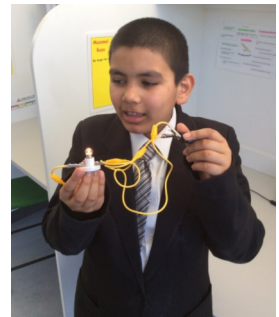
Monday and enjoyed making leaves to celebrate the Jewish Festival. We have also worked very hard on our new

book 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly.'

Irwell 5 This week in Irwell 5 we have been working hard in PE. We have been learning how to move the PE equipment safely; waiting for our friends before trying to lift anything. We have also been listening and looking so we stay safe.



Irwell 6 This week Irwell 6 have been looking at circuits in Science. Here is Muzamal feeling very proud of his completed circuit and making the bulb light.



H.Q. NEWSLETTER ITEM

Cody reports that he used the netbook to look for pictures of kittens and found a picture of his cats.

Simon reports that he started a topic book about how fish breathe under water. He found out that fish use gills to breathe under water.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY GROUPS

A wonderful week! Logan has been problem-solving ways to get a car through a play dough mountain.



Here he is using a boring tool to make a hole for his tunnel. Next week, he will be writing about what he did. Oisín wrote his



own story beginning about a circus coming to town. He used some brilliant descriptive language and was able to read out his work with expression.

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher

School council meeting
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

@2PM in the large meeting room.

Please send your reps and a member of staff.

Agenda:

Dog poo /signage/Charities- red nose??/?/Donkey fair
Anything else.....please have a think and send your ideas
with rep.



All of our pupils are taught how to use the internet and technology safely and next week will take part in a variety of games and activities as part of safer Internet Day 2015.

