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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



CHINESE NEW YEAR- YEAR OF THE RAM/SHEEP

DEFIBRILLATOR

A reminder to everybody, a defibrillator is located in the reception area. Look out for the red hearts in reception.



PANCAKE DAY

Don't forget Pancake Day on Tuesday 17th February.



MINIBUS

The Variety bus has been approved. Many thanks to the Office Team and the Premises Team for all their help. We are now awaiting a sponsor which can take up to nine months.



Kung Hei Fat Choy on February 19th 2015.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



KS1/KS2



Saif K for saying "banana" and "apple"- well done!

Qasim H for having a fantastic outlook on life and a fantastic attitude to work and school.

NEW NUMBER FOR WHEELCHAIR SERVICES

Just to let you know that the telephone number for Wheelchair Services has changed to 0345 1204992.

The Physiotherapy Team



POPPY APPEAL

Millwood has raised £47.98 for the recent Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

STAFFING CHANGES

Redvales 3- Hayley will be on maternity leave from Friday 13th February. From Monday 23rd February until Friday 27th March Redvales 3 will be led by Margaret Miller and Loretta Heywood both of whom are experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistants. We have been unable to recruit a teacher to cover this class. From 30th March onwards Diane Ho currently one of our regular agency teachers who is covering in Redvales 5, will lead Redvales 3.

Hannah Alessandra returns from maternity leave on Monday 30th March to lead Redvales 5.

If any parent/ carer has any questions please contact Caroline Henley, Deputy Headteacher.

E-SAFETY DAY

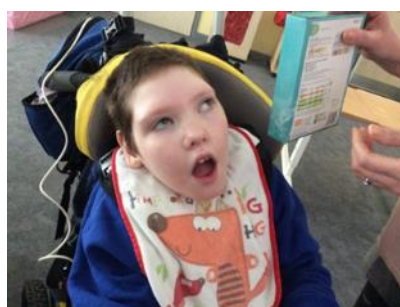
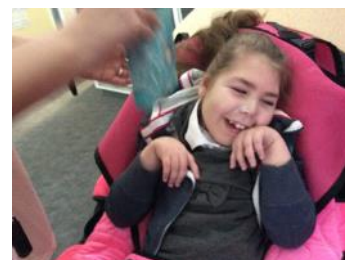
On Tuesday it was e-safety day and the pupils were learning about asking an adult to use the internet so they could access the resources safely. In school we use Smartie the penguin to help us keep safe and ask for help.



Keep your child safe on the internet.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY GROUPS

Brogan and Cody had a whale of a time on their "Magic Carpet Ride" to Japan. Brogan loved it when the Jasmine rice box was shaken fast as the sound became really loud! On the other hand, Cody vocalised more when the rice box just whispered.



Nursery 1 have enjoyed some great art activities this week.



Nursery 2 This Week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We really enjoyed our visit to China Town in Manchester. We looked at all the decorations and



bought some fortune cookies.



Whitelow 1 During our Geography topic this week Whitelow 1 have been investigating the seaside.

They have explored sand and water by building sandcastles using buckets and spades, making patterns in sand, listening to the sound of the sea and playing in water with pebbles, rocks and shells. The children have been busy packing a suitcase for a beach holiday and trying on holiday clothes.

Whitelow 2 It has been a very Chinese-y week. The children in Whitelow 2 have been working very hard making lots of different types of equipment and media to make their own willow Pattern plates, Chinese lanterns and dancing dragons.



To complete the festivities we hosted a Chinese New Year party for our friends in Nursery 1 and 2. Kung Hei Fat Choy eve-

ryone.

Redvales 1 During cooking our children independently used



a switch to start the electrical mixer to make our delicious Peppermint Creams.

mint Creams.

Redvales 2 This week we loved spending time with the staff from Eureka and having a sensory story - "We're going on a Bear Hunt!" Jake loved squelching in the thick oozy mud!



Redvales 3 We have had a fantastic

week! We have been doing lots of learning exploring shape. We had great fun using our new dark den and torches in class



finding shapes. We have also been making Valentine craft and heart-shaped jam tarts! Yummy!



Redvales 4 This week we have been exploring story books as part of National Story Book week. We have revisited some of the class favourites, which include the "Big Red Bath", "The Great Pet Sale," "Henny Penny" and "The Snowman". In science we have been exploring plants, in languages we have been learning Mandarin. We continue to keep busy in literacy and numeracy activities. In Geography we went for a walk to explore the weather.

Redvales 5 have had a fun week again. We have done some good counting in 2s and pairing objects, we finished our Greeks topic, and we have had a fun time using our shakers that we made last week in music. We have been learning all about Chinese New Year, we've loved watching dragon dances and exploring decorations, and we made our own lanterns.



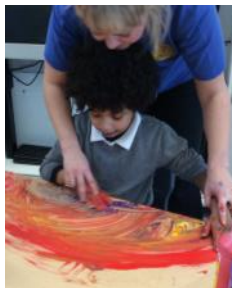
Redvales 6 have had another wonderful week! Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on Tuesday and we enjoyed listening to the adventures of Smartie the Penguin. He was a very clever penguin who knew exactly when to ask for help when using his computer.



We also learnt a new song and mark made over a picture of Smartie. In literacy, we loved our sensory story "The Big Red Bath", especially exploring all the animal props and creating beautiful bubble pictures.



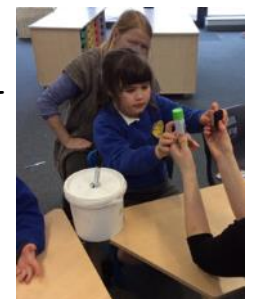
Irwell 1 have had a lovely week learning about Noah's Ark. We explored creating rainbows and had lots of fun getting messy.



Irwell 2 This week we have been working on our ICT skills looking at algorithms: how we can explain step by step instructions to complete a task. We have also enjoyed looking at internet safety with our Smartie the penguin.



Irwell 3 This week in Irwell 3 the children have been sorting different objects according to the material they are made from.



We have also made houses for the 3 Little Pigs using a range of different materials and tools.

Irwell 4 We have continued to work on our book "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly".

The children have enjoyed acting the story out and thinking



of their own rhyming words too. In numeracy we have worked on telling the time, o'clock and half past the hour. Usman had great fun decorating his lion mask to finish off our Lion King art project.

Irwell 5 This week Irwell 5 have been for a walk to Radcliffe Library.



We discussed road safety during circle time and we were very

careful near the roads. At the library we looked at the books and Sarah the children's



librarian read us a story. We are hoping to become library members and go once a month to choose new books.

Irwell 6 have been learning a new dance routine in class. Here are Muzamal, Tom, Amber and Kashif showing us their moves to 'Uptown Funk'. Sarah, their dance teacher, has

been very impressed with how quick they have listened and followed the routine. Well done everyone!



H.Q. NEWSLETTER ITEM

Cody reports that on Wednesday he went swimming and learnt to pull, clap and stretch with Paul.

Simon reports that he has made rice krispie cakes. He has also been swimming and learnt how to swim the breaststroke using the action pull, clap and stretch.

Have a good half term.

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY.

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher