

MILLWOOD NEWS

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Thank you to everyone for joining us for Eesa's assembly last Friday.

SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

Thank you to our new school nurse Belinda Zabel who is already having a very positive impact on our school - we are improving our hand-washing techniques - children and staff alike - and are expecting that this should mean fewer bugs are transmitted and the incidence of sickness and diarrhoea is reduced.

If anyone needs a copy of the policy on sickness please let us or Belinda know. 48 hours from the last 'event' before coming back into school.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Again, fantastic contribution from Caspian and Parisa to the school in staff training and in supporting children in class.

DINNER MONEY

Please can dinner money be paid in full and sent in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class on Monday 21st March. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE



This fan-

tastic hamper has been kindly donated to school to raise funds for us.

Tickets are £1 per strip - if you would like tickets please send the money into school in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and Easter Raffle by Monday 21st March.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter assembly on 24th March.



EASTER ASSEMBLY

Thursday 24th March 2016 10am

All families welcome.

Nursery 1 have had another busy week. We have been looking at snakes as part of our animals theme. We had lots of fun doing some large mark making, then we made snake shapes and patterns. In baking we made



some kangaroo biscuits.



Nursery 2 This week we have been Authors mak-

ing our very own "Dear Zoo" book. We have really enjoyed this story. In Art this week we have been using the big painting equipment outside to create a masterpiece.



Whitelow 1 Whitelow have been listening to the story of "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Anderson.



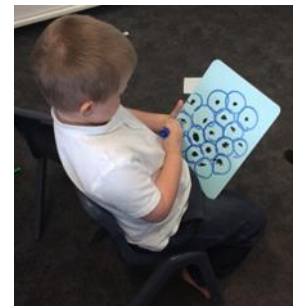
We had lots of fun making waves in the sea, searching for sea creatures, blowing bubbles, making sandcastles and looking

for shells. We have been listening to Easter songs and poems, tasting Hot Cross Buns and making Easter biscuits.



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this week everyone has had fun with our story "You Noisy Monkey", retelling it, reading the new words and practising our writing. In Numeracy we have been comparing objects by their size or length and putting things 'in', 'on' or 'under' - very clever.



In our topic work everything has been very froggy!

The children have studied the frog-spawn closely, sung about frogs, and worked hard on lots of super frog-spawn, tadpole and frog art and DT projects.



Redvales 1 In Redvales 1 this week we have enjoyed listening to "Winnie the Witch" who has a magic wand. We made our own potions and explored different smells and textures. We have also started to make our own "Hungry Caterpillar" picture. We have made Easter Biscuits in design and technology. They were very yummy. Also on the Easter theme we have completed a sensory Easter Garden.

Redvales 3 have had a super busy week, "Owl Babies" in literacy, sorting cutlery in numeracy and an amazing sensory story with Twinkleboost! It has also been lovely exploring the outside areas and getting the trikes out now the sun has finally appeared!



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we have been studying the life cycle of a frog. We looked at frog spawn in class and described how it looked. Slimy! We thought about natural habitats and built a habitat for hedgehogs outside using sticks and leaves. We learnt that we need to look after animals and we can be kind to them by helping to keep their habitats clean and free from litter.



Redvales 4

This week Redvales 4 have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a frog.



Redvales 5 have had a fantastic week learning all about animals you might find on a farm. We explored and identified the different sounds the animals make. In Science we have also been observing frog spawn and learning about the life cycle of a frog.



Redvales

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Redvales 6 have had a wonderful week! We have been working very hard on our listening skills in Phonics and played 'Teddy is Lost in the Jungle'. The children guided the rescuer to the teddy by playing their instruments louder as they got closer or more quietly as they moved further away.

We have also been very creative and made a wonderful "Little Red Riding Hood" display for our classroom using a range of textured materials.



Irwell 1

This week Irwell 1 have continued to enjoy learning about new life whilst exploring the lifecycle of a frog during story time, art and science activities.



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This week in Irwell 2 we have been working on our mathematics. We have been looking at fractions cutting items into halves and quarters. We have also been experiencing weights and balancing.



Irwell 3 have had an energetic week, we have been working really hard on our coordination and balancing skills in PE and at Radcliffe baths during the swimming session. We are looking forward to continuing



building on these skills next week and hope the sun continues to shine so we can do our PE lessons outside



Irwell 4 We have been busy this week doing lots of art in the afternoons, Sophie made a beautiful bird painting and added some real feathers. Our book this week has been an information book about the life cycle of a frog. We all enjoyed looking at real frog eggs, and this has helped us write our own animal fact sheets.



Irwell 5

This week in Irwell 5 we have been busy building tall towers. We have researched towers using our computing skills and we then designed a tower to have a stable base. We are now in the process of building our towers to see who can build the tallest tower.



Irwell 6

This week Irwell 6 have begun their transition visits to Elms Bank High School. On Tuesday Usman and Alex went along for their visit and the rest of the class visited on Thursday. Here is Usman enjoying making a mask as part of Elms Bank Arts Week.





Greater Manchester Winter School Games 2016



On Tuesday 15th March, Amy, Ethan, Jack and Harris represented Millwood and the borough of Bury in the Greater Manchester School Games Swimming event. Each pupil participated in their own 25 metre freestyle race against pupils from across Greater Manchester. The 4 athletes then participated in a 25 metre relay event in which they came **THIRD!**

A huge congratulations to the four pupils for their hard work and dedication in swimming lessons this term but also for their fantastic behaviour, conduct and participation at what was a long, and very busy day. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them and I'm sure you will share their success with them when you see them around school..



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1 Millwood Relay	MANC		
2 Manchester R	ROBC		
3 Rbsgp Relay	ROCC	2:31.93	2
4 Edwards Relay	TAMC	3:39.09	4
5 Hawthorns R	TANC		
6 Oakdale Relay			



LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUN!

We have all been requesting "more" in our "Alice in Wonderland" Twinkleboost story session this week. Mia vocalised that she wanted "more" singing and Kian signed for "more" bubbles.



SCHOOL CLUB

Please note there will be no After School Club next Thursday 24th March and your child will go home on their regular transport, thanks.

Shirley and Catherine

STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Oliver R-H for fantastic engagement and sustained attention when exploring continuous provision in the outdoor classroom whilst painting a beautiful rainbow on the easel



KS1/2



Shafa H for really good walking and for using the parallel bars

Best wishes

Helen Chadwick

Headteacher