

MILLWOOD NEWS

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Welcome back to the summer term when we will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.



CBBC Wednesday 20th APRIL

A number of our pupils will be taking part in the CBBC television programme "How to be epic at Shakespeare".

TREES

The work which was scheduled over Easter has not been completed. I am assured that it will be completed as soon as possible. Until the work is complete the children will be unable to use many of the grassy areas around school. I have been in touch with one of the senior directors at Bury Council and hope it will be resolved urgently.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Lataya L for superb maturity, coping really well with the new class queuing system.



KS1/2



Ethan C for fantastic listening and paying attention during our good morning session. Katie asked "what day is it today?" and Ethan shouted "It's Wednesday" with no prompting at all.

Nursery 1 Welcome back ! We hope you are all well rested after the lovely Easter break. This half term our topic is "Sun Sand and Sea" and we have some lovely things planned. We hope you look forward to seeing and hearing all about our sea life adventures!



Whitelow 2 Following the leader



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Nursery 2 This week we have started our new topic "Sun Sand and Sea". We have really enjoyed exploring water and making waves using bottles. We have all been busy in our outdoor classroom and we are looking forward to our Mud Kitchen opening next week.

Whitelow 1 This week we have been learning about the Jewish festival Passover. We celebrated by sharing a Passover meal. We explored traditional



food eaten during the holiday.

been good to get back to school and begin work on our new topic - Where shall we go today? We have been learning to use lots of describing words to describe different modes of transport and we have been enjoying going on drawing journeys, making marks to create different textures and road surfaces. In Art we have looked at pictures that are kept in the Saatchi Gallery and had a go at making our own modern art by blowing paint into wiggly patterns.

Redvales 1 have been listening to the story "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain" and enjoyed lots of activities to do with the story.



We made African masks, did a fantastic rain dance and made marks in sand and sprayed water on big sheets of paper. We also did some fantastic work describing characters in the story using sign, words and symbols.



Redvales 2 In our first week back at school we've been exploring our new topic for the term, "Our Amazing World". As Summer is approaching we have begun to sow lots of seeds in the raised beds and that work has fed in to our big book this week, "Flower Garden".



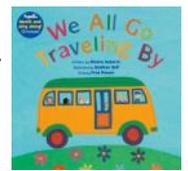
also had a look at how a liquid can solidify in science. Another fun and messy lesson!



Redvales 3 We have had a wonderful first week back! Our new topic is called "Where shall we go today?". This brings lots of new and exciting adventures in our local community. The children have worked really hard and have really enjoyed learning "beebots" in our computing session. We have also enjoyed learning through our sensory story "The train ride". The children loved role playing being the ticket collector!



Redvales 5 We have had a lovely first week back at school and sharing our holiday news. In Literacy this week we have been reading and exploring the book "We all go Travelling by". We played "I spy" and tried to find the different transport that is described in the story.



Redvales 4 This week in Redvales 4 we have investigated the paintings of Jackson Pollock.

We had a lot of fun (albeit very messy fun) throwing paint at a blank canvas to emulate Pollock's style. We have had a look at how a liquid can solidify in science. Another fun and messy lesson!

Redvales 6 have had a wonderful start to the summer term! In Music we looked at traditional instruments and songs from around the world. This week was China and we loved creating and playing our own Chinese drum. In Science we enjoyed testing a range of materials to see which would be most suitable for making teddies for our teddy bears' picnic.



Irwell 1 have had a lovely week improving our writing skills by exploring lots of different sensory media during morning write dance.



Irwell 2 have had a great first week back. We have been looking at a new book called "The very busy spider". We made our own spiders too.



Irwell 3 have had a fun week! We have read "Aliens Love Underpants" and made alien cakes. We did some fantastic shape and size work using aliens, and we drew aliens using a drawing programme on the computer.



Irwell 4 We have been busy with our new topic "Where shall we go today?".

We have looked at our story "The School Trip" and made pictures in mist like the children in the story did on the coach windows. We have also been making abstract paintings in art by blowing through straws to move the paint around.



Irwell 5 had a lovely Easter break and we came back refreshed and ready for work. We are enjoying our new topic "Our Amazing World". We are also looking forward to learning new skills in PE.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUN!

Some of the children enjoyed a water-themed music therapy session with Rachel this week. Saif was mesmerized by the movement of the 'sea' in a bottle. He learnt that if he jumped up and down with his body then the water would also jump up and down but when he stopped the water also stopped moving.

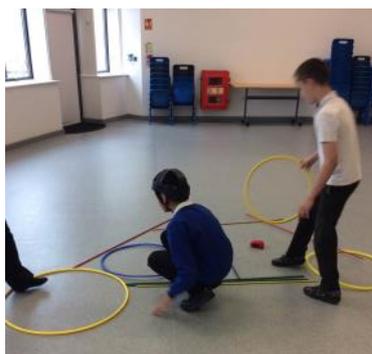
Noah liked the calming sound of the water themed music. He listened to the sounds around him but by the end of the session he was so calm and relaxed that he almost fell asleep!



Irwell had a week

6 have busy first back. In

Art this week we have been inspired by the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We have taken everyday objects in our environment to create sculptures. Here we are using the PE equipment to create a person and a car.





Parents and staff are cordially invited to our

OPEN DAY

for pupils in Years 5 and 6

THURSDAY 26TH MAY, 2016

ELMS BANK
SPECIALIST ARTS COLLEGE
Ripon Avenue, Whitefield, M45 8PJ

Open Day sessions from
9:30am - 12:00pm and **1:30pm - 3:00pm**
and tours of the school will be conducted
throughout the day to allow you to see the students at work

Please contact the school to arrange a time
and for any further information on
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Best wishes
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Dear Parents

RE: Year 6 Road Safety Transition Resource - 'Way2Go'

The transition from Primary to Secondary School can be a particularly difficult time for older children and this is true when it comes to their vulnerability on the road.

Bury Council Road Safety Team have distributed a free 'Way2Go' road safety resource to all Year 6 pupils, which covers subjects from sustainable transport, to journey planning and other road safety topics. Children moving from Primary to Secondary School are likely to experience longer journeys, on busier roads, using more complex infrastructure and different modes of transport, which they may not have used before. This all occurs at a time when they are more likely to be travelling independently; they are more prone to risk taking and susceptible to distractions (mobiles, music and friends). Traffic is the single biggest cause of accidental injury and death for 12 – 16 year olds.

Children of Secondary School age should have the required road user knowledge and confidence to be capable of making independent journeys, but it is important that they are prepared for the journey and understand how they can keep themselves safe. The most useful tip is to practice the journey to Secondary School prior to the first day of school to avoid any unnecessary stress, confusion and mistakes, but there are other things you can do to prepare:

Pedestrians: Avoid using mobile phones and listening to music when crossing the road. Use safer places to cross and always remember to stop, look, listen and think wherever you cross.

Public Transport: Find the bus service you need, the time table for that service and the bus stops it uses. Get an 'igo' travel card to help claim the concessionary fare. (www.tfgm.com)

Cycling: You need to be a competent cyclist to ride on the road (minimum Level 2 Bikeability award), have a road worthy bike and the right personal protective equipment (<https://bikeability.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely

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