

# MILLWOOD NEWS

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## POSTER COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in our "Design a Poster" competition. The competition winner was Bethany from Gorsefield Primary with her winning slogan "There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy- pick it up yourself". Bethany will be presented with a £30 voucher for "Build a Bear" at our Prize Day on 10th July. The four runners up were Rizwan, Imogen, Ethan and Kia.



Many thanks to all the parents and families who attended. Although depleted compared with previous years our support was wonderful. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary.

## LOWRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

We had a fantastic morning at the Lowry where our pupils danced to "Up Town Funk" by Bruno Mars; Kevin and Amber got the loudest cheer of the morning for their dance to Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud".

## MOORLAND HOME

At the time of writing the pupils are having a fantastic time.

## DINNER MONEY

Please note that from September 2015 the price of a school meal will be £2.20 per day and £11.00 per week.

## SPORTS DAY



## SIGNS OF THE WEEK

Feelings

### H.Q. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Simon reports that on Monday he visited "The Rock" shopping centre where he went bowling with Stephen and Irwell 6. Afterwards, Simon reports that he had some pasta for dinner.

Cody reports that this week he has enjoyed PE with his friends in Redvales 2, Irwell 6 and Irwell 3. He reports that they played the "parachute" game and "duck, duck, goose" game.

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY GROUPS

Another busy week... Ryan and Christian have been using story tubs to think about and plan their own stories.



This week, Christian's story was all about a birthday party and Ryan planned a fantasy story set in a castle.

At the other end of the school, Cody enjoyed playing a 'roll and colour' Phonics game. He identified all the sounds



and could recall at least 1 word that began with that sound. Well done!

## STARS OF THE WEEK



**FS/KS1**



Eesa A for fantastic interaction and engagement during our pretend visit to Australia. Eesa was a superstar dancing to the National Anthem, "Waltzing Matilda" and "Paula the Koala"

Christian W for fantastic attendance - only 1 day off in two years.



**Nursery 1** This week Nursery 1 have been learning about Australia. We have enjoyed listening to Didgeridoo music and trying to play it without much success !



**Nursery 2** have enjoyed learning about Australia this week, we looked at Australian animals and played along to Didgeridoo music. We made cookies and had an Australian party.



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**Whitelow 1** This week during our geography lessons we have been learning about the United Kingdom. We have explored the four countries England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland along with their capital cities. We have looked at maps and located where we live.



**Whitelow 2** have been learning about Australia. We have painted our faces and danced to Aboriginal music.



**Redvales 1** have had a very busy week. We learned all about being brave in Assembly on Monday. We have listened to and explored two lovely stories, "Big Red Bath" and "From

Me to You". In MFL we made the Spanish flag using hand prints. Pupils went back in time to create flowery wallpaper from the 1970s in Art and in Design and Technology, a trifle from the 1980s. In History we have learnt about Rosa Parks and the American Civil Rights campaign in the 1950s.



**Redvales 2** This week in Redvales 2 we have been exploring our outdoor spaces. We went on a hunt to find as many different types of flower as we could. We found so many different flowers and they were all beautiful!



**Redvales 3** have had another week of fun and hard work! We have been reading about the Victorians and comparing life then to now. We have been listening and dancing to music from different times in the past. We all liked Elvis and the Beatles! We have also been learning about Baptism, and we even baptised one of our dolls. Finlay was the Vicar, Jack was the Daddy, and everyone else was a God-parent.



**Redvales 4** This week Redvales 4 have been reading the story "PEEPO" in Literacy. The children have gone around school taking different photographs so they can make their own "PEEPO" book. Once they have made their books they will be placed in the school library for everyone to read.



Sophia in the bike shed taken by Ashley for his "PEEPO" book.

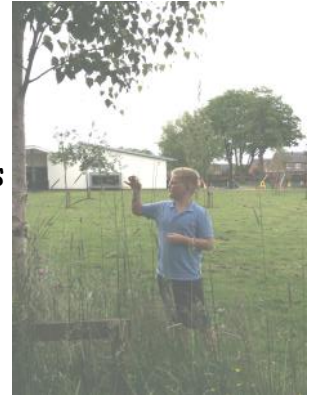
**Redvales 5** have been working very hard in P.E. and enjoyed a game of skittles. Adeel achieved the highest number of strikes! We have also been out in the sunshine attending to our plants.



**Redvales 6** have had a fabulous week! We continued our topic "Now and Then" and enjoyed a Sixties themed day in class. We created some beautiful artwork in psychedelic colours, wheelchair danced to music of the decade and baked a colourful rainbow cake.



**Irwell 1** have had a lovely week exploring the Beatrix Potter book "Peter Rabbit" and all his woodland friends. Great fun was had by all whilst investigating nature just like "Squirrel Nutkin" in the fairy garden.



**Irwell 2** In Irwell 2 this week we have been working very hard on lots of different areas from reading and writing to art, design, and cooking. We have had lots of fun and creativity.



**Irwell 3** have made the most of the lovely weather and have been working outside whenever possible. We have solved maths problems using Numicon, used our ears for listening skills in literacy and practised our gross motor skills on the adventure playground. On Wednesday afternoon we had great fun with some of our friends from Irwell 6 and Redvales 2 playing parachute games.



**Irwell 4** have been exploring the Islamic festival of Ramadan. We have designed our own prayer mats, and visited our prayer room where we learned how Muslims pray.



**Irwell 6** This week, Irwell 6 visited the Lowry to take part in their annual song and dance festival. Here we are, along with the rest of our 'crew' as we perform "Uptown Funk".



And here are Amber and Kevin performing their beautiful dance to "Thinking Out Loud".

**Irwell 5** have been enjoying the sun and opportunities to learn outside. We have



been practising our bike skills; especially how to control speed and direction

when using the go-karts.



### OLYMPIC SWIMMING

Well done to Ethan and Matthew who met Mark Foster and Jo Jackson, Olympic swimmers, at Radcliffe Pool.

Best wishes  
Helen Chadwick  
Headteacher



## POOLS 4 SCHOOLS

On Friday 19th June Matthew S ( Irwell 5) and Ethan K ( Redvales 2 ) represented Millwood in the official opening of the new swimming pool at Radcliffe Leisure Centre ( formerly Radcliffe Riverside School)

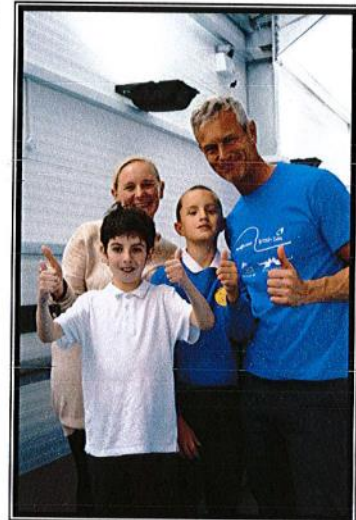
Olympic swimmer Mark Foster ( 8 times world record holder) along with Jo Jackson (Olympic Bronze medallist & World Record Holder) and other Olympic athletes lead a range of water based activities including relays, water polo and synchronised swimming.

Ethan and Matthew had a great day and represented Millwood fantastically .

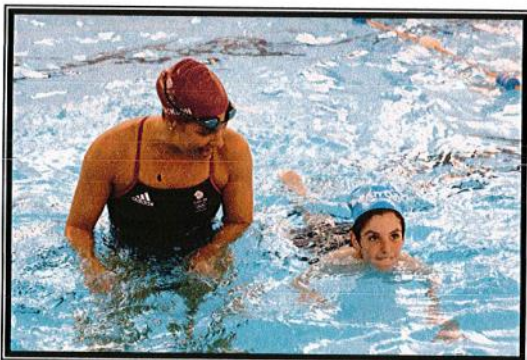
Here are a few pictures from the day.



Ethan and Matthew with Water polo Olympian Chloe Wilcox



Steph, Matthew and Ethan posing for a picture with Mark



Matthew taking tips from Jo Jackson



Ethan having a go at his synchronised swimming with help from the professionals

# Free School Meals – from September 2015

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child if you are in receipt of one of the following;

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 and you are not claiming Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you are already receiving Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support and your child is due to start primary school for the first time in September 2015, we will use the information you have provided to us about your income to register your child for free school meals. We will need you to sign a letter to say you want free school meals for your child. Therefore we will write to all eligible parents in August 2015.

If you do not claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and are entitled to one of the qualifying benefits please contact us on 0161 253 5858 after 17 August 2015 and we will process your claim over the phone.

You may also be entitled to free school meals if your child is starting a nursery and is receiving education before and after lunch. Please contact us on 0161 253 5858 after 17 August 2015 and we will confirm if you are entitled and process your claim over the phone.

Universal Infant Free School Meals were introduced in September 2014 and saw all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 entitled to a free meal at lunchtime. If you receive one of the qualifying benefits, it's still worth registering your child for free school meals, even if they are in the age group which qualifies for the new universal scheme. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' payment for each eligible child which they can spend on things which will benefit your child's education.

If you live outside Bury Council please contact the council where you live to claim free school meals.

If you have any further enquiries:

- please see our website at [www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals); or
- telephone us on 0161 253 5858; or
- e-mail us at [freeschoolmeals@bury.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bury.gov.uk).

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