

MILLWOOD NEWS

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VARIETY BUS PRESENTATION

We are delighted to have as our special guests, Alex Williams MBE and Danny Mayor League 2 player of the year 2014-15 from Bury FC. We also look forward to welcoming representatives from Variety, The Children's Charity and from Morrisons. Morrisons have match funded our minibus to the tune of £17,000 for which we are extremely grateful.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

The new SaLT Jodie Walker will be starting in August. She will be based in the Child and Family office and will be creating a new caseload with Gemma Capps, our communications lead and Fran Davies, SaLT at Elmsbank. We will also retain the services of Caspian and Twinkleboost. The outstanding issue is the number of pathways (ie children) which has remained at 80 for as long as I can remember. In September 2013 80 pathways equalled 78% of children. In September 2016 the 80 pathways equals 66% of children. The governors are meeting with Stuart Richardson, Pennine Care lead to see if this can be increased.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rebecca and her Mum and Dad for this absolutely beautiful cake.



EID GIFTS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Usman's Mum and the charity SKT for donating some beautiful Eid gifts to all the year 6 children.



REVIEW OF THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2015

September saw a bumper harvest of apples and flowers. Inside, we enjoyed a new communication system outside the main rooms in school with buttons to press and lots of tactile resources. We were School of the Day at the Port Vale match on 19 September (1-0 to Bury) and we celebrated Eid.



OCTOBER 2015

We welcomed the Mighty Zulu Nation into school once more - they were, as usual, extremely energetic and had the WOW! factor. We had our first cinema night of the year with Minions as the feature film. All the children had their school photograph taken and they took part in Communication Day and National Poetry Day. Our harvest festival took place on 16 October with the Green Tomatoes winning the cook-off.

NOVEMBER 2015



Finlay helped Flicker with his game plan against Blackpool (4-3 to Bury). We remembered those who had died in wars all over the world at our Remembrance Day assembly and we had a great time in Book Week dressing up as our favourite characters. We were very busy at the end of the month with Interfaith Week and the Christmas Fair which raised £832.



DECEMBER 2015

We said goodbye to our lovely friend, Eesa.

Our Christmas tree went up and Solly's dad with his band entertained us with a fabulous set of our favourite Christmas songs. We cheered on Georgia Foote on Strictly Come Dancing she came second) and we all took part in our own superb performances in All Around the World. Alexandra was invited to tea by the then PM, David Cameron and we grew our own Brussels sprouts for Christmas dinner. Bury FC came into school with Christmas presents for all the children and we watched Tim Peake blast off into space



JANUARY 2016

Our new school nurse, Belinda Zabel, started at Millwood and some of the pupils were chosen as Super Signers for Something Special on the BBC.

FEBRUARY 2016

Chinese New Year - Year of the Monkey - and we hosted a great visit by the Fire Service, even being allowed to use the fire hose!

MARCH 2016

Harrison and Ethan were mascots at the Peterborough match (3-1 to Bury) and our chicks hatched out. We had a fantastic hamper to raffle at the Easter assembly (well done Lenny!) and we watched our tadpoles grow into little frogs.



APRIL 2016

The 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. Some of our pupils took part in the BBC's "How to be Epic at Shakespeare". We had a great dressing up day on 23 April as Shakespeare characters. One newsletter has Bury FC playing Millwood instead of Millwall!!! Apologies for that. We had a very exciting Science Week where we all learnt a lot about materials and how things change. Manchester Camerata worked with us on a drama of The BFG which was great fun.



our Olympic values. Some of us went to Moorland Home on a residential and we had a brilliant time. We enjoyed a penalty shootout to celebrate Euro 2016, we cheered on England (Albania in my case thanks to the sweepstake in school) and we hosted a football tournament where Jack scored 5 goals. We performed at The Lowry in our singing and signing group. In all these events, we demonstrated fantastic teamwork.

MAY 2016

We had to ask parents and carers to remember to send in sun cream and sun hats - fancy that! Simon helped to plan a revival of the biodiversity garden complete with butterflies which he grew from caterpillars, and the gifted and talented scientists went to Heaton Park to observe the transit of Mercury across the sun, courtesy of the Astronomical Society. On our last day before the very sunny half-term break, we listened to a simply fabulous performance from Hazlehurst School Brass Band who came into school. One of our governors, Cllr Rishi Shori, became Bury's youngest Leader of the Council.



JULY 2016

Prize Day and Leavers' Assembly are upon us again and we wish all our Year 6 leavers all the luck in the world as they embark on the next stage in their education journey. We finish as we started the year with a celebration of Eid.

Next week, we will take delivery of a brand new minibus courtesy of Morrisons and Variety, the Children's Charity. Our special guests will be Alex Williams, MBE from Manchester City and Danny Mayor from Bury FC.



Rio Olympics start on 5 August and I am sure the children will be eager to see some of the world's greatest sportspeople in action - particularly how they uphold the Olympic values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence - along with the four Paralympic values - Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality.



JUNE 2016

A very busy month. We took part in a Pop UK concert together with Wesley Methodist School and had performances both at Wesley and at Millwood - really excellent and we will be doing this again. Our Sports Day had to be held inside as it was raining - never mind, we all had a great time and remembered



In September, we look forward to meeting our 27 new recruits!

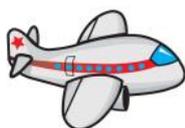
Have a lovely summer and thank you for your magnificent support. A very special thank you to all the teachers who make learning such fun; to all the TLR leaders who have run such memorable themed days and weeks; and to all the teaching assistants who make sure we have the best support at all times. Thanks also to all our midday assistants, to the office team, to Sheree, to Etienne and to everyone in Premises and cleaning who keep our school clean.



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AWARENESS SCHEME FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM

One of our parents has used this scheme at Manchester Airport and found it very useful. They have asked that we let other parents/carers know about the scheme. Information is available from the airport's website.



POOL RESPONDER

We are delighted to welcome to Millwood Kerry Waldram our new, highly experienced pool responder. She will be responsible for the use of the hydrotherapy pool.

CHANGES TO THE PREMISES TEAM

Mark Ainscough our Premises Manager will be moving to a new post at the end of July. We wish him all the best for the future and would like to thank him for his contribution to Millwood in the last two years.

Clint Davey and Danny Lamb (now assistant Premises Manager-temp) will be managing the Premises and Cleaning team over the summer break assisted by Russ Turner.

LINK VISITS BY GOVERNORS

Governors will be visiting school on their link visits to see their TLR leader on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th November pm

Tuesday 21st March pm

GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Cllr Bob Caserta and Caroline Rawstron.

DINNER MONEY REMINDER

All dinner monies and any arrears must be paid no later than Monday 18th July.

EIFFEL TOWER COMPETITION

Truly amazing - level of creativity, range of materials, attention to detail, wow factor, involvement of your children and family, commitment and dedication - very well done everyone and THANK YOU. The pupils and staff are really impressed. Please see the newsletter and the Gallery on the school website.



Nursery 1 This week has been fun. We have been looking at the country France and exploring all the different food and music. The children have enjoyed making the Eiffel Tower using different French foods and exploring French artists. We have made a French apple tart and dressed up in the colours of that country. The children have enjoyed all the activities we have done this week



Whitelow 1 have enjoyed visiting France celebrating Bastille Day. We have used our senses to explore French food. We have made French hats and kites. We coloured French flags and built the Eiffel Tower. We enjoyed saying hello and goodbye to our friends in French.



Nursery 2 We have had a lovely week learning all about France! We enjoyed a fabulous 'Living in France' day. We dressed up in red, white and blue. We had great fun building towers, making garlic bread using sensory playdough and sampling French cuisine!

Whitelow 2 It's been a gingerbread man-themed week with lots of fabulous listening, reading and re-telling of the classic story. Most of us enjoyed being foxes and gobbling up our gingerbread men - tee hee. However Logan wanted his to "run, run, as fast as he (could)" all around the playground. Wonderful role play.



Redvales 1 This week Redvales 1 really enjoyed "Living in France" day. We explored delicious food and drink and made some beautiful French artwork too. We have also enjoyed making some very tasty shortbread in food tech.



Redvales 2 This week in Redvales 2 we have been on our class trip to Portland Basin. We loved seeing the museum and then went for a meal at the Paper Mill. Mike and the team were so proud of our excellent behaviour - we had a great time!



Redvales 3 We have had a lovely week! We really enjoyed our trip to Asda to find fruit from our shopping list linked to the book 'Olivers fruit salad'. We did a great job finding them all! The best bit was tasting fruits such as kiwi and cherries. Just a reminder that it is our topic celebration on Monday at 2pm. We are making a fruit salad to share!



Redvales 4 have enjoyed "Living in France Day". We took part in lots of French activities including building an Eiffel tower, tasting French food and listening to French music. We dressed in Blue, white and red to represent France.



Redvales 5 have had a very fun week! We have had a lovely time reading a sensory story and exploring all the props. We have also been very busy making and designing our own ice-cream sundaes - which tasted delicious! We all dressed in our own clothes and enjoyed several French themed activities to celebrate Bastille day.



Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! We loved our sensory story "Mrs Honey's Hat" and had lots of fun creating our own head accessories using a range of collage material. We also enjoyed celebrating Bastille Day in Languages and engaged in a range of activities such as sensory food play.



Irwell 1 have had a lovely week doing lots of sensory play with dry foods, painting with our hands, playing with all the light toys in the dark room and taking part in lots of French activities for "Living in France" day.



Irwell 2 This week in Irwell 2 we have been enjoying the French day. We have been tasting food, making Eiffel towers. We have also been enjoying playing board games.



Irwell 3 had a fantastic time on our class trip! We went to Stamford Park in Ashton. We had lots of fun playing in the play areas, then we went on a lovely woodland walk. We looked at a stream and even saw 2 squirrels! After our lunch in the



cafe, we had a great time playing in the fountains, everybody got soaked, what a lovely day!

Irwell 4 We all had an amazing time at Funtastic, climbing up everything, sliding down slides, bouncing on the trampoline and burying ourselves in the ball pool! Our lunch was delicious and we had plenty to drinks. Jackie, Louise, Lesley and Cath were very pleased with all of us because we made them proud of our good behaviour and we all listened so well to instructions.

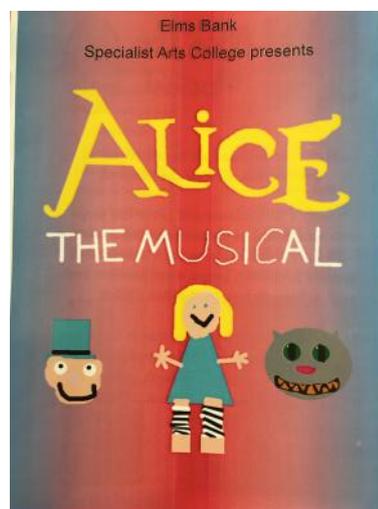


Irwell 5 have had another really busy week. We have been learning about Islam and celebrating Eid by tasting lots of delicious food. We have also been practising the skills



we learned in the "Heart Start" sessions by putting our friends into the recovery position.

Irwell 6 On Wednesday we went along to Elms Bank school to watch their annual show "Alice". We had a fabulous time and enjoyed seeing some of our old friends from Millwood. It has made us even more excited about our new adventure in September .



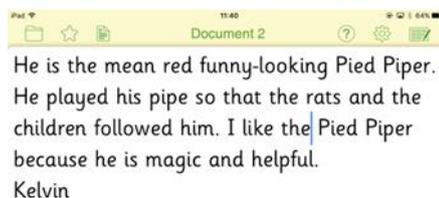
LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUN

Cody and Kelvin have been using Clicker and the iPad to help develop their writing. Cody is getting more confident spelling words containing the letter sounds that he knows - this week it has been 'ss' endings. Kelvin used a Clicker



word bank to write sentences about the "Pied Piper".

He then went on to write a story beginning on paper. Well done boys.



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ **FS/KS1** ★

Ayaan M for independent travelling with his PEC symbols and for practising his speech sounds.

★ **KS1/2** ★

Usman R for being thoughtful and kind.

School will be closed to pupils from Thursday 21st July to Monday 5th September.

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher





GOODBYE AND GOOD
LUCK



We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Joele Palmer who is moving to Birtenshaw and to all our exceptional year six pupils.

Ali Raza Butt

Ethan Crawford

Alisha Sadique

Jessica Blears

Amy Simm

Ashley Wood

Awais Kamran

Ethan Kiernan

Sam Holt

Yusaf Mahmood

Alex Berry

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Pranav Bhat

Rebecca Mumford

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Jasmine Gittens

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