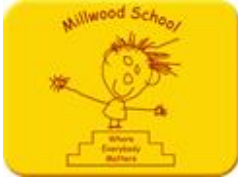


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This year, for the 1st time, Millwood School has joined in with the RSPB's

The Big Garden Bird watch

and here are the results.



In 2017 the children of Millwood saw:

49 blackbirds,	30 sparrows,
21 robins,	23 blue tits,
3 chaffinches,	3 thrushes,
62 magpies,	41 starlings,
3 pigeons and a wood pigeon, a wren,	
2 collared doves,	2 coal tits,
2 willow tits,	a pied wagtail,
a cormorant and a coot,	ducks,
crows and seagulls.	

Wow!! Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to count, and thank you for all the lovely pictures that you drew of the birds. Finally the birds in Declan's garden get the "wise owl award" - because Declan didn't spot any birds, but he did see "lots of cats". Well done feathery guys, good decision.

We have all enjoyed looking at the Rooster art work display. I would like to thank all the children, Parents and Carers who sent a Rooster into school. They are all fabulous and it has been really nice seeing the children sharing their work with their friends and spotting their Rooster on the display.

Gemma Capps, class teacher



Nursery 1 have been super busy exploring Chinese New Year and the story "Brown Bear". We loved investigating our black and white resources!



Whitelow 1 This week in Whitelow 1 we have enjoyed reading and sequencing the story "Brown Bear". We have explored the different characters and made colourful animals using the computer. We had fun



using our senses to make colourful rainbow jelly patterns.



Whitelow 2 In Whitelow 2 everyone has

been working hard; really enjoying our "Elmer Story", looking at lots of different animals, their colours and their patterns. In Maths we have been matching numbers to quantities of objects and in Science looking at ice. We learnt that the coloured ice cubes melted much faster in the warm water bowl - it also looked really interesting as the colours diffused into the water.



Nursery 2 This week we have been learning all about the colour yellow. We have been drawing our favourite animal from the story "Brown Bear". We have also been making repeating patterns in art.



Redvales 1 have been working hard this week. We have experienced a Hindu Wedding and dressed up as a Bride and Groom. We made sensory carousel horses for our Mary Poppins display. We have used our feet to paint lion pictures in Art. We have also been enjoying the story "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly".



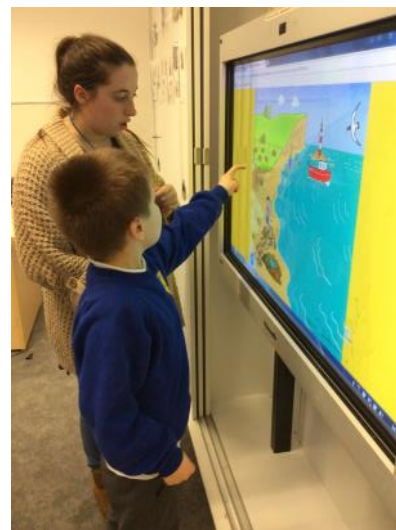
Redvales 2 We have had a lovely week learning through our sensory story "Spot goes for a walk". We learned to sign "squirrel" and "frog". We had great fun feeling the sensory textured story umbrella. We have also been learning about the weather in Science. We made rain bags to see the rain droplets fall.



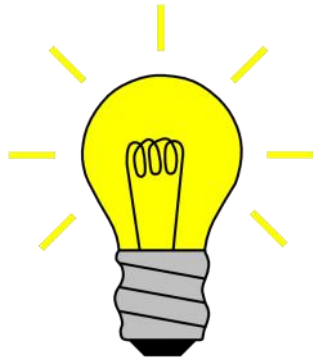
Redvales 3 This week in Redvales 3 we have been exploring money, counting coins and adding their values, identifying coins and exploring their attributes.



Redvales 4 This week Redvales 4 have been busy exploring the seaside in Geography. We hunted for shells in the sand and listened to beach sounds on our interactive PowerPoint.



Redvales 5 Another fantastic week in Redvales 5. We have been scientists every afternoon looking at and exploring electricity, we have used our scientific knowledge and language to describe the features of electrical items. We have also explored around school to see what we can find that uses electricity and what doesn't.



Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! We enjoyed creating Andy Goldsworthy inspired sand sculptures in Art. We also loved our sensory story "The Dandelion", especially exploring the seeds, soil and tracking the beautiful sensory umbrellas.



Irwell 1 On Monday Irwell One had lots of fun making play dough using cornflour and conditioner. We all chose our favourite conditioner smell and enjoyed mixing the ingredients together to see what happened.



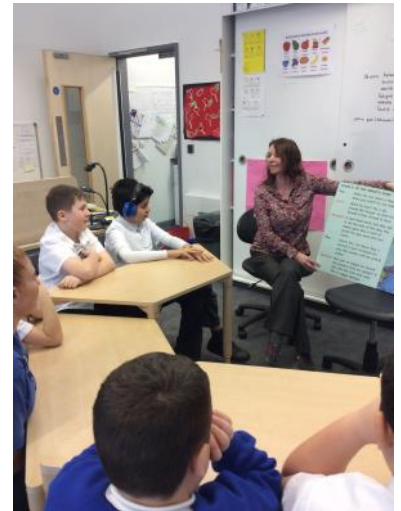
Irwell 2 have been working on our maths skills looking at quantity, number and size. We have also been working on R.E looking at the story around Noah's ark.



Irwell 3 In Numeracy this week we have all been working on different things. Lamia has been working on positional language, placing objects on top of, underneath and next to another object. Andrew has been matching big and small and Lataya has been doing long and short.



Irwell 5 We have had another busy week in Irwell 5 with swimming on Wednesday and dancing every day. We have also enjoyed reading lots of plays and acting them out.



Irwell 4 This week we have been working with money, recognising different coins, buying snacks and getting change. In history we looked at Ancient Greek tragedy and comedy theatre. We used masks to show whether we liked the Ancient Greek food we tasted.



Irwell 6 This week Irwell 6 have been focusing on the work on Richard Hudson in our art lessons. The artist who developed the Lion King stage show has been inspiring us to recreate our own Lion King themed backdrop scenery.





Sports and PE



Responding to the feedback from the parental questionnaires already received, a lot of parents said they did not know who the PE and Sports Coordinator was in school. Well this is me! My name is Stephanie Bhola and I am a class teacher in Irwell 6. I have been at Millwood since September 2011 and I oversee all physical activity and sports in school. Please feel free to get in touch with me if I can help in any way.

PE and Sports Parental Questionnaire

Thank you very much to those parents/ carers who have returned their questionnaires. Your contributions have been varied and have given me lots of food for thought. I will be feeding back very soon so watch this space.



The Daily Mile

On Friday 29th January I went on a very inspiring course to promote physical activity within the school day developed by a head teacher from a school in Scotland. He went on to win a Pride of Britain award for the impact this had on pupils health and wellbeing. We have now successfully implemented a 15 minute running activity every morning and have already have an intake of over 20 pupils. We are one of the very first schools in Bury to do this. I am proud! A special mention must go to Kara and Simon for giving 100%!



PE Inclusive Sport Day—Thursday 27th January

Last Thursday 3 teams went along to represent Millwood in the Bury Schools Boccia competition. We played exceptionally well and demonstrated excellent team work and sportsmanship. There were 13 teams in total and I am pleased to report that Millwood came 4th, 6th and 7th. Well done to everyone that took part.



Sporting Events Coming Up

Monday 6th February

Group 1 swimming lessons at Total Fitness
(Every Monday until Easter)

Tuesday 7th February

Group 2 swimming at Total Fitness
(Every Tuesday until Easter)

Wednesday 8th February

Group 3 swimming at Total Fitness
(Every Tuesday until Easter)

Thursday 9th February

Manchester City FC coach in to work with Irwell 1, Whitelow 2, Nursery 2, Redvales 2 and After School Club

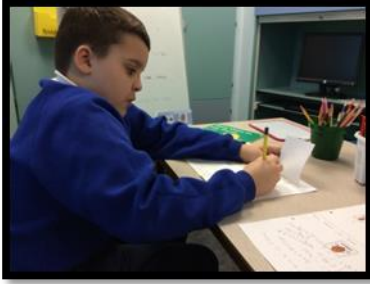
- MCFC apprentice also coming along to share excellent practice.

Friday 10th February

Bury FC coach in to work with Whitelow 1, Redvales 6 and the football team.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUN



This week have been lots of the children working on a woodland/outdoor theme to their Reading and Writing. Kelvin finished his lift the flap book about Spot's visit to the Jungle. He just needs to edit it now. The children in Redvales 6 enjoyed experiencing the sensory journey of a dandelion seed. Brooke especially enjoyed tracking the yellow sun around the room with her eyes.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Kian T for being on task when completing his colour sorting activity.



KS1/2



Fawaad A for super talking and using a variety of speech sounds.

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher