

MILLWOOD NEWS

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday the 6th October we celebrated Harvest Festival, parents and carers were extremely generous in donating food. The school supports the Radcliffe Porch Project a charitable organisation offering support for people in crisis.



We had the pleasure of welcoming Reverend Elizabeth Binns and Marilyn to the assembly as representatives of the appeal. Reverend Elizabeth spoke to the children explaining that wherever you live and whoever you are you never know when you or your neighbour might need a helping hand. She expressed gratitude on behalf of the people helped by the support of Millwood parents and carers.

Millwood's traditional "Ready, Steady Cook" competition took place between rival teams Green Peppers and Red Tomatoes. As head judge, Helen deemed the result of the competition a draw, a very diplomatic decision given the high quality of cooking by both teams.

Anne Botham, Class teacher.



Learning is Fun!

Cody has been using Read Write Inc. to support him with his reading, spelling and writing. He has come back to school after summer with the confidence to read and write by himself. It is lovely to see him blossom in an area which he does find a challenge at times. Henry is also working hard on his writing. He can orally compose a sentence out loud and is beginning to use his knowledge of letters and sounds to record his sentence in writing by himself. Well done superstar!



DINNER MONEY REMINDER

Please can all dinner money be sent to school each Monday morning. Can all arrears please be paid on Monday 16 October.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Dean J for walking across the playground and back to class - mostly unaided



KS1/2



Jack W for walking to the plasma screen to do some work

Nursery 1 This week we have really been showing off our physical skills and our morning physical development sessions have been such great fun! We are all really getting into our routines now. We have also been working hard on our technology skills, enjoying cause and effect switch toys and touch screen games that also really help our vision to develop. What a busy week!

Nursery 2 Nursery 2 have had a busy,



brilliant week! We have been doing lots of messy play and mark making. We loved going "around the apple and down the leaf" in ketchup to make an "a". We have also done some super counting using our Numicon shapes and water beads. They were very slippery!



Whitelow 1 This week we have been very busy celebrating harvest and giving thanks. We pretended to travel to America and shared a thanks-



giving meal. We have been exploring hygiene in PSHCE. We had fun playing in water and have learnt how to wash our hands.

Whitelow 2 Super work everyone this week. The children in

Whitelow 2 have been joining in with all the class activities with great gusto including making lots of interesting noises and marks relating to Autumn and our noisy story. They also worked brilliantly as a team in Science to make our very own top quality play dough. Well done everyone.



Redvales 1 have had another busy week. We have all enjoyed our sensology workout sessions. We especially like smelling the peppermint. We have read a poem about a tree and we have decorated trees and chosen items to make our own autumn sen-



sory tray. We have also enjoyed visiting the jungle room and painting our self portraits this week.

Redvales 2 We have had a fantastic tongue tickling tasty week! In our Science we have been learning about the tongue and tastes. We had great fun taking a selfie of our faces with our tongues sticking out! We tried lots of different sweet, sour, bitter and salty foods. Our favourite taste was honey. Lemon juice was surprisingly popular too! We have also been painting portraits for our October books.



Redvales 3 This week in Redvales 3 we have been learning about Vikings. We enjoyed eating vegetables on wooden plates and drinking from plastic horns. We found out where the Vikings came from and which parts of England they invaded. We used mark making tools to write the alphabet in "Runes" like the Vikings did.



Redvales 4 Another exciting week. We looked at the food Vikings ate and then made a vegetable soup. We were glad we weren't Vikings after we tasted it! We made Venetian masks in Art and took pictures of birthday items and then enlarged them in ICT. Our Jack W has applied for the position of Chairman on the School Council so he has designed his election poster.



Redvales 5 enjoyed a trip to our local supermarket, Asda. We found the pizza counter and used our communication book to ask for the topping we would like on our pizza. We then paid for the pizza at the checkout. We also used the green tokens we were given to vote for Millwood School in the Asda Foundation scheme.



Irwell 1 and Irwell 2 This week in Irwell 1 and 2 we have been working on our writing skills. We have also enjoyed working on our communication skills requesting toys to play with. We have loved making yummy flapjacks too.



Redvales 6 have had a fabulous week! In Geography we explored Scotland using a carousel of fun activities. These included mark making in porridge, making a flag collage and performing a Highland dance. In Maths our focus was big and small and we reinforced the concept using the "Jack and the Beanstalk" story.



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were looking at different materials. We explored a range of materials and learnt their names. We explored fabric, wood, metal, plastic, glass, food and paper. The glass was our favourite because we could see through it!



Irwell 4 Bury Football Club were with Irwell 4 this week! Here are TK and Alex showing their friends how to jump hurdles during the obstacle course.



Irwell 5 We have had a very musical week this week in Irwell 5. We have enjoyed practising songs from the Harvest Festival and we have also been learning how to read musical notation. This is helping us to play a tune on the recorder.



Irwell 6 have been enjoying their class book "Super tato!". We have been making our own potato superhero and trapping the "evil pea" in the jelly. He are some of us picking the peas out of the jelly to work on our fine motor skills.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week the school council had their first meeting of the new term. We met, and said hello, to all the new members of the school council. This year we have some exciting jobs in school council, these include chair person, vice chair-person, treasurer and secretary. Each member of the school council chose what they wanted to campaign for. We will be having a vote next Thursday to see who gets the jobs. The pupils are really getting into their election campaigns, which is fantastic to see!



A REMINDER ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

If your child is ill, especially if they are infectious, they need to stay at home.

Please telephone school to tell us why your child will not be in school. We have an answerphone so just leave us a message if the office is closed. We will phone you to find out why your child is absent if you have not told us and if we can't get hold of you we will phone the other contact numbers we have for your child and then they will be phoning you too!! - Much easier for you just to give us a quick call or leave us a message.

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is the best way to try to control the "bugs" and will mean that children are less likely to pick up a tummy bug from school.

While we want your child to attend school every day please keep them at home if they are not well.

If your child comes into school ill they are likely to be upset, tired and unable to access their learning. They could pass their germs on to the other children, some of whom are very vulnerable and could become very ill very quickly.

If your child is ill please keep them at home until they are well enough to return, if in doubt you can consult your GP or the school nurse.

If your child is well enough for school but has a few doses of their prescribed medicine left please contact the school nurse so she is aware that the medicine will be coming into school and can be stored and administered safely.

We are entering the cold and sickness bug season so please work with us to keep our children fit and well.

Thank you

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher