

16th February 2024

Dear Families,

This has been a fairly short but very busy half term and we hope you have thoroughly enjoyed following your child's learning on Seesaw! The children have worked so well together and really embraced our whole school focus on COMPASSION.

Pupil Forum

On Tuesday 13th February two of our fantastic TEAM Hawks went along to a Pupil Forum meeting with other local schools. 'We talked about things that were important to us and our community and how and why we should improve them. With support from Chester FC, we decided as a group on a project to improve littering and increasing places for nature. We are very excited to bring this back to Mill View and share with everyone.'



Looking After our Mental Health

This was a great opportunity to take time to think about how we stay mentally well as well as physically well. Children right across school thought about how important it is for them to be kind to themselves so that they can be kind to others and also about how important it is that their voice be heard.



A great example of children using their voices to help them to make a positive change, came from some of TEAM Eagles. They spoke to Mrs Rowlands about ways the toilets could be improved as they didn't think it was right that the boys' toilets were all blue and the girls' toilets were all pink. Mr Buckley helped out and swapped some of the doors around to solve this. This change has prompted a lot of great discussion in classes.



Mrs Thomson and Mr Morris are currently training staff in preparation for a whole school project on developing our children's Oracy skills and we really look forward to seeing the project progress.

Oliver

TEAM Falcons were invited to go and watch the latest production at Upton High School. It was fantastic to see so many ex Mill View pupils continuing to show their talent in the production.



Staying Safe Online

We celebrated Safer Internet Day this week as we were concentrating on thinking about our mental health last week. Safe internet use forms a key part of our Computing and RSHE curriculum all year round and we see it as a vital part of our safeguarding work.

I would really encourage you to pause and check what your child is accessing and when on the various devices they use. It is important that you monitor what they are accessing and check their devices regularly to make sure you understand their online activities and chat. If you are ever concerned about anything relating to this we are always here to chat to you about it and offer support.



We **communicate**

We are **creative**

We are **independent**

We are **curious**

We are **determined**

We are **confident**

We are **collaborative**

Characteristics of Learning

We talk a lot about our Characteristics of Learning, the characteristics we think are so important for our children to develop at Mill View across our curriculum. These have been redesigned with icons to make sure they are inclusive for everyone.

This term we have added what we believe is a characteristic that is woven through our school.

above all ... **COMPASSION**

Pastoral Care

We very much appreciate the additional work Mrs Kennedy and Miss Ditchfield are taking on this term to support the Pastoral Care of our children. We felt it was very important for our children that this work was done by adults they were familiar with at this point.

This week we have placed an advert for a Learning Mentor, please pass on the QR code to anyone you know who might be interested in joining our team.



Out and About

TEAM Kestrels had an amazing day exploring the National Waterways Museum, learning how locks work and seeing what it was like to live in the porter's cottages. Kestrels were their usual fantastic selves and represented Mill View beautifully.



TEAM Owls were great chefs at Pizza Express last week. They followed the instructions carefully to make their own pizza as part of their design and technology work. They enjoyed eating their pizzas at home for tea.

Expeditionary Learning Projects

All of our classes are excited to be preparing for their first Expeditionary Learning projects later this term. Our Y6 Eagles have been preparing for their exhibition at the Grosvenor Museum and had an expert visitor this week. Ruth McKew from Headland Designs came to share her experience as a museum curator and consultant with them and was really impressed with the searching questions the children had prepared for her.



Sparrows have been practising and perfecting their smoothie making as they prepare to make and sell smoothies at the Upton Pavilion.

House of Dance Charity Work

Lots of our children take lessons and perform with House of Dance. As a school we have a close working relationship with House of Dance who are currently in school weekly to help our Kestrels and Hawks get ready for their Dance Showcase. Jules from House of Dance is off to the Atlas Mountains in Morocco for a second trip to bring aid to villagers impacted by the earthquake. She has been in this week talking to Hawks and Falcons about the project linked to work they have done or will be doing as part of their curriculum. If you would like to donate directly to this aid please follow the link

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Atlas2ndtrip?utm_term=k2YbQVzaW



In Sporting News

Mill View have competed in a High-Five Netball tournament at Blacon High School. Our Netballers won 1 game, drew 1 game, and lost 1 game. It was fantastic to see some new players who hadn't represented school before.

In addition to this, we've played two football league fixtures against Upton Heath: our Year 3&4 Team won 2-1, which gets them off to a great start in their league. While our Year 5-6 team put in a gutsy performance but fell 2-1 in their opening league game. We look forward to more sporting events after the half term break!



Chester Uni

TEAM Owls have really enjoyed their first two athletics sessions at Chester University. They have worked hard to develop their throwing, jumping, catching and teamwork skills. They are looking forward to the next two sessions after half term where they will finish with a TEAM competition.



Lunar New Year

Little Wrens and TEAM Robin have had a fantastic time learning about and celebrating Lunar New Year with a wide range of activities. It was great to see children continuing their learning at home and bringing in things they had made to share with their class.



Bye for Now!

Last week we held a special assembly for our incredible Mrs Doyle. Every child placed a stone in a spiral and we thought about the positive ripple effect that each small act can have. We reflected on the impact of lots of the things Mrs Doyle has done for us or said to us have had and we told her about these. We gave her a beautiful book full of us and told her some of our favourite things about her, the serious things and the funny ones! Mrs Rickus even painted her a picture of all our TEAM birds in a tree



Active Citizens Award

Lots of children have been posting their Active Citizen activities on Seesaw and staff have loved seeing how helpful they are being at home and out and about. Half term is a perfect time to try to see how many of these challenges you can complete from the Padlet!

TEAM Eagles wanted to help with a problem they had noticed when they reported that some younger children thought that girls could only wear skirts to school. They prepared a presentation which they delivered to all our Infant classes – we are all equal, we can all make our own choices!



Best wishes and our kindest regards,

Mrs Gibbons & The Mill View TEAM

We are the Mill View TEAM
Together Everyone Achieves More



Dates to add to your diary Information regarding school trips or class specific events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes.

MVP holiday dates millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10430264

Last day of Spring Term 1	Friday 16 th February
Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school	Every Wednesday 9am, all welcome. Grandparents are very warmly encouraged to come along too!
PTA Meeting	Monday 26 th February The Hub, 3.30pm
Reading café Week in school	Monday 4 th –Friday 8 th March
World Book Day – dress up as a character	Friday 8 th March
Last week of after school clubs	Week beginning 11 th March
Little Wrens Open Afternoon for new parents	Thursday 14 th March 4pm
Family Gardening Day	Sunday 17 th March 10am-1pm
Neurodiversity Awareness Week	Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd March
Parents Evening Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6	Monday 18 th March
Parents Evening Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6	Wednesday 20 th March
Snap Trap Internet Safety performance for Year 5/6	Thursday 21 st March
Parents Evening Year 3, Year 4	Monday 25 th March
Dance Showcase Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 26 th March 1.45pm / 6.00pm
Parents Evening Year 3, Year 4	Wednesday 27 th March
PTA Cake Sale – cakes provided by Year 1/2	Thursday 28 th March
Last day of Spring Term	Thursday 28 th March
SPRING BREAK	
First day of Summer Term 1	Monday 15 th April
Meet the PTA + AGM	Wednesday 24 th April 7.30pm
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
PTA Cake Sale – cakes provided by Year Reception/Little Wrens	Friday 24 th May
End of Summer Term 1	Friday 24 th May
HALF TERM	
First day of Summer Term 1	Monday 3 rd June

