

March 28th 2024

Dear Families,

It has been a short but very busy half term with our children displaying all their learning powers, **communicating**, showing **creativity**, **independence**, **curiosity**, **determination**, **confidence**, **collaboration** and above all **compassion**. We hope you enjoy hearing about what has been going on across our school family over the past month and find the additional information and diary dates useful in planning ahead. We hope you all have an enjoyable Spring break with some sunnier Spring days!

Expeditionary Learning Projects

It has been so exciting to see so many of our classes completing their Expeditionary Learning Projects this half term, immersing themselves in their projects and sharing their learning with our community. The projects really have brought more depth to their learning and it has been fabulous to see such high levels of engagement in and passion for their learning.

Team Robins invited their families in to share their learning about Little Red, performing wolf facts they have learned, having drinks and biscuits together and completing a **wolf trail** in our school grounds with our visitors.



Team Sparrows have been learning about the importance of healthy foods. As part of their learning they had a visit from the fabulous Mini Makery team and a special delivery gift from Innocent Smoothies. They spent time making and testing different smoothie recipes in class and their learning culminated in them running a **Smoothie Bar at Upton Pavilion** that attracted a lot of visitors who were offered smoothie samples and the opportunity to learn more from our knowledgeable Sparrows about healthy eating.



Team Owls have been learning all about the history of chocolate and also the geography around where it comes from. They had a visit from Mrs Gray our School Cook and Ruth who works at Kingsway Café. This helped them to plan their own **Chocolate Cafe at Kingsway Café**. This was opened up to Owls' families. Owls seated their customers, took their orders and served them. Kingsway Café was incredibly busy and our Owls had lots of compliments from their customers.



Team Hawks have been researching European countries and created their own tourism website for people interested in visiting Malta. They had a visit from a travel expert. Hawks worked in teams to research different aspects of life on Malta – sports and leisure, food etc before designing their own website as a team which is now live. Hawks ran a **Website Launch Event in the school hall** and invited all their families to come along.



Team Falcons have been learning about how to protect our world for the future through sustainable living. They have then used their learning to work together in smaller teams to create a series of videos which were shown at a **Film Premier Event** in the Geography Department at **Chester University**. They have been invited by Chester University to launch their Sustainability Conference at the Town Hall in July.

Team Eagles undertook a project called Hidden Lives as part of their History work this term, researching important explorers who have been ignored by many. Eagles were determined to shine a light on the explorers whose achievements had gone uncelebrated because of their gender, the colour of their skin or their disability. Eagles had a visit from an experienced curator and museum designer Ruth McKew who helped them to think about effective ways to display their learning. This project culminated in Eagles' **Exhibiton at The Grosvenor Museum**. Eagles were thrilled that so many of their families came along as well as the general public, councillors and representatives from local historical groups.



Celebrating Reading

We enjoyed celebrating reading earlier this month with our daily Reading Cafes. On the Friday there was a chance to dress up as a book character and share our costumes in a whole school assembly. Staff all dressed up as Where's Wally and set the children challenges to try and spot them around school!



Out and About

A huge thank you to all our helpers who make it possible for us to take our children out and about on trips!

Team Sparrows headed out into Upton to study the geography of their local area. They saw lots of familiar sights and found some interesting things they hadn't spotted before!



Team Eagles spent a fabulous day at The Storyhouse exploring Shakespeare plays The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet. They represented school so well, sharing their creative ideas and talents.



Team Falcons had a superb day at Quarry Bank Mill as part of their History work, learning about what it was like to be a child in Victorian times in Cheshire. They visited the apprentice house, completed jobs, observed how the Victorian machines worked and had the chance to act in character as a Victorian child.

Team Hawks had an adventurous 2 night residential away in the Wirral countryside. Everyone showed determination as they tried out a whole range of activities including archery, rifle shooting, climbing, abseiling, night walks, campfires, map reading and den building. All the children challenged themselves and Mr Morris was very proud of them and was so impressed with how well they all slept!



Dance and Song Showcase

Our Kestrels and Hawks performed in an inspiring show full of vibrant dance and super enthusiastic singing. They based all their song choices and dances on the theme of our school learning powers and really did show incredible TEAMwork as they worked together. It was an emotional rollercoaster for their audiences who clapped, cheered and even got the chance to sing along. Team Kestrel entertained us all so well whilst making us think about the important messages they wanted us to hear.



Family Gardening Day

Our Family Gardening Day on Sunday 17th March was a great success. A huge thank you to all those who came along to lend a hand helping us to tidy up, move the new soil won from Dandy's and helping to prepare the site for the new season of learning.



In Sporting News

Two Mill View Year 5/6 teams went to Blacon High to participate in a netball tournament. Both teams performed brilliantly against some top opposition - we were really proud of how our Eagles and Falcons conducted themselves on the court.

A group of our Year 3,4,5,6 pupils ran the cross country at Ellesmere Port Sports Village in the Cross Country Event and represented our school brilliantly.

Some of our staff completed the Chester 10K this month. They had planned to train and run with Mrs Hughes and decided to continue to remember a dear colleague and friend.



Looking After our Mental Health

The focus for Children's Mental Health week this year was **My Voice Matters**.

This month we had an opportunity to meet in our School Councils to discuss ways we could make our school even better. Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 is part of one of the following School Councils – Play Council, Pupil Voice Council, Sports Council, Arts Council, Environmental Council and Community Council.



Staying Safe Online

Team Falcons and Eagles attended a workshop focusing on Internet Safety called **Snap Trap**.

The children came back able to express really clearly their understanding of how they can keep themselves safe when they use devices online.

Please check all your child's devices regularly to ensure they are only talking to people they know and also that they are conducting themselves safely and kindly.

Childnet is a good source of advice for parents and carers to support their children in navigating the digital world safely, [childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers](https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers)



Neurodiversity Week

Neurodiversity Week offered us a great opportunity to celebrate our amazing brains. We spent time each day learning more about our brains and all the amazing ways they work.



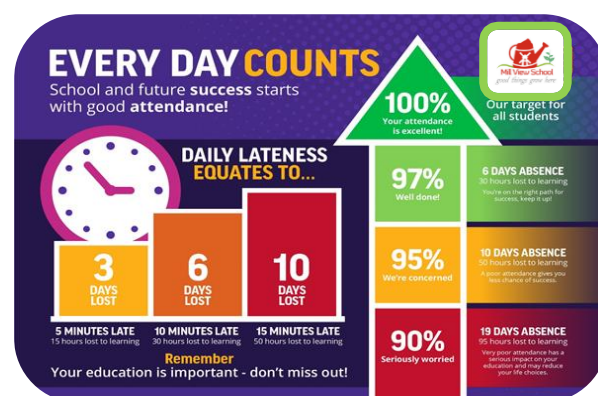
Attendance

Consistent school attendance lays a solid foundation for your child's academic success and social development, ensuring they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities and important connections with their peers and teachers. Every day counts and by prioritising attendance, you are empowering them to seize every chance to grow, learn and thrive in our school community.

Please refer to the school website for further information on our attendance strategy and policy, as well as circumstances when fines will be issued for unauthorised absences [millviewschool.co.uk/page/attendance-and-punctuality/123905](https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/attendance-and-punctuality/123905)

Pastoral Support

Following a first round of advertising, we have not appointed a new Learning Mentor at this point. This is a key role in our school and as such we believe it is important that we take time to ensure the correct appointment is made. We are very pleased that Mrs Kennedy and Miss Ditchfield have agreed to continue the fantastic pastoral work they have been doing with a large number of our pupils.



Working Together

A huge thank you to all our families for engaging with our Spring Term Parents Evenings. As we support your children together in their learning journey, this provides a vital touch point to catch up and understand how your child is getting on at school. We are always keen to hear from you about how your child is getting on with their learning at home as well as any issues that may arise that you wish to discuss with a member of staff.

Active Citizens Awards

We have been so impressed with how many children have taken on the challenge to be Active Citizens this term. We will keep the awards open over the Easter break for anyone who wants to complete activities to achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold awards.



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

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	Monday 15 th April
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!
Year 5 swimming – daily as required	Week commencing Monday 15 th April
Year 6 Residential Information Meeting on Zoom	Thursday 18 th April, 4.00-4.30pm
PTA AGM and Meet the PTA	Wednesday 24 th April
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 6 th May
Year 6 SATs	Week commencing Monday 13 th May
PTA Cake Sale (Little Wrens and Robins to provide cakes)	Friday 24 th May
LAST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	Friday 24 th May
HALF TERM BREAK	
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM	Monday 3 rd June
Reception, Year 1 and 2 Summer Performance	Tuesday 11 th June, 1.45pm Wednesday 12 th June, 1.45pm
PTA Summer Fair	Saturday 29 th June
Sports Day including Family Picnic Lunch Nursery, Year 1 and 2 – Morning Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Afternoon	Friday 5 th July
Year 5 and 6 Lion King Performances	Wednesday 10 th July, 6.30pm Thursday 11 th July, 2.45pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon time to be confirmed	Friday 19 th July,
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	Friday 19 th July
SUMMER BREAK	
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 1	Wednesday 4 th September