

May 31st 2024

Dear Families

Welcome to our latest school newsletter!

We hope you enjoy hearing about some of what has been happening across our school family over the past half term and find the additional information and diary dates useful in planning ahead.

It is great to be able to make full use of our incredible grounds whatever the weather but it has been lovely to have more sunny days to really make the absolute most of them! We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Expeditionary Learning Projects

Team Kestrels invited their families and others from our community to school to launch their incredible **immersive trail along the canal** in Chester. They produced **leaflets which give full instructions**, directions and QR codes for anyone who would like to learn more about the history of the Shropshire Union Canal, how canals were used, how they changed life, what it is like to live on a canal boat, all about locks, tunnels and bridges, how canals were built and how waterways have changed over time. Do pick up a copy from the office if you'd like to follow the trail which has a great walking route with plenty of possible stop off points for refreshments!

Team Kestrels were very excited to find out that the **Canal River Trust** plan to turn their trail and QR codes into a permanent feature along the canal!



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 Robins have been doing lots of learning this term about how things grow and taking care of the sunflower seeds they planted with Mrs Kennedy. They had a great adventure to Ness Gardens and were not at all put off by the rain! They were great nature detectives and represented Mill View really well.



Team Sparrows have been learning all about the history of Chester Zoo and the founder George Mottershead. They watched videos, read newspapers and produced their own fact files. This was linked to their Science learning about animals including animal groups and diets. They had a great time on their visit to **Chester Zoo** including a fabulous workshop where they met Winnie the Owl, one of the special lanterns from the Zoo. Sparrows followed Winnie around the Zoo to find different animals, learning about endangered and extinct animals, playing games, waddling like penguins and standing on one foot like a flamingo. Sparrows shared lots of their Science learning with the zoon keeper who was very impressed!



Team Falcons went on their residential to the PGL site at Breatton Park. They took part in a huge range of outdoor activities while they were there and showed incredible TEAM work and determination.



Team Eagles went on their residential to the Isle of Man which was a real treat after all their hard work in SATs week! The whole TEAM showed off all their learning powers, challenging themselves to try new activities and making sure they looked out for everyone on their team. A huge thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to make our residential visits so successful!



Looking After our Mental Health

Jump into June

We are really looking forward to this year's launch of **Jump into June** on Monday 3rd June. Once again this year there are some great raffle prizes that can be won. You are all welcome to join us for our daily workouts led by Mrs Morris, Mr Glendenning and other special guests - the link has been sent out by Mr Morris on Seesaw. This is a great way to support both our physical and our mental health.



OFSTED

As you know we had a 2 day inspection from OFSTED in May. Across the 2 days the inspectors were in school they had a chance to speak to many of your children who were brilliant at telling them all about our school, how it works, their learning and our school values. We were really pleased with the large numbers of parents and children who took time to complete feedback to give their viewpoints on the school. It takes 35 working days for the report to be published and we will share this with you as soon as it is available.



Healthy Hearts and Minds Trail

As you know we are in the process of creating our Healthy Hearts and Minds Trail around our grounds to enhance the play opportunities for all our children during playtime and lunchtimes. This is being funded through donations received towards a charity of Mrs Hughes' family's choice. Her family donated the money raised to school for a project such as this. Our PTA have also match funded the amount raised.

Our school councils have come up with a great range of themed 'Zones' which will be signposted and resourced. As part of the project we thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the artist Sarah Gallagher-Hayes from Twigtwisters. Sarah provided a series of workshops across the year groups and together we have created large willow sculptures and smaller pieces to form part of our trail. We look forward to its official launch on Sports Day.



In Sporting News

Wow! What a busy few weeks of sports it has been at Mill View. All of the children have represented the school amazingly, and we have had lots of exciting opportunities for the children to participate in, including:

- Year 5/6 Netball Event
- Year 3 / 4 Girls Football Upton High Festival
- Year 3 / 4 Football League Fixtures
- Year 5/6 Girls Football League Fixtures
- Year 6 Boys Football Event @ Liverpool Academy

There are lots of sporting events coming up on the diary for the final half term and we are looking forward to even more of our children having the opportunity to enjoy representing our school.

Staying Safe Online

New Ofcom data reveals that 1 in 3 children aged 5-7 use some social media unsupervised. There is some great information and advice available at websites such as NSPCC and UK safer Internet Centre to support you in keeping your child safe online and knowing how to talk to them about this.

SATs

Team Eagles recently completed their Year 6 SATs tests. They approached these with such an excellent attitude, we are very proud of their hard work and determination to reach the goals they had set themselves throughout their preparation.

Deaf Awareness Week

We took time during May to think about how we can make sure that we communicate well with people we know who are deaf or have hearing loss. About 1 in 6 people have hearing loss in the UK and this year's theme was Love and Trust, highlighting the importance of us making sure everyone has communication access as a fundamental human right, regardless of hearing ability. We watched a useful Newsround video which gave hints and tips on how we can each improve how we communicate.

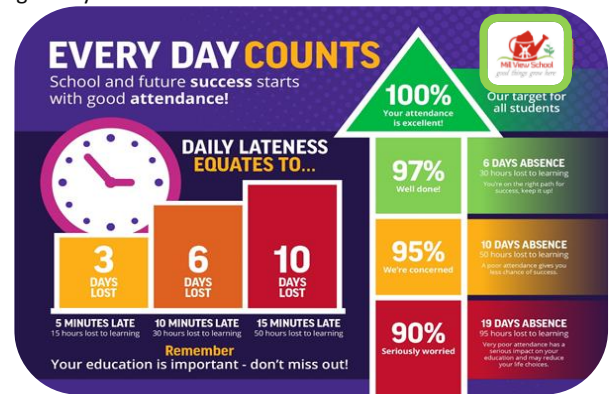
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzI9D9uAVms>

Attendance

We would really appreciate all our families considering the impact of unauthorised absences on their child's learning.

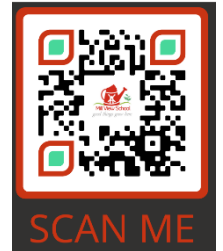
Consistent school attendance lays a solid foundation for your child's academic success and social development, ensuring they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities and important connections with their peers and teachers. Every day counts and by prioritising attendance, you are empowering them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



Pastoral Support

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Ditchfield continue to provide additional pastoral support for a large number of our pupils and we hope to appoint a new Learning Mentor before the end of the Summer term. We are currently advertising for a Learning Mentor. Please share the QR code with anyone you think may be interested in considering applying for the role.



Staffing

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mr Glendenning who has been seconded to another school within Cheshire Academies Trust from September 2024 for a year. Whilst we will really miss him, his skills, expertise and boundless enthusiasm, we know he is going to be a fantastic asset to Woodchurch Road Academy over the coming year!



Working Together

Our teachers are very busy beginning to complete final assessments and prepare end of year reports for all our children and we look forward to sharing these with you on Friday 12th July. 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.

PTA

We are really pleased to have some new parent members on our school PTA and it is wonderful to hear all their new ideas. This is a very friendly group that supports the work of the school and provides all our children with additional resources as well as a range of fun events. Please do support them in any way you can. They will be in touch shortly with further information about our upcoming Summer Fair.



Fundraising

Lia in Team Kestrels is raising money for the Little Princess Trust by having 30cm of her hair cut off over the half term break. Her hair will be sent off to the charity who make wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatments or other conditions. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link https://www.justgiving.com/page/samantha-davies-1715619814793?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsamantha-davies-1715619814793&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfj-share

Best wishes and our kindest regards,

Mrs Gibbons & The Mill View TEAM

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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 2 TERM	Monday 3 rd June
New Starters' Evening for Reception 2024	Tuesday 4 th June at 7.00pm
PTA Meeting at The Bear's paw	Thursday 6 th June at 7.30pm
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Performance (Robins, Sparrows and Owls) Tadpole Rag, Caterpillar Boogie (ticket info will be sent direct)	Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th June at 1.45pm
Whole class transition morning to new class	Friday 21 st June
Whole class transition day to new class	Wednesday 26 th June
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 28 th June
PTA Summer fair	Saturday 29 th June, 12.00-3.00pm
SPORTS DAY & Family Picnic	Friday 5 th July Little Wrens – 10.10-10.40am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 10.45-11.45am Family Picnic on the field (all welcome) - 12.00-1.00pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 1.15pm onwards
Year 5 & 6 Performance (Falcons and Eagles) The Lion King	Wednesday 10 th July at 6.30pm Thursday 11 th July at 1.30 and 6.30pm
School reports published	Friday 12 th July
Little Wrens Leavers' ceremony	Tuesday 16 th July at 9am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 19 th July at 1.15pm
LAST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	Friday 19 th July
SUMMER BREAK	
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 1 TERM	Wednesday 4 th September

We speak the language of learning...

We **communicate** 

We are **creative** 

We are **independent** 

We are **curious** 

We are **determined** 

We are **confident** 

We are **collaborative** 

 above all ... **COMPASSION**