

July 18th 2024

Dear Families

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year!

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the things that have been happening across our school family over the last half term and that you find the additional information and diary dates useful in planning ahead.

We see ourselves as working very much in partnership with you all. We really appreciate all the efforts you make and the support you give your children in their learning and development throughout the year. It is fantastic to be on this adventure alongside you!

The West End Comes to Upton!

Team Falcons and **Team Eagles** put on 3 magnificent performances of **The Lion King** at St Michael's Church, Newton and it was clear to all our audiences how much the children enjoyed being part of the show. They had so many compliments on their singing, dancing and acting and we were even told by someone that had seen the Lion King on the West End, that this production was better than that! Children and staff worked incredibly hard to make this such a success, all our Mill View learning powers shone through and we also raised **£507** in donations towards future school projects. A huge thank you to St Michael's for welcoming us again and allowing us to use their facilities which gave us the opportunity to invite more of our families along.



Tadpole Rag, Caterpillar Boogie

Team Robins, **Team Sparrow** and **Team Owls** put on 2 fabulous performances of their show **Tadpole Rag, Caterpillar Boogie**. Owls led on the narrating and acting with incredible singing and dancing from our Robins and Sparrows. Our audiences gave them well deserved rapturous applause! **£367** in donations was collected towards future school projects.



Expeditionary Learning Projects

Team Falcons were invited to take their project promoting understanding of sustainability to **Chester Town Hall**. They were first up at **Chester University's** inaugural **Festival of Ideas** event. Every child represented our school impeccably and spoke brilliantly about the contents of the videos they had created from the huge stage.



Out and About

Team Hawks went on a trip to **Liverpool** to the **Abdullah Quilliam Mosque** and the **Princess Road Synagogue**. They were made very welcome and had a fantastic time learning about Islam and Judaism at these two amazing venues.



Looking After our Mental Health with Jump into June

A huge thank you to **Mr Morris**, **Mr Glendenning** and all our other special guests who made our daily **Jump into June** morning sessions such a success. It was great to have so many other schools joining us for these online sessions supporting physical and mental health. In total we raised £1612 which will support future projects in school. We will also be donating part of the money raised to KidsBank Chester, who collect and distribute equipment, toys and toiletries to families who are struggling across the area.



In Sporting News

Over the past few weeks Mill View has competed in a **Dodgeball Tournament**, we came runners-up in the **Chester Rounders Event**, our Team Kestrels and Hawks competed in a **Euro football competition** with **Chester FC**, and finally we competed in the **QUAD Athletics** followed by the big **Athletics event at Ellesmere Port Sports Village!** We are so proud of all the pupils who have represented Mill View this academic year - thank you! Mill View has received an **award** for their **contributions to PE and School Sport** for 2023-2024 by the **Chester School Sport Partnership**.



Mill View has also retained its **Schools Games Gold Award** status for the third year running - we're so pleased to share this with you all!

Sports Day

Sports Day 2024 was a huge success and we were all thrilled that the rain stayed off giving us perfect conditions for all our **activities, track events** and **picnic**. It was such a great opportunity to spend time together as a school family.



Staying Safe Online

During the summer holidays, children will inevitably have more access to screen time, especially in the form of the internet. Please consider **creating a family 'tech agreement'** if you don't already have one. This is a great way to **set ground rules** with your child. A family tech agreement answers as many questions as possible about internet and device use so **boundaries are clear** to all family members. It is a good way for the whole family to talk about **safe and responsible online behaviours**.

To create a family agreement, discuss topics like:

- What apps, games, or sites does the family use most?
- What rules do we want to include in our agreement?
- How long should we spend on our devices?
- What information is safe to share (or not)?
- What do we do if we see something inappropriate?
- What email address do we use to sign up for accounts?
- Do we know how to use in-app safety features like blocking and reporting?
- Who can we talk to if we feel uncomfortable with something online?
- Who is safe to talk to?
- What happens when someone breaks the agreement?
- When might parents need to break the agreement for safety?



Often having these agreements in place before an issue or problem arises, allows everyone to deal with it far more positively.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

We promoted the **Cheshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge** in assembly on Monday this week and welcomed staff from Upton Library in on Tuesday. We were excited to hear that they had lots of Mill View families visiting the library following the assembly to sign up for this Summer's reading challenge, **Marvellous Makers**. It is not too late to visit the library and **sign up for the challenge**. This is a great way of **keeping reading habits** going over the **Summer holidays**.



Healthy Hearts and Minds Trail

The children have been enjoying using the Zones and resources on our **Healthy Hearts and Minds Trail** over the past couple of weeks after the official opening on Sports Day when we gave **3 huge cheers for Mrs Hughes!** Every class has had the opportunity to explore the resources and learn all about how to play with the new equipment and look after it. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Hughes' husband, daughter, sister and friends to see the work the children and staff have done to create the trail.



Pastoral Support

We are really pleased to inform you that we have appointed a **new Learning Mentor** who will start with us in September. **Mrs Joy Nicholls** has a huge amount of experience working with children and young people in settings and more recently in social care. We are sure you will all give her a huge Mill View welcome.

Annual Reports

We hope you have all enjoyed reading your child's report and **reflecting on the progress** they have made and their **achievements** throughout this year. As you will appreciate a huge amount of hard work goes into writing individual reports and I know staff have really appreciated all the **lovely feedback** they have received from our families. As some of their **books** from this year are sent home, please take time to look through them together and **celebrate** the progress they have made.

Staffing

We want to wish **Mr Glendenning** and **Miss Hawkins** all the very best in their **new schools** in September. We have loved having them as part of our Mill View Team and very much appreciate all the amazing contributions they have made to our school.

We also want to say **congratulations** again to **Mrs Doyle** as she starts her permanent role as **School Improvement Director** for **Cheshire Academies Trust**. Mrs Doyle's passion and care for our school **TEAM** and ambitious desire to support every single person to achieve their best, has been **transformational** for Mill View.

We look forward to **sharing breakfast** with her on **Friday morning** on the playground!

It has been great to start to get to know our new **Team Kestrels** teacher **Miss Matthew** as she has been into school lots to get to know us.



Saying Farewell!

It has been an emotional couple of weeks as we reflect with our incredible **Team Eagles** on all they have **achieved** at Mill View, their **memories** and **hopes** for the future. They are a truly fantastic group of young people who have shown our learning power of **COMPASSION** again and again through their time with us. We have no doubt they are absolutely ready for their next steps at high school and that they will all be **world changers** in their own unique ways. We look forward to hearing about all their adventures in the future!

We will also be saying **farewell to 13 of our families** when Team Eagles leave us on Friday. It has been a pleasure to be on this journey together over the past 7 years and we wish you all the very best for the future!



Little Wrens

It was a privilege to be part of the **Leavers' Celebrations** for our **Little Wrens** as they get ready to start their Reception year in school. They played together, **performed songs** for their families and had a **presentation ceremony**. Many of our Feathered Wrens will be starting in Team Robins and others will be joining Reception classes in other local schools. We have every confidence that they are ready for Reception and wish them and their families all the very best as they take their next steps in their learning journey!



PTA

I'm sure you all have noticed that our **PTA** has been very busy across the **Summer term** putting on and being involved with a range of events. It has been fabulous to see so many **new people involved** at events and in running the PTA. A **huge thank you** to our PTA Committee, all who have been involved and supported events. As well as providing a lot of **fun** the PTA have raised an **amazing £2413** this term from the **Summer Fair**, providing **refreshments** at events and their **Bags to School** clothes collection.



We wish you all a good Summer break and look forward to hearing your news in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gibbons & The Mill View TEAM

We are the Mill View TEAM
Together Everyone Achieves More



DIARY DATES	
Information regarding school trips and class events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes. MVP holiday dates can be found here https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/holiday-dates/123901	
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1	Friday 19 th July
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 1	Wednesday 4 th September
Sparrows (Year 1) and Owls (Year 2) Reading and Phonics Information on Zoom 6.30pm	Tuesday 10 th September
First PTA Meeting of the year, you are welcome to come and join us at school at 7.30pm	Thursday 12 th September
Reception Robins – parents invited to come and take part in a Phonics session to help you understand how to support your child at home 9.00-9.15am	Wednesday 25 th and Thursday 26 th September
PTA Disco for Reception to Year 6 – further details to follow	Thursday 26 th September
Reception Robins Reading and Phonics Information meeting in person at school. Learn more about how we teach Reading and Phonics at Mill View and how you can best support your child to become a confident reader.	Tuesday 1 st October
Apple Press Family event playground 3.30pm	Tuesday 8 th October
Wellbeing Information after school event – time TBC	Wednesday 16 th October
STEAM week for all classes during school day	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October
PTA Family Bingo School Hall 4.30-6.00pm	Wednesday 23 rd October
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 1 TERM	Friday 25 th October
HALF TERM BREAK	
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM	Tuesday 5 th November
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th November
STEAM week Share the Learning sessions	Week commencing 11 th November
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 29 th November
Robins, Sparrows and Owls Christmas performance at 1.45pm	Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th December
Kestrels, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles Christmas Celebration 1.45pm and 6.00pm	Thursday 19 th December
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM	Friday 20 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**