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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Huge thank you to John Beesley and Russ Baker, our next-door neighbours, at Beesley and Fildes Ltd. for switching on the lights and for their generous donation of bubbles and selection boxes. Also a massive thank you to Neil Fairclough and his band and to Caroline Rawstron, governor.



★ CODY F ★

Please remember Cody F in your thoughts and prayers, Cody F who many of you knew when he was at Millwood, as well as his mum, Emma and her family. He passed away on Tuesday 4 December and will be very much missed by us all.

Millwood Christmas Fair

Wow! Thank you to all the children, parents, carers and staff for a tremendous Christmas Fair! From the delicious treats at the staff bake-off to the creative class stalls and games. A huge thank you also to all those who donated gifts for the raffle—our busiest stall of the day! Thank you also to Millie's Cookies, Body Shop, Vue Cinema, AMF Bowling, Boots (Radcliffe), Carmello's Restaurant (Tottington), Entertainer Toy Shop, Forrest Green Gardening and Teaching Personnel for their kind donations of vouchers and gifts for the raffle.

Staff Bake-off Class stalls



Raffle



Thank You!

A huge thank you to Caroline Rawstron, Hayley Hogg, Becky Savage and all the staff for making this such a fantastic success.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - CHRISTMAS FAIR

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended or supported our Christmas Fair. We were amazed by the generosity of families, friends and the local communi-



ty who donated prizes or spent time and money to come and

support Millwood School. The final total raised has not yet been finalised, however, we know that we have made well over £1000 from the Fair. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible.



THE SNOWMAN TRAIL

On Tuesday 11th December Millwood's 'The Greatest Snowman' will be revealed at a special launch event at Media City. Our snowman is called 'This is Me' as we wanted to encompass all pupils into the design and celebrate what makes us who we are. You may recognise some of the symbols and resources we use in school such as the chew buddy, splints, PECS books and ear defenders as we wanted it to be a true reflection of us as a school. We hope this will inspire you to take a visit to Media City (you can get there by tram and there are also various car parks including disabled access) and follow the large trail and find our very own snowman along the way.

A huge thank you to all our fabulous pupils for what I hope you would agree is a truly unique and incredible design.

Steph and Emily (PE and Art TLR)



THANK YOU

Good Afternoon Helen

Just wanted to pop over a quick email to say thank you so much for letting John and I have the pleasure of turning the lights on today at the school. The pre-light concert was fantastic, and to see the kids all enjoying themselves dancing and smiling was fantastic. Merry Christmas to all of you and best wishes for the New Year

Russ Baker
Branch Manager
Beesley & Fildes Ltd

STORY MESSAGE

Diane in Redvales 1 has been leading weekly Story Massage sessions for over a year. Story Massage combines the benefits of positive touch with the creativity of words - whether as story, rhyme or song. Ten simple massage strokes form the basis of the programme. These strokes have a name, such as The Circle or The Sprinkle, and an easy to recognise symbol making it fully accessible for all ages and abilities.

Redvales 1 are thrilled to have been awarded the Best Practice award for our work with Story Massage, and we continue to enjoy these sessions with our children.

REMINDERS

DINNER MONEY

All dinner monies need to be paid on a Monday morning and **all arrears need to be cleared by Monday 17th December.**

HOSPITAL

If your child is in hospital.....

Please let us know.



SINGING AND SIGNING GROUP

Fantastic carol singing and signing by our pupils in the singing and signing group at Camms Lane School and Fusilier Court.

Hi all,

Can I just say a HUGE thank you to all the children and staff who came to Fusilier Court today, the singing and signing choir just gets better and better....AMAZING! Thanks Shirley!

The residents were so pleased to see the children and they said that "It now feels like Christmas and we brightened everything up."

If anyone can think of anywhere else that would like to see the choir perform in the future please let me know as I want us to get out and about performing as much as we can. We need to show off!!!

Thanks again everyone
Katie

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER OF CAMS LANE, MARIE GRAVES, ON SINGING AND SIGNING GROUP

Your children with Katie and staff were amazing this morning!! Thank you so much. A real credit to your school.

STARS OF THE WEEK



EYFS/KS1



Umamah S for her participation in the Christmas play- fantastic transitioning.



KS1/KS2



Louis G for fantastic dancing at the Holy Cross Christmas party.



Whitelow 1 This week in Whitelow 1 we have been busy preparing our beautiful decorations and Christmas treats. We had a wonderful time at the Christmas fair. We have been celebrating the first week of Advent. We have been exploring an Advent wreath and learning about the story of the First Christmas.



Whitelow 2 It has been a very busy and exciting week in Whitelow 2. The children have been creative in lots of different ways: they have mixed up a huge vat of Magic Reindeer Food for the Christmas Fair, done some beautiful finger painting to make a present for someone special, and they have behaved beautifully and worked hard in all their rehearsals. Go team Donkey!



Whitelow 3 This week we have enjoyed playing with cause and effect toys in ICT.



Whitelow 4 have been learning about Christmas this week! We explored different objects such as tinsels, hats, baubles, and we listened to Christmas songs! We also followed instructions and identified different ingredients to make our Christmas fudge!



Whitelow 5 have had a lovely festive week this week. On Monday we enjoyed the Christmas lights switch on, especially the live music. We also had a fantastic time at the Christmas fair and enjoyed raising lots of money for our school. On Thursday we did our dress rehearsal for the Christmas show. We can't wait for all of our family and friends to see us!



Redvales 1 have had another lovely week. We have enjoyed rehearsing our show, and back in class we have enjoyed our sensory lights and sensory trays to represent



winter. We had a lovely Twinkleboost session, and had a fantastic calm story massage based on "The Snowman".



Redvales 2 We have had a great week! We had a lovely time at our Christmas Fair and have worked really hard on our dance for the Christmas Play.



We have also been taking some Christmas themed photographs to make a calendar, writing in our Christmas cards and dancing to Christmas music!



Redvales 3 This week we have been very busy singing and signing for people in our community. We had a lovely visit to Fusilier Court where we sang Christmas Carols for the residents and had a little tea party.



It was so much fun! We have been making lots of Christmas crafts in class and enjoying writing our lists to Santa.

Redvales 4 We've had a busy week this week! We had a fantastic band here on Monday and had a great time singing and dancing to Christmas songs before the Christmas lights, on our beautiful tree, were turned on. Wow! On Tuesday we had great fun at our Christmas Fair and sold most of the lovely bracelets that we all made. In the afternoon our singers and signers visited Fusilier Court and had an amazing time. On Wednesday we had our Christmas rehearsal and then our older boys went to the Year 6 party run by Holy Cross College. The rest of the week we rehearsed more to make sure our play will be spectacular when you come to watch us.



Redvales 5 have been working hard in Lego Therapy. During these sessions we work on our speaking and listening skills whilst we build different designs.



Redvales 6 have been getting very festive! We enjoyed a sensory story all about a snowman and did some wonderful mark making in flour used to represent the snow. We also thoroughly enjoyed a music concert and experienced the sights and sounds of the Christmas Fair. Next week we look forward to performing in our Christmas production. We hope you like it!!



Irwell 1 have had a great week rehearsing for the Christmas show. We've attended the Christmas fayre and our year 6 children went on a lovely visit to the Holy Cross Christmas party.

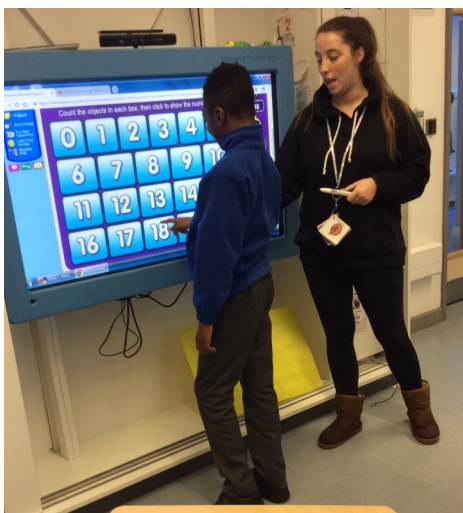


Irwell 2 loved the Christmas fair this week. We sold our hot chocolate reindeers that we worked so hard to make. We enjoyed the music and



the sparkling lights when the Christmas lights were switched on too. This week we have also continued to look at our story, exploring ice and observing what happens when it melts.

Irwell 3 have been very busy this week being superstars in our Christmas show rehearsals. We have also been learning all about our numbers in maths while expanding our I.T knowledge. We even applied our number skills to our music sessions banging the drum for the requested number of beats.



Irwell 4 This week in Irwell 4 we have been busy with lots of Christmas activities. On Monday we had lots of fun at the Christmas Lights switch on, dancing and singing, and we made our Reindeer cakes for the Christmas Fair, which we all enjoyed taking part in, running our stall.



Irwell 5 In Irwell 5 we have been enjoying lots of Christmas activities including the Christmas lights switch on which was brilliant. We have also been working on our turn taking and sharing skills when playing together.



Irwell 6 This week Irwell 6 have been getting in the festive spirit by designing and making our very own Christmas decorations. We loved choosing the different colours and materials and following our design as we did it.

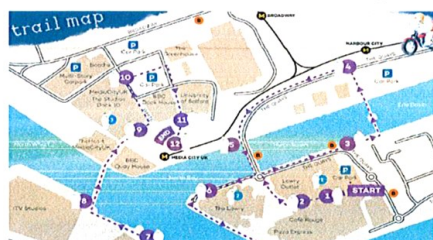


Sports and PE



Hello all, Here's our latest newsletter to give you an insight into what we are doing in school to keep ourselves busy and active. There are opportunities to be active both in and out of school and it would be lovely to see as many people as possible sharing their news.

The Snowman Trail—Media City



Just in case some of you are not aware there is a large snowman trail currently being held around the Lowry and Media City area. This is to celebrate 40 years of The Snowman Story. There are 12 extra large snowmen placed around the area to represent the 12 days of Christmas. On Tuesday 11th December Millwood School will be attending a special launch event to unveil our very own snowman 'The Greatest Snowman'. Who will be inside the Lowry Outlet Mall. This is a collaboration of all of our pupils' designs and what makes us who we are. Please go and see our very special Millwood friend, follow the map along the trail (which is fully accessible) and send a picture into school if you find him. It would be amazing to share these in school. Happy hunting!



Barlow's Beats Vicky Barlow one of our teaching assistants has got most of the school outside and dancing every Friday afternoon



for a dance session over lunch. It has been a huge success and everyone loves it especially the Conga line at the end! Keep up the good work!

Sporting Events

Monday 10th December

AM—Millwood Mile

Tuesday 11th November

AM—Millwood Mile

Total Gymnastics sessions—PM

Snowman Launch event at Media City

Wednesday 14th November

AM—Millwood Mile

Bury FC coaches in—AM

PM- rugby skills session

Thursday 15th November

AM—Millwood Mile

Manchester City FC coach in all day Inc. after school

R6- Snowman walking trail AM

Friday 16th November

AM—Millwood Mile

PM- JP to deliver rugby skills and lunchtime club

Barlow's Beats—Outdoor dance activities with Vicky Barlow —PM

Monday 10th December

AM—Millwood Mile

Tuesday 11th November

AM—Millwood Mile

Wednesday 12th November

AM—Millwood Mile

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher



DON'T FORGET TO MAKE PARTY HATS!
FOR FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER AND MONDAY 17 DECEMBER.