

MILLWOOD NEWS

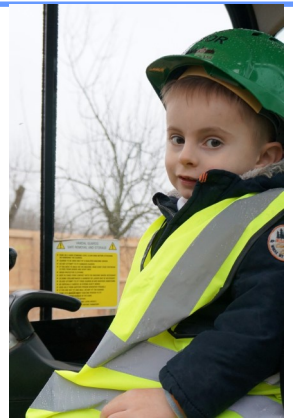
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GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

Well done to Megan and James for digging the ground so well on Tuesday in preparation for the big diggers to help us build our new classrooms. Megan and James will be moving into the new classrooms with their friends as soon as the classes are finished. Many thanks to Pick Everard, project managers, H H Smith, the builders, our governors, staff (especially Joanne for organising), and especially to Cllr Rishi for helping Megan and James. See pictures below, on the website and in the local press. Page 20 of The Bury Times.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Kung Hey Fat Choi to everyone! This is the Year of the Pig which is quite auspicious as it is linked to wealth as far as I understand. I am delighted to be attending an event next week at Christ Church Walshaw, with some of the headteachers I met in China in 2008 when I visited Datong with Bury colleagues. We wish them all a very Happy New Year as well.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The agenda was full at our last school council meeting (please see below). We discussed which PE equipment we think should be purchased, designed a poster about being a good friend for a local competition and even had time to offer our ideas on the new school website. Well done school council for all of your hard work, you are really making a difference to our school.



School Council Minutes 31.01.19

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Soft play equipment.

The children voted for their favourite piece of soft play equipment. It was an extremely close vote but the winning piece of equipment was option 1 (shown here).



3. Icons for the school website.

After discussion with the children they decided that they would like PECS symbols of things that we enjoy at Millwood to be used on the website. The top four icons selected were perform, care, friends and play. Symbols shown below.



4. Hate crimes competition

The children worked together to create a poster about hate crimes. School council decided to focus up friendship and what good friends do to keep a peaceful community.

5. School council certificates



STARS OF THE WEEK



EYFS/KS1



Megan C for her wonderful progress with spoken language.



KS1/KS2



Hanzalah for making a fabulous Chinese dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Whitelow 1 It has been a very exciting and busy week in Whitelow 1 as we celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the pig. We created a "Togetherness Tray", as we learnt that Chinese New Year is a time for friends and relatives to come together, feast, and wish each other well. Together Whitelow 1, filled a tray with



eight different bite-sized treats to share with their friends, as eight is considered a lucky number in China. We made Chinese lanterns and dragons giving the children the opportunity to explore their creative skills.



Whitelow 2 Everyone in Whitelow 2 has had a great time celebrating Chinese New Year: dancing like dragons, greeting each other in true Chinese style - "gung hay fat choy", playing Chinese music on the glockenspiel and developing the tricky skill of eating with chop sticks. Well done everyone.



Whitelow 3 have been busy this week celebrating Chinese New Year. We have been making lanterns and taking part in Chinese dragon dancing.



Whitelow 4 This week Whitelow 4 have been learning about Chinese New Year! We listened to a sensory story, we attempted to write the Chinese numbers up to 3 and we made marks on red paper. In Art we made Chinese fans and we decorated



dragons! During our phonics session, we had fun exploring objects starting with 'a' and we made the letter in a tray with sand.



Whitelow 5 This week two children in Whitelow 5 had a really exciting opportunity. They were invited to a ground breaking ceremony to see where our new classroom is going to be built. The children did an excellent job, helping with digging and they even had the opportunity to sit in a real digger! We are all so excited to watch the progress of our classroom and can't wait to move into it.



Redvales 1 have had a fantastic week celebrating Chinese New Year! We have explored lots of Chinese things such as clothes, chopsticks, a jade bracelet and red envelopes. Plus we have made crafts like fans and pigs (it's the year of the pig), listened and played along to music, and had a lovely sensory session with rice and noodles. Gung hei fat Choi everyone!



Redvales 2 We have had a great week celebrating Chinese New Year! We had great fun creating blossom trees for our Chinese themed art. We also played along to traditional Chinese music using instruments, watched dragon dancing and made our own dragon masks. We really enjoyed tasting noodles and prawn crackers too! We have worked really hard in our Rugby skills PE session this week too!



Redvales 3 have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year this week. We have had lots of fun using spicey playdough, sensory Chinese rice, writing salt and making a Chinese paper drum! We enjoyed a Chinese buffet with our friends.



Redvales 4 Another busy week in our class! We have been learning about different groups of animals and what they all eat. We put all the animals into the correct groups of fish, mammals, insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians. After learning about what the different animals eat we put them into groups of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. On Chinese New Year we acted out the animal race which gave the years their names, putting ourselves into the right places using ordinal numbers.



Redvales 5 have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week. It has been the year of the pig we enjoyed making Pig masks. We also tried a variety of Chinese food. The prawn crackers were our favourite.



Redvales 6 have had another fabulous week! We loved celebrating the Chinese New Year by participating in a range of different activities. These included creating lanterns, Chinese blossom artwork and performing lively and colourful ribbon and dragon dances. Gung hey fat choy!



Irwell 2 have been exploring a new sensory story, "Jack and the Beanstalk" this week. We loved watching as the beanstalk grew, sorting and posting different types of beans and making our own clay bowls with beans in them.



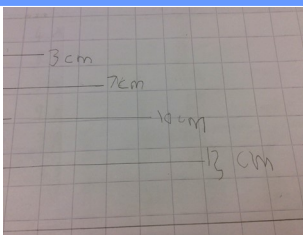
We have also been learning about what plants need to grow and planting our own seeds. On Tuesday we had lots of fun learning about Chinese New Year. We used all

our senses to try different Chinese foods.

Irwell 3 This week in Irwell 3 we have been celebrating Chinese New Year which is the year of the Pig. We made some fruit spring rolls, performed some Chinese drumming, made some dragon masks to perform with and explored the Chinese food, noodles, which we also used to do some mark making. We have had lots of fun!



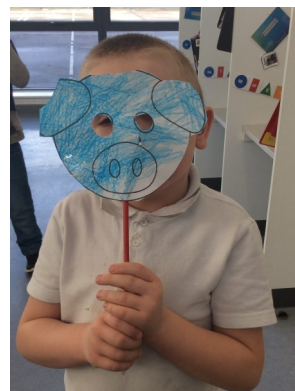
Irwell 4 have been learning to measure and draw lines in cms, Alex did a great job! We have also been role playing exchanging money in a shop. We have learnt all about Chinese New Year including tasting Chinese food, yummy!



Irwell 5 This week in Irwell 5 we've had fun celebrating Chinese New Year! We made dragon masks and Chinese lanterns in art and did dragon dancing in music.



Irwell 6 This week Irwell 6 has been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have made pig masks and dragon puppets.



PROGRESS REPORT FROM BUILDING TEAM



PROGRESS REPORT FROM PROJECT MANAGER

Millwood School- Progress Report No4

1.0 Progress Report

1.1 Progress to Date

Since the previous report No 3 (27/1/19), the contractor has undertaken the following activities:

1. Further excavations and reduced level dig on the site.
2. Completion of Piling foundations.
3. Expansion of site perimeter hoardings to include the rear fire escape as part of the contractors area.
4. The steel cages for the ground beams have begun on site.

1.2 Progress against Programme

Piling has now been completed.

2.0 Progress photos



Extension classroom area with completed pile heads just visible. Note new line of hoarding in the distance.



'Infill' classroom area



Reduced level dig to infill classroom and blinding to new ground beams. Pile heads just visible.



Steel Reinforcement cages for ground beams



Closure of fire escape and protection to Assistant Head teacher's office windows. (Internal hoarding installed to doorway – not visible in photo)

3.0 Project Issues

The intention of this section is to give high level information regarding issues encountered during the project.

1. Piling has now completed with no official recording of further noise issues as reported in the previous weekly report.
2. The School management team have very kindly permitted closure of the rear fire escape which took place successfully on 2nd February 2019.
3. The Laundry room will be subject to works during the Spring break holidays. Discussions are commencing with the Laundry equipment provider (meeting programmed for 8th February). This will be returned to use by the school by the end of the spring break holiday. Furthermore, the disabled WC located off the swimming baths changing area will close to school use at Spring break (1st April) and remain closed until completion of the adjacent new classroom (approximately 3 months).
4. The existing below ground drainage has now been investigated and early indications suggest an incorrect back fall on the pipework and manholes alongside the swimming pool. Formal report awaited. This may need to be reported as a latent defect.
5. Bury MBC and the school have requested an alternative Hoist supplier be approached and this is currently being explored (meeting scheduled for 15th February 2019). GN Healthcare & Chameleon Care approached so far.

4.0 Social Value

In the early stages of the project, the potential for integration between the project and social value matters is being discussed between the contractor and the school. A number of subjects are being discussed in the hope that several opportunities can be incorporated into the project.

The following activities have been arranged to date:

Ground Breaking Ceremony – successfully took place on 5th February.



School pupil/Staff presentation by HH Smith – due 1st March.

HH Smith have appointed Diane Whitfield and Chris Purkiss to deal with Social Value matters.

5.0 Environmental

1. Materials and equipment from the courtyard are being retained for reuse elsewhere in the school.
2. The contractors site compound has been laid out to retain existing trees and avoid any removal.
3. The proposed design will use the existing grey water collection system.

6.0 Works planned over next Four weeks

During the next four weeks, leading up to the mid-term spring holiday, the following activities are planned to both the infill and extension classrooms:

- Foundation laying
- Floor slab installation

The contractor intention is to install the building steel frame during the February half term holiday.

The following designs will continue:

- Structural foundation design (issued 1st February 2019)
- Steel frame
- Architectural
- Mechanical & Electrical Services including heating, sprinklers, security systems etc.

This information is indicative and purposely not attempting to cover all individual work activities.



Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher

