



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

NEWSLETTER

June 2023

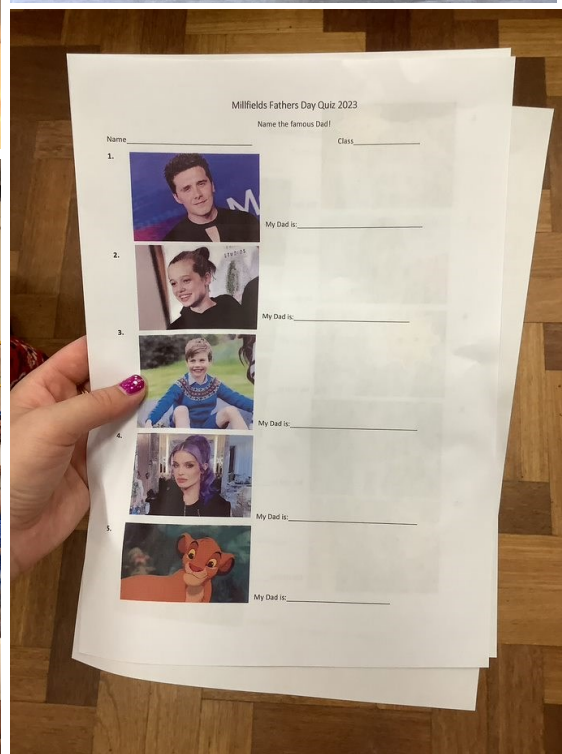


Fathers Day Breakfast

We hope everyone who came to our Fathers Day breakfast last week enjoyed it and we thank you all for coming!

We had a lovely time hosting and we'd like to thank our lovely kitchen staff for cooking and serving the food!

Also congratulations to our (harder than anticipated!) quiz winners, Abigail R and her dad!



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50 years of Millfields mosaic

This month, all of our pupils have had the chance to add pieces to our new mosaic celebrating 50 years of Millfields. It is now having the final touches added and we can't wait to see the final result unveiled at our Golden Jubilee!



Sports Day



We had a fantastic time at our Sports Day, taking part in lots of different sports and cheering everyone on. Well done to all the children- the weather managed to hold out and we had a great time taking part and celebrating. We hope those who watched enjoyed it too!



Forest school open afternoons.

We all enjoyed the open afternoon activities this week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers.







The children had great fun exploring the site with their family member. They were keen to show off the skills they have learned during this year.



This jacket has been in school for a few weeks. It has no name labels but looks very new and was found in the bag in the photo. If it belongs to you, please contact the office and let us know what colour the trousers are, that go with it.



It was really handy to have lots of adult help to show the children safe tool use.





Friends Of Millfields

Summer Fair 8th July- Volunteers Needed!

We have the following volunteering slots available & cannot run the fair without you! Many of you at the father's day breakfast needed to check with the boss - So... Dad's - now it's time to ask your social secretary if you can help! Please drop us an email to: friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk if you can help! Thank you.

Set up:

Friday evening 6 - 8pm

Saturday morning 9 - 11am

Set down:

Saturday 3-5pm

Welcome stall - 3 volunteers needed:

1x 11am - 1pm

2x 1- 3pm

Teddy tombola:

1x 11 - 1pm

1x 1 - 3pm

Merlin Wands:

1x 11am - 1pm

1x 1 - 3pm

Festival Glitter - currently only open 1pm - 3pm

2 x 1pm - 3pm

(if more volunteer come forward, we can open this stall for longer during the fair - then we will need an extra 3x 11am - 1pm)

Glitter Tattoos

2x 11am - 1pm

1x 1pm- 3pm

1x 12 - 1pm

1x 2pm- 3pm

Bar

1x 1- 3pm

Kitchen

1x 11am - 1pm

Pokemon Trading Stall

1x 1 - 3pm

Throwing Games

1x 12 - 1pm

1x 11am - 1pm

1x 1 - 3pm

Ice Cream: currently only open 1 - 3pm. With more volunteers we can open this for longer





School Day Timings September 2023

Following our requirement to increase the school day, we have now had responses back from parents who overwhelmingly wanted the 10 minutes extra to be at the end of the day.

Therefore, the school day timings for September 2023 will be as follows:

Year 4	Back Playground	8:40– 3:20
Year 3	Back Playground	8:50– 3:30
Year 2	Front Playground	8:50– 3:30
Year 1	Front Playground	8:45– 3:25
Reception	Front Playground	8:40– 3:20
Willow	Front Playground	8:40- 11:40; 12:20- 3:20



School Gateway

Important Information

Childcare Vouchers

If you pay for your before and after school club care using childcare vouchers or via funds from your Government Gateway account, please can you make sure your balance is at zero by the end of the term. We will be notifying parents who still have an outstanding balance at the beginning of July of the amount and asking them to clear it. If you have any queries or would like your balance confirmed before then please let us know by emailing juniper@millfields.worcs.sch.uk.

Booking for events

At our recent Father's Day event we had several people who made a payment for the event but did not follow the process through and actually book their slot. Fortunately, this was spotted on the day before the event and we were able to add the bookings and buy extra food. We have raised the issue with the app company and asked them to look into a solution. However, until this happens please can we remind parents that if they make a payment they must make sure they also make a booking, failure to do this in the future may mean we are unable to accommodate you at the event.



Uniform

Please can we remind everyone that school uniform should be worn at all times. Please can children with long hair have it tied back for school as this helps prevent headlice.



Holidays in term time

As you may be aware the Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. The Governors of our school support this appeal. Pupils will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances, all other absences (including holidays) will be unauthorised.

As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with Worcestershire County Council policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent, per child, increasing to £120 each if not paid within 21 days.

Our key priority is to ensure that your child is as successful as possible and able to achieve their full potential. We hope that you are able to support this decision in line with the Local Authority and Government policy a leave is restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.



Our Newsletter will feature a book recommendation each month. This months review is from Oak Class.

Oak Class Book Review.

Book name: Space Boy

Author: David Walliams

Reviewed by: Seth

What is the story about: The story is about a space boy who has crashed on Earth - or did he?

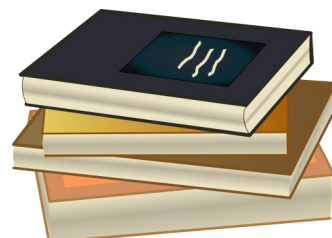
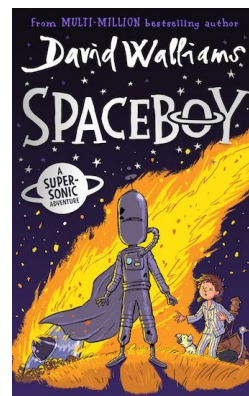
He is met by a girl called Lucy who tries to help him by showing what the World is like.

The twist in the story is that they are both homeless and the boy didn't come from space.

They help each other to find a new home.

Why do I like this book?: I like the book because it is an adventure book and it is exciting.

Who would I recommend the book to?: I would recommend this book for children over 7.





Tesco Grant for "Buddy Bus Stops"

We're in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant. It's a scheme which gives grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers will now vote in store during July until the end of September to decide how much funding we get.

We want to install two 'Buddy Bus Stops' sometimes called a friendship bench as they are a way for students to signal to others that they are feeling lonely and isolated and need a friend to play with or someone to talk to.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your family and friends.

2504 Barnt Green Bham Exp B45 8NE
5000 Marlbrook Brmsgrv Exp B60 1DL
6447 Redditch Brockhil Exp B97 6PH
3262 Lodge Park Express B98 7LB
3084 Redditch Extra B98 7RU

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:
<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

So please support us next time you shop at Tesco!



Moving Up Day

Another school year is drawing to a close already!

You will be notified in the next couple of weeks which class your child will be in come September. Children will then have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher, their new class mates and will be able to spend some time in their new classrooms. This "Moving Up" day will be taking place on Monday 17th July.



Dates for your Diary

Panto Friday 22nd December at 10am



Meals

Please make sure book your child's meal even if they are entitled to universal free meals. We have several parents that repeatedly don't pre-book but expect their child to be fed.

This is becoming increasingly difficult for the kitchen. If you do not pre-book we cannot guarantee that your child will be fed and if we are able to feed them it probably won't be their first choice. We are asking parents to help us by booking!



Free School Meals

We would encourage anybody who thinks they may be eligible, to apply for Free School Meals, even if your child receives the Universal Free School Meals (Reception—Year 2). Children eligible for Free School Meals also get additional support - e.g. help towards paying for school trips and uniform, and as long as the Government is still doing it, food vouchers for certain school holidays. It also helps the school as we receive extra money so that we can put in more support if your child needs it.

We just want to make sure that all our families get everything that they are entitled to.

It doesn't take long to apply, and you can do so here:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/
applying_for_free_school_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)



Charity Fund Raising



Thank you to everyone who donated money on "Yellow Day". We raised a brilliant £245.60 which was split between the Primrose Hospice and Young at Heart.





Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during June 2023



Acorns C



Acorns N



Holly



Maple



Beech



Rowan



Cedar



Cherry



Hazel



Oak



Forest School

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 9th June 2023

Holly: Monica for being focussed and working independently. She is working incredibly hard at the moment. Keep it up Monica.

Maple: Ava always works hard in everything that she does and is a helpful and kind member of the class.

Beech: Bella R for always having a superb attitude to learning, trying her very best and setting a fantastic example to others. Well done!

Forest School: Oliver in Oak for trying his absolute best at today's activity. You made a fantastic Medusa from natural materials.

Hazel: Olly for always being such a superstar and helping around the classroom, taking on responsibility. Well done Olly.

Oak: Noah B for always being polite, helpful and fun to be around. I really enjoy our conversations Noah, thank you.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 9th June 2023

Rowan: Bartek for his excellent manner. Thank you for always being so polite!

Cedar: Amy D for always being kind and considerate. You are helpful around the classroom and thoughtful when needed. Thank you Amy!

Cherry: Elsie H for being kind, caring and trustworthy. You are a helpful person to have in Cherry.

Acorns N: Dylan for fabulous number recognition to 100 and for recognising the pattern of numbers on the 100 square. Well done Dylan!

Acorns C: Lily-Rose P for being a really kind friend when another child needed help to see how to make the right choices. Lily-Rose was really helpful and respectful.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 16th June 2023

Holly: Mia G for being a good friend and showing respect to others.

Maple: Arcee for always being the first to offer to help or do a job in the classroom. He is always thinking about what needs to be done and helps to keep the classroom running smoothly. Thank you Arcee.

Beech: Finlay for being an absolute pleasure to have in Beech class. You always try your best and tackle challenges with a smile! Thank you Finlay!

Forest School: Blake in Acorns C for showing a kind hand to nature as he played gently with a worm.

Oak: Bromley S for showing tolerance, patience and understanding in her friendships.

Hazel: Paige for making a huge effort to be more independent and work hard in her lessons. Keep it up Paige!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 16th June 2023

Rowan: Amelia for always being helpful in class and making sure everyone has what they need and are ready to learn. Thank you!

Cedar: Fran for being a considerate and kind member of Cedar. I can always rely on you to help others and tackle any challenge given. Thank you Fran.

Cherry: Chloe for using fantastic team work at Lakeside!

Acorns N: Georgia for always being kind and helpful and always rising to a challenge. Well done Georgia!

Acorns C: Reggie. He always shows kindness to others and this week he has been willing to change his plans to fit in with the plans of others.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 23rd June 2023

Holly: Saffron R for working with growing independence. Keep it up Saffron!

Maple: Esme R for working hard to become more independent in her work in class. Well done Esme.

Beech: Evan H for always being a helpful member of the class. You set a great role model to others Evan. Well done and keep it up!

Rowan: Olivia for always looking after your friends and encouraging them to make the right choice. Thank you!

Cedar: Archie F for being a great sport and helping others at sports day. Thank you Archie.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 23rd June 2023

Forest School: Ronan and Esme in Maple for team work and determination to finish the job (washing mud kitchen pots and pans).

Hazel: Harmony for trying hard this week to be helpful to others and being more independent in the classroom. Well done Harmony!

Cherry: Olivia for always treating everybody with kindness and respect

Oak: Finley J, Noah B and Xanti W for offering to share their winning stickers with someone else. A very kind thought, thank you.

Acorns N: George for being a kind and supportive friend when they needed help. Thank you George.

Acorns C: Tate for being a good friend to others and showing great team work during sports day

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 30th June 2023

Holly: Amelie W for displaying determination and resilience this week. Amelie has been trying to defeat the cargo net independently since the trim trail arrived. On Thursday, she did it! Well done Amelie!

Maple: Harlow W for always being ready to listen and learn. He is a great role model in the class.

Beech: Flynn for always having a fantastic attitude to learning. You try your best in each and every lesson. Well done!

Rowan: Jenson for his excellent attitude to writing. You are showing greater independence also. Well done. Keep this up!

Cedar: Harriet M for being kind and caring towards others when she recognised they were upset.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 30th June 2023

Forest School: Sabariyah in Acorns N for being a great role model.

Hazel: Daisy for her kindness and patience and for being a wonderful friend. Well done Daisy!

Oak: Freya F for making me smile and always being so bubbly and enthusiastic. You're a delight Freya.

Acorns N: Luke— he is a kind friend and always helps his friends and teachers.

Acorns C: George T for showing great kindness by drawing a detailed picture for a friend and making adjustments when requested without complaining.

Cherry: Verity for always having a great independence towards your learning, and being helpful and respectful in the classroom



Reader Of The Week!

Teachers will now nominate a child in their class to be reader of the week- well done to this months readers of the week who have really impressed us with their reading skills!

9th June 2023



Oak: Seth W for always having a good book in his hand and for reading so enthusiastically. Great reading Seth!



Cedar: Isla R for having a superb attitude to her reading both at home and school.



Rowan: Ferne for her love of reading. After you have completed your work you always ask to read a book, keep enjoying spending time in the book corner!



Maple: Imogen for reading a more challenging book with enthusiasm. She is developing a love of reading and improving in fluency



Cherry: Connor for having a brilliant attitude to reading in school and at home!



Beech: Amelia H for her fantastic reading at home. It's lovely to see how much you're enjoying your stories!



Acorns C: Josef P for super fluent reading



Acorns N: Harry for being so engaged and participating so well in Guided Reading. Well done Harry!



Holly: Jaxson S is trying so hard with his reading and is showing a real enjoyment of it. Keep up the hard work Jaxson!



Hazel: Samuel for always making a big effort with reading at home and when in school. You're a reading superstar Samuel! Well done.

16th June 2023



Oak: Seth for giving us a detailed account of a book he is reading during our story assembly. Thank you Seth.



Cedar: Alaska for working hard with your reading and using your phonics. Well done Alaska!



Rowan: Kyle for working really hard in phonics and reading lots of different real and alien words.



Maple: Tommy for working very hard in phonics and reading his book independently by breaking the words into sounds.



Cherry: Maribelle for always reading at home and having a great attitude towards the reading.



Beech: Gracie D for her love and enthusiasm towards reading. Keep it up Gracie we can't wait for you to bring your story in for story assembly next week!



Acorns C: William R. He is working hard and showing much more fluency in his reading.



Acorns N: Missy for having the confidence to join in during guided reading and when reading words in phonics. You are blending and segmenting words really well now Missy. Well done!



Holly: Amelia for always reading at home and for super expression and comprehension. Well done!



Hazel: Lena for always reading at home and doing her best to improve her reading skills. Well done Lena!

23rd June 2023



Oak: Poppy D for being a real bookworm! Keep it up Poppy.



Cedar: Arianna for always being excited to read. A great attitude to have!



Rowan: Oliver for using fantastic expression when reading aloud!



Maple: Ollie for being keen to read and reading at home with his family.



Cherry: Charlotte for having a brilliant understanding of what you have read.



Beech: Owen W for his wonderful use of expression when reading. It's lovely to hear all of the different characters voices! Well done!



Acorns C: Reuben for trying really hard with his reading and recognising lots of words on sight.



Acorns N: Abbey for her enthusiasm and eagerness to read. You are reading with great fluency and expression. Well done!



Holly: Monica M for excellent reading, using expression and thinking carefully about the comprehension questions.



Hazel: Emily for being such an enthusiastic reader and always reading at home. Well done Emily!

30th June 2023



Oak: Billy K



Cedar: Arianna for always being excited to read. A great attitude to have!



Rowan: Minnie for confidently talking about the text we had read and making links to her own experiences.



Maple: Harry for becoming more fluent in his reading.



Cherry: Dom for reading with great expression and regularly reading at home.



Beech: Ava for her enthusiasm towards our end of day story. It's lovely to see how much you're enjoying it!



Acorns C: Joseph H for trying really hard and doing well with his reading.



Acorns N: Piper for super expression in her reading.



Holly: Eliana C for making such fantastic progress with her reading since starting at Millfields. Keep up the hard work Eliana!



Hazel: Lena for a brilliant attitude to reading at home and for making great progress this year. Well done Lena!



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Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Whitsun: Monday 27th May 2024



Monday 5 th June TED - school closed		
Tuesday 6 th June	School re-opens	All
Tuesday 13 th June	Lakeside Trip	Year 3
Wednesday 14 th June	Black Country Living Museum Trip	Year 4
Thursday 15 th June	Acorns N Assembly for Parents	Acorns N
Friday 16 th June	Father's Day Breakfast (slots to book starting at 8am- first slot, last slot 10am) Booking now open 'Yellow Day'	All
Wednesday 21 st June	Cherry Class assembly for Parents 9am	Cherry Class
Thursday 22 nd June	Sports Day	(Years R-4)
Week of 26 th - 30 th June	Forest school open afternoons	Monday - Holly Tuesday- Acorns N Wednesday-Acorns C Thursday-Oak Friday-Cedar
Wednesday 28 th June	Acorns C assembly for Parents 9am	Acorns C
Wednesday 5 th July	Beech class assembly for Parents 9am	Beech Class
Thursday 6 th July	Millfields Golden Jubilee Celebration (street party meal booked in usual way)	All
Week of 10 th - 14 th July	Forest School open mornings	Monday-Hazel Tuesday-Maple Wednesday-Beech Thursday-Cherry Friday-Rowan
Wednesday 12 th July	Rowan class assembly for Parents 9am	All
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' assembly for parents 2pm	Year 4
Friday 21 st July	Special lunch chosen by leavers (book in usual way)	All
Tuesday 25 th July End of Term		