

## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT MILLFIELDS!**

After weeks and weeks of hard work by all our children and staff, we have had an amazing couple of weeks this month performing our Nativity and Carol Services for our parents, carers and families. We are so proud of all our children for all their singing and dancing and for putting on such good shows—we think you'll agree it was fantastic! Thank you to all our families who made it possible too, making costumes, sending in outfits, helping learn lines and practising words to songs and for coming along to watch the performances and support the children. It was a joy to see so many of our families come to school to join us enjoy the performances.





## Festive Fun in Maple Class

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Maple class made their own Christmas cookies. The children discussed how to make the dough and then how to cut out the cookie shapes. Each child had a go at cutting out their own Christmas cookie and then placed them on the tray ready to be baked. A big thank you for Claire and Amanda in the kitchen for baking our cookies for us.



The children were so excited to eat their cookies that we didn't have enough time to take a photo of the finished cookies so you will have to see photos of the children eating them. The children really enjoyed their cookies and even wanted seconds!



## SANTA DASH!

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, thousands of schools up and down the country all got involved in the National School Games Santa Dash and Millfields was no exception! It was such fun to see lots of our pupils (and staff!) actively moving around our school in a Christmas jumper—there may have been the odd Santa hat or Reindeer antlers worn too!



## Mrs Montandon's Tea Party

Mrs Montandon invites a child from each class to have a drink and cake with her each half-term. This is to celebrate consistently good behaviour and good manners in class. Those invited to the Tea Party were Mila C (Willow Class), Tilly J (Acorns C), Zoe B (Acorns N), Ella S (Holly), Bo S (Maple), Eliana C (Beech), Jack R (Rowan), Oliver R (Cedar), Owen W (Cherry), Hazel (Connor G), Emily S (Oak)



Well done to everyone who was invited to the Tea Party—we hope that you all had a wonderful time!



# Acorns in Wonderland!

Acorns had a wonderful day out at Wonderland in Telford last week. The children were all brilliantly behaved and even had their own personal Elves who showed them around the park. Children saw the Post Store where our letters to Santa are delivered and even met Santa and were given a present!

Later on, we helped Mrs Claus to make a special mince pie for Santa and put our Christmas wishes in it! We looked around the Fairy Tale Cottages and went on some exciting rides! We finished our visit with a funny story from the Elves.





# December Forest School



December has been a fun month at forest school and we have tried lots of different activities. The weather doesn't hold us back, in fact, we love playing in mud! We have also had fun playing with the ice and frost on the really cold days.

We have learned that if we have enough layers on, and move around, we stay really warm and cosy. We have also learned the tough way, that knitted gloves are not water-proof and our hands get freezing!



Year 3 children have been learning about the Stone Age this term, and our last session on this topic saw the beginning of farming and our ancestors learning to make simple bread. We made flat bread on the fire, which we enjoyed with jam (our ancestors may have had similar with crushed berries and honey).







We have enjoyed many craft projects this month. Some of them have been Christmas linked; clay reindeer, different types of Christmas cards and decorations.



We have also made bird feeders to help the wild birds during the harsh winter. Some of us have whittled and decorated wands.

We are so lucky to have the green classroom to use in really bad weather or when we get too cold.







We are always keen to practise our tool skills.

Year 4 have started their Ancient Egyptian topic and were keen to make a Shaduf (a bucket with a counter-balance to obtain water for the fields).



We love using the apple spiralizer to make apple springs.







We all like making dens, Christmas themed builds like sleighs, and playing together outside.



We have enjoyed Christmas stories, fires and time in the fresh air.

Please continue to dress us up warmly in old, suitable clothes.



**We would love donations of your real Christmas trees for us to play with.**





**Book Reviews from Beech.** This month we have a couple of book reviews from Beech to enjoy! The first one is Rory and The Monstersitters by Rosie Reeve and then we have The Dinosaur That Pooped A Princess by Tom Fletcher! Have you read either of these books?!

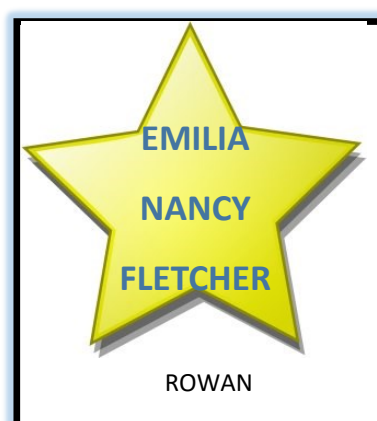
<p>My Book Review by: <u>Isla MR</u></p> <p>Book Title: <u>Rory and the</u> <u>monstersitters</u></p> <p>I give this book:</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>	<p>Fiction or Non-Fiction</p> <p>The book was about <u>his parents</u> <u>left and then the</u> <u>monsters came.</u></p> <p>My favourite part was <u>I like</u> <u>he has a mangling machine</u> because <u>it is nice to use</u> <u>it.</u></p>
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<p>My Book Review by: <u>Bella B</u></p> <p>Book Title: <u>The DINOSAUR that</u> <u>POOPEd A PRINCESS!</u></p> <p>I give this book:</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> or Non-Fiction</p> <p>The book was about <u>Danny and</u> <u>DINOSAUR Rating and</u> <u>POOPING WHILE looking</u> <u>for the PRINCESS!</u></p> <p>My favourite part was <u>when he</u> <u>pooped</u> because <u>it was sunny</u></p>
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# 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 November 2023.





*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 1st December 2023

**Acorns C:** Finney for being super helpful around class and always kind to others. Setting a great example to everyone around her.

**Acorns N:** Hunter for being the first person to offer help and for being a lovely friend to the other children. Thank you, Hunter.

**Holly:** Freddie K for making good choices! We are all proud of you, Keep it up!

**Maple:** Kate H for always making the right choice and focussing brilliantly. Well done!

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**Rowan:** Harlow-Ruby for an improved attitude to maths. Well done, Harlow! Keep this up!

**Beech:** Logan for becoming more of an independent learner! Well done, Logan!

**Cedar:** Sophia L for staying focused on tasks and giving each challenge 100%. Keep up the hard work, Sophia!

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Friday 1st December 2023

**Cherry:** Harrison W for always being so polite and respectful. Harrison has brilliant manners—always saying please and thank you!

**Hazel:** Jasmine for always sticking to the 3 Rs. You always have such a brilliant attitude to school, Jasmine! Well done!

**Oak:** Mollie-Mai B for working hard, always trying your best and for wonderful manners. We are so proud of you, Mollie.!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 1st December 2023

**Forest School:** Izzy in Cedar for being a good role model to her class. Thanks, Izzy!



*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 8th December 2023*

**Acorns C:** EVERYONE! For a super performance of a Whoops A Daisy Angel in front of the school and our families. Having never performed in front of an audience before we were all very proud of how well they all sang, danced and performed! Well done, everyone!

**Acorns N:** All of Acorns N for having the confidence to perform our Nativity so brilliantly. You learned your lines so well and sang and danced beautifully. We are very proud of all of you. Three Cheers for Acorns N!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 8th December 2023*

**Holly:** Adalyn for always being a helpful member of our class and a fantastic role model for others. You are always willing to go the extra mile. Thank you!

**Maple:** Bo for always being kind, making really good choices and showing others how to do the same! Keep it up!

**Rowan:** Tom for excellent effort in maths this week and for being able to identify different properties of 3D shapes. Well done.!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 8th December 2023*

**Beech:** Chloe for performing in our dress rehearsal with confidence and independence. We are so proud of you!

**Cedar:** Gracie-May D for always being kind and helpful to others both in class and around school. Lovely qualities to have, Gracie-May.

**Cherry:** Olivia M for being really focussed and completing her work well and in good time! Keep it up, Olivia!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 8th December 2023*

**Hazel:** Archie for always being thoughtful and kind to his peers. Well done, Archie!

**Oak:** Isla for always trying her very best and setting an excellent example to others.

**Forest School:** Monica in Beech for always doing the right thing, for being kind to others and for always having a bright smile.



*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 15th December 2023

**Acorns & C:** Bobbie for being really brave and for showing great perseverance. We're so proud of her!

**Acorns & N:** Theo for being really helpful in class

**Holly:** Lottie H for always trying her absolute best and being enthusiastic in everything she does. Well done, Lottie! Keep it up!

**Maple:** Sabariyah for always making the right choices and being a super role model

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 15th December 2023

**Rowan:** Esme for always trying her best in class and for being a kind and caring friend to her peers. Thank you.

**Beech:** Freddie for performing with confidence and independence in our Nativity and being very helpful by stepping into the role of Joseph at the last minute! You did a fantastic job, Freddie!

**Cedar:**

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 15th December 2023

**Cherry:** Jackson P for trying his best at everything and settling into Millfields life so well!

**Hazel:** Koda for setting such a great example to others with his hard work in class

**Oak:** Theo for always trying his best and being kind and thoughtful to others.

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Friday 15th December 2023

**Forest School:**

Theo in Oak for always being a kind and helpful member of the class.

Jess in Rowan for always listening, trying her very best and being a brilliant role model.



**Reader Of The Week!** Teachers 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!

**1st December 2023**

**Acorns C:** Luther for trying so hard and practicing regularly; he is able to blend independently and is remembering lots of our new tricky words.

**Acorns N:** Finley! You are able to blend and segment your letters to read words now Finley. You have clearly been practicing your skills at home! I'm very proud of you!

**Holly:** Dylan H for his enthusiasm in our phonics lessons. You are always excited to learn our new sounds! Well done!

**Maple:** Lottie F for always reading at home and becoming a fluent reader. Well done!

**Beech:** Edith for reading her Greggs Sausage Roll book to the whole class with confidence and fantastic expression!

**Rowan:** Atticus for always being enthusiastic during guided reading sessions and confidently discussing the book.

**Cedar:** Jesse for working hard to develop his reading and comprehension skills. Well done, Jesse.

**Cherry:** Kyle Read Kent for working hard in phonics and reading practice.

**Hazel:** Layla for her beautiful reading in assembly this week. We all enjoyed your reading of the book. Well done!

**8th December 2023**

**Acorns C:** Oliver for learning and remembering the tricky words we have learned so far!

**Acorns N:** William for knowing all of his tricky words to date and reading our class sentences with great expression. Well done, Will!

**Holly:** Albie C for his love of reading and enthusiasm for end of day story! It's lovely to see how much you are enjoying them!

**Maple:** Jacob R for always reading at home and always reading with expression

**Beech:** Bella for always reading at home, and having a great love of reading.

**Rowan:** Bella for fantastic reading comprehensions this week. You read aloud to the class with great expression and fluency. You were able to use the text to help you answer the questions.

**Cedar:** Robbie C for lovely reading when reading aloud Stuart Little to the class

**Cherry:** Josiah for fabulous answers during the comprehension element of guided reading this week.

**Hazel:** Charlotte for superb detailed answers in comprehension. Well done, Charlotte.



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**15th December 2023**

**Acorns C:** Talia for reading our daily sentence really well, recognising tricky words and digraphs in the sentence before we read it together!

**Acorns N:** Scarlett for being such an enthusiastic participant when reading individual words and sentences in phonics. Well done, Scarlet!

**Holly:** Elias V for his amazing use of phonics this week. You are working your socks off, Elias! Keep it up!

**Maple:** James P for his fabulous and fluent reading and achieving a great score in his phonics assessment.

**Beech:** Ronan for working incredibly to use your phonics when reading. You're now reading like a superstar!

**Rowan:** Harry for excellent fluency and use of expression. You are a pleasure to hear read!

**Cedar:** Ali D for excellent expression and fluency when reading aloud to class.

**Cherry:** Ava-Rose for excellent comprehension work in guided reading

**Hazel:** Connor for always working hard on his reading at home. Well done, Connor!

**Oak:** Spencer for reading regularly at home and recording it in his diary



# Times Table Rockstar Champions

## 1st December

The winners this week with an accuracy of **98%** are...

### Beech Class!

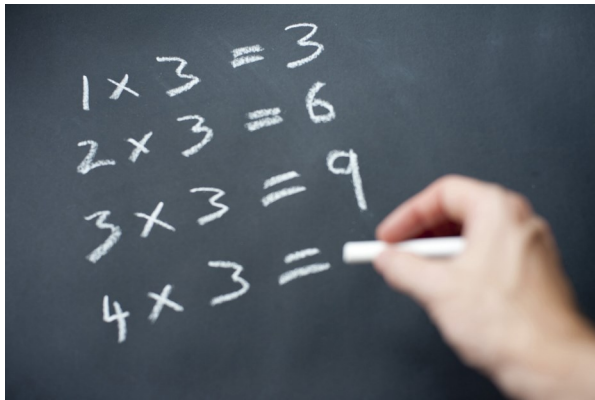
There was only 31% active players across the school so let's see if we can get that number up in December!

## 8th December

The winners this week with a accuracy of **98%** are...

### Holly Class!

There was 37% of active players this week...which is better than the first week of December...can get our numbers up again next week? We are heading in the right direction—let's keep going!



## FINAL WEEKLY WINNERS OF 2023!

With an accuracy of 96.4% and 31% active players, the winners of the last week of 2023 are...OAK CLASS!

I wonder who will win start 2024 as TTRS winners when we're back in January?!



## Finally, a message from Mrs Montandon...

Wow, what a busy Autumn Term we've had here at Millfields! We have really enjoyed being able to welcome our families and to show you the variety of activities that your children do at Millfields. We've had Book Fairs, Harvest Assembly, Children in Need as well as the fantastic Sharing Day in November and our amazing recent Christmas performances. Autumn Term has also provided us with our annual Lantern Walk which was a huge success and, along with many initiatives led by The Friends, raised much needed funds for the School. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for joining in with so many of our special days.

We would also like to say a BIG thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that have been coming steadily into School as we neared the end of Term —these are not at all expected but so very appreciated.

All that's left for me to say is that I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back in 2024 where another busy Term with lots of fantastic learning opportunities and indeed another Sharing Day awaits!

Have a wonderful festive break from everyone here at Millfields! We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 9th January

**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**

