

Sharing Day fun!

Thursday 9th November was Sharing Day here at Millfields First School. The Sharing Day was an exciting opportunity for parents / carers to come in to our school and to share in an activity with their child. Read on to find out what Year 1 and Year 4 did on this fantastic day!

Year 1 invited adults in make our very own hedgehog in line with their current topic! The children and their adults worked together to create a beautiful hedgehog out of paper plates or clay. 'I feel like I am back in my art lessons!' said one parent. 'This is so exciting,' said another parent. The children really enjoyed working with their adults and were able to take their finished hedgehog home.



Year 4 invited parents and carers to come in and join the children to make poppies for Remembrance Day and then made a beautiful display with the results.



Stone Age Day

On Thursday 9th November Year 3 had a Stone Age Day. The day began with a history lesson about homes from the Stone Age, how they were built and what they were built from. The children then worked in teams to create Stone Age houses from clay and straw. The children also learnt about what people used to wear and what their clothes were made from. They compared this with clothes that they wear today. As part of sharing day, parents were also invited to share some of our learning, working with their children to create Stone Age jewellery, to wear with their 'animal skin' outfits. The children also learnt about tools; their names, how they were made and their uses, before creating their own and striking a pose. We also created cave art, using paint, chalk and charcoal to tell a story. In addition, the children were invited to taste test a variety of berries and honey. Fortunately they did not have to forage these for themselves! The children had a wonderful day and can confidently talk about their learning from this.



Pumpkin Carving Competition

The Friends of Millfield First School arranged for a Pumpkin Carving competition for children and adults to take part! Entries were judged by Mrs Montandon with each a Winner and Runner Up from each year group! The winners received a bucket of Hallowe'en goodies and the Runners Up received a medal! Thank you to everyone who entered and got involved! Take a look below at a couple of the winning entries from the competition.



Pudsey Says Thank you!

Children In Need was on Friday 17th November and the school looked lovely with all the children in brightly coloured and spotty clothes! The donations have all been counted and sent to Children In Need.

We are delighted to say that Millfields First School raised £254.10!

Thank you for all your donations!



Lantern Walk Extravaganza!

On Thursday 29th November Millfields First School held our annual Lantern Walk Event!

The Forest School area looked lovely and festive and the lanterns that the children had made were really effective in lighting the way up to the Forest School Area during the lantern parade. There were delicious hot dogs, mulled wine and juice to enjoy too! We also had a very special guest with us—Santa was here at Millfields—photographic proof is below! Santa had a great time meeting all the children and our families!

Over 500 tickets were sold and all the money we raise goes back to supporting our lovely children in school. Thank you so much to Forest School and Staff at Millfields for all their hard work as well as all our families that came out to make the event a success. We hope that you all had a wonderful time!



More photos and feedback from our Lantern Walk...



"We all had a lovely night, thank you!"



"I just wanted to thank all staff, children and friends at Millfields for a fantastic lantern walk last night. Everyone involved makes such an effort to make it a great event. "



"Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the lantern walk happen last night"



Forest school this month—November 2023



Making our lanterns.



In **Acorns** we have been enjoying playing with the Autumn leaves; using them to practise threading, colours, shapes and sizes as well as the fun of mixing them in our mud food.

We are learning about festivals and celebrations, so we used clay to make pinch pot diva lamps for our Diwali sessions.





Year 1

This month we have learned about animal footprints and the different ways we can track creatures. We made footprints with stencils and flour.



We have learned about maps and tried to draw our own treasure maps remembering that we are drawing a birds eye view.





Year 2 - We continued our topic of materials, this time looking at recycling and reusing different materials. We enjoyed making caterpillars , snakes and jewellery from plastic bottles.



One of our sessions followed “Bob, the man on the moon”, and we had fun acting out and, remembering the sequence of the story previously read in class.

We were scientists one session, doing an experiment to see how waterproof different materials are.



Year 3—This month we have studied fossils, and learned about the life and achievements of the fossil hunter Mary Anning. We made stalls selling fossils, just like hers.



We set up a Stone Age camp, using sticks and material to represent animal bones and skins. We also made meat or fish drying racks to preserve food over the fire. We practised cutting with sharp flint like our ancestors did.



Year 4— We started the month learning about the importance of Remembrance; we made red leaf poppies with clay and war memorials. We have been so busy helping with the lantern walk preparations this month.

We started our Ancient Egyptian topic with a session about the River Nile.



News from Year 2!

Rowan class have been learning lots about space this half term. We have enjoyed finding out some amazing facts about the moon. This week we loved making our very own moon cakes, which were delicious! We are now going to write our own set of instructions for these tasty treats! Don't they look fantastic?



More baking news!

The Friends are fundraising again with a Cake Sale on Tuesday 12th December! If you'd like to get involved and bake some lovely creations to try to raise money then all donations must arrive on the morning of the 12th December with a clear list of ingredients. Any questions about the Cake Sale can be directed to The Friends of Millfields on 07985-

Times Table Rock Stars weekly Champions!

17th November

The winners this week with **83%** active players and an accuracy of **86%** are...

Cedar Class!

All classes improved their accuracy this week! Let's get the number of active players up too!



24th November

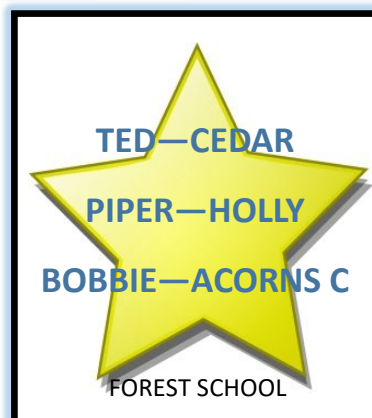
The winners this week with **86%** active players and an accuracy of **87%** are...

Maple Class!

There was only 29% of active players this week...can we get our numbers up for next week!

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 17th November 2023

Acorns C: Emily! She is so helpful, always sorting out areas that have been left in a mess and volunteering to help clear up the leaves outside.

Acorns N: Louie L for always being ready to listen and learn and for being such a positive role model! Thank you, Louie!

Holly: William R for always trying his best and being a fantastic role model to others. Thank you, William!

Maple: Abigail for always being ready to learn and enthusiastic about all lessons. You are a pleasure to have in class. Well done!

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Friday 17th November

Rowan: Harlow W for being an excellent role model in class. You always show respect and listen carefully.

Beech: Max for always showing kindness towards others. Max makes a fantastic friend. Thank you for always caring, Max! :

Cedar: Renee H for being kind and caring towards others and supporting those around her. Thank you for being kind and considerate, Renee!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 17th November 2023

Cherry: Olivia M for working with growing independence and determination!

Hazel: Elijah for working hard in all subjects all of the time, always trying your very best.

Oak: Isla S for always trying hard, listening carefully and for giving her best to all she does. Well done, Isla!

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Friday 17th November 2023

Forest School:

Lily-Rose in Holly for being a hard working and helpful team member when building a replica of the Clifton Bridge and for her kindness to others throughout the session.

Rupert in Maple for independently working hard to make animal footprints during our tracking session.

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Friday 24th November 2023

Aconry C: Bear—he is always a kind friend and looks after the other children.

Acorns N: Olly! You always put every effort into all activities and are a great role model to others. Thank you, Olly!

Holly: Finley H for having a fantastic week this week! We are so proud of you! Keep it up!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 24th November 2023

Maple: Elliot for always making the right choice and being kind and respectable to his peers. Well done.

Beech: Ellie for being a responsible, respectful member of Beech class

Rowan: Jack for always being respectful and polite in class. You are a fantastic role model. Thank you!

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Friday 24th November 2023

Cedar: Jamie W for participating in class discussion and listening carefully to others ideas.

Cherry: Josiah S for always showing courtesy and respect to others. Josiah is a good role model to everyone in Cherry Class!

Hazel: Amelia for always being thoughtful, ready and trying her best at everything. A superb attitude towards school

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 24th November 2023

Oak: Amy B for being kind and thoughtful and making very sensible decisions when needing some help. I'm proud of you, Amy.

Forest: Blake B in Hazel for being a super role model for others and in particular for being helpful and kind at all times. Thank you, Blake!

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!

17th November 2023

Acorns C: Isla for trying hard with her blending and practising reading at home!

Acorns N: Ava for working so hard with her blending and segmenting to read words in phonics and guided reading. Well done, Ava!

Holly: Harley T for his enthusiasm during reading groups and for always trying his best! Well done, Harley!

Maple: Kate for her confident reading, good understanding of text and amazing expression. Keep it up, Kate!

Beech: Esme for growing in confidence and reading at home!

Rowan: Ava for reading fluently and confidently discussing what she has read

Cedar: Lucie H for being enthusiastic about her reading and reading at home.

Cherry: Harrison W for reading carefully and accurately answering comprehension questions in guided reading.

Hazel: Chloe for showing great interest in reading our newspapers and collecting new facts you have found. Well done, Chloe!

Oak: Lilian S for reading with enthusiasm and confidence and reading regularly at home!

24th November 2023

Acorns C: Reggie—great to see that you have been practising hard at home and your blending in class in getting really good!

Acorns N:Orla—I know that you have been reading regularly at home and it is really showing in our guided working sessions. Keep up the good work, Orla!

Holly: Georgina M for fantastic phonics this week! You are trying really hard! Keep it up!

Maple: George T showing his love for reading using enthusiasm and expression. Well done!

Beech: Madison for trying hard to read with fluency and expression

Rowan: Ralph for trying really hard to use his phonics and read with greater fluency. Well done!

Cedar: Amelia W for reading beautifully to Mrs Brookes. Great work!

Cherry: Samuel R for great work in guided reading, considering the definitions of words in our text and finding the definitions within the dictionary.

Hazel: Eve for making a super effort to read at home. Well done, Eve!

Oak: Spencer M for reading every day and sharing his love of books. Great work, Spencer!

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Please note these couple of important safety reminders when dropping children off at the start of the day:

- Balls should not be taken out of the ball box in the front playground when picking up or dropping off children. The start and end of the school day are really busy parts of the day and keeping balls off the playground at these times will hopefully minimise accidents and incidents.
- Year 1 Parents—just a reminder that this door opens outwards so make sure that you give step well away from the door to allow it to open fully.

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation in getting to the end of Term as smoothly as possible.

Contacting Millfields First School

Staff are happy to chat to parents and carers and make notes of anything that we need to know to help your child through the day.

However, if you need to talk with your child's Teacher about an issue that will take longer than a couple of minutes then the best way to do this is to make an appointment through the School Office. Any email correspondence that is sent to a class teacher will be responded to within 2 school days.

The School Office is open between 08:15 and 16:15 Monday to Friday.

Upcoming Events at Millfields in December

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| • Wednesday 6th December | Nativity (9am) | Preschool and reception |
| • Thursday 7th December | Nativity (9am) | Preschool and reception |
| • Friday 8th December | Christmas Jumper Day | All |
| • Monday 11th December | Nativity (9.30am-10.30am) | YR1 and YR2 |
| • Tuesday 12th December | Nativity (2pm) | YR1 and YR2 |
| • Tuesday 12th December | The Friends—Cake Sale Fundraiser | All |
| • Thursday 14th December | Carol Service (9am) | YR3 and YR4 |
| • Friday 15th December | Carol Service (2pm) | YR3 and YR4 |
| • Monday 18th December | Gifts for Adults (The Friends) | All |
| • Wednesday 20th December | Christmas lunch and parties | All |
| • Thursday 21st December | Pantomime (Peter Pan) | YR4 |
| • 22nd December Friday | Pantomime (Palace Theatre) | YR1-YR4 |

22nd December Friday

Break for Christmas!

