



**'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'**

**NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2024**

**Welcome Back Everyone!** It's been a great start to Spring Term here at Millfields...Read On for updates on our Sharing Day, important upcoming online safeguarding for Parents, a reminder about Lost Property and our usual, Stars of the Week, Gold Bookers and Readers of the Week!

## **SHARING DAY—ACORNS!**

Acorns had a lovely time during sharing day. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members come and join us. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you all. The children demonstrated the learning they have been doing in Maths with adding, using signs and symbols to create number sentences.'



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# SHARING DAY—YEAR 1!

During Sharing Day, Year 1 had to use their maths skills to create a carp kite. They first of all had to work out the cost, then use their knowledge of shape and fractions to create the kite. How amazing do the kites look? What a fantastic Sharing Day Activity!



# SHARING DAY—YEAR 4!

Year 4 had a great time doing mind bendingly fun Maths puzzles and challenges! In Oak, they had a great time doing investigative activities, times table challenges, problem solving, place value and reasoning, including 'Twist It' activities—building on learning in the classroom and having fun with parents and carers!



# News from Acorns Classroom!

Each month we will peek into one of our Classrooms here at Millfields and see what they have been up to! This month, it's Acorns turn and here's Mrs Crossland to tell us all about their Healthy Topic!

*'Acorns have been having a great week this week learning about lots of different ways we can keep ourselves healthy. The children have enjoyed cleaning their teeth and we were very impressed with how good they were at participating with this. We have taken part in lots of different exercises to keep our bodies fit and are going to taste some different fruits. We also enjoyed taking part in peer massage to learn a new way to relax our minds and bodies. The children took part brilliantly with this and were so gentle with their massage techniques. They enjoyed it so much they all wanted a sleep when they had finished! Well done Acorns.'*



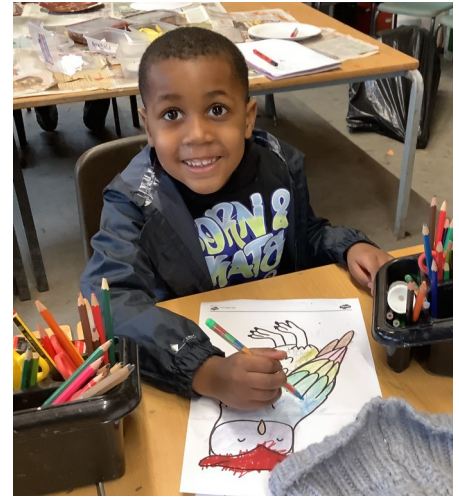
# Forest school newsletter—January

We have had all sorts of weather so far this January, and always have fun exploring the snow, ice, mud and puddles. When we get cold, there are always opportunities to warm up in the forest school “green” classroom; for craft, reading, snack time and learning time.



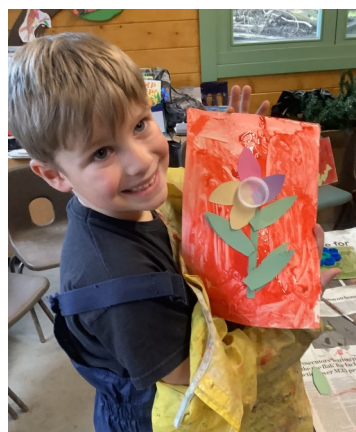
Thank you for the  
Christmas trees!  
We love playing  
with them!





Acorns have been learning about woodland animals this month. We have read the story of The Gruffalo and have enjoyed making collages of his face.

Year 1 have learned how to use binoculars to spot the pivotal buildings of Bromsgrove. What can we see from here?



# Online Safety for Children workshop-

## The Changing Online Landscape

Further to the message sent out on ParentApp a couple of days ago, Mrs Montandon would like to remind you of the Online Safety workshop coming up next Month. This session has been arranged for **Tuesday 27th Feb 2024 6pm to 7.30pm**. A zoom link will be sent to you nearer the time.

The workshop will be led by Ollie Welsby, the lead consultant at Brightcore Consultancy.



Ollie has worked with over 850 schools and a number of local authorities to support and improve their safeguarding, and also mental health and wellbeing provision. He trains both Designated Safeguarding Leads and Designated Senior Mental Health Leads nationally, is also a highly experienced Mental Health First Aid Instructor and regularly speaks at sector conferences on the topics of safeguarding and mental health. He is known for his dynamic, authentic and non-judgemental approach to all aspects of his delivery.

The Changing Online Landscape: understanding the risks and opportunities faced by children and young people today.

**During this 90-minute session we will focus on understanding the developing online world, including the changing risks for children and young people who are operating online in ever increasing amounts of time each day, including from a mental health and wellbeing perspective. We will look at how we can respond to these developments positively from a parental and educational perspective, ensuring our children are both protected and supported whilst engaging in the exciting and ever developing online world.**

This session is a very important one to help you to support your child to keep safe in the online world. The session is aimed solely at parents/carers and contains content which is **not** suitable for children.

As we are buying in the consultant it is unlikely that the session will be recorded, so I urge you to really try to be there.

# Forest School Lost Property

Please see the Lost Property still not claimed from before Christmas. We will be keeping these items until Friday 9th February so if you do think that you recognise anything do drop by the office or contact us by email — [office@millfields.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@millfields.worcs.sch.uk) After half term we will be in touch with more Lost Property that has been found in the first half of Spring Term. Please remember to name everything that your child wears or brings into School!

## **Lost from Acorns**

### **C on 22/11/23:**

Tee shirt Age 5—6

Joggers age 6—7



**Lost by either Cherry**  
**class on 28/11/23**

**Or**

**Oak class on**  
**29/11/2023:**



## **Lost from Juniper** **Club:**

Jacket age 11

Shorts age 5-6

The Hoodie and  
School Jumper have

## More Lost Property...



**Lost from Cedar class**  
**on 15/9/23:**

Age 6 - 8

**Lost from Beech class**  
**on 12/10/2023:**

Age 8 - 9



**Lost from Holly class**  
**on 21/9/2023:**

Age 5—6

# 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 19th January 2024

**Acorns C:** Sienna for always following our school rules and showing respect to others and being really responsible.

**Acorns N:** Poppy for always being polite and having beautiful manners. You are an excellent role model to others! Well done, Poppy!

**Holly:** Harry J for his attitude to learning. You're making very sensible choices! Keep it up!

**Maple:** Bo for beautiful manners and always showing respect towards his peers and staff

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**Rowan:** Esme for always showing excellent behaviour in the classroom and around school. You listen carefully and always try your best. Thank you, keep this up!

**Beech:** Amelie for always being kind, respectful, responsible and giving 100% effort in all lessons. You are a pleasure to teach.

**Cedar:** Minnie G for showing great focus across all her lessons this week. You've worked very hard, Minnie! Well done!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
Friday 19th January 2024

**Cherry:** Bobby for working independently this week and completing tasks on time. Keep it up, Bobby!

**Hazel:** Jaxon for making a great effort to work as a team and show respect to others. Well done, Jaxon!

**Oak:** Dilyn for demonstrating kindness in welcoming Dylan to our Class. Thank you, Dilyn.

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Friday 19th January 2024

**Forest School:**

Spencer in Oak for kindness, patience and understanding while taking care of a child who is new to the school.

Amy in Oak for displaying calmness, kindness and maturity.

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 26th January 2024*

**Acorns C:** Macie for being kind to others and showing responsibility by helping to put things back where they belong when it's time to tidy.

**Acorns N:** Clarissa for always following school rules and being polite and using her manners.

**Holly:** Tate B for always being a fantastic role model to others. Well done!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 26th January 2024*

**Maple:** George T for consistently following the school rules and always showing respect as well as displaying a positive attitude! Keep it up, George! We're super proud of you!

**Rowan:** Ava for her brilliant attitude to learning and always persevering even when things are more challenging. Well done, Ava! Keep it up!

**Beech:** Eleanor for being respectful and working with amazing independence all week! Keep it up!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 26th January 2024*

**Cedar:** Izzy for being kind and considerate to others. You are a lovely member of the class, Izzy. Thank you!

**Cherry:** Ava-Rose for showing care in the community when she provided food for someone who was homeless. Keep being kind, Ava.

**Hazel:** Edward O for his beautiful work in his exciting writing book.

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 26th January 2024*

**Oak:** Alaska for determination and commitment to her work and for answering so many tricky questions this week.

**Forest School:** Lexi for growing in confidence and independence at Forest School. Well done, Lexi!

**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!

**19th January 2024**

**Acorns C:** Teddie for joining in brilliantly in phonics and having a really good go at reading our words with our new phase 3 digraphs.

**Acorns N:** Clary for excellent segmenting and blending skills in guided reading and our phonics sessions. What a star you are, Clary! Well done!

**Holly:** Piper D for her enthusiasm in our phonics lessons. You try your hardest every single lesson! Well done!

**Maple:** Georgia for consistent reading over the holidays. Well done!

**Beech:** Sonny for having a fabulous attitude towards reading and always wanting to read books.

**Rowan:** Emilia for excellent fluency and expression in guided reading this week.

**Cedar:** Matilda B for using wonderful expression when reading her book to the class for assembly

**Cherry:** Josiah for great reading and working hard to use expression and intonation.

**Hazel:** Elijah for reading clearly and fluently in his reading sessions. Well done, Elijah!

**Oak:** Emily S for reading her lines beautifully and for reading so much at home.

**26th January 2024**

**Acorns C:** Molly for trying really hard and starting to recognise some words on sight during guided reading and for beginning to get fluency in her reading. Well done, Molly!

**Acorns N:** Sienna for developing her confidence in deciding words all by herself.

**Holly:** Joseph for his amazing phonics this week! You've wowed all of the adults you've been working with! Well done!

**Maple:** Rex for good focus and attention in guided reading. Keep it up, Rex!

**Beech:** Riley for working really hard to learn your sounds

**Rowan:** George for reading with greater fluency and confidence. Well done, George, keep going!

**Cedar:** Noah H for sharing his love of books with the class. We enjoyed your buildings and book about the Romans.

**Cherry:** Darcie Rae for super reading in school. Your fluency is developing beautifully .

**Hazel:** Chloe B for an amazing improvement in reading

# Times Table Rockstar Champions

**19th January**

The winners this week with an accuracy of **86%** are...

**CEDAR CLASS**

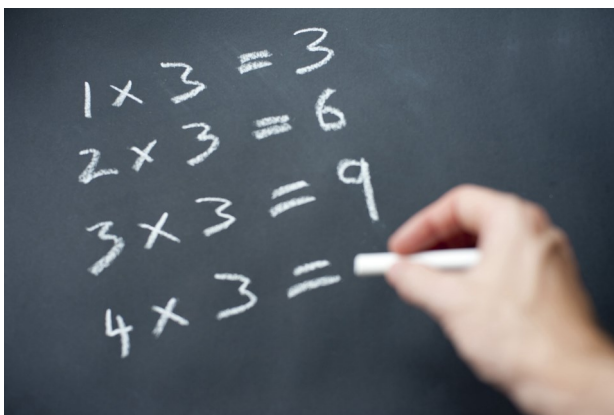
They had 47% of active players, a huge improvement on our December stats!

**26th January**

The winners this week with an accuracy of **91%** are...

**OAK CLASS**

They also had an absolutely brilliant 70% of active players!



A special mention also needs to go to CHERRY Class who achieved fantastic accuracy with their active players —a massive 91%! Well done, Cherry!

## Cost of Living Information

Bromsgrove District Council has been working with partners over the last 12 months to assist residents with the cost of living crisis.

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, Bromsgrove District Council has a handy webpage that provides links to support and advice that is available. This is advice from a wide range of agencies. Even if you don't claim any benefits you may be entitled to support you weren't aware of, and not just monetary support, but good advice from legitimate sources you can trust. Have a look and please share the links with anyone else who may be struggling financially—[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving)

# Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2024		
17 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Oak
24 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Cedar
30 <sup>th</sup> January Tuesday	Sharing day (times to be advised)	All
31 <sup>st</sup> January Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Cherry
12 <sup>th</sup> February Friday - Break for half term		
19 <sup>th</sup> February Monday - Return to school		
28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Holly
8 <sup>th</sup> March Friday	Mother's Day breakfast	All
13 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Beech
13 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday	Parents evening (3:30pm-7pm in person)	All
14 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday	Parents evening (3:30pm-5:30pm via Team)	All
18 <sup>th</sup> March Monday	Easter bonnets (2:30pm)	Preschool and Reception
19 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday	Easter bonnets (2:30pm)	YR1 and YR2
21 <sup>st</sup> March Thursday	Easter service (9:00am)	YR3 and YR4
22 <sup>nd</sup> March Friday - Break for Easter		
8 <sup>th</sup> April Monday - Return to school		
SUMMER TERM 2024		
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April	Malvern Residential	YR4
24 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Rowan
1 <sup>st</sup> May Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Maple
15 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Acorns N
22 <sup>nd</sup> May Wednesday	Class Assembly (9am)	Acorns C
24 <sup>th</sup> May Friday - Break for half term		
4 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday - Return to school		
13 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	Sports Day (TBC)	Reception to YR4 (Preschool to be confirmed)
14 <sup>th</sup> June Friday	Father's Day breakfast	All
24-28 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest school open afternoons	
1-5 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest school open mornings	
12 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	Reports to parents	
17 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	Reports consultations (3:30pm)	
18 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	Leaver's Disco	YR4
19 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	Leavers Assembly followed by tea and cake	YR4
19 <sup>th</sup> July Friday – Break up for the Summer Holidays		
22 <sup>nd</sup> July Monday	Teacher Training Day (children not in school)	