

## Dear Families,

We couldn't be prouder of our wonderful children as they have made such a positive and determined return back to school and learning. The happy chatter and laughter that can be heard throughout the building is delightful and we have witnessed countless magic moments as children and their teachers become reacquainted. In class we have focussed on children's communication and collaboration skills as our team settle back into friendships, daily routines and face to face sessions.

We continue to develop our curriculum offer and are continually reviewing and adapting to ensure our children experience a wide breadth of experiences while achieving success across the curriculum. Our hard work throughout the winter months to prepare our forest and kitchen garden has really started to pay off and classes are taking great enjoyment in observing the impact of their efforts and contributing to plans and preparation for future growth and development. Our art studio is now furnished and is up and running, the benefit of children working in an inspiring & purposeful creative space with all the resources they need at hand is huge & we are all excited to share the high quality work & imaginative work that children will produce in this space.

It has been great to welcome back our other teachers and experts who complement our staff team and curriculum. Music for Life sessions have resumed with the sound of pianos, guitars, violins and brass instruments filling the air. This term our Year 3 Kestrels will be taking whole class guitar lessons, their first session took place last week with the tutor feeding back that every child was absolutely incredible & had exceeded all expectations. For some of our children this will spark a life- long love for music & for all in the class this will be an experience they will never forget. Our intention had been to run whole class musical instrument tuition sessions across further Key Stage classes this year, unfortunately school closures and Covid restrictions have unfortunately prevented this but we have big plans for next year!

This Term we continue to work with the House of Dance team with Key Stage Two classes choreographing & developing dances in preparation for their end of year performances. I was lucky enough to see some of sessions last week and was incredibly impressed by the engagement, energy & talent shown by all classes in their sessions.



## Parents Evening

We look forward to meeting with you later this week to discuss how your child is settling back to school, their progress to date, their successes and future targets. Class teachers have spent the last two weeks collating assessment information so they have the most up to date picture to share and discuss with you. Where gaps in knowledge or areas for development have been identified, following the most recent period of school closure, they will talk to you about how you can best support your child at home to complement work taking place in school.

For all children, it is so important that weekly learning tasks set by teachers in reading, spelling and maths are completed at home. Class teachers are able to set work that is the appropriate level for individual learners so that all children should be able to access learning at home. If you find it hard to engage your children to complete the set tasks or would like some help in establishing positive home learning routines please do let class teachers know as there are things we can do to support.

## Fund raising

Our **PTA March Marathon** is going well with many miles logged and £222 raised so far. If you would like to take part and contribute follow [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mill-viewpta1?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=mill-view-pta1&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=6a06170c7d394e568d01f9668542b5d2](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mill-viewpta1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=mill-view-pta1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=6a06170c7d394e568d01f9668542b5d2).

It was a lovely end to last week to see the children coming into school in their own clothes, red noses and head boppers in aid of **Comic Relief**. Together they raised £276.88.

You may remember, some weeks ago, that staff had taken on the **Cancer Research UK** virtual winter run challenge. This is a cause that is very close to the hearts of some of our staff and felt like a good opportunity to work together towards something positive while keeping fit. Eleven members of staff and one of our parents joined the team, pulled on their running gear and got out there on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Despite not being able to run as a group, it felt like a real team effort and was lots of fun. Together they well exceeded the £200 target they'd set themselves and raised over £2000! The team enjoyed themselves so much they have now set up a staff running group so look out for them pounding the streets of Chester!



## Internet Safety

This academic year we have dealt with an unprecedented number of serious and worrying issues relating to children's online safety and use of social media platforms when using devices at home.

With our children spending more time than ever online and in front of screens, it is vitally important that parents and carers understand and monitor how children use the different devices, platforms, websites and social media sites that may be available to them. If children have access to these platforms at home, it is essential that the highest level of privacy settings are selected & that children do not message people who are unknown to their family. It is important that parents check children's online activity regularly and there is open discussion around what their child must do if they see or read something that makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

In addition to internet safety sessions delivered in school, we are working closely with PCSO Tapley, who today delivered vital internet safety training to children in Years 5 & 6. She will soon be sending home information in the form of a booklet for parents too.

Below is a useful guide to age restrictions for different social media platforms for your information;



### Net Aware

Find more information at;  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Attached to this Newsletter PING you will also find information for parents relating to TikTok, YouTube kids & Minecraft.

## Covid-19

It is very nice to all be back in school and we continue to do all we can within school to reduce the risk of spread should a positive case of Coronavirus is confirmed within one of our bubbles.

If anyone within your household has any symptom at all that leads them to have a Covid test, everyone who lives with them must isolate. If you have reason to book a Covid test for your child over the weekend, please email [head@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@millview.cheshire.sch.uk) to inform us.

If your child is absent from school for a Covid related reason, but is well enough to continue learning at home class teachers will set daily work on Seesaw.

Please ensure that if your child or if anyone else in your household develop any of the following symptoms you all isolate and book a test;

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough (This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more episodes of coughing in a day)
- Loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Spring is here and the wonderful sunshine looks set to stay for the next few days, have a great week everybody.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Doyle & The Mill View TEAM

**Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.**

Whole school family zoom assembly ID: 864 4334 3251 Passcode: celebrate If you child is receiving a celebration assembly postcard their class teacher will let you know via Seesaw	Every Friday 2.30pm
Parent / Teacher meetings	24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Last day of Spring Term 2	<b>Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> April</b>
First day of Summer Term 1	19th April