



Thursday 16th March 2023

Dear Families,

Another exciting few weeks in school enjoying STEAM celebrations, Pupil Parliament meetings, sports competitions, World Book Day, reading cafés, fabulous TEAM themes and projects and of course, a very exciting snow day last week! We are delighted that our children have had a wide variety of opportunities that enhance the taught curriculum in class and to further their experiences. Team Falcon really impressed their Bikeability instructors last week as they developed vital skills to keep them safe when cycling on the road while Team Kestrel enjoyed a great visit to the Ellesmere Port boat museum. Team Owl also had a very memorable visit and a fabulous time finding out more about where our food comes from and making pizza at Pizza Express!

We were delighted to return to school with a selection of medals following recent gymnastic and running competitions, a huge well done to all who represented us with special mention to Camille who secured gold at the recent Cheshire school cross country event and Isla who bagged a gold at the Chester gymnastics Competiton. Isla, Izzy and Roxy will now go on to represent us at the county finals.

We are really looking forward to discussing your children's progress with you next week at parents evening. Please be mindful that appointments are just ten minutes long to allow teachers to meet with all families over the two evenings. If there is something you would like to discuss that may need more time, please let staff know and they will happily arrange either an alternative or additional time to meet with you.

Below are images of some of the wider learning opportunities that have taken place over the last few weeks for you to enjoy;



Pupil Parliament 2023-2024

Our Pupil Parliament councils are currently very busy working to meet their aims for this Term. The non-uniform day organised by our Community Council recently raised £232.00, with £131.00 given to Cancer Research UK and £131.00 donated to the Play and Arts Councils who would like to purchase art materials that can be used at play time. Our Arts Council have recently shared an opportunity for all any children who would like to share their talents in the arts to do so, they are quite sure that there are many hidden talents across our school and are keen to find them. Contributions can be added to Seesaw feeds or sent to class teachers via Seesaw.

Our Pupil Voice council are excited to announce some changes to our snack menu that will be coming over the next few weeks following a recent survey. It's great to see the changes that our councils are making to make our school an even better place to learn and to ensure every voice is heard.



We're looking for a kit sponsor – can you help?

Last year we were very lucky to have our school football kits sponsored by the Andrew's family business Happy Little Soles <https://www.happylittlesoles.co.uk/> The kits have certainly have a lot of use and it makes a real difference to our players confidence to step onto the pitch looking the part.

We are now very keen to purchase a kit that could be used when we go to other events too, participants currently go along in their PE kits but we'd really like to be able to provide a school kit to be worn when our teams are out representing us. If you own or have links with a business that might be able to help us meet our aim to buy another school kit, please do get in touch!



Staff news

We are delighted to share the news that we have two beautiful, healthy, new additions to the Mill View family. On the 25th February, Mrs Redmond and her family welcomed Sienna Mei and on the 9th March, Mr Dann, Abbie and Georgie welcomed their lovely baby boy, Joash. We can't wait to meet them both and have passed on our love and many congratulations from the team. What a pleasure for us to all share their joy and celebrations at such a special and memorable time in their lives.

At the end of this Term we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Taylor from Little Wrens and Miller Club, who will be moving to a new position. We have all loved working with Mrs Taylor and will really miss her, we send her away with our very best wishes for the future.



PTA

Our recent PTA meeting was a great success with dates and events planned out for the coming year. Dates have been added to the MVP diary dates below so please do add them to your home diaries so you don't miss out.

I'd like to share a huge thank you to Lesley Carey who formally shared that she will be stepping down as Chair of the PTA. Lesley has done an excellent job of running the PTA through lock downs and uncertain times. Despite the challenges, she has ensured that our children have still had many fun opportunities with substantial funds raised towards school projects.

We also thank Caroline Swan who is stepping down as treasurer after many years in the role. A huge thank you to Caroline who has kindly shared her time and professional talents with us to ensure that we could achieve the aims of the PTA and our books remain in order. Both Caroline and Lesley will still be part of PTA events in the future while their children are still with us.

Many thanks to Ali Ireland who has taken on the role as treasurer and a warm welcome to Donna Barrett who will be taking the lead as Chair of the PTA.

Parents and family members who would like to help, are able to join the PTA without the need to take on lead roles or help at every event. If you are interested just drop in to the school office or email pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk

Whole school art project

Teams working with Mrs Rickus in the studio have started work on our whole school summer arts and poetry project titled 'The best part of me'. The project will give us all opportunity to focus on our strengths, encourage us all to look at ourselves positively and to and celebrate every individual across the school team.

Later in the year you will be invited to visit the exhibition, so watch this space for more information!



Safeguarding - Attendance

We continue to work alongside families to ensure good attendance for all children and to do our very best to support families in all of the areas of day to day life that may affect children's attendance.

More information regarding our attendance strategy can be found on our website.

<https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/attendance-and-punctuality/123905>

It is also really important to ensure that children arrive to school on time, we start our morning activities at 8.40am when every class across school spends time focussing on basic skills in Maths, spelling and handwriting to support learning across the curriculum. The diagram to the right indicates the impact of being just a few minutes late every day.



As always, we thank you for your ongoing support, have a wonderful week.

Mrs Doyle & The Mill View TEAM

Dates to add to your diary Information regarding school trips or class specific events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes.

MVP holiday dates https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10430264

Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school	Every Wednesday 9am, all welcome. Grandparents are very warmly encouraged to come along too!
Spring Term clubs finish this week	W/B Monday 13 th March
Neurodiversity awareness week - resources shared in school will also be sent home via Seesaw	
Teacher / Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 st March Wednesday 22 nd March
Year 3 and 4 performances – families will be provided with two tickets per performance.	Monday 27 th March 1.45pm & 6.00pm Tuesday 28 th March 1.45pm
End of Spring Term 2	Friday 31st March
Start of Summer Term 1	Monday 17th April
PTA school disco (more info will be sent from the PTA) Infants 3.30pm – 4.30pm Juniors 4.45pm – 5.45pm	Friday 21 st April
Bank Holiday	Monday 01st May
Summer Term school run clubs start this week for 9 weeks (until w/b 03rd July)	W/B Monday 01 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 08th May
Year 6 SATs week	Tuesday 09 th May – Friday 12 th May
PTA bags to school – please only drop bags on this day – more information to follow	Thursday 11 th May
PTA film night 3.15pm - 4.45pm	Wednesday 24 th May
End of Summer Term 1	Friday 26th May
INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL	Monday 05 th June
Start of Summer Term 2 for children	Tuesday 06th June
EYFS / KS1 performance	Wednesday 21 st June 1.45pm Thursday 22 nd June 1.45pm
PTA summer fair / family event	Saturday 24 th June
Sports Day and family picnic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wrens sports 10.10am - 10.40am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports 10.45am – 11.45am Family picnic on the field – all welcome 12.00pm – 1.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports 1.15pm – until the end of the day 	Friday 30 th June

Please come along to any parts of the day you are able to, photos and clips will also be added to Seesaw throughout the day. More information will be shared closer to the event.	
School run clubs end this week	W/B 03 rd July
Year 5/6 End of Year production at St Michael's Church	Wednesday 12 th July 1.30pm & 6.00pm Thursday 13 th July 6.00pm
Year 6 family leavers celebration	Friday 21 st July 1.15pm
End of Summer Term 2	Friday 21st July