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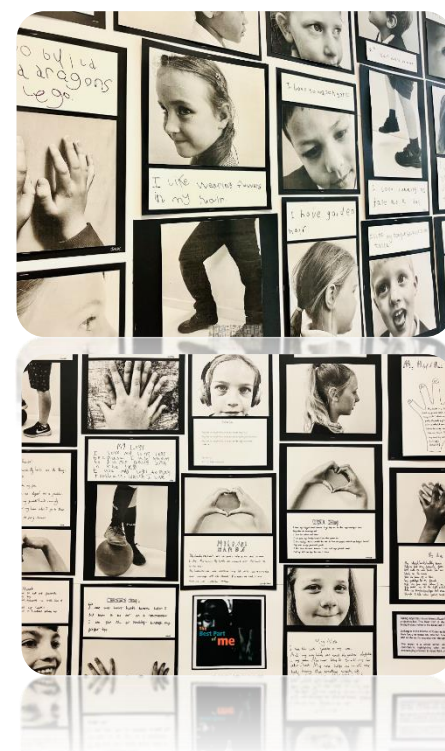
Dear Families,

What an incredible few weeks we have had to complete an incredibly successful year full of high quality teaching & learning, trips, residential visits, sports, performances community events. We have been bowled over time and time again by the achievements, progress and energy that every pupil has demonstrated this year in so many ways across the curriculum, as well as in their relationships and interactions with one another. The last few weeks have been full of moments that will be remembered well beyond the end of this year and of which we should all be very proud. Tomorrow we say a very fond farewell to our Eagles, who will soon be starting their next chapter at High School. They have been excellent role models to us all this year, showing themselves to be incredibly talented, vibrant and hardworking young people. Although we will miss them, they really do take with them the skills, attitude and work ethic that will give them every chance of making a great success of what awaits them as they embark on their new adventures.

This year we are again very pleased with our End of Key Stage results. Our cohorts at the end of EYFS, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two have all achieved above the National Average in Reading, Writing, Maths & Phonics. We are proud to have achieved this while remaining committed to offering a broad and balanced curriculum to our children, that covers all National Curriculum subjects, while also providing a range of wider opportunities to further broaden experience and interests.

Our end of Key Stage Two Statutory Assessment Test (SATs) data, along with provisional national averages can be found in the table below for your information.

	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard		Percentage of pupils achieving above the expected standard	
	Mill View	National Standard 2023	Mill View	National Standard 2022 (23 data not currently available)
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (SPaG)	93%	72%	72%	28%
Reading	93%	73%	72%	22%
Maths	96%	73%	34%	27%
Writing	86%	71%	31%	13%
Children achieving age related standard in Reading, Writing & Maths	83%	59%	24%	7%
Science	90%	80%	N/A	N/A



Open Gardens, Art Exhibition & Britain in Bloom

It was a pleasure to welcome many of our families to our Open Garden and Art Exhibition event recently. Our gardens and forest are such an asset to our school and we all enjoyed the opportunity to share the hard work and talents of our children and staff with our visitors. We also welcomed a judge from Britain in Bloom, the nationwide gardening competition, who will soon be in touch to let us know if we have qualified for an award. Regardless of the outcome, we are extremely proud of the outdoor spaces our children have developed and the positive impact our outdoor and forest school sessions have across all areas of the curriculum. The event raised £156.40 to be used to support future gardening projects. If you missed the opportunity to come and see our gardens or forest, drop Mrs Kemp a message to arrange a good time to come and have a look in September.

Staffing news

As we come to the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to Mrs Harling who has worked alongside children in Robin's class. Mr Robinson, who has worked alongside our Key Stage Two children, will also be leaving us as he has secured a teaching position at Tattenhall Primary School. We wish them both well and thank them for the time, support and care they have given to the children in their care and wish them both the very best for the future.

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Neale is expecting a baby, due in November. What a bumper year 2022/23 has been for Mill View babies and what a pleasure to share this special time with our staff and their families. We will share further information regarding Mrs Neale's Maternity cover at the beginning of Autumn Term.

PTA school fair

Our recent PTA Summer Fair was a great success, the sun was shining and it was a pleasure to see so many of our families enjoying the activities and school grounds together. The event raised a fabulous £2800; an incredible amount of money that will be put towards future PTA school projects. A huge thanks to Caleb's family who provided and set up all the gazebos on the day, they were very much appreciated in the heat!

We are very excited that over the summer holidays we will see two new PTA funded wooden gazebo play areas added to our field area providing additional activity zones for all of our children to enjoy at playtimes. Over the past year the PTA have funded many of our new playtime resources in addition to class iPads, leavers hoodies, classroom resources and sports equipment. Many thanks to all our PTA members and helpers for their hard work in raising the funds that allow us to support our ideas and projects.



Sports Day

What a brilliant sports day enjoyed by all this year, we could not have asked for better weather and we were all so impressed by the effort, skill and excellent attitudes that all of our children displayed throughout the day. Our aim is always to create an opportunity for our children to celebrate what it means to be active and healthy while practicing the skills of good sportsmanship, huge thanks to Mr Morris, Mr Glendenning and all of our staff TEAM who worked together to achieve this goal. Many thanks to all of our families who were able to come along to support all of our children so kindly too, it was so nice to see so many parents, grandparents, wider family members and friends who had also been able to come along for our family picnic. Special mention also needs to go to TEAM Eagle, who supported every single class across school, before competing in their own events. They encouraged, supported, cheered and organised everyone with great maturity and care.



Pupil Parliament

Members of our Pupil Parliament had a fabulous trip to London where they had the opportunity to tour the Houses of Parliament, watch a debate in the House of Commons, see Buckingham Palace and meet Chris Packham who spoke to them about Emmeline Pankhurst and the importance of women's rights. They had a brilliant day and shared the information they collected with their classes on their return. Our Pupil Parliament groups have instigated many positive changes across school this year and we are looking forward to further developing our Pupil Parliament and their work across the community in Autumn Term.

Jump into June

Once again we had great fun Jumping into June each day with a work out. This year we were really pleased to regularly welcome classes from lots of other schools who zoomed in to join us each day too. We were very grateful for the great raffle prizes donated by local businesses and groups including House of Dance, Happy Little Soles, Net World Sports, Chester FC Community Trust & Hanky Panky Pancakes. Together we raised an amazing £2100 to fund sports equipment for the playground and we will also be making a donation to a children's mental health charity. Thanks to all of our families for your support in sponsoring our children and encouragement to keep going. Here are some blurry pictures of some of the action!



End of year performances

It has been such a privilege to watch our children shine over these last few weeks in end of year performances. Our graduating Little Wrens enjoyed welcoming their families to a stay and play party where they sang and performed action rhymes beautifully. Our Robins, Sparrows and Owls were just wonderful in their performance of The Bee Musical with every child singing, dancing and smiling with such great energy and confidence for their audience. Our Falcons and Eagles absolutely smashed their performance of Matilda, where many of us found it hard to hold back our tears as they sang, danced and performed to an incredibly high standard. All children involved in these exceptional performances have created the most magical of moments for us all that I know won't be forgotten. Our thanks go to all those who provided, made and gathered costumes. The brilliant people who created the beautiful sets, those who worked so hard to help children learn all of the dances, words and songs and those who gave them the belief in themselves to stand up there and give their absolute best.





As we come to the end of another fabulous year, we thank you for your support and kind words throughout the year. It means so much to our caring TEAM to have your support. We wish you a wonderful holiday with your lovely children and hope you are able to take time to reflect on their achievements this year, ready to start again full of renewed enthusiasm in September.

Please do take the time to check the dates below which will help as we begin a fresh year.

Kindest regards, Mrs Doyle and 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!
Staff INSET	Monday 4 th September & Tuesday 5 th September
Start of Autumn Term 1 for children Gates open 8.35am until 8.50am Infant collection 3.15pm & Junior collection 3.20pm	Wednesday 06th September
PTA family welcome back Sports & BBQ after school	Friday 15 th September
School clubs start this week	W/B Monday 18 th September
Reception Robins phonic sessions for families	Tuesday 03 rd & Wednesday 4 th September at 9am (Class teachers will send invites on Seesaw)
Reception Robins family phonics and reading evening	Tuesday 10 th October at 6pm
School photos	Thursday 12 th October
Non- Uniform day, donations collected for Pupil Parliament projects 2023/24	Friday 20 th October
PTA school disco (PTA will share more information nearer the time)	Friday 20 th October
End of Autumn Term 1	Friday 20th October
Staff INSET	Monday 30 th October
Start of Autumn Term 2 for children	Tuesday 31st October
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 01 st November & Thursday 02 nd November
STEAM project share the learning – families invited into class. All presentations will also be recorded and posted on Seesaw if you are unable to make it.	Thursday 09 th November Years 1 & 2 - 1 - 1.30pm Years 3 & 4 - 1.30pm -2.00pm Years 5 & 6 - 2.00-2.30pm
PTA Christmas jumper swap day (more info to follow)	Wednesday 15 th November
PTA Non- uniform day. Raffle prizes and bottle tombola donations to school (more information to follow).	Friday 17 th November

Children may also wear their Children in Need spots and make a donation that we will pass on to the charity if they wish.	
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 01 st December
Key Stage One Christmas Performances	Tuesday 12 th & Wednesday 13 th December 1.45pm
Key Stage Two Christmas Service (Venue TBC)	Thursday 14 th December 1.45pm and 6.00pm
Non-Uniform and Christmas dinner day	Friday 15 th December
End of Autumn Term 2	Friday 15th December
Staff INSET	Tuesday 02 nd January
Start of Spring Term 1 for children	Wednesday 03rd January