

Dear Families,

It really has been an exciting few weeks for us here at Mill View. Sending pupils off on residential visits to Wales, Shropshire and the Isle of Man and hearing of their stories and achievements as they return has been an absolute joy. The challenges they faced and the precious time spent with peers has left them with many lasting memories and a new understanding of themselves and their team. The staff who plan and accompany the visits have work very hard to ensure that things run smoothly and safely and we are very grateful to them for taking the time away from their own families to enable these opportunities. A special mention goes to Mrs Hughes who is accompanying all of our overnight stays this year, there must surely be a national award for commitment to residential visits that we can recommend her for! A big thanks also to all of our families for their trust and support in preparing their children so well to take on the challenge.



Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament representatives continue to drive positive change in many areas of school life with plans in full force for the Summer Term. Items they have added to their current agenda include;

- **Group Fun (d) raisers** – including plans for a whole school end of year celebration to bring our community together
- **Sports squad** - playtime MUGA activities to make better & safer use of this outside play area
- **Planet pals** - a focus on clean and tidy outdoor areas
- **Story times with teachers** – a plan to ensure all adults are known to all children in our school

They have also launched the annual MVP whole school Active Citizen challenge to encourage all pupils to make a difference. It has been wonderful to see the great things that have been happening at home to work towards the bronze, silver and gold awards. The challenges and instructions can be found on your child's Seesaw page in the activities tab where photos can also be uploaded.

Last week Mrs Callaghan totalled our recent fundraising efforts in support of families in the Ukraine, we were delighted to find that together we have raised a fabulous £881, many thanks to you all for your kindness and generous donations.

Staffing

At the end of this half term we will be saying farewell to two fabulous members of staff. Sara Heal from Miller Club has secured a great play worker position at a school closer to home, we thank her for the care and fun she has given to all of our children who attend Miller. Mrs Kendrick will also be leaving us after securing a permanent position at Mickle Trafford Primary School, she really has done an incredible job to ensure the progress, attainment and happiness of those children she has worked closely with. We wish both Sara and Mrs Kendrick the best of luck as they take on their new roles.

Following a very successful recruitment process we will be welcoming three new members of staff to our TEAM. Mrs Francis Lee will be joining our support staff team after half term and Mr Adam Bartlem will be joining us in September. Miss Ruth Philips will be joining our Miller club team and will be coming into school to meet the children next week.



There has also been lots to celebrate for our staff team over the past few weeks. Mr Morris has eventually been able to enjoy his Graduation Ceremony that was postponed due to Covid restrictions. A very proud moment for his family and friends and a day that he will never forget. Mr Glendenning has also shared the wonderful news that he and his partner are expecting a baby, due to be born in October. Such special moments in their lives and what a privilege for us to be here with them to share their joy and excitement.

You may be aware that many of our staff team enjoy running and walking together and have taken on shared challenges in the past. On the 18th June, 8 members of our team will be taking part in the 26 mile 'Might Hike' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to donate to their fund raising total you can do so via Parent Pay and would be much appreciated by the walkers.

PTA

Our PTA have been as busy as ever planning and holding events. Recent cake sales have been very successful and the school disco was great fun with our guest DJ raising the roof with some classic tunes. Information about the PTA family fun day, taking place on Saturday 11th June 3.00-6.00pm, will be sent out soon. The money raised by the PTA really does make a difference to school, but to carry on we really do need new members to join, if you are interested in finding out more please contact pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk for more information.

Mill View Local Governing Body (LGB)

We recently welcomed Louise Thomas to our LGB following the recent round of parent elections. Louise has children in years 2 & 5 and brings a wealth of educational and strategic experience to our Governing Body. After 3 years in role, Mr Glendenning has relinquished his position as staff governor with Mr Morris appointed as our new staff governor due to join the LGB at our meeting next month.

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. On this occasion we are looking for someone who is not a parent, to ensure that we maintain a balanced representation, but would welcome the details of anyone you know or have links with who may be interested in further discussion with myself or our Chair of Governors, Stephen Webb. More information about what school governance entails can be found here <https://www.nga.org.uk/Home.aspx>

School Sports

It has been great for us to be able to fully participate in school sports this term now that Covid restrictions have been lifted. We have been making great efforts to enter as many competitive leagues as possible as well as arranging and participating in 'friendly' and non-competitive games whenever they are offered. We have enjoyed lots of sporting success this year, most recently with one of our Year 4 football teams who won every match played to make it to the top of the Chester schools league, they will now go on to play against schools from the North West which is a fabulous achievement.

This half term we have participated in cross country competitions, football, netball and tennis matches and have cricket, golf, netball and football fixtures planned for the coming weeks. Teams have been selected by our PE Leads, with consideration given to the level of competition we are entering, the child's interest in the sport and the aptitude they have shown at after school clubs and PE lessons. They have also asked children to let them know if they have an interest in representing the school. Our aim is to ensure that all KS2 pupils have at least one opportunity to represent us over the school year. Due to Covid restrictions impeding fixtures earlier in this school year, we are planning additional fixtures to meet this aim, if any parents are able to help with the organisation / transport & management of our fixtures please do get in touch.

We are very grateful to Ben and Olivia Andrews family, their business Happy Little Soles <https://www.happylittlesoles.co.uk/> have very generously sponsored two brand new sports kit for our school teams. They have also purchased a new set of metal match goals which look absolutely fabulous. We are blown away by their kindness and support and can't wait to see our pupils modelling the new kit. Once the boxes are unpacked we will share some photos too.

We are currently planning for our whole school and community **Jump into June** event as shared on PING at the end of last week. We would love as many of our families and friends to join us for our daily workouts as possible via our zoom link to make it a real community event, if you work in schools or organisations that might like to take part too please let us know. Sponsor forms have been sent out this week and more information regarding the big raffle will be sent out soon.

It feels quite unbelievable that we have only 4 school days left of this half-term, the weeks really are flying by!

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Doyle & The Mill View TEAM



| Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added and alterations may be need to be made so please do check each newsletter for any changes. | |
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| Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school | Every Wednesday 9am |
| Conscious Discipline behaviour training for families | Wednesday 25 th May 7.00pm |
| Last day of Summer 1 Non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the PTA bottle tombola (PTA info to follow) | Thursday 26th May |
| First day of Summer 2 | Tuesday 7th June |
| Jump into June whole school event begins! | Tuesday 7 th June |
| Mill View celebration of culture event – families invited after school – more details to follow | Wednesday 8 th June |
| PTA Summer family fun day | Saturday 11 th June 3.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Year 3 & 4 Peter Pan performances | Wednesday 15 th June (afternoon) Thursday 16 th June (evening) |
| Key Stage One summer performances | Tuesday 21 st June Wednesday 22 nd June |
| Come and visit Little Wrens Nursery – all families welcome to come and have a look | Saturday 25 th June 10.00-11.00am |
| School led clubs end this week | Monday 27 th June |
| Class move up transition session (1 session) | Tuesday 28 th June |
| Class move up transition session (1 session) | Friday 1 st July |
| Class move up transition session (full day) | Tuesday 5 th July |
| Sports Day and family picnic KS1 and Little Wrens – morning Whole school family picnic 11.45am, bring your lunch and a picnic rug. PTA will be serving hot drinks for a donation. KS2 – afternoon | Friday 08 th July |
| Mill View community garden event – come along with family and friends | Saturday 09 th July Tuesday 12 th July 3.30pm – 5.30pm Wednesday 13 th July 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Year 5 & 6 end of year performances | Wednesday 13 th July Thursday 14 th July |
| End of year reports sent home | Thursday 14 th July |
| Come and visit Little Wrens Nursery – all families welcome to come and have a look | Saturday 16 th July 10.00-11.00am |
| Year 6 leavers assembly – Year 6 parents invited | Friday 22 nd July 1.00pm |
| End of Summer Term | Friday 22 nd July |
| Holiday dates https://millviewschool.co.uk/cheshire/primary/millview/arenas/websitecontent/web/2021-2022catholidaydates-website.pdf | |