



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Children's Mental Health week, which we have marked with the introduction of our 'Wellbeing Champions'. They have reminded us about the importance of our school values, 'we care, we aspire, we belong', in ensuring that Milverton School is a happy and safe place for us all to be. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters', and we have seen this demonstrated through the children's enthusiastic involvement in our school council, eco committee, sports leaders and digital leaders across the school. We hope to introduce more opportunities for the children to share their voice as we move into next half term too. Wishing you all a wonderfully rested and germ free half term break.

Mrs Smith



In Art, Class 3 have been learning about Hokusai, a Japanese artist and his work. We began by investigating how we can represent water using different mediums before learning more about warm and cool colours. Following this, we experimented using paint to create our own waves before painting their own 'The Great Wave' final pieces using sketching and painting skills.

Miss Downer

On Tuesday 6th February, it was Internet Safety Day. The theme for 2024 was 'Inspiring Change'. Last week Mr Penny and the Year 6 Digital Leaders did an assembly with the whole school about online safety. Around school, the classes have done some work on internet safety. In Class 6 we have been doing some learning about the advancement of technology through time. Also, we did some work on AI (Artificial Intelligence) where we discussed the pros and cons of AI computers.

by Thomas, Year 6



As part of Safer Internet Day, Class 2 were looking at how technology has changed over the years. Many children were able to identify modern technology we use, like mobile phones and tablets, but a record player and a rotary telephone raised a few eyebrows. This led us to think about how we stay safe online and how we might see technology change in the years to come.

Ms Brooke

In Preschool, we have taken part in a lot of Chinese New Year themed crafts this week. We read stories, made many different types of dragon art and had tea in our Chinese restaurant. We even did dancing to Chinese music! We have continued following our activities based on the book 'Here We Are'. We focussed on stars, differences between cities and countryside, different animals and humans. The children were so interested in the space section that we are doing a whole week on space after half term!

Charlotte



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 3 21st February
 Class 2 28th February
 Class 1 6th March
 Class R 13th March
 Pre-school 20th March
 Class 6 27th March

Half Term Break

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 7th March
 17:00—19:30

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 12th March
 15:40—18:00

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse Outdoor Activity Centre

Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd March

Class 5 Sports Festival

Monday 25th March

Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Art Exhibition

Thursday 18th April

Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court Residential Centre

Weds 1st—3rd May

Classes 3&4 Trip to Roman Baths

Thursday 25th April



Class R have immersed ourselves in Chinese culture this week to celebrate the impending Chinese New Year. We've learned about the traditions, the language and the written symbols, we even took part in some dragon dancing. Kung Hei Fat Choi everyone.

Mrs Atterton

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
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| London Plane | 233 | 1479 |
| Cork Oak | 239 | 1385 |
| Blue Cedar | 200 | 1117 |
| Horse Chestnut | 219 | 1219 |

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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| Preschool | Elodie for your kindness and helping others with their conflicts. |
| Class R | Sonny for your fantastic listening and being able to remember so many facts about Chinese New Year. |
| Class 1 | William for your excellent neat handwriting of our poem. |
| Class 2 | Alby for having a great mindset for learning as you tackle challenges this week. |
| Class 3 | Rory for your superb understanding and pronunciation in French this week. |
| Class 4 | Alfie R for showing great focus all week and participating in everything. |
| Class 5 | Tilly for all of your hard work, enthusiasm, dedication and your infectious giggle! |
| Class 6 | Chloe for your focus, drive and energy towards your learning this week. |



On Thursday 1st February, a team of Year 6 children competed in a mini basketball tournament. The team was Elsie G, Jessica, Milo, Talulah, Luke and Hannah. We played 4 games and 1 friendly consisting of 6 minutes of non-stop playing. Talulah and vice captain Elsie captained our team to victory 3 times during our performances. The first game was against North Town Red. Milverton won 1-0 with a goal from Jess and excellent defending from Luke and Milo. For our second game, we played West Monkton, winning 3-0 with another 2 goals from Jess and 1 from Luke. Some nice dribbling from Hannah, Talulah and Elsie. The next game was our only loss, 4-1 to North Town Blue. Our only goal was scored by Luke. Our final competitive game was a success as we won it 1-0; the goal scored by Jess. Then, just for a little bit of fun, the Milverton team played a friendly against Staplegrove. Drawing 1-1 with yet another goal from Jess. Jess got player of the tournament from the teachers. A big thank you from all the players to Miss Storey and Mr Coupe for arranging this amazing experience and Talulah for being an incredible captain. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.



by Talulah and Jessica



This Thursday evening, pupils from Years 5 & 6: Elsie S, Jessica, Luke, Charlie, Sidney, Harriet, Rose, Iris and Milo competed in a netball game against another school, Parkfield. They played a forty minute friendly game consisting of four ten minute quarters. In the first quarter Milverton won 5-0. The second quarter was 1-1, the third quarter was 2-1 to Parkfield and the last was 4-1 to Milverton. They had 1 goal from Jess, 6 from Luke, 3 from Milo and 1 from Rose. Overall it was 11-4 to Milverton! Miss Storey was our umpire and Jessica was our captain. A big thank you to Miss Storey and Mr Coupe for supporting us during the game. Hopefully, there will be more netball tournaments coming up soon.

by Jessica and Elsie S

The Year 1 children showed great enthusiasm, team work and sportsmanship throughout their archery enrichment session. There were only a few children who had seen or shot an archery arrow before so for most pupils this was a new experience. All the children were engaged and they all tried really hard to grasp the tricky technique of drawing back a bow with an arrow and aiming the arrow at a target. There were no behavioural issues at all and all of the children were kind, helpful and friendly to both coaches and their peers. Toby, Leonard, William and Henry were all children who impressed with their positive attitude. They all cheered on their team mates and persevered throughout the archery session. Albie and Lena B were our wristband winners as they were great assets to their groups and demonstrated very good behaviour and team work in front of the other pupils.

Miss B



A huge thank you and well done to the school choir who sang so beautifully in assembly on Tuesday. It was the first whole school performance of what we hope will be many more!

Ms Brooke

