

# End of Spring Term News – Part 2

## Librarians' competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the book competitions for World Book Day. The librarians had a difficult job to judge them. Congratulations to our winners. Here are some of the winning chocolate and graphic novel designs. Thank you also to our librarians for their hard work making our library areas so inviting and for leading an assembly on World Book Day.



## Dragons' Den at Millfield

Some Year 5 and 6 children were lucky enough to be involved in a Dragons' Den style project through the help of Living Sport. The children were asked to work as part of a team to invent, plan and resource their own sports club that could be run within the school. The children then needed to present their clubs to a panel who would decide on a winning team which would be funded through Living Sport. There were some fabulous ideas including: Japanese go karting, glow in the dark dodgeball, scavenger hunts and the winning club: ball quidditch. All children worked incredibly hard and demonstrated great team work, a strong work ethic and confidence when presenting.

This half term the whole school has been part of our Creative Cultures Project through which we have celebrated multicultural, traditional art, dance and music from around the world. The children have been immersed in a variety of different cultures to celebrate diversity and encourage inclusivity, mutual respect and tolerance.

In partnership with local textiles artist Julianne Long, pupils across the school took part in a collaborative project based on printmaking, weaving and stitching. Together the children have created amazing wall hangings and artwork which we will proudly display in school.

During our Creative Cultures week, each year group studied a different country's culture; creating artwork, practising songs and choreographing dances linked to their focus country. This project finished with a bang as we performed our dances and songs live to the rest of the school and invited parents and carers into school to celebrate all the creativity that has been happening this half term!



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 did a brilliant job representing Millfield in a recent cross country competition at Ely College. The children showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and perseverance whilst running around the 2km course. Everyone who took part should be so proud of themselves!

This term Yr 5 had the opportunity to visit Ely Cathedral. This linked in with RE and World views. They investigated the Easter story, looking out for clues and observing witnesses and suspects of the story. The children did this while exploring the cathedral.

Year 4's DT project this half term has been 'Fancy Fabrics', where we have designed and made a fabric sample inspired by the significant designer, William Morris. First we looked at the motifs William Morris used in his designs and then designed our own. We create stamps using clay to block print onto our fabric. We finished our fabric sample by sewing a hem.



This term, in Year 6, we have been learning about lots of different things. Throughout this term, we have spent a lot of time revising arithmetic, guided reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar ready for the upcoming SATs this year.

In art, for the creative cultures project, we have been focusing on the country Ghana. In Ghana, they wear a cloth called Kente cloth which we have recreated by weaving together paper and adding repeating geometric patterns.

In English, we wrote letters to a newspaper giving our opinion of the three pigs from a short video clip. We wrote in formal and informal tones and from the perspective of other fairy tale characters too! In geography, we have been looking at maps and the different lines of longitude and latitude. Gwen Stoneham Y6



Millfield are looking for a Site Manager and new parents representatives for the Community Council so please contact Mrs Bidecant in the school office for further information about either of these positions.

We welcome Daniel from St George's to our Community Council. Daniel is the youth worker at St George's and has been spending time at Millfield and getting to know the school and the children. He will be a welcome addition to the CC.

Thank you to our parent/grandparent helpers who have been supporting reading in Y1 and Y2.

We will be running more Maths and Reading cafes with online safety advice/information for parents as these have been popular this Spring term.

Our parent consultations were again run with a mix of phone calls and face to face appointments. We are finding that the phone calls are popular and cause less disruption for some of our parents.

We currently have a number of staff undertaking apprenticeships to further develop their skills and knowledge. We have SEND, Mental Health, HR, Early Years and Curriculum apprenticeships being completed.

Coming up next term .... look out for information regarding our Sports Day, Y1 Victorian Classroom visit, Y6 SATs, end of year reports, celebrating 30 years of the opening of the school with a Teddy Bears Picnic and the completion of our nursery extension completion.

Have a lovely Easter break and we welcome children back on Wednesday 23rd April.

Mrs Lee

Headteacher