

Pudsey Visits Millfields!

On Thursday 11th November we were delighted to have welcomed Pudsey Bear and the team from BBC Hereford and Worcester back to Millfields to help us celebrate Children In Need.

The strapline for Children In Need this year is 'Together, We Can'. Children across school have been thinking about what can be achieved when we all work together. Each child had decorated a 'spot' and wrote their hopes and ideas of what can be achieved on it. The thoughts children wrote down were truly heart-warming, some hoped that together we can save the planet, spread kindness and make a difference to others. Children then had the opportunity to present their spots to Pudsey—these were then used to decorate Pudsey's bandana.

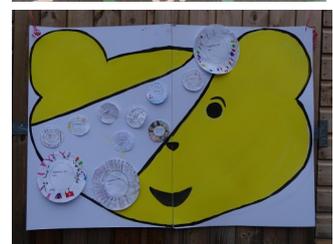


Children were interviewed by Nina Das Gupta (radio reporter and presenter) from BBC H&W. Key Stage 2 children entertained Pudsey on the back playground by singing a special version of 'We're All In This Together' from High School Musical. A recording of Pudsey's visit to Millfields was played on BBC H&W radio on Friday 12th November. You can listen to the BBC's commentary on Pudsey's visit here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09ydwpr> (skip to 1:46:57 on the Elliott Webb show): the recording is available to listen to for the next few days. We've also

made it on to BBC H&W Facebook page! Here's the link if you'd like to watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=368032208430970>

On Friday 19th November, staff and pupils dressed in spotty / brightly coloured clothing in return for a minimum £1.00 donation for Children In Need. We're pleased to announce that we raised a fabulous **£317.08!** We were really pleased to see that we made it on to TV too! You can watch the clip that was played during the Children In Need programme here: <https://www.facebook.com/MidlandsBBC/videos/pudsey-fundraisers/1092547044817018/>

Thank you all for your continued support. Here are some pictures from Pudsey's visit...



Millfields Remembers...

On the eleventh hour of Thursday 11th November, staff and pupils stood silent to remember those that have lost their lives in conflict. We are exceptionally proud of how well children remained silent as a mark of respect.

Classes around school were decorated with poppies and during Forest School sessions children created their own memorials for Remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Poppy box, we haven't had the total confirmed yet but we're sure it's been a record breaking fundraising year for the RBL!





News from Year 2...

You may remember in our last newsletter, children in Year 2 had been learning about the Great Fire of London and had designed, and made, their own Fire Engines during their DT lessons.

Well... on Friday 5th November Year 2 children were treated to super surprise when the local Fire Brigade turned up to Millfields to talk to them about Fire Engines!



To help further enrich their learning, children were able to see first hand how well equipped fire engines are at fighting fires compared to the methods used to fight the Great Fire of London back in 1666.

Children had the opportunity to ask the crew lots of questions about fire fighting and what it's like to be a fire fighter. Children also had the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine to see the uniform and other bits of equipment that fire fighters use to help keep them safe whilst doing their job.

The crew were absolutely amazing and even let Early Years children come down for a little look in and around the engine too! We want to thank Hereford and Worcester Fire Brigade for taking time out of their busy day to help bring children's learning to life.



Friends Fantastic Fundraising

The Friends Association have made a fantastic start to fundraising this year with successful Christmas Card and Krispy Kreme Doughnut campaigns already under their belts! We can't thank the Friends enough for all of their hard work so far this year - THANK YOU!

The Christmas Card orders have now been delivered and issued out to children. We've seen an uplift on orders from last year - thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. Each purchase has helped to raise valuable funds for school. We hope the recipients of the gifts appreciate the hard work and artistic talent your child has put in to their design.

On Thursday 11th November there were queues at the end of school as the ever popular 'Krispy Kreme Doughnut' sale returned to Millfields! The Friends Association ordered more boxes of doughnuts than they had ever before and these literally flew off the playground! Thank you to everyone who supported this event!



We're pleased to report that so far this year the Friends have raised over £700.00!!

Thank you to everyone who has supported their amazing fundraising campaigns so far.

The Nativities and Christmas performances for children have now been confirmed and most children should know which role they will be. To reduce cost, save the planet (and to help keep the number of things to worry about down to a minimum!), the Friends Unicycle team have a variety of Nativity costumes available to hire. Costumes are available on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please email the Friends Association on friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk with any enquiries.

Unfortunately this year again we are unable to put on our Christmas Fayre— but fear not, the Friends are already organising some 'festive fun' fundraising which will get us in the mood for Christmas!

The Christmas Raffle will be returning again this year. Tickets will be on sale very soon— including at the Lantern Walk so bring some change with you! The Friends are looking for any new items, vouchers or gifts that could be kindly donated to the raffle. If you, or someone you know may be able to help with gifting any prizes, or if you would like to donate towards any of the prize hampers, please do contact the Friends or drop off your donations at the school office.



Every penny raised by the Friends Association goes towards making a difference to children at Millfields. Over the last few years the Friends have helped us to purchase new reading books and more recently have supported us with the new Sensory Room which has benefited many children since its completion over the summer holidays.

If you can support the Friends in any way possible please do let them know.

Thank you all for your support.



School Admissions 2022

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2022 you must apply for a school place before the January deadline. Children who attend our Pre-School must also apply - as they will not automatically secure a place.

If your child is in Year 4, (whilst we don't want to wish their last year with us away), you need to think about applying for a Middle School place ready for September 2022.

All admissions must be made via this link: https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Applications for first and middle schools must be submitted by **15th January 2022** at the very latest. If you know of anyone that has a child that may be interested in joining our school please ask them to contact us for a tour so we can show them how amazing Millfields is!

A poster with an orange background. At the top, it says 'SCHOOL ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, it says 'Apply now for September 2022' in black text. To the right of the text are two cartoon children, a girl and a boy, both wearing school uniforms. At the bottom, there are logos for 'WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN FIRST' and 'worcestershire county council'.



Millfields Marketing

Whilst we may only be a small school tucked away in the south end of Bromsgrove, we certainly have an awful lot to offer and we wanted to let the people of Bromsgrove and beyond know who and where we are.



We've ventured into the realms of Instagram to help with our networking and to promote our fantastic school and the amazing things that happen here. If you're on Instagram you can find us by searching 'Millfields First School'.



Congratulations...

We'd like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs King, our Early Years Lead and Acorns C class teacher, who last weekend tied the knot!

Last Friday Acorns children enjoyed a special surprise pre-wedding party arranged by Ms Neale to celebrate Mrs King's special occasion—we hope they've had fun!

Mrs King is now known as 'Mrs Crossland'.



Catering News

Our new Autumn / Winter Menu will be launching next week. Meals from the new menu are now available to pre-order and book on ParentPay. You can see the new menu here: <https://www.millfieldsfirstschool.co.uk/information/meals-in-school/>

Our Christmas Lunch is taking place on 15th December this is also available to book on ParentPay — we'll send more information out about this soon!



Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during the last few weeks...



 **Gold Book**

Each week we celebrate a child from every class who has demonstrated admirable attitude and / or behaviours that promote our school values. Our school values and attitudes are: Friendship, Kindness, Teamwork, Caring to the Community, Respect, Honesty, Independence, Charity and Helpfulness. Congratulations to all children who have made it in to the Gold Book over the last couple of weeks...

Millfields First School Gold Book*Friday 5th November 2021*

Acorns C: Reuben for trying really hard to listen carefully on the carpet, playing nicely with his friends and doing super dancing in PE.

Acorns N: Saffi for completing all of her challenges perfectly. You were so proud of yourself Saffi. Well done!!

Holly: Lacey C for always maintaining excellent focus and working so hard!

Maple: Minnie for super phonics this week you know all phase 5 phonics so far! Well done Minnie.

Beech: Rose for always having a fantastic attitude to her work and always being a polite and kind member of Beech Class

Rowan: Fran for being a helpful member of Rowan Class who always tries extremely hard in lessons! Well done Fran!

Cedar: Daisy H for always working really hard, having a great attitude towards her learning and being a helpful member of Cedar Class.

Cherry: Elousia for an increased amount of confidence and self-belief in yourself. You are working so hard, trying your best and are ready to take on a challenge with a huge smile on your face! Keep it up superstar

Hazel: Autumn for being such a kind and supportive friend and for having a super attitude to learning, she's always ready to learn and take part in lessons. Well done Autumn, what a superstar!

Oak: Bella A for being a loyal and thoughtful friend and for always being kind to others.

Forest School: Seth from Holly for listening, following instructions and focusing well on all activities. Well done Seth.

Millfields First School Gold Book*Friday 12th November 2021*

Acorns C: Thea for always being a kind friend, showing others how to make good choices and gently guiding them to do the same as her. Also beautiful singing this week!

Acorns N: Phoebe G for always showing kindness to the other children and for always offering her help. Thank you Phoebe.

Holly: Ava for working hard to develop her listening and attention skills and for always making us smile.

Maple: Kayden for a much-improved attitude to learning and carpet rules. You are setting such a great example and trying so hard if things are challenging.

Beech: Lathigan for trying his absolute best in every lesson over the past few weeks. Your attitude to learning has been fantastic and you are making great progress!

Rowan: Harry for trying exceptionally hard this week, contributing in lessons and setting a fantastic example to others! Well done Harry!

Cedar: Daisy P for working hard on her learning all week, focussing on every task. Keep it up Daisy!

Cherry: Charlie - Mai for always being focused, working hard, listening and being ready to learn! You set a brilliant example for the rest of your class, thank you!

Hazel: Isabelle W for always having an excellent attitude to learning and always wanting to succeed. You set such a good example to others in class, well done Isabelle!

Oak: Harrison G for working hard to improve his attitude to learning. Keep it up Harrison we are very proud of you.

Forest School: Robbie in Maple for a much-improved attitude. For listening well, joining in with group discussion, trying activities and helping others.



Gold Book Continued...

Millfields First School Gold Book

Friday 19th November 2021

Acorns C: Lola for always listening carefully, sharing nicely and always trying her best.

Acorns N: Ava for always having a smile on her face and for having such a positive attitude. Well done Ava!

Holly: Kyle for joining in so beautifully with our learning in Holly Class. Good job Kyle!

Maple: Thomas for always being a kind and caring friend and looking out for everyone.

Beech: Gabriel for being a reliable and helpful member of the class who has proven himself to be very responsible.

Rowan: Myles for having a much-improved attitude to learning and for now being willing to give everything a go! Keep it up Myles!

Cedar: Lena, Harper and Daisy H for being excellent helpers when jobs needed completing. Thank you girls!

Cherry: Esmee for working hard, having beautiful presentation, listening well and always being willing to help with jobs in the classroom

Hazel: Florence for having such a sunny, positive attitude to everything. You listen well, try your absolute hardest and never give up! And you do it with a massive smile on your face! Well done Florence!

Oak: Eleanor for being an amazing 'teaching assistant' and for helping others to do the right thing. Thank you Eleanor.

Forest School: Jaxson from Acorns C for listening well to instructions and joining in the activities. Well done and keep it up!

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Friday 26th November 2021

Acorns C: Edward for always trying so hard in everything he does and having a super happy smiling face to make us all feel happy!

Acorns N: Codie for his fantastic performance as a snowflake in our Christmas performance practice. Well done Codie.

Holly: Martha for trying so hard in school and working hard to develop a resilient attitude to her learning.

Maple: Olivia for always making us smile in Maple Class and always reminding me if I forget something.

Beech: Layla for her enthusiasm and focus in all of her lessons this week. Well done!

Rowan: Dilyn for always being enthusiastic to learn and trying his best! Keep it up Dilyn!

Cedar: Matthew for great work this week and using his creativity to think of wonderful ideas to use in his work.

Cherry: Rubee for always being willing to help out in the classroom, working hard, being focused and have a very positive attitude. Keep it up!

Hazel: Scarlett for having a renewed positive attitude and taking challenges in her stride. Well done!

Oak: Izzy P for always trying your very best and showing an excellent attitude in all that you do.

Forest School: Harry S from Rowan for always working really hard, concentrating well and for being kind to everyone. Well done Harry.



Dates for your Diary

Here are a few key dates for your diaries:

Monday 6th December	Early Years & KS1 Christmas Recordings
Thursday 9th December:	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Monday 13th December:	Christmas Jumper Day (more info to follow)
Monday 13th December:	Lantern Festival
Wednesday 15th December:	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Party Day
Thursday 16th December:	KS2 Christmas Recording
Friday 17th December:	Last Day of Autumn Term / End of School



Christmas / New Year Break



Wednesday 5th January:	Back to School / Spring Term
Monday 31st January:	Reception Eye Screening (more info to follow)

We hope to add more dates into the calendar as the year goes on.

We hope to be able to invite Parents and Carers into school for more events too but this is very dependant on guidelines and restrictions.

We'll keep you informed as soon as we plan anything.



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2021 / 2022

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2021 / 2022

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 1st November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 20th December 2021 to Friday 31st December 2021	
Spring Half Term 1	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 8th April 2022
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 25th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 7th June 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 15th April 2022
May Day: Monday 2nd May 2022
Platinum Jubilee: Friday 3rd June 2022