



9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I've had my eyes on the local news and although the number of new Coronavirus cases in Exeter appears worryingly high, I've had assurances from Dr Virginia Pearson, Director of Public Health Devon, that 80% of cases fall within the university student population. When they are taken out of the equation, the number of cases in the wider community is only 34 per 100,000, meaning we continue to be a very low risk area in terms of needing to any further action.

## Parent Survey

Please remember to [complete the survey](https://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/Remote_Learning_Plan_Survey) to ensure we provide the best online learning experience for pupils **should** it be required again. At today's Covid strategy meeting we were told there is no plan to change the level of restrictions for our area. Good news!  
[https://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/Remote Learning Plan Survey](https://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/Remote_Learning_Plan_Survey)

## Week 5

We have had a packed week with a range of different activities happening. Rather than hear from me, I've filled the newsletter with information and photos about the fantastic achievements from across the week.

## Class 11



Fantastic engagement during Attention All (bucket) - we are now doing all four stages and the pupils have been amazing.



### Reader of the Week!

Class 9 nominated  
**Jack W and Alex**  
for fluency in their reading

### Mathematician of the Week!

Class 7 - **George** for independently  
using his knowledge of inverse  
relationships to solve addition and  
subtraction number sentences.



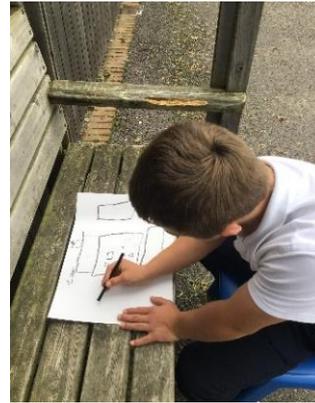
Our artist of the week  
is from class 7- FK,  
for independently  
making a black  
panther statue with  
clay.



And head teacher's awards were also given to Warwick for quick recall of number bonds, Marshall for mental maths: subtracting within 30, Oliver M for being so helpful in class, Daniel in Class 2 for trying something that he finds difficult, Yas and Ollie H for being excellent communicators in Smile Group and Tyler, James and Reed from Class 8 for overcoming barriers. An extremely successful week all round.

### Visiting art group brings outdoor Creative Cabin to Mill Water





We had a very successful visit from the Thelma Hulbert Gallery. Some of you will remember many exhibitions of our art at the gallery in Honiton and they have been supporters of Mill Water for many years.

Anna and Penny from the gallery explored techniques with Class 7, 9, 10 and 12. Class 7, 9 and 10 had a great time doing nature-based painting using clay and water. Class 12 made their own pieces of charcoal from willow and then used them to practise light and dark shading – David reports that Class 12 loved it so much they carried on the session in the classroom! A big thank you to Penny and Anna for creating really engaging sessions for all the pupils.

## Apple Week 2020



A lovely annual autumnal event in our calendar, which the pupils love as it is so hands on and a full sensory experience. It was once again a brilliant success. All classes and pupils got involved with apple pressing - from harvesting apples, washing, chopping, scratting and finally pressing to make gallons of delicious fresh juice! Classroom activities included baking, painting, poems and more. We are so lucky to have an amazing orchard here at school, which we form strong connections with throughout the year - from blossom in the spring through to leaf drop and dormancy in deepest winter. Lots more photos will follow next week of all the apple week activities.



## Otter Valley & Sid Valley Rotary Clubs raffle tickets sent home

The Rotary Clubs are a huge supporter of our school. They donated £400 towards activity packs for children during lockdown and give pupils a Christmas present every year. 90% of the proceeds of the raffle tickets (sent home today) will go to Mill Water. Support us by

South East Devon Community Raffle 2020  
Mill Water School (4)  
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Name: .....  
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Money from sale of this ticket goes to support:

South East Devon Community Raffle 2020  
Rotary  
organised by the Rotary Clubs of Otter Valley & Sid Valley

TICKET £1

First Prize **£1,000**

...and additional cash prizes

The Draw will take place in Ottery St Mary on November 24th 2020  
Winners will be notified at the contact details given on the ticket stub.  
For full details visit [www.seedor.org.uk](http://www.seedor.org.uk)  
Promoter: M J J Harpin, The Crown, 11 Barton Close, Exton, Exeter, EX3 0PE  
Licensed by the Gambling Commission [www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk](http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk)

Folded ticket stubs to be returned to your Rotary Club contact to arrive no later than Monday 9th November 2020

buying/selling your tickets. There's a chance to win £1,000!!! They are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Want more for friends and family?

Email your request to:

[gwhite@millwater.devon.sch.uk](mailto:gwhite@millwater.devon.sch.uk)

by 13<sup>th</sup> October.

## Signposting

Dates for your diary			
What	When	Time	Where
Virtual coffee morning	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am	Comfort of your home
Visiting Theatre group <i>The lion, the witch &amp; the wardrobe</i>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Mill Water: Bubbles / Class groups
Last day of half term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	2.15pm	
First day of Autumn 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		
Halloween dress up <b>(optional)</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		Mill Water: Bubbles / Class groups