



# Mill Water School

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## Cycling awards



Pupils have been excelling at cycling this term. Five students in Class 12 and three in Class 8 have had their focus and skills officially recognised with national Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Awards, presented by visiting instructor Stephanie. "It has been fantastic to see them gain so much confidence when riding their bikes," says Class 12 teacher David. "Pupils can carry out safety checks independently, use hand signals and show road safety awareness, all things that make cycling on the road safer. Well done!"

The response to the training from pupils has been a big thumbs up! Their feedback includes: *"It was great fun. I learnt a lot of stuff like A(Air), B(Brakes), C(Chain),"* **Charlie**. *"It was good but hard work riding up the hills. Thank you Stephanie!"* **Wilfie**. *"Bikeability went well. I feel confident on the road now,"* **Libby**. *"Bikeability helped me learn hand signals,"* **Simon**. *"Bikeability was good and thank you Stephanie,"* **Harry**.

With our new cycle track in place, staff training and funding for new bikes, we are looking forward to creating more exciting cycling opportunities for pupils next term.

## Animal Visits



Class 4 had a visit from some interesting animals as part of their 'Lifecycles' topic including stick insects, giant African land snails and a chubby frog. The highlight of the session was watching the chubby frog swim!

## Lego designs



Class 7 pupils have loved using the packs of Lego, donated by the Institute of Technology and Engineering, to develop their collaboration, problem solving and design skills. Fairground rides, tree houses and a circus are just some of their creations!

## Class 12

Class 12 have been busy working on their travel skills. They have been catching the train during their Travel Training, independently buying their ticket at the station. As part of Outdoor Learning they have been using a compass to navigate their way around Bicton!



## Goodbye David!

Class 12 and the rest of the school have said goodbye to teacher David Orchard today. We are very sad to see him go but excited to see what he will achieve in his new career in the police. He is most excited about the driver training course he gets to go on-watch out Exeter.

Class 12 will be welcoming their new teacher Paul Reynolds after Easter.



## Easter Draw

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle prize winners. Pupils in Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 all had lucky tickets, plus our TA Rosie and Deputy Head Lynne scooped chocolate prizes. We raised a massive £518 which will go towards extra resources for pupils next term. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and Happy Easter to all 🐣🐣

## World Autism Week



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World Autism  
Awareness Week

To mark World Autism Awareness Week we have created a crowdfunder page as part of our campaign to raise funds for more resources for Mill Water SEN School's pupils:

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/millwater>

This has been prompted by the niece of our Chair of Governors Andrew. Her London-based company Landsec is kindly donating funds from their Easter quiz event, being held today, to the school.

Check out some of the things that the National Autistic Society are doing to mark this week: <https://tinyurl.com/3tyj8j8t> Perhaps you can think of a fun Super 7 Challenge, and/or share these details with those you know that are affected by autism? Happy World Autism Week!

Please let the school know via the email address [covid19@millwater.devon.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@millwater.devon.sch.uk) if your child develops symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 (via PCR or LFD test) within 2 days of them being at school. We will then identify close contacts and advise them to self-isolate.

If symptoms or a positive home LFD test occur more than 2 days since your child was last in school, you do not need to report this to us as contact tracing by school is not required. However, you will still need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

We are looking forward to revealing our new sensory integration room and soft play space to the pupils after the break. We are looking to secure 1 day of occupational therapy time soon into the summer term, so these spaces will be used. We are very excited about it and once we have secured the planned 1 day OT provision these spaces will be used regularly for sensory programmes and regulation activities.

### **SIGNPOSTING...**

Devon's communication and mental health teams are running a free online workshop for parents and carers with children with communication difficulties. The informal virtual session on Tuesday 15th June, 10am-12pm, will be a chance to ask the professionals questions and to share experiences with other parents and carers. To book your place or to find out more contact Sue Vanstone via email: [sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com) or tel: 01392 287355.

### **Dates for your diary**

What	When	Where	Notes
Summer term starts	Wednesday 21st April		
Virtual coffee morning	Thursday 20th May	Online	Join us to ask questions about the hub
Parent questionnaire	From Monday 5th April	Online survey	Please complete the survey which will inform our development planning



# Red Nose Day 2021

