



FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016  
**THE MILL MESSENGER**

Mums, Dads and Carers,

It's March, spring is finally upon us! The season is probably my favourite as it reminds me of growth, life and new possibilities. It's a chance for us to take stock, look at our learning goals and move forwards towards the blue skies ahead.

Our HAPPIER value focus this week has been **P**erseverance. Children have looked at what it means to keep trying and remain focused on the end goal. We looked at our friend Lewis Crantham (Kite Surfing champion) who recently tried for the double flip, crashed and ended up injured. On recovery he has vowed to persevere and try to hit the double flip next time the waves are right!

I have really enjoyed the learning this week that is occurring. Year 1 have been explorers, trudging through the Polar Regions gathering words for their senses to write an adventure story. Year 3 have looked at building a character profile for Tim after he went exploring in a run-down garden, Year 4 have been comparing measurements, converting units and drawing around their feet, and Year 6 have been looking at beats and rhythm in music, rapping and dancing to the base! This is just a sample of the wonderful learning I have had the privilege to be part of this week.

Our **Room 13 team** have been creative using recycled materials to make exciting robot characters. The committee have asked if you could please send in tin cans (washed please!) and any shoe boxes that you might have lying around at home. "Billy Bob" (pictured below) was created through joining recycled materials together using a variety of joining and drilling techniques. Check out the Room 13 Facebook page for more examples!



**Easter Competition** - We will be running a 'Decorate Easter Hat/Bonnet or Egg' on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Please bring in your decorated items to class on that morning. There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes for each year group and will be judged by myself! I cannot wait to see how creative we all can be. Get cracking!

**Parent Governors** - We have a position for a parent governor on our board and would like to hear from our parents if you are interested in joining. If you would like to find out more, please email me or the Chair of Governors, David Nixon chair@themill-tkat.org.

Let's hope this wonderful spring weather continues and you are able to get out and explore the countryside this weekend. If you have time to reflect; is there something you need to persevere with? Talk to you child and ask them about their reflection also.

Kind regards,

Mr. Matt Lecuyer

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**Stars of the Week:**

Congratulations to: Julia, Liyana, Chloe, Honey, Freddie, Ayana, Grace C, Cory, Grace, Chloe, Aishah, Lily, Lewis, Liam and Aaliyah

**House Cup Winners:**

Congratulations to Green Cheetahs and Blue Falcon houses for being this week's champions with a score of 38 each- we celebrated with a ketchup clap and round of applause!

**Attendance Cup Winners**

Congratulations to Mondrian class for winning the attendance cup this week. They scored 98.91% even though there is a lot of sickness going around the school. Well done!

**EggCellent Award!**

This week our EggCellent award goes to Miss Shelley Cootes on Reception. Miss Cootes not only meets, greets, looks after children, arranges trips, answers questions and more, but also is our clerk to the governors and stays after hours to ensure our meetings run smoothly. Thank you again for being a role model.

**Headteacher Award**

This week I have presented an extra award to Katie Bachell in Van Gogh class for all of her extra-curricular efforts at home in Talk 4 Writing. She has produced her own talk story map and written a wonderful story to accompany it. Well done!



**"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference" Winston Churchill**