

## Millie's Musings

Hello again from Millie the Owl and all at Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School!

I can't believe that, just a few weeks ago, there was snow falling, and now summer is suddenly here. It seems as if the seasons are racing, and the school year is certainly flying by!

The school focus for the first summer term, "Lights, Camera, Action!" has generated a truly creative buzz, with photography, film making, a variety of art and music, science learning about light, sound, electricity, living things, including humans and plants, the age of exploration and the Victorians. Term 5 brought a Disney themed choir concert and the school's annual arts celebration, when I heard such lovely music coming from the school hall...

Children and staff alike have demonstrated our other school-wide theme, Term 5's value of Service. One of our younger pupils demonstrated this value when she won the star prize in a school fundraiser, to be headteacher for the day. I was fortunate to speak to Miss Ellis about her busy day in charge of the school, and it sounds as if she did a great job, with office duties, lesson observations and organising rewards for children and staff. She said that she enjoyed her experience, but wouldn't like to be headteacher all the time, so it seems Mrs Luce can't retire just yet!

At the beginning of May, many members of our school community had a hoot at the Village Show, making the most of opportunities to demonstrate creativity through one of my favourite themes: All Creatures Great and Small. (I've heard there were even some birds!) Our children produced an amazing range of artwork and poetry in school, and many also decorated cakes and produced other animal-themed creations at home. The sun shone on everyone's efforts, and, from all the chatter I've heard, it sounds as if it was a wonderful celebration. Special thanks go to Mrs Crawford and Mrs Ambrose for organising the school's entries and encouraging the children to do their best. I have been given special permission to share the two winning acrostic poems from the children's class:

**'Animals'** by Eleanor, Y6

All creatures great and small,  
Nature knows them by their call.  
In every pond and every mound  
Many critters can be found,  
And in all the beauty that we see  
Lies new magic to find the key,  
So we can live in harmony!

**'Respect'** by Emily, Y3

Remember to be kind  
Enjoy life with others  
Support friends and your family  
Protect the wildlife from harm  
Encourage people to know what's right  
Care about the thoughts of others  
Take care of the world for our sisters and brothers.

In school, we will be following Emily's advice as our new focus value for Term 6 is Respect.

Millie