

## **Millie's Musings.**

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

Spring is most definitely on its way. The days are getting longer, some of the trees are beginning to bud, and for the past few weeks, I've been watching the daffodils blooming on the grassy circle outside the school, where my tree used to stand.

Inside the school, everyone is busy with their learning. The Spring terms may be short, but there's a great deal to fit in! The children have had such fun with their story writing – I've heard some wonderful tales - and the theme continues with 'Stories from around the World' for World Book Day this month. This term the whole school learning theme is "Fizz, pop, bang" – exploring various aspects of science and technology. I've enjoyed hearing the children talk about the discoveries they've made in areas of Science such as Forces, Space and, my personal favourite, Living Things. Our school value for this term is Forgiveness, and everyone is doing their best to show forgiveness in different ways, as shown by our acrostic poem:

**F**orgiveness is...

**F**orgetting the hurts

**O**ffering a new beginning

**R**estoring a friendship

**G**iven and received

**I**dentifying responsibility

**V**aluing the truth

**E**nding an argument

**N**ot holding a grudge

**E**ncouraging honesty

**S**aying sorry

**S**tarting again.

The children have also been challenging themselves outside the classroom. Just before half term, Class 3 had a great time extending their learning about castles with a visit to Oxford Castle. Our younger children, from EYFS, gave a fantastic assembly to the whole school and parents, all about Courage – they had to be very brave, but it sounded like they enjoyed themselves, too! At the other end of the school, three Year 6 children confidently delivered speeches they had written themselves at the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, while a team from Year 5 competed in a spelling bee at Bradon Forest School.

This month, our eldest children have new adventures to look forward to, as they spend time away from home and school on their residential trips. I look forward to hearing all about the fun they have.

Millie