

## **Millie's Musings**

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

Our school-wide theme for this term, "We could be heroes", has the whole school buzzing with excitement. I've seen children transformed into superheroes through magnificent costumes, to approach their learning in a creative frame of mind; they are making superheroes from clay, writing and illustrating superhero books, learning about heroes from history and science, and discovering how heroism can sometimes come from an unexpected source. Of course, there's the Key Stage Two production on the same theme, which everyone is looking forward to presenting at the end of term. Year Six are almost bursting with excitement about their roles, and will be ably supported by spotlight performances from Classes Three, Four and Five. I've been given a few clues, but I won't spoil the surprise...

Closely linked to the idea of what it means to be a hero is this term's value of Respect. This is a value which, I think, our children demonstrate in abundance. From my perch in the foyer, watching them come and go, I see beautiful manners as doors are held open and people are thanked, and I love listening to the respectful way in which they speak to one another. Everyone is trying hard to follow the advice given in our value poem:

<p><b>Readiness to listen, Everyone being valued, Showing appreciation, Praying for people, Expressing opinions sensitively, Caring for our environment, Treating property carefully.</b></p>
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At the moment, I seem to be surrounded by sport. With the finer weather, it's good for the children to be able to spend longer outside and be more active. Our sports day, in June, is always a popular occasion, with everyone trying to do their very best and having plenty of fun. Of course, the children exercise regularly in school, as they start every day with the "Golden Mile", running a circuit around the school building and challenging their teachers to tally their laps. Some children have clocked up as many as one hundred and fifty miles already this academic year! Also this term, the children are being treated to some very special values sports sessions, funded by The Lydiards Trust, which help them to learn more about the value of Respect, while improving their cricket skills. I've heard a great deal of enthusiasm for these sessions from children and teachers. It all makes me want to stretch my wings and do a few laps of the field, too!

Finally, I had a lovely surprise recently, when I was given a most thoughtful present. Connie in Class One demonstrated last term's value of Service, along with some of our other values of Generosity, Compassion and Friendship, all rolled up in the form of a beautiful blanket to help keep me warm, as she was afraid I might get cold. That was such a sweet gesture, and very considerate, as it did get a little chilly sitting here by the front door throughout the winter. So, thank you, Connie – I was very touched by your thoughtfulness. It shows how important it is to keep focusing on all our values.