



## Report to Ilminster Town Council

January 2016

The start of 2016 saw an exciting development at Greenfylde First School when we took over the running of the pre-school on site. Sunny-Ile Pre-School is currently celebrating 30 years of providing pre-school provision in Ilminster and the move to Greenfylde marks the next stage of development. We are looking forward to the experiences we can provide together for our children and see this move as strengthening the existing provision and giving many more opportunities for future developments in the provision of teaching and learning.

Along with taking over Sunny-Ile, Greenfylde has also gained running of the breakfast club. This club is used by many of our families to facilitate drop-offs to school on busy working days and we are pleased to announce that later this term, we will be providing an after school club to complement the existing extended provision and offer a much requested service to our families.

This week our children are enjoying a visit by Life Education Wessex. This is the second year the mobile classroom has visited Greenfylde and the children greatly enjoy going in the classroom to learn about themselves through a range of personal, social and health related activities. They also look forward to seeing Harold again who is the giraffe mascot of the Life Education scheme. We have also been able to offer lessons to the Year 5s at Swanmead which helps extend our joint working for the benefit of the children of Ilminster. Parents have also had an opportunity to visit the classroom to learn more about Life Education Wessex.

January has also seen our Key Stage 1 children taking part in a 'Wow' day to introduce their new topic of America. We had lots of cowboys and superheroes around school and the children enjoyed their camp fire and America related activities. This topic will continue through the half term and links to a range of subjects including Literacy where the children are fascinated by the stories of Brer Rabbit.

Finally, January will also see us welcome Razwan Ulhaq to school who will be leading an Islamic Art workshop with our Key Stage 2 children. Razwan has been a Headteacher and brings his own special artistic skills to talk to the children about the heritage of faith. Following this visit we have also arranged for two further visitors to come and talk to the children about multi-cultural Britain to encourage tolerance and understanding for our pupils in their relationship with their community.

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