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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Dear Parents,

Since our return to school in September, it has been lovely to see all the children engaged and enthused with their learning and enjoying time with their friends in school. The additional measures which have been put in place to prevent COVID have simply become part of school routine now and the children are loving every second of being back at school. This shows how amazing Millfield Pre-Prep is in ensuring that the children's mental health and wellbeing is prioritised alongside academic achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their care and commitment to this and also to each of you for working with us to reassure your children regarding new routines and for following the new procedures.

Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in November for another fun packed half term full of laughter and learning.

- Mr Jory

CHAPLAIN'S ASSEMBLY

Frogs and Reception children heard all about an owl who saw the whole year pass by in their assembly with Rev'd Kitto this week. They enjoyed playing the trees growing and swaying in the wind, learning about God's wonderful creation and that, just like the owl who noticed everything in the story, God notices us too and loves us no matter what.

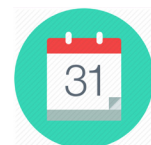


YEAR 2 EXPLORERS WEEK

This week Year 2 have started their Explorers Week. The children are learning about the adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his trip around the Antarctic. They have learnt about the foods available to him and his crew: penguin, seal blubber and limpets to name a few. The children then made Ship Biscuits and had them for snack on Tuesday- they were not overly impressed! On Friday, they went to Forest School and the children learnt how to make and be safe around a fire.



DIARY



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Half Term begins
Pre-School - 12pm
Pre-Prep - 12:15pm

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Term begins
Early birds - 8.00am
All classes - 8:20-8:40am

TODDLER SWIMMING

For toddlers aged 1 and 2
(must be accompanied in the water
by a responsible adult)

Parents/guardians can gain confidence in the water with their little ones and learn how they can progress their child's swimming whilst staying safe. Children will learn safety skills in getting in and out of the water and will gain independence and confidence.

The lessons are run by staff with a Swim England Level 2 Swimming Teacher qualification or above.

Lessons last 25 minutes and cost £6.50 per week, payable termly. Your child's day and time of attendance will be confirmed prior to the start of the term.

Application forms can be downloaded [here](#).

If you would like any further information please contact Millfield Swimming Pool on 01458 444 519 or by e-mail at swimschool@millfieldschool.com

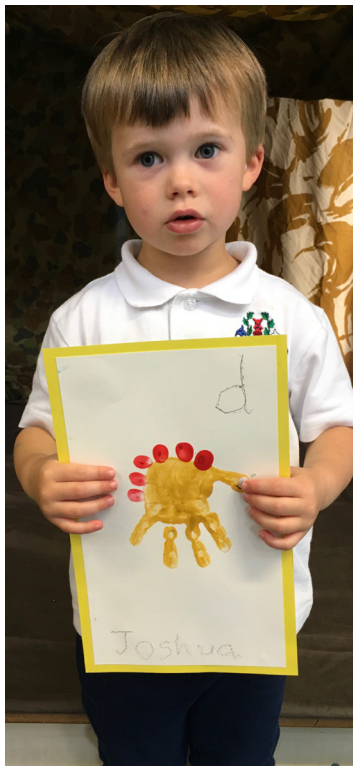
THE GRUFFALO

This week the Tadpoles have been learning all about the story *The Gruffalo*. Everyone went for a welly walk to find things for their adventures. Along the way, the children discovered acorns, sticks and leaves which they used in their new Gruffalo den. The Tadpoles practiced making their own log pile houses and finished off with story time using character props from the book.



DINO-CRAZY

Whilst the Tadpoles are hunting for a Gruffalo, the Frogs have gone dinosaur crazy! It all started with an egg, then two days later the first crack appeared; the excitement was palpable! The children have enjoyed the process of watching the dinosaur slowly hatch from its shell, each day thinking and chatting about whether they could see a bit more. Finally, a small stegosaurus emerged. Their interest was so keen the children helped create a dinosaur den where they could pretend to be paleontologists and use the microscopes and magnifying glasses to observe the dinosaurs more closely. They made dinosaur pictures using their handprints and each discovered they had their very own dinosaur name. So don't be alarmed if the children introduce themselves as Titan-ceratops or Boom-saurus!



SUPER SNAILS

Reception have some new pets - giant African land snails. The children have been using the internet to find out how to care for them and decided to find out how big they can grow. The class found out it can be up to 20cm, and decided it would be a good idea to measure them once a month to see how fast they grow, so have colour coded them and created a chart. We wonder how much they will grow by the middle of November.



FUN AT THE FAIR

Year 1 have been looking at fairground merry-go-rounds. They noticed that many of them had different vehicles on them for children to ride in. Using paper plates and cardboard tubes, the children made their own merry-go-round. They used two tubes with different diameters, slotting the smaller tube inside the larger one, so that it could rotate. They then chose different modes of transport to go on their merry-go-round, including air, water and land vehicles.



MINIS NEWS



MINI TUMBLE TIME

The Minis had a wonderful time in the lovely space of the big Pavilion for Mini Tumble Time. There were slides, tunnels, bats, balls, hoops, frisbees, ball launchers and fancy dress to run around, play with and use up all their energy on. They loved running through the huge rainbow tunnel and jumping in the colourful ball pool. For those who were feeling a little less energetic, there was playdoh and a big colouring sheet on the ground to play with. At the end of the session, we got the parachute out and sang lots of songs whilst making the parachute fly up and down. We got all the ball pool balls flying in the air and let the Minis run around underneath. Their favourite part was when they all sat on top of the parachute and the parents gave them all a little ride.

