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NEWSLETTER



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION

As the most eagerly anticipated publication of the year, the Yearbook is a visual record documenting life at school. For this year's edition, pupils are invited to flex your artistic muscles to design the front cover.

There are two themes: 'Science & Innovation' and 'What's Important To You?'

Submit your designs to Mr Maxwell by Tuesday 8 June. Click [here](#) to find the full brief.

COVID SYMPTOMS

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

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PICK UP TIMES

Please see below the pick up times for half term.

Year 3 and 4 - Martin's Lane, 12.00
Year 5 - Martin's Lane, 12.20
Year 6 - Martin's Lane, 12.30
Year 7 - Sports Hall, 12.00
Year 8 - Sports Hall, 12.20

Boarders to have lunch from 12.00,
return to houses for a staggered
collection from 12.30.

Siblings to depart with youngest pupil.

In EAL, pupils have been working on comparatives and superlatives and have been using them very effectively in their writing. They have produced some brilliant display work, where they have been writing about their home countries.

Tokyo by **Yuna M** (6BAM)

Tokyo is a small city, but in Tokyo there are so many tourist attractions, like the Tokyo Sky Tree, the Tokyo Tower or Rainbow Bridge. At night they are lit up and then they are more beautiful.

One of the most beautiful things in Tokyo is the cherry blossom. Japanese food is the most delicious. I like sushi and noodles.



Spain by **Nacho C F** (8BP)

Spain is a country in the south west of Europe with 47.344.649 million inhabitants in 2021. The capital of Spain is Madrid with the Royal Palace and Prado Museum.

Traditional Food

In Spain, the most popular food is Paella: It is a Spanish rice dish originally from Valencia. Paella is one of the best-known dishes in Spanish cuisine. The second most popular food in Spain is Jamón Ibérico: It is a variety of jamón, a type of cured leg of pork produced in Spain and Portugal. Finally, the third most popular food in Spain is Tortilla de Patata: It's a traditional dish from Spain and is made with eggs and potatoes, optionally including onions.

Famous People In My Country

In Spain, Rafa Nadal is a famous person because he is one of the best tennis players in the world. Then, there are a lot of famous football players in Spain, for example Iniesta. Then, there are a lot of famous singers.

Famous Sports in Spain

The most popular sports in Spain are football, basketball and golf. Finally, F1 and tennis are famous in Spain because more people are sometimes interested in this type of sports.



Shanghai by **Sam X** (6HRP)

I come from Shanghai.

Shanghai is the most populated city in China. Shanghai also is one of the biggest cities in China. In Shanghai there is a famous river called the Yangtze. The Yangtze starts at Chongqing and ends at Shanghai then to the sea. The Shanghai Tower is the highest building in Shanghai and China. The Shanghai Tower is also the second highest building in the world.

In Shanghai the most famous food is Xiaolongbao and wonton.

In Shanghai there is a church called Shanghai City God Temple. It is the most famous building in Shanghai. When people come to Shanghai, lots of people visit the Shanghai City God Temple. The Shanghai City God Temple already has more than 600 years history. There are also lots of shops and restaurants, clothes shops, a souvenir gift shop and also a place to worship Buddha.

Shanghai has also got the biggest metro in China. A lot of people select the metro because it is easier than driving. Also maybe next to your home is a metro, maybe a car is too expensive. The metro is cheaper or more environmentally friendly because the metro only uses electricity. Before when I was still in Shanghai, I needed to go to school everyday but my school was very far away from my home. If we drive a car to the school, we need about 1 hour but if I go to school with the Metro, it will only take 30 minutes.

In Shanghai there is a place called Chongming Island. It is the biggest island in China and it is made of sand and stone. My grandma comes from there. There are lot of farms and hotels, so it is the best place for a trip. There are also lots of fish there, so lots of people go there for fishing.



THE FLYING SCHOOL NURSE

Our School Nurse Ms Swift has signed up for a charity skydive in aid of The Eden Dora Trust. She is due to tandem skydive on the 17 July.

The Eden Dora Trust supports families with children suffering from Encephalitis, an inflammation or swelling of the brain, and funds research into its causes, diagnoses & treatments.

The link to Ms Swift's JustGiving page is [here](#) if you would like to donate.

JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Oreo has been awarded to **Jude H** for super communication skills shown when he was talking about farmyard machinery to the rest of his class. Chota has been awarded to **Tilly C** for a selfless act on Wednesday when she left her friends at athletics to help the U11 cricket team. She captained superbly and was very supportive to her teammates. Miffy has been awarded to **Kaila P** for showing great care towards her friends. Well done to all.



SHOWCASE

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Well done to all the pupils who performed for their LAMDA exams last week, and then recorded their pieces for Showcase the day after! Click the icon for more photos.



YEAR 6 ART CLUB

Year 6 Art Club had so much fun learning to make felt from fibers of wool with Rev Kitto!



TEA AND BALLET

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On Wednesday 19 May, **Annabelle S** and **Tamara G V** went over to the Senior School with Miss Chatwin to watch *Tea and Ballet*.

Tamara and Annabelle:

When we arrived at the Senior School we were greeted by Mrs Fox and taken to the Meyer Theatre. There we got to get a drink and a cake box. We took these outside and had our scones at a picnic table in the sun before the show started. We enjoyed this as it was a nice treat before the show. We then went into the theatre and were sat in the front row! It was a great experience to be able to watch a live show again in a theatre and see old Prep pupils take part in this showcase. Our favourite part of the show was seeing the different choreography and all of the dances. We are both looking forward to starting at the Senior School next year and being able to take part in these opportunities.



QUEEN BEE

Toby B and **Luc M** helping find the queen bee in the hive. All looking good. Hopefully honey this year. If anyone else wants to see the bees please get in touch with Miss Parsons or Mr Henderson.



YEAR 6'S POP ART

Some brilliant pop art created by 6BVG.



SUMMER CONCERT

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We are delighted to be bringing you [the link for the Summer Concert](#) which will be streamed via YouTube Premiere tonight at 6.30pm. The concert contains a wonderful variety of repertoire - certainly something for every taste in music - and you will find the programme [here](#). Here are the [programme notes](#) written for each item, which provide a little more insight into the journey of each ensemble over the course of the past year, as well as some interesting facts about the pieces themselves. Click the camera icon above to see photos from the Concert recordings.

As has become routine for our end of term concerts, we had over 200 pupils involved in the recordings, which included three whole year group's items (Year 6 ukuleles, Year 4 orchestra and Year 2 recorders). We are so proud that despite the challenges of the past year, all our ensembles and choirs were able to perform with confidence, poise and spirit. We hope you will agree that the standard of the performances is exceptional!

Thank you to all the music staff involved for their unrelenting hard work in preparing the ensembles for the occasion. Thanks as well must also go to parents and friends for continuing to encourage the children with practice and for supporting the event. We sincerely hope you enjoy watching the concert and well done again to all the pupils involved - you can all be extremely proud of yourselves!



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week sees us heading towards a very well deserved half term break; let's hope the forecast heatwave does arrive! This week has also seen the further easing of lockdown, tempered with an ongoing wariness of new variants that are still emerging around the country. Part of lockdown easing has been the return of the hug – along with guidance on how to hug! As with all issues around the pandemic, responses are often varied or mixed, some are delighted that hugging is back whilst others have been quite happy to keep socially distanced!

Another word for hug is embrace. We have all had to adapt, in many ways, during these times of lockdown - some things we have needed to do, some things we have really embraced because they have been so beneficial. As lockdown eases further, what will you embrace as we move forward? Perhaps something that you have had to let go of during the pandemic and you can't wait to pick it up again, as many clubs, activities and events restart? Perhaps something from the lockdown period that you have found really helpful and will keep holding on to? Perhaps, as we emerge from lockdown, it is time to embrace something new – maybe a commitment to something different, a stand for social justice or action in response to the climate crisis?

Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. 'Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth"). Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world' (BBC). From hiding away fearing reprisals, the disciples now faced a new challenge, taking the good news of the Christian faith into the world. A small group of people trusted God, embraced the challenge (despite all the dangers and unknowns ahead) and 2,000 years later Christianity is still flourishing across the world.

What challenge, however large or small, could you embrace to help make our world a better place? Every new day is a gift, embrace it.

*Dear God,
Please help me to embrace change
To hold on to what is good, what is helpful, what is true
To let go of what is hurtful, harmful or unhelpful
Please help me with wisdom to know which is which.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Take time to talk with somebody each day this week and over half term, ideally somebody you haven't spoken with for a while, hopefully over a cuppa where you can. Chat about what has changed for each of you in recent months and about the things you will embrace going forward.

- Reverend Kitto

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

During the lockdown in January, 27 pupils entered into the Millfield Prep Fantasy Football League, something that has continued whilst we have been back in school. Players were transferred in and out over the weeks with managers carefully selecting when to play their 'triple captain token' as well as 'wildcards' and 'bench boosts'. The players have been chopped and changed, but one thing has remained constant, with **George P** topping the table for most of the season, despite some valiant efforts from **Daniel D** and **Sebastian G**. Well done to George for finishing as the overall league champion.

Millfield Prep

Invite people to join this league

League scoring started in Gameweek 18

Select phase

Overall



Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1 ●	George'sGunners George	56	1246
2 ●	Savage FC Chantal C	61	1184
3 ●	sebbie Sebbie G	44	1133

BIATHLE

On Sunday 23 May, 31 pupils from Years 3 to 8, competed in the National Biathle Championships! For some, this was their first competition in over a year, and others their first biathle event ever! All pupils battled against heavy rain and wind to complete a continuous run-swim-run race against some very tough competition from across the country. Millfield Prep recorded 10 'Top 10' finishes, with **Sophia E-N**, **Caleb G-G** and **Dexter T** winning their respective age categories and securing gold medals, sisters **Iona M** and **Lois M** both claiming bronze medals and **Vienna T** and **Polly W** securing fourth place in their respective age groups. Well done to all biathletes, your hard work paid off and you did the school proud!



SWIMMING

Pupils had the opportunity to race in Swim England's Level X competition, which consisted of five days of racing across two weekends. Pupils from Years 4-8 enjoyed the opportunity to compete again and for some it was their first experience of racing. All who took part demonstrated great race skills and team comradery supporting their teammates during races. Pupils showed great improvements building on the form from the internal races we held in the autumn term.

A massive well done to all pupils who took part: **Agnes C**, **Alex T**, **Amelia R**, **Andrew T**, **Annabelle S**, **Archie T**, **Asta M**, **Billy C**, **Caleb G-G**, **Cameron P**, **Caty R**, **Charles R**, **Charlie P**, **Charlotte M**, **Chiara C**, **Daniel B**, **Daniel P**, **Dexter T**, **Dorian L**, **Elis D**, **Ella D**, **Emily G**, **Enid M**, **Ethan W-B**, **Eva L**, **Evie T**, **Fernanda U A**, **Georgie G**, **Hunter K**, **Iona M**, **James P**, **Jasper T**, **John A**, **Jonah D**, **Joshua S**, **Joshua U**, **Katherine B**, **Katriel C**, **Keeleigh C**, **Lois M**, **Maia D**, **Megs H**, **Mila B**, **Nancy M**, **Natalia U A**, **Noah W**, **Noelle D**, **Oliver N**, **Oliver T**, **Oscar R-D**, **Polly W**, **Poppy L**, **Ruby B**, **Samuel C**, **Sasha H**, **Steffi B D L O**, **Taylor P**, **Theo T**, **Tilly A**, **Vienna T**.



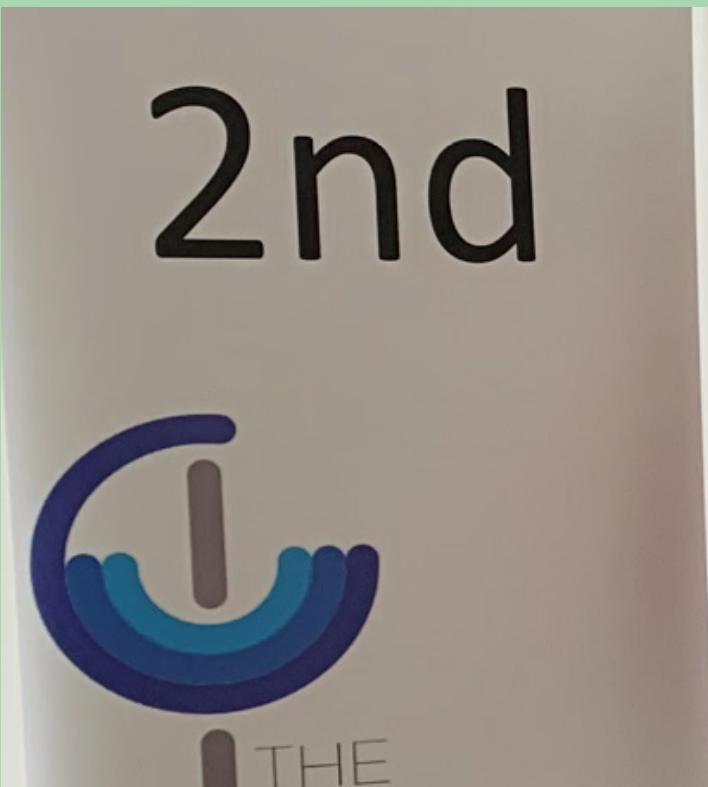
SAILING

The U11 Regatta at the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre in Portland, took place on Wednesday. Four schools competed in near-perfect conditions, completing four races. **Noelle D** and **Liberty W** came third overall, whilst **Tim D P** and **Freddie G** also put in a solid performance, for their first regatta as a team. This is a brilliant opportunity for the sailors, as they watched the GBR team training around them, and were able to put all the skills they've been learning this term into practice.



FENCING

Well done to **Hector J** who won a silver medal at his first post-Covid competition, fighting boys two years older than him in the U14 category in Manchester.



CRICKET

Girls' Senior Development Cricket Team (below)

Congratulations to the Girls Senior Development Cricket Team, who played Somerset in two matches on Saturday and won both games. In the first 15 over game, we restricted Somerset to 78 runs and chased them down in the 13th over with **Helena C** 28 not out and **Jasmine R** run out for 23. In the second game, **Lucy C** top scored with a powerful 17. All the girls bowled and **Alicia P** bowled four quick overs. **Erin D** was outstanding behind the stumps. Well done, girls!



Girls' Senior Development Cricket Team (below left)

Congratulations to our Girls Senior Development Cricket Team who beat the Welsh Under 13 Team by 20 runs on Wednesday. Batting first, we posted 159-5 in 25 overs with **Niamh M** 40, **Helena C** 20, **Jasmine R** 15, **Scarlett B** 14. We restricted a powerful batting team to 139-5. Some great catching and fielding, but need to reduce the number of 'extras'!



Boys' U13B

Millfield Prep secured another good victory against Taunton School this week to continue their strong season. Some excellent fielding and catching, especially by **Oliver N**, who helped restrict Taunton to 107 in their 20 overs. **Jake S-S**, **Arlo J** and **Sam K** each took two wickets to keep the opposition in check. Millfield Prep opened with a flurry of runs racing to 68-1 from the first eight overs in their run chase, **Jake S-S** scoring 35 from 28 balls. **Lukas M** batted well, anchoring the innings and steered the team home with five overs to spare to eventually win by five wickets. Well done to all for your effort in training and matches this half term.

Boys' 1st Team

On Saturday, the Boys' 1st Team played Kings Hall in the County Cup. Kings Hall batted first and of their allocated 25 overs got 111-5. A good bowling performance, with the pick of the bowlers being **Freddie H** and **Alex Y**. After a bright start, due to some wayward bowling from Kings and getting the score to 40 without loss, we collapsed to 79 all out. Although the wicket was proving to play tougher when we batted, we struggled to play a very good spinner.

Girls' U12C (below)

The sky was blue and it was the perfect afternoon for cricket on Wednesday. The U12C girls played All Hallows in a tightly fought match. What was so impressive was that, although we lost by nine runs, the girls have made such great improvement over this half term. Superb 6s and 4s came from **Lottie R-B** and her partner **Amelia G**. We finally started to believe that we could bowl and some fantastic development came from **Adriana R**, who was our most improved player of the match and also was exceptionally kind too. **Ella W** showed us some fast bowling and not giving away a single run! **Scarlet O**, **Lottie R**, **Cecily L** and **Tiffany H** showed us some determined batting and **Poppy P**, **Yashika G** and **Karina S** all took risks to get those extra runs. Well done girls on a really fun enjoyable game.



Sporting News

EQUESTRIAN



Well done to **Myla C** and Billy for finishing third at their first BE 90. A fantastic result at Tweseldown international horse trails.

Also, congratulations to Myla on Lizzie, who came second at Bratton Down by a whisker. A great result in a very strong field.



Congratulations to **Emily G** on the following brilliant results from the weekend:

3rd in the 1m 128 Graham Heath Qualifier at Onley on Izzy
4th in the 1.15 Members Cup Qualifier at Parwood on Bruce
6th in the Foxhunter 1st Round at Onley on Bruce

ATHLETICS

It has been a very long time since our athletes competed so it was a relief to finally arrive at Dauntseys School to race on their new track on Wednesday. We were a little rusty but raced well. The relays were the highlight with two very close finishes. It was also a good run out for the athletes before the Inter-House Sports Day.



TENNIS

Toby W, John A and **Emma C** all represented Somerset in the U10 County Cup at the weekend. The boys' team were placed in third position and the girls' team finished fourth.

Good luck to **Joshua C** who is competing in the qualifying event of the Tennis Europe Tournament in Wrexham this weekend and to **Charlie R** who has got into the main draw.

On Saturday, our combined U14 Boys' Team (with Senior School) played Elite Tennis Club in the Premier Division of the LTA National Club League. **Charlie R** and **Joshua C** both won their singles and doubles matches with the team winning 4-2 overall. Also on Saturday, our Girls' U14 Team (combined with Senior School) played Bath University Tennis Club away in the same competition. **Louise H** and **Niamh M** won their doubles match together but sadly the team lost 5-1 overall.

Good luck to all our Prep tennis players who are competing over half term.



Boarding Life

CHESTNUT

On Wednesday this week, the boys started their evening with some 'football tennis' on the court. They then proceeded to help plant 100 sunflower seeds as part of the #millfieldgivingday. We can't wait to see them bloom later in the year. As it was such a sunny day, they were treated to a visit to the 'Cupper Cones' Ice Cream Factory (named after a former Chestnut Boy). It always amazes us just how many toppings they try to precariously balance onto their ice creams!



CHAMPION

After a successful Year 6 Sports Day, followed by various matches in the afternoon, you would be forgiven for thinking the Champion girls would want to rest in the evening. Not so - all the girls were delighted to head across to the tree house on Wednesday evening. It's been a long half term and what a treat for the girls on Saturday, takeaway supper followed by the Eurovision Song Contest. The Champion common room was decorated with flags and looked amazing. We would like to wish all our families a restful half term.



HOLLIES

The arrival of a large speaker and two microphones in Hollies paved the way for a fun Hollies' Karaoke weekend. At every opportunity, there was singing and dancing from many. A big screen was also added to give Film Night a new viewing dimension from the bean bags and blankets. Millfield Giving Day fired up on Wednesday, with a plethora of charitable activities. The Prep boarding community planted 100 sunflowers to mark the day, which we will enjoy watching grow over the coming weeks (hopefully in the sunshine!). Scooters and s'mores finished the day on Wednesday with the girls enjoying chocolate, marshmallows and the freedom of our beautiful campus.



BEREWALL

The Berewall boys continue to embrace boarding life. We have a new teenager in the house, **Mark S**, who celebrated his birthday with his friends. The weekend saw heavy rain, but that did not stop the cricket matches on our tennis court. We held a movie night on Saturday for the boys to relax and enjoy each other's company.



Brilliant Borders

CHESTNUT

The Chestnut Brilliant Boarder is **Magnus W.** Magnus has had another fantastic term. He has made a smooth transition from flexi to full time boarder. He is kind, funny, polite and he is always helpful around the house. He is a good role model to all of the other boys. Well done Magnus and thank you for being such a star!



CHAMPION

Champion's Brilliant Boarder is **Erin D.** Erin took on the task of collating opinions and suggestions from her peers ahead of attending the Boarders' Council. Whenever she sees her friends needing support, without being asked, Erin is there to help them. Well done Erin!



HOLLIES

This is always such a difficult decision as all the girls are fantastic. However, the Hollies' Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Chiara C.** Her sense of humour and willingness to have a go are a great example for all!



BEREWALL

Ivan T has been awarded this half term's Berewall Brilliant Boarder. He is organised, kind and meticulous with his belongings. He spends a lot of time away from home and has taken it all in his stride. He is polite and helpful to the house staff and always greets you with a smile.





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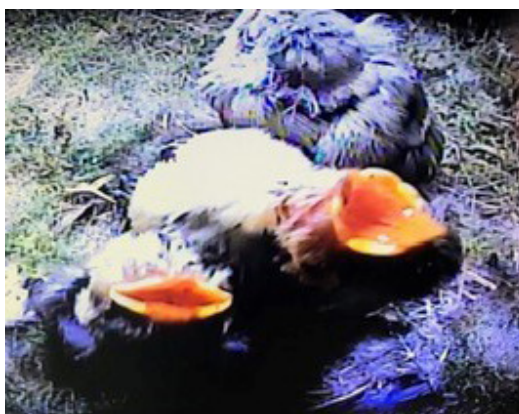
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A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

We are now approaching the end of the first half of summer term, which again has been full of learning, experimenting, challenges and problem solving. Even though the weather has been a bit temperamental this hasn't stopped the children taking their learning outside. They have been bug hunters, map readers, den builders, bird watchers and gardeners, finding out about living things and identifying plants and animals. We all hope for a warmer and brighter second half of the summer term, which will include lots of transition work, moving up days, sports afternoons and productions. More information on these will be sent out after the half term break.

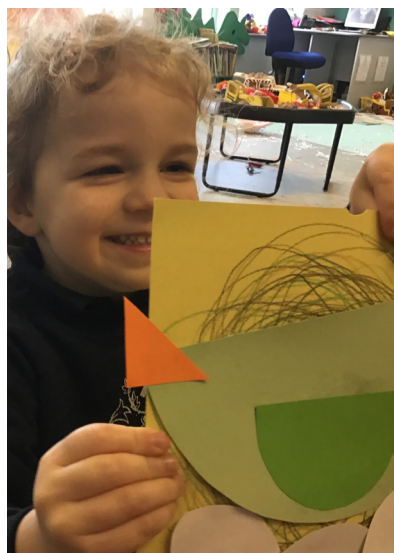
- Mr Jory



PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

BRILLIANT BIRDS

The Tadpoles had a very exciting visit this week to watch the baby birds being fed by their mummy bird, as well as them getting ready to fly the nest. The children then practiced flying around Pre-Prep like birds. Back in the room, the Tadpoles made their own pictures of birds in a nest with their eggs, and counted how many eggs they used as well as all of the different shapes. They were so inspired that they made their own make-shift 'nest' in the room!



DIARY

Friday 28 May
End of half term - 12pm

Monday 7 June
Return to school



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory:

Pre-School
Foy G
Romilly P

Year 1
Arthur C
Freya W

Reception
Alfred W
Laurie L

Year 2
Oliver H
Trinity B

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

There has been lots of excitement in Pre-School this week. The children returned to school on Monday to discover one butterfly had emerged from its cocoon. By lunchtime there were three - great excitement! There are now nine Painted Lady butterflies. The children have studied the butterflies and noticed the different patterns and colours on the back and front of their wings and caught a glimpse of the butterflies' long tongues as they fed on a banana. The butterflies have provided some amazing learning for the Pre-School children. Please do ask your child about them!

After the excitement of the caterpillars changing into butterflies, Pre-School have been thinking of other things that change and grow. They decided to plant some sunflower seeds. The children are wondering if their sunflowers will grow taller than them!



BUGS TO BUTTERFLIES

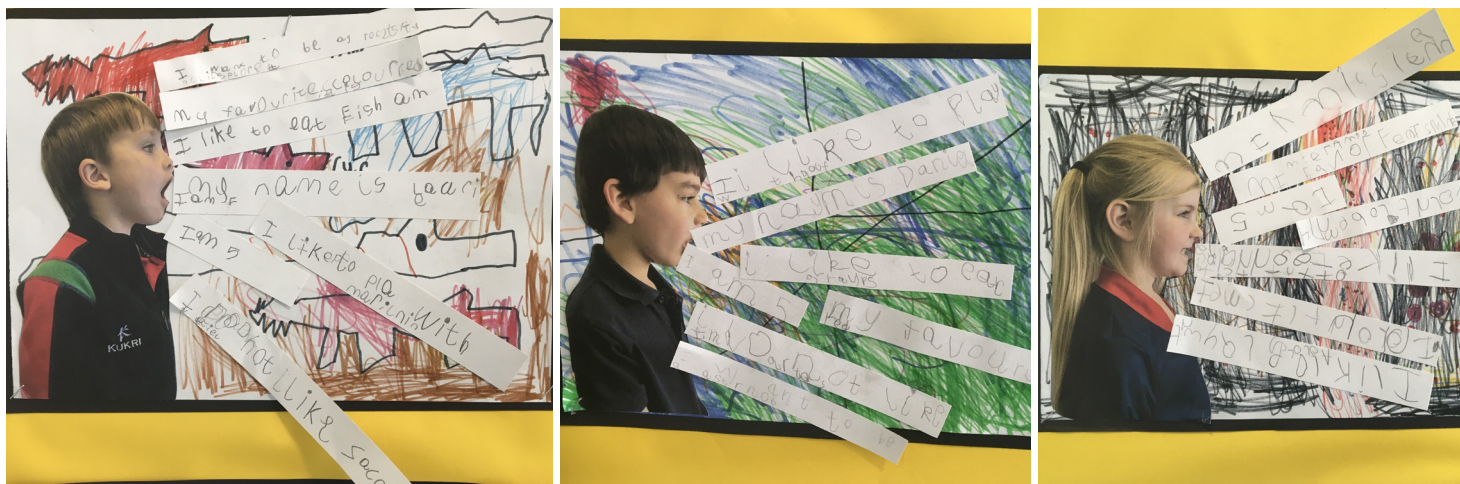
Year 1 have been learning about the life cycle of insects. They made a model using clay, to illustrate the different stages in a butterfly's life cycle. Then they looked at non-fiction books to choose which butterfly they wanted to make. All of the butterflies are native to this country and the children are learning their names. Do you recognise any of them?



RECEPTION

AMAZING ARTWORK

Following on from Mental Health Week, the children have been looking at themselves and created these amazing pieces of unique individual artwork showing their likes and dislikes.



BUILDING HABITATS

Year 2 have been designing and making their own minibeast habitats. They made their plans in the classroom and considered the important aspects of a perfect habitat including temperature, light, moisture and safety from predators. The children then went to the Forest School to set up their habitats. We will see if any mini beasts have made them their home after the half term break!



Well done to Year 2 who recorded their performances on the recorder for the Summer Concert this week!





MINIS NEWS



MINIS MINIS TRANSPORT

The Minis were very excited to drive their cars through the car wash and scrub them clean. They were busy rescuing frozen cars, making tracks with paint and pushing vehicles down the mini racer wall ramps. Some Minis were even brave enough to explore our muddy sensory tray! Our Friday Minis enjoyed sticking shapes to make different types of transport and pushing their cars over the popping bubble wrap road in the Pavilion. What a fun week!