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# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome from the Headmaster

A warm welcome and hello from me. It's been an honour to be welcomed to Millfield Prep School for the start of this new academic year. The children have been a true delight and it's fantastic to see our beautiful Somerset campus bustling with energy and happiness.

The start of the school year has run smoothly and pupils and staff alike are continuing to support the Covid-19 protocols we have in place. My thanks to you at home for encouraging the children to help keep our community safe, and hence allowing Millfield Prep to run as close to normal as possible.

In my first assembly I spoke of the joy of reading and I encouraged our community to seek comfort in a good book. Our on-site school library can offer fantastic recommendations to suit everyone's taste. I also touched on Lonesome George, the last known species of a rare tortoise and what it must have been like to be the last remaining representative of his species. At Millfield Prep no one is alone, and we encourage everyone to look out for each other and demonstrate the three c's: being courteous, considerate and using common-sense in their day to day lives at school.

Millfield Prep's new Wellbeing Curriculum is underway. Lessons for Year 7 and 8 pupils have started and it is great to see them outside enjoying the September weather in the first of their sessions. I look forward to seeing the next topics, which include meditation, soul food and movement to music, in the coming weeks.

As a daily runner myself, the interhouse fun run was a chance for me to get active with the children. I put on my trainers and ran the course but was piped to the finish line by lots of excited children, well done to everyone who took part!

A big congratulations to our Heads of School for the autumn term, Victoria and Brychan. They are exceptional advocates for Millfield Prep this term and I look forward to working closely with them.

As we continue this busy start to term, please keep in touch with your Group Tutor should you have any queries.

I hope to see you on and around campus in the near future.

Best wishes,  
Gavin Horgan



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## DIARY

**FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**  
Year 5 Theatre Trip to Bristol,  
11:00am - 6:00pm

**TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**  
\*Year 8 Geography Trip to  
Lulworth Cove - Group 1, 8:30  
-17:00  
Year 8 Art trip to Cardiff - Group 2,  
8:30-17:00

**WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**  
Year 5 Ancient Greek Morning,  
9:00-12:00

**THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**  
Mufti Day for winning House of  
Merit award Summer 2021  
Year 4 Trip to Bristol, 8:30- 16:00  
Year 8 Groups Swap  
Pre-Prep Harvest Festival - 14:30  
You are welcome to join us on the  
new Pre-School Astro, 2 people per  
family.  
Individual and Sibling Photos in  
Pre-Prep hall

**FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**  
Exeat weekend - Pre-Prep to finish  
at 12:30  
After 12 if collecting siblings from  
Prep school.





# OUR NEW HEADS OF SCHOOL <sup>2</sup>



## VICTORIA

*When I found out I was Head Girl I was down in Devon with my family having lunch. My mums phone rang she said "yes she is right here" and as she handed me the telephone she said Mrs Shayler would like to speak to you. It was quite a surprise and I had to step outside the restaurant so I could hear Mrs Shayler clearly. She asked me if I*

*would like to be Head Girl and I immediately said yes, since joining Millfield as a Tadpole I have seen quite a number of Head Girls and now I was to be one. It was an amazing highlight to a lovely holiday. I am looking forward to being Head Girl and working with Brychan and to be good advocate for the school.*  
- Head Girl, **Victoria**



## BRYCHAN

*It was the afternoon of the 7 July and I had recently arrived at my grandparents' house, in sunny Wales. Due to the pandemic, I had not been able to see my grandparents in a long time, so I was already in a great mood. My mum's phone began to ring- it was an unknown number, which mum doesn't tend to answer, but on this occasion she did. Mum suddenly handed me the phone, which confused me. I heard the voice of Mrs Shayler, which added further to my confusion, but a second later my mind became clear and I suddenly thought "Could this be*

*the moment I have been waiting for?" - It was! Mrs Shayler asked if I would like to take on the role of Head Boy for the autumn term. Having been at the school all my life, and having looked up to many other Heads of School before me, it is an absolute honour to accept the role. I have gained so much confidence in the last few years at Millfield Prep and I am sure that this role will help me further. Alongside Victoria, I look forward to being a great ambassador for the school.*

- Head Boy, **Brychan**

## ROLE MODELS OF THE WEEK

Each week in the Juniors, we award Miffy, Chota and Oreo for acts of kindness and for demonstrating their IPC goals. The pupils behaviour also rewards them with the role model of the week award in the newsletter. This week, Miffy and Chota are going home with **Sofia L** and **Florrie H** for being extremely kind to other pupils. Oreo is going home with **Charlie G** after he showed great adaptability and organisation skills during his first week at MPS. Well done to all!





# PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's 'Picture of the week' is this excellent painting by Year 8 **René M.**



## FOLLOW THE NEW FOOD-TECH INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Please follow the new instagram account:  
[@mpsfoodtech](https://www.instagram.com/mpsfoodtech)

for regular updates and photos showcasing the fine culinary skills of the pupils here. This week look out for Year 8 making a bechamel sauce, Year 7 making homemade chips, Year 6 baking cheese scones and Year 5 having their first practical making baked apples.



# THUMBS UP FOR BEING BACK AT SCHOOL!

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# Inter House Fun Run

The inter house fun run started the house competition for this year. The first week saw all pupils in Year 6, 7 and 8 run for their games house. Despite the mix of sunshine and rain, they all ran well and there was a lovely supportive atmosphere at the event. The following week saw pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 go on the route around the school. It was also fantastic to be able to welcome large numbers of parents back onto campus to support their children. Congratulations to all of the winners, the overall house results were: 1. Danes 2. Angles 3. Saxons 4. Jutes

## Race Results

Year 3 boys  
**Barnaby G**  
**Cooper L**  
**Max W**

Year 3 girls  
**Rosie K**  
**Aurelia C**  
**Meilin K**

Year 4 boys  
**Noah K**  
**Harry G**  
**Micah G**

Year 4 girls  
**Lowri S-M**  
**Layla K**  
**Sophie E**

Year 5 boys  
**Bailey B**  
**William M**  
**Nixon C**

Year 5 girls  
**Elsie S**  
**Polly W**  
**Kitty D**

Year 6 boys  
**Connor P**  
**Joel G**  
**Seb G**

Year 6 girls  
**Eva D**  
**Lois M**  
**Maya C**

Year 7 boys  
**Tristan A**  
**Rupert j**  
**Jack G**

Year 7 girls  
**Iona M**  
**Vienna T**  
**Ellie D**

Year 8 boys  
**Caleb G-G**  
**Aston B-H**  
**Shun K**

Year 8 girls  
**Asta M**  
**Tabitha O**  
**Dinobi O**





# Year 4 Orchestral Day

Every year, pupils in Year 4 are lucky enough to learn an instrument in their music lessons as part of our Orchestral Project. This culminates in the formation of the Year 4 Orchestra and a special performance in the summer concert at the end of the year. On Tuesday last week, the excitement was palpable as the Year 4s attended our orchestral taster day. It was wonderful to see all the pupils back together again, so engaged with the staff performances and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the experience! The pupils demonstrated some incredible raw talent and with restrictions continuing to ease, we were delighted that everyone had the chance to try all the instruments on offer. This included violin, cello, double bass, harp, oboe, clarinet, trumpet/cornet, trombone/tuba and

French horn. At the end of the day, pupils took home their orchestral booklets and were asked to indicate which instruments they would like to learn for the year on the final page. It was a wonderful moment when the pupils were told that everyone has been allocated either their first, second or third choice – their excitement was infectious! Many thanks to all the staff involved for their wonderful efforts last Tuesday. I know that all the Year 4s are already hugely enthused about the prospect of learning a new instrument and I am very much looking forward to hearing the children's progress as well as watching their enthusiasm grow throughout the year!





# SCIENCE

This week, Year 6 have successfully taken off in their new topic 'Mission to Mars' and with the climate being good, we have managed some outdoor learning. Where the astronauts of 6BVG have been tasked with measuring out the distance of the planets in our Solar System to the Sun, to scale, using astronomical units. Reporting back, with great teamwork and accuracy, everyone was able to appreciate just how far away even our closest neighbours are.



# ECO CLUB

Eco-club has started the year by harvesting the potatoes and rhubarb that have been growing over the summer in the school vegetable patch. We found some whoppers! If you would like to get involved with local and global environmental matters, please see Miss Parsons.





# CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Thought for the week *COMPASSION*

*'If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.'* (Dalai Lama)

*Compassion is one of five virtues mentioned Colossians 3, verses 12 to 17. In this passage St. Paul, writing around AD60, urges the people of Colossae to clothe themselves with 'Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Paul pre-dates the Dalai Lama by some 2000 years, although the message is the same – compassion is essential to us as individuals and as a society. Darwin noted in his work that flourishing communities were often those demonstrating greater levels of compassion and the philosopher Lao Tzu reflects, 'I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures.'*

*The Dalai Lama says, 'Each of us in our own way can try to spread compassion into people's hearts. Western civilizations these days place great importance on filling the human 'brain' with knowledge, but no one seems to care about filling the human 'heart' with compassion. This is what the real role of religion is.'*

Prayer

Creator God

Teach us to be compassionate, caring and thoughtful.

Help us to reach out to others less fortunate than ourselves and to be thankful for what we do have.

God, help us to forgive each other as you forgive us.

Help us to show compassion to each other in our school and in our wider community, putting others first wherever we go.

Amen

Well-being tip for the week: *Self-compassion.*

*Self-compassion can be defined as being "kind and understanding when confronted with personal failings..." (Neff) It simply means that you act the same way toward yourself when you are going through a tough time that you would act towards a dear friend: noticing the suffering, empathizing and offering kindness and understanding. Give yourself a break! Show yourself some love, forgiveness and compassion.*

## *Pilgrimage by Enid*

*Today in the south-west,  
We have tried our best,  
To walk from place to place,  
And try to embrace,  
The new things we have learnt.*

*We went to the abbey,  
Which wasn't so shabby,  
Although in remains,  
We were taught by people trained,  
To teach us about the place.*

*Next we went to the church,  
Where we perched,  
And listened,  
About people being christened,  
To learn more about Christianity.*

*Then we went to the mosque,  
Where we took off our shoes and put them aloft,  
A shelf and went inside,  
To a room beside,  
And learned lots about Muslims.*

*Finally up the Tor,  
We took a great tour,  
Up to the top,  
Then we sat, flop,  
And made our way home.*

*Thank you to all staff who made the time to take  
us on this wonderful trip.*

## ONLINE SAFETY

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As part of the induction programme in the first week of term we were very fortunate to be joined by **Boris Radanovic** from the **UK Safer Internet Centre** and the South West Grid for Learning who gave some very interesting and thought provoking **Online Safety** presentations to all pupils in Yrs. 1 to 8.

Online Safety education is vital for anyone who works with or cares for young people and forms a vital aspect of a school's safeguarding strategy. Recognising, responding and dealing with online issues can be challenging, while legislation and inspection highlight a setting's ability to keep children, teachers and other staff safe online.

Boris talked about the positive and negative effects of the internet, gaming & social media and how to keep safe in the virtual world. In this field the positives far outweigh the negatives, but it is hugely important our pupils know how to keep themselves safe, know how to act as responsible digital citizens and know what to do if they come across something or someone who makes them feel threatened or uncomfortable.

Unfortunately, the presentation to parents had to be postponed, but it is very much hoped that this can be re-arranged for later in the school year. Obviously, it is very important that you have open and constructive conversations with your children around online safety and hopefully you will find the links below useful when talking to your children about this very important subject.

[Live Streaming & vlogging](#)

[Balancing Screen Time](#)

[Instagram Checklist](#)

[Snapchat Checklist](#)

[Twitter Checklist](#)

[Facebook Checklist](#)

[Roblox Checklist](#)

[TikTok Checklist](#)

## SAFEGUARDING

Please find the link to our [Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy](#).

This is a revised policy for September 2021.



# YEAR 7 PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY

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The first trip of the academic year was an opportunity for all our new Year 7 students to take on their own pilgrimage of Glastonbury. Thanks to Revd Kitto, Chaplain/ Head of RS who organised the multi faith tour through our local town, Year 7s were able to experience a variety of different sites and churches that are on their doorstep. This Pilgrimage of Glastonbury provided students with a blend of all our Humanities subjects in a single day. The religious, spiritual, geographical and historical elements were all planned into a carefully woven programme that included visits to St John's Church, a local mosque, the URC, and St Margaret's Chapel and arms houses as well as the opportunity to take part in map reading and historical talks from living history rein-actors at Glastonbury Abbey. The guided tour of Glastonbury Abbey allowed students to appreciate the importance of the holy site, its history no least that they was standing in the very spot that King Edward I and Queen Eleanor of Castille would have stood on their progress and reimagine the scale and popularity of the Abbey prior to the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The day began with Revd Kitto offering a prayer before we set off and at the end of the day a blessing at the summit of Glastonbury Tor. We were very fortunate to meet the heads of each of the churches and to learn something of their faiths and community life in and around Glastonbury. Students were able to ask questions and as representative of Millfield, were a credit to their school. This was also a carbon neutral trip with every student walking the length of the pilgrimage round trip starting and ending at Millfield Prep School taking all their supplies for the day on their backs and leaving no trace. Well done to all Year 7 for their contribution to making the Humanities trip a brilliant day.



## REV KITTO AND PUPILS ALSO DECORATED STONES TO LEAVE AROUND SCHOOL AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO BE KIND





# Boarding Life

## CHESTNUT

The Chestnut boys have had a busy two weeks. The ASFL (After Supper Football League!) is in full swing with matches every Wednesday after supper.

This week we went to Tor Fair, which has become a bit of a Chestnut tradition over the last few years.

## EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys at Manor have been enjoying the glorious September evenings this week playing golf and getting to know one another. They all ran well in the fun run despite the rain.

## HOLLIES

The scooters and skateboards have been well used by the girls this week. A designing activity encouraged the girls to create their own personalised hoody to share more about themselves with their new friends. Giant inflatables created the weekend excitement with giant darts, space hoppers, bungee runs, human table football and laser tag to name a few.

**Larissa's** birthday was the first big house celebration of the year – a great excuse to eat cake. Happy Birthday Larissa!

## BEREWALL

A big welcome to all our Berewall boys old and new. Many wearing uniform for the first time and looking exceptionally smart in the process and others trying new sports and subjects through their weeks. The fun run was entered with gusto and enthusiasm. Our first weekend was a movie night and many activities on site concluding in a boarding community barbecue. Lastly our annual visit to Glastonbury Tor fair for a mid-week fun activity to let off some steam and enjoy the thrills of the fairground.

## CHAMPION

It's been so lovely to have Champion full of noise again.

The scooters and skateboards have been taken out of the shed and we've dusted off the netballs for a little shooting practice. We were delighted to welcome **Florence** and **Ajua** to Champion; so pleased to see how well they have settled in and how good they both are at table football!

Last week **Sehyr** turned 11, **Sloane** one was our first teenage birthday of the year and this week **Yasmin** turned 13!





# SPORTING NEWS

## TENNIS

Our Millfield Prep Tennis players were busy competing over the Summer holidays.

**Charlie R** played in the Road to Wimbledon National finals on the grass at the All England Lawn Tennis Club. He also won the U16 and U14 singles at the Somerset County Closed at the end of August.

**Thomas K** was U11 Boys singles Champion.

**Flynn E** and **Lowri S** were runners-up in the U9 Boys and Girls singles, respectively. **Amelia S** and **Barnaby G** also played in the U9 singles.

**Flynn E** won the U9 Yeovil and Martock Tournaments and came third in Wiltshire.

**Max W** came runner-up in the U8 Isle of Man National tennis tournament, with over 50 competitors.

**Toby W** won four U10 Grade 3s in Abingdon, Cardiff, Salisbury and the Somerset County Closed, and an U10 Grade 4 in Swindon. He also won some U11 G4 and G5 Tournaments in Sherborne, Droitwich, Wincanton as well as the U11 consolation at the Grade 3 in Burnham.

Toby is now ranked 20th in the country U10.



## PREP RIDERS IN ACTION

Through the Summer months, **Matilda** was Jumping Bluebell in Pony Camp.



**Mimi W** and Natty over the summer getting some XC experience.





A big congratulations to **Livi** and **Lola** for jumping for Somerset at The Royal Bath and West show. Lola came 1st in the 80cm and the Somerset team 2nd in 90cm.

Friends getting back together after the summer - **Sophie B** on **Poppy** and **Bella H-L** on **Charlie**.



### Weekend Results

The riders went out this weekend, having a great start to the term with the following results:

#### NSEA Q

**Isla S** on Toti won the Novice and Elementary Dressage and Qualified for the Championships at Keysoe. She is pictured in both photos to the left.

**Mimi W** qualified for the individual and the team Show jumping. The team was made up of **Isla S** on Bob, **Mimi W** on Natty and **Josh S** on La La.

Team 4th  
Also qualifying for the NSEA Championships plate in the 70 – 75cm  
**Bella H-L** on Charlie  
**Harry G** on Tekila  
**Tilly B** on Mr Pickles  
**Sarah B** on Oberon.

Team 5th  
In the 80-85cm  
**Bella H-L** on Charlie  
**Harry G** on Tekila  
**Isla S** on Bob and  
**Sarah B** on Oberon.



# SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have been selected to attend the Swim England South West 12- year Development Camp:

- **Caleb G-G**
- **Ecaterina R**
- **Alexandra H**
- **Evie T**
- **William C**
- **Jack G**

Also, congratulations to **Asta M** and **Mila B**, who have been selected to attend Phase 1 of the Swim England, Swimming National Development Programme for 2021-2022. Out of the current 23 swimmers selected, 17 started their swimming journey at the Prep School!



## PETER SUCH'S SPIN ACADEMY IS COMING TO MILLFIELD

A really exciting spin bowling opportunity has opened up for the 11+ year-old cricketers at the school. Peter Such is the former Essex and England spinner who then transitioned to become the Lead Spin Coach for England. His "pupils" have included Graeme Swann, Monty Panesar, Jack Leach, Dom Bess, Mason Crane, Matt Parkinson and World Cup winner Adil Rashid. Peter is a world class coach and "The Spin Academy" Programme is a world leading coaching initiative that includes 10 sessions over the course of the winter, plus full online support throughout the playing months. If you are interested in booking, please follow the link [here](#).

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS



The U13A hockey team played in the Kings Bruton annual tournament and retained the winning trophy! They displayed superb tenacity and athleticism all over the pitch, whilst implementing training practice into match play. Well done to - **Asta** and **Georgie** who led fantastically as co-captains. See SOCS for match details/scores.

The U9s also had a wonderful start to their hockey season last weekend, playing in a tournament against seven other teams at Warminster School. Winning nearly all of their matches, they all showed wonderful enthusiasm and great teamwork. Well done U9s!

The U8 girls travelled to Warminster Prep to play in their annual hockey festival. The girls were super excited on the journey and to be playing in their first ever festival. With two mixed teams, they participated in six matches and had so much fun learning and running around on the hockey pitch. The girls showed great determination and huge enthusiasm throughout the day. Well done on a great performance.

Congratulations to the under 11 girls. A great start to the season. Two teams played at Clifton and the girls below had a great time at the early season tournament at King's Bruton. Lots of learning and fun in the sunshine. Well done everyone. We look forward to the MPS tournament on Saturday.







U9 Warminster Rugby festival

The Year 4 boys loved their first rugby festival and all had a great time competing against other schools. The focus was only on learning the game and enjoying the team atmosphere. No scores were recorded and all the boys rotated throughout the morning. The boys were impeccably behaved and thank you to all the parents who supported them.



This week our runners had their first race of the new season. We hosted four schools for a race around our amazing grounds. The race was for Years 7, 8 and 9. **Caleb G-G** had a great battle with a Year 9 boy. He pulled away in the final few hundred metres. **Aston B-H** finished third. The results were reversed from the house fun run with **Vienna T** and **Iona M** swapping positions. They are pushing each other to run faster, and it is being done in a good competitive manner.





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## NOTICE

## A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those joining our Pre-Prep for the first time. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to see so many of you at drop-off and pick-up. It feels like the start of term has gone really well and the children have settled into their new classes with excitement and positivity, enjoying being back with their friends and making new ones. This year will bring new learning experiences, new friendships and new discoveries as they continue on their educational journey through Pre-Prep. Our school values will continue to drive the learning in Pre-Prep, teaching the children to be kind, to challenge, to question, to be curious and to respect themselves, others and their environment. I am looking forward to seeing what the children achieve this year, celebrating their successes and achievements as they discover their own brilliance.

Mr Jory  
Pre-Prep Headteacher

## TADPOLES

The tadpoles have been really busy settling back in and welcoming new friends. They have really enjoyed playing on the new Astro Turf in all weathers, washing-up, picking up toy ducks with the pincers and counting, as well as getting quite wet! We have also enjoyed making farm areas, which led to creating fantastic pig paintings!



## PRE SCHOOL

What an exciting start to term the Pre-School has had! We arrived on Monday to a fantastic new garden area and what an amazing space - it's huge! The Pre-School children have had so much fun outside, especially in the glorious sunshine.

We welcome back our Tadpoles who have grown into Frogs and Tiddlers who have transformed into Tadpoles! We also welcome new friends to Pre-School: **Adeline, Joseph, Rudi, Zachary, Rylee, Sam, Edie, Georgie, Elliot, Christopher, David, Jasmine and Luna.**



# FROGS

After listening to the stories, *'There's a shark in the park'* and *'Shark in the dark'*, the Frogs wanted to make their own telescope. They decorated tubes and then went on an adventure seeing whether they could spot any sharks or other exciting objects!



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## MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL

BOYS AND GIRLS BOARDING  
AND DAY, FOR AGES 7-13

## NEXT OPEN DAY

SATURDAY  
9 OCTOBER  
2021





# RECEPTION

This week Morgan was our first chef of the week. Morgan wanted to make pizza face and ice cream because he loves them. We found out that pizza come from Italy. We looked at the flag and where on the world map Italy was. We then asked google to help us find out where ice cream originated from and did you know it was China! Morgan was also one of the stars of the week, along with Cosimo, Maddie and Mimi.



# YEAR 1

What a busy first week they have had in Year 1! The pupils had a fabulous time going down to visit a real Science lab to learn all about their brains. They then returned to class to be scientists and dissect brains made from jelly. It got a bit messy! They also created some art work which shows how neurons in the brain work.

They made the most of the lovely weather and explored the grounds to hunt for blackberries. They also took part in a yoga session with Mrs Hooper out in the sunshine. It has been a great start to the year with lots of fun and getting to know each other.





## BLACKBERRY PICKING

Year 2 headed out in the morning to beat the heat to do a bit of blackberry picking! They did some great foraging and made sure they helped each other to find the juiciest berries. When they got back to the classroom, they counted their berries, wrote their totals on the board and then compared their results. Some pupils picked more than 50!



## SCIENCE TRIP

After the Year 2's visit to the science department, the pupils came back and performed some surgery on their jelly brains. They found out all the ways their brains can make neuron connections.





# MINIS NEWS



## MINI-MUD PIES

Welcome back Minis!

The Minis started this term with a fun-filled morning in the forest, meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. Our mud kitchen was once again filled with busy children scooping up delicious mud pies and the Minis enjoyed getting messy at our painting station. The Minis gobbled up their well deserved snack and were also excited to see the parachute returning after the summer holidays!

