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MILLFIELD  
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

It's been another fun-filled, action packed week in Pre-Prep. Pre-School continue to move and groove in their daily interpretive dance sessions. Frogs have been re-enacting the gingerbread man story and made hummus. The Tadpoles have been chasing bubbles on the Astro and created a Tadpole orchestra. Reception have loved the funky fingers activities and their post office role play. Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Carymoor as they learn more about materials and recycling. Well done everyone on a busy week!

In assembly this week we learnt all about friendship and the importance of being a good friend. Honest, caring, kind, listens, funny, respectful, trustworthy and shares were some of the words used to describe their friends. It has been lovely to see these words in action in and out of the classroom.

As a whole school we are also learning some sign language for key words. Ask your child if they can remember the signs for please, thank you, well done, happy? We all sang and signed 'If you're happy and you know it'.

We all continue to enjoy our learning and activities, celebrating all our achievements in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday. I wonder who will be coming home with a Star of the Week certificate?

Mr Jory  
Head of Millfield Pre-Prep

## A SUNNY CAMPUS



## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 1 February**  
Chinese New Year

**Wednesday 2 and  
Friday 4 February**  
Stay and Play in  
Tadpoles

**Thursday 3 February**  
Stay and Play in  
Reception

**Friday 11 February**  
Half Term holiday  
School finishes at  
3:15pm



# HOW TO CATCH A GINGERBREAD MAN

We read a new story this week. It was called, 'How to catch a gingerbread man'. In the story, the gingerbread man jumped out of the book and was very good at evading the children's attempts to catch him. This sparked a discussion about how we would catch a gingerbread man - nets, spades & buckets and big holes were a few suggestions. We then decided to make traps and each child had their own little gingerbread man to catch. Using various materials the children all designed their own trap. We had houses with freezing pipes that would freeze the gingerbread man or giant grabbers that would pick up a gingerbread man and drop him into a cage, we even had a jail!! The children created some fantastic traps, the teachers are almost too scared to enter the Pre-School!!





The tadpoles have been busy again this week! The children were inspired to paint as many bubbles as they could following on from last week's bubble extravaganza on the Astro! They looked for as many circle shapes as they could find, to then make some bubble shapes. We also had our very own obstacle course which was great fun, followed by a rousing finale from our Tadpole Orchestra!



## THE GINGERBREAD MAN SHOW

Pre-School have been performing The Gingerbread Man Show for each other, they all took it in turns to be performers and the audience. Even though the show was fantastic, the popcorn got the biggest thumbs up!







## RECEPTION

# FUNKY FINGERS

Each morning the Reception children come into the classroom to different 'Funky Finger' activities to strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers, helping to develop their hand dexterity! The hama beading has been a firm favourite and the children have made lots of lovely designs!





# THE EGG DROP

Year 1 and 2 have been continuing their learning about materials. They were set the challenge of designing and making something that would protect an egg when dropped from a height. The children used everything they have learnt about the properties of different materials and set to work! We then all walked to the pavilion for the great egg drop. It was brilliant to watch and the children loved looking to see if their eggs had survived the drop. We then talked about why or why not they might have survived and what they could do differently next time. We had a cracking time!





# MINIS NEWS



## WELCOME BACK MINIS!

It was so lovely to see all of our wonderful Minis again and meet our new Minis too. The Minis had a busy time exploring the Apple Tree Green with its fruit and veg shop, and got messy painting with rollers, brushes and stamps. They practised their climbing skills on our mini obstacle course and enjoyed hiding the farm animals in the sand. Everyone had a fun time catching up with old friends and making new ones.

