

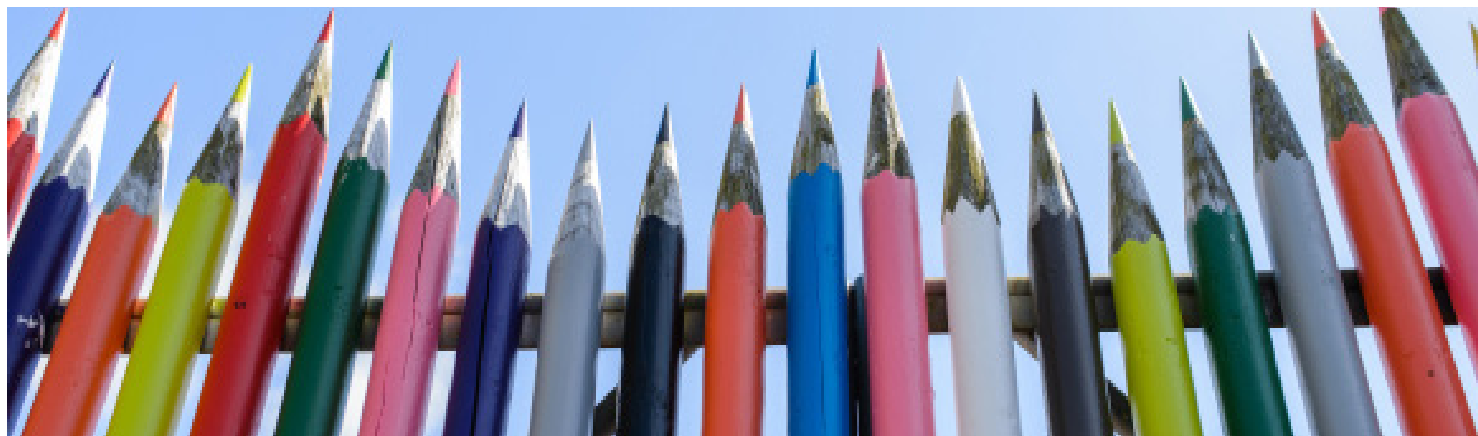


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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Where did January go? What an amazing start to 2022! February started with the Chinese New Year, which we enjoyed through assemblies, songs, dancing, activities in class, fortune cookies and Chinese for lunch. As well as all the learning about Chinese New Year and the year of the Tiger, Pre-School have been on a gingerbread man hunt, making patterns in and out of the classroom and dragon dancing. Reception have been using chopsticks to eat noodles, funky fingers for Hama Beads and they visited the post office in Street. Year 1 have been making butterflies out of plastic bottles, learning about healthy living and writing stories linked to 'Chicken Licken'. Year 2 have been writing Monster Poetry, learning about Islam and they are creating a class bird sculpture out of recycled materials.

In assembly this week we continued learning about what makes a good friend. We mixed together **Forgiveness** **Respect** **Inspiration** **Encouragement** **Nurturing** **Determination** **Smiles** **Help** **Inclusion** and **Patience** to create FRIENDSHIP. We mixed equal amounts with 100ml of Endurance to combine all the ingredients and poured them into moulds and created the emojis in the photos below. We hope these will remind us about the importance of being a good friend and some of the qualities required to be a friend.

'The only way to have a friend is to be one.'

Mr Jory
Head of Millfield Pre-Prep



KEY DATES

Monday 7 February
Hearing Tests
Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2

Tuesday 8 February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10 February
Year 8 Production
Moana for
Reception, Year 1 &
Year 2

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

Internet Safety Day -

On Tuesday 8 February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022. You may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available [here](#). There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can have a browse through at home.

FINDING THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Some of our gingerbread man toys were missing, so we had to go on a hunt to find them! We had to think about the position the gingerbread man was in when we found him - under, above, next to, in front. It was a lot of fun discovering where the gingerbread man had hidden.



MYSTERY GUEST?

The outdoor camera at the Pre-Prep School caught a curious cat whilst we were all tucked up in bed! Can you spot the cat?



DRAGON ARTWORK

The tadpoles have had such a busy week! As well as enjoying learning all about Chinese New Year and practising our dragon dances, we made our very own dragon artwork. We have also been so happy to finally invite parents into our tadpole room for stay and play sessions. The tadpoles loved showing all of their favourite activities and especially enjoyed teaching their parents how to get properly involved in messy play!



PRE-SCHOOL

CHINESE NEW YEAR

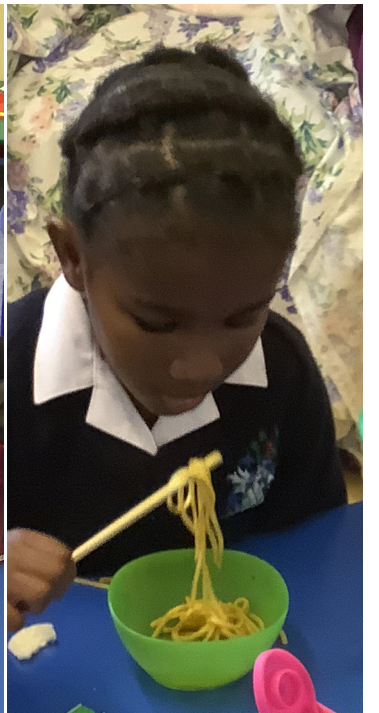
Pre-School have celebrated Chinese New Year this week. We made lanterns, coloured in tiger pictures and watched an animation about how the ancient Chinese named each year after an animal. The children learnt that they were either born in the year of the rooster, dog or pig. We read a story about Nian the monster and how we can scare him away. The children chose an object they could use as a drum and made loud noises to scare Nian. At snack time we enjoyed noodles, with soy sauce and prawn crackers. The children used chopsticks to eat their noodles. It was rather tricky, but they gave it good go!





RECEPTION

The reception class had an amazing Lunar New Year celebration this week. We spent the day following the story of 'Dragons in the City'. This started by eating noodles and making red envelopes with silver coins in, to making wishes and hanging them in the wishing tree. We also made lanterns, practised our Chinese writing and colourful dancing paper dragons.





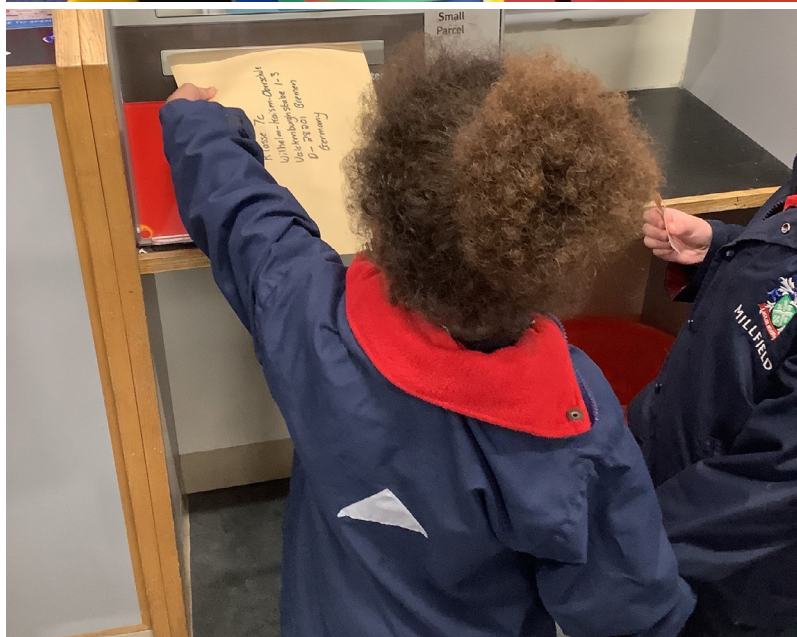
YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

We had a wonderful time celebrating Chinese New Year. The children made masks, dragon puppets and paper lanterns. We learnt all about the animal race and why the years were named after different animals. The children absolutely loved breaking open and eating their fortune cookies at snack time and sharing what was written inside.



POST OFFICE FUN

At circle time, Mrs Childs played a game to see if the children could guess what was in her parcel that she was taking to the Post Office. The children were very excited and wanted to know more about the Post Office and the journey of a parcel. This then sparked a whole new topic centering around the Post Office, and inspired a new role play area that the children have worked hard on creating. We have read the Jolly Postman, looked at stamps and addresses, wrapped parcels, practised weighing them to see which is the heaviest or lightest and made lots of letters to each other in the classroom. We then watched a video on the journey of a letter which inspired us to write and send letters of our own. We have buddied up with a class friend's school in Germany and took a trip to the Post Office to send them off. We can't wait to get the letters back from our new German pen friends.



TRIP TO CARYMOOR

On Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2 went to Carymoor for a Day at the Dump! The theme of the day was eco-pirates and the children certainly showed their knowledge of how to sort different materials. They found out about how our waste is dealt with and the importance of recycling. We went on a tour of the site, compared examples of waste from different decades, saw rubbish being delivered and transported, made our own cress parrots using recycled compost and had a very fun and busy day! Well done eco-pirates!



MINIS NEWS



MINIS CONSTRUCTION

The Minis had a fun time getting messy whilst building walls with foam and using Duplo bricks to print a cityscape. Many extremely tall box towers were built and the Minis enjoyed knocking down their own one. Our building site in the Apple Tree Green was certainly very busy with lots of measuring and hammering taking place. Well done Minis - great building!

