

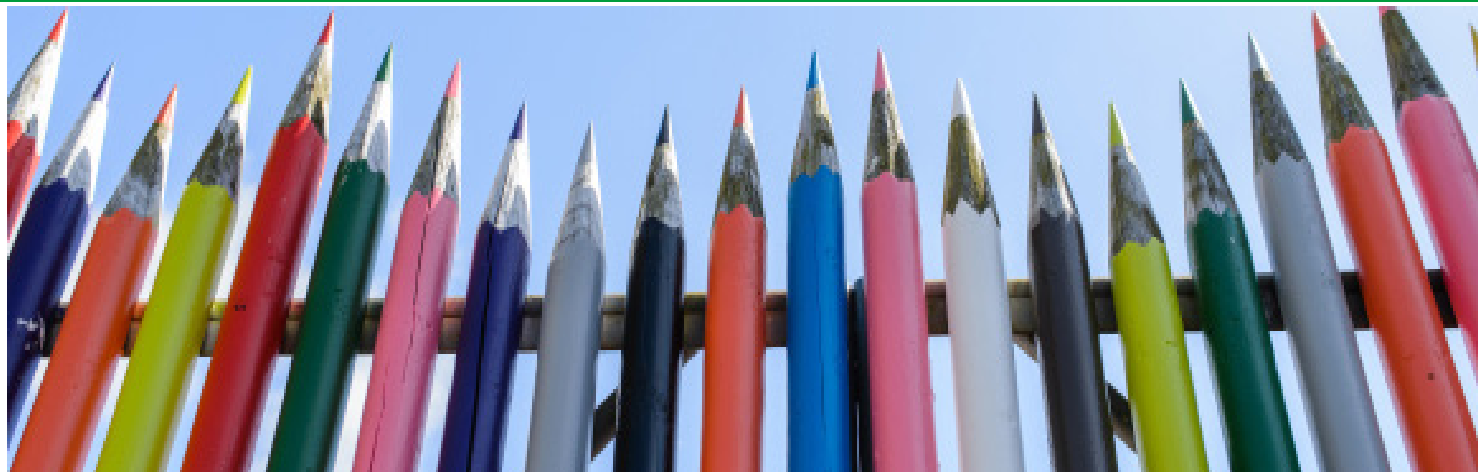


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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

What a busy week it has been in Pre-Prep. We have said goodbye to February and are looking forward to moving into spring. We started March learning about St. David, the patron saint of Wales. His last words to his followers in a sermon were 'be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things in life', reminding us that we need to be thankful for what we have and it's the small things that make the biggest difference. Manners, less waste, helping others, kindness, smile and include everyone to name a few of the suggestions from the children.

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with our annual Pre-Prep Pancake Race, which was great fun. We went to the chapel to learn about Ash Wednesday and Lent. Thankyou to Reverend Kitto for leading the assembly. Many of us were marked with an ash cross to remind us that we are loved. These special days help us to understand the importance of giving up things, trying something new or turning over a new leaf, like flipping a pancake. On Thursday we all enjoyed World Book day. Well done to everyone for such amazing costumes and thankyou to all those who shared stories with Pre-Prep this week.

We are looking forward to sharing the children's favourite word or line from a book of their choice. Don't forget to post them in our secret box at drop off. They have learnt so much this week, ask them what they can remember? What was their favourite day? Why? Whose book character costume did they like? Why? What was their favourite story? Why?

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

OPEN DAY
SATURDAY
5 MARCH



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#DISCOVER BRILLIANCE



WORLD BOOK DAY

Millfield Pre-Prep School takes on World Book Day! From animals to princesses, we saw a variety of amazing costumes from the staff and pupils to celebrate World Book Day. How many characters can you spot below?



RE-ENACTING BOOKS

The tadpoles have enjoyed the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' so much, that they decided to recreate the entire book on the astro! Lots of creative thinking, teamwork and fun was on display, especially when the big bear came running after everyone! The story has really helped develop our gross motor skills with lots of stretching up high, crawling as low as we can and trying to get through as many things as possible! This carried on when the tadpoles had fun singing whilst trying to bounce the teddy off the parachute! We also welcomed another new Tadpole friend **Arabella**.

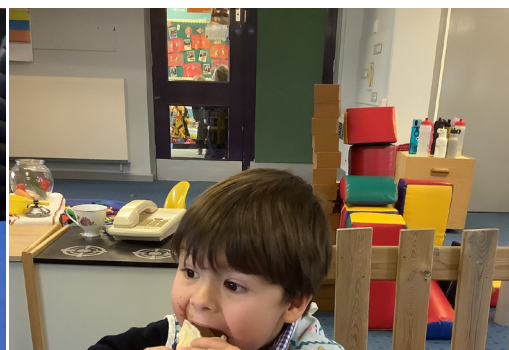


SHAPE WORK

The Frogs are continuing with the Mr Men and Little Miss theme. The children have been really kind and have brought in their Mr Men or Little Miss stories they have at home to share with their friends. They have lots of favourite stories now including Mr Nonense, Little Miss Twins and Mr Jelly to name a few. The stories have been fantastic at reinforcing shapes they already know and introducing new ones, 2D and 3D. They also decided to explore what shapes they could see in our environment and went on a walk around the school. It was fascinating what shapes they found: diamond windows, rectangular letter boxes, signs and bricks, square windows and circular hoops. The children used the iPads to take pictures of the shapes they found. As it was book week, they are going to make their own shape books. Great shape work Frogs!



The Tadpoles and Frogs also had a fantastic time on Shrove Tuesday. They helped make the pancake batter and then watched as their pancake was cooked. They then chose which topping they would like to have on their pancake. As ever, the best part was eating them!



STORYTELLING & PANCAKES

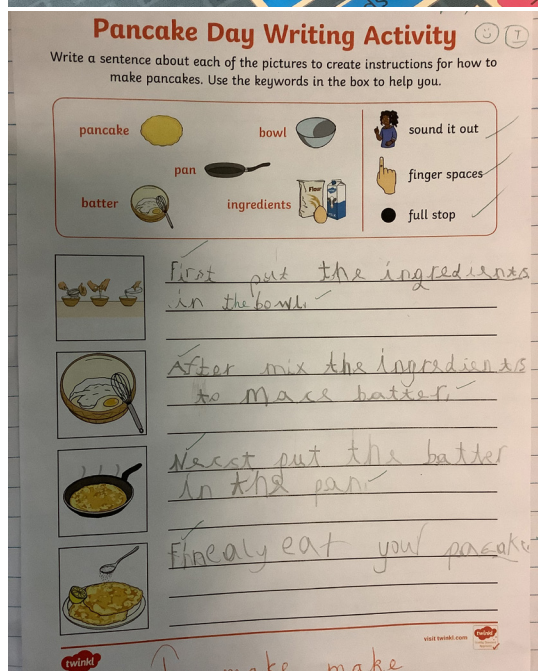
The children have had lots of fun this week and there has been lots of laughter. Reception class have been very busy in the kitchen; whisking, pouring and rolling lots of pancakes full of delicious toppings. Their favourite topping was chocolate spread and strawberries, and the classic lemon and sugar. They then made some extra thick pancakes to take to the Pre-School astro for the annual Pre-Prep Pancake Race.

This week the reception children have also been thinking about the structure of storytelling in preparation for World Book Day. The idea is the children sit around the square and one child (with the teacher support) invite children into the square to act out their story. They have been creating stories about Queens and Kings going on holiday to the beach, and how a horse and a rabbit set out on an adventure to travel from South America to Australia. It was great to see all of the children using their creativity, well done reception!



CODING WITH DAISY

In Year 1 this week Daisy the Dinosaur has been teaching the children about coding. Daisy has taken the children through a series of fun challenges which they will continue to build on in the coming weeks. We also had a lovely Pancake Day, where we wrote instructions of how to make pancakes. Mrs Hooper opened up her restaurant and served delicious pancakes which the children enjoyed on a cosy little table!



YEAR 2

LENT & ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

This week we have been learning about Lent. The children have been to St Andrews Chapel for a service to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The children had the sign of the cross put on their hands or forehead, with the ash from last years palm crosses. The pupils have also been exploring electricity by making electrical circuits. They have worked in pairs to make torches using plastic bottles.



MINIS NEWS



PANCAKE DAY

The Minis had great fun getting messy in our Pancake Day themed session. They sizzled and flipped their pretend pancakes in our role play cafe and added toppings before carefully rolling them up. To celebrate St David's Day, we also painted daffodils and tore up leeks to put in our soups. We finished the session with a pancake race - ready, steady, go Minis!

