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PRE-PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Another fun packed week in Pre-Prep flies by. Tadpoles have been enjoying the role play baking area, exploring the different equipment to make dough and looking for signs of spring in Forest School with the Frogs. The Frogs have been using the ipads to take photos of shapes in Pre-Prep. Reception have been learning about healthy living, exploring the local park and went to forest school with Pre-School. As well as poetry and counting in twos and fives, Year 1 are observing the frogspawn that has been kindly donated, watch this space to see them develop. Year 2 have built the Garden of Gethsemane in their outdoor area, as they learn about the Easter Story. They have also been writing diaries and looking at shapes and symmetry.

In assembly this week, we were saying thank you and appreciating all the wonderful things that we have. We discussed the different ways we can say thank you, whether we speak, smile, hug, send a message or use a different language, the most important part is to mean it!

Ask your children what they have enjoyed this week? Have they asked questions about their learning and challenged themselves? What have they learnt? What are they looking forward to?

Best wishes,  
Mr Jory

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## CUSHION CONCERT



## KEY DATES

**Friday 18 March**  
Comic Relief – Mufti  
(Red) and Red Noses  
£2 donation

**Friday 25 March – 2pm**  
Mother's Day assembly in  
Pre-Prep Hall

**Friday 1st April - 1:30pm**  
Easter Bonnet Parade  
Easter Service in  
Pre-Prep Hall  
Family Easter Egg Hunt



## PRE-SCHOOL

## FOREST SCHOOL FUN

The Pre-School had a lovely time at Forest School in the sunshine on Tuesday. They looked for signs of spring and found lots! Buds on the trees and bushes, the daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses flowering, shoots sprouting up, bugs crawling around and the birds singing. It was a fantastic morning and wonderful to think that spring is almost here!





The Frogs have continued to make their shape booklets this week. They cut up the shape photos they took using the iPad and stuck them into their book. They also drew around the shapes as well. Great work Frogs!



## SCHOOL SHOP CLEARANCE

The Millfield Prep School shop is having a stock clearance! We have various shoe sizes available from 9.5-2.





## TADPOLES

## PATTERNS AND OBJECTS

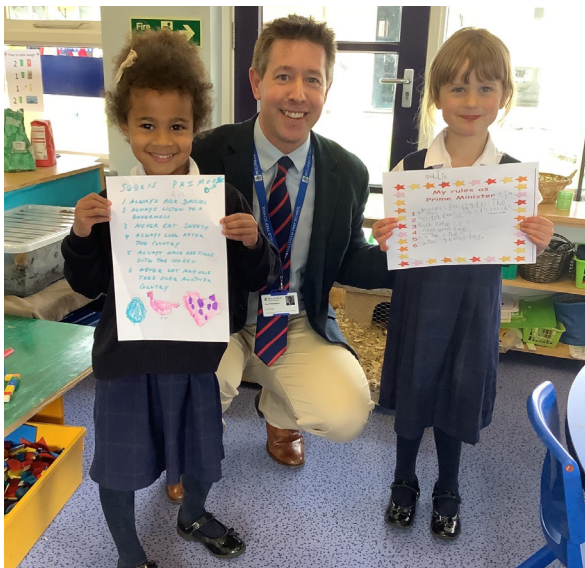
Not only did the Tadpoles enjoy time in Forest School with all of EYFS this week (some for the first time), we have also been very busy developing our fine motor skills. However, if you asked the children, they were just having fun with play dough! The Tadpoles have also been very busy making patterns and objects with the magnetic shapes. They were able to use some really descriptive language and we were amazed with their creativity. Imaginations are alive and kicking in the Tadpole room!



## RECEPTION

## PRIME MINISTER FOR THE DAY

During half term, one of the children decided he would like to be the Prime Minister for the day and wrote himself a list of jobs and rules he would have. When we returned to school, the children began to talk about this and they all decided to make their very own lists. Mr Thornburn then was tasked with the challenge of choosing who he felt would make the best Prime Minister for the day. He found this very tricky and said he thought all the children had come up with some great ideas, in the end he managed to choose two children. We have therefore decided to run two days where the girls will both get to run the class. Watch this space for more photos and fun.





## RECEPTION

# WHAT MAKES US HEALTHY?

This week, Reception have been looking at 'What makes us healthy?'. A friend Alan, the Healthy Alien, came to visit from outer space to help them learn what foods he might like to eat and how that will help his body work. They also discussed other ways of being healthy, such as lots of sleep and rest, exercise and drinking water. The Reception children decided they would like to go to the park and show us how they can use their strong muscles to climb, swing and run. They had a great time at Baltonsborough park and didn't want to leave, we even had a few conquer their fear of the zip wire. Watch this space for some healthy cooking next week!



Reception have also been doing activities around the book 'The Little Red Hen!' In celebration of World book day. The children did a brilliant job of acting out the story for our morning assembly, with a slight twist at the end. Watch the story [here](#).

## CUSHION CONCERT

Well done to all of the pupils that took part in the recent Cushion Concert, the performances were great!





# HANDA'S SURPRISE

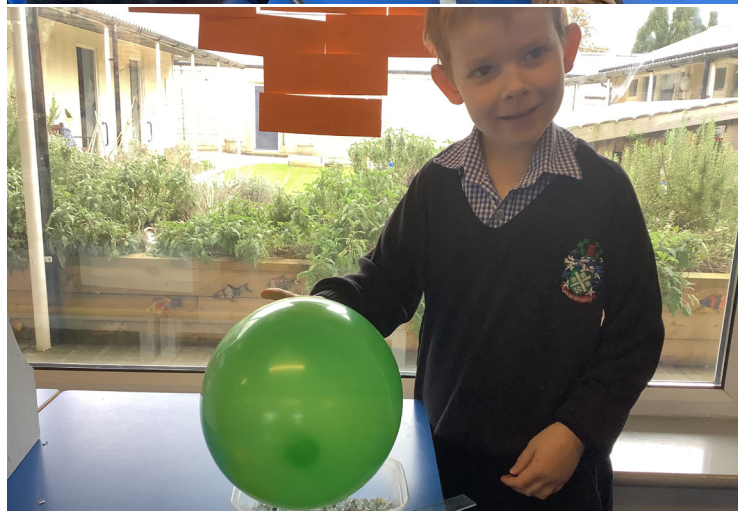
Another busy week in Year 1. Firstly, I wanted to share with you the lovely display the pupils put together for World Book Day! The children completed a range of activities on the day based on the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The children did some still life water colour painting of a range of fruits from the story. They also chopped and made their own yummy fruit salads and made lolly stick puppets of the characters from the story. In science this week, they have been learning about static electricity. The children had great fun cutting out their own tissue paper snakes and making them move using static electricity with a balloon. They also had some very interesting hair styles by the end of the lesson!





## STATIC ELECTRICITY

Year 2 have been experimenting with static electricity this week. They used different materials to create friction and debated which worked the best. The harder question was why they worked? Some excellent discussion and reasoning Year 2.



## YEAR 2 & PRE-SCHOOL

## READING STORIES

Last Thursday, Year 2 came down to Pre-School and read their favourite stories to the Frogs. This was made even more exciting as the Year 2 pupils were dressed up as characters from those stories. A big thank you to Year 2 for sharing their love of reading and inspiring the Frogs.





# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS BOOK WEEK

The Minis braved the cold weather and ventured into forest school last week to celebrate the different stories written by Julia Donaldson. The post office was bustling with packages being weighed, party invitations being written and stamps being stuck on envelopes ready for Postman Bear's party. Many birthday cakes were made in our mud kitchen and we looked out for Tiddler in our water play tub. The Minis painted zig zags and spots, just like Cave Baby and even discovered that they could make the colour green by mixing yellow and blue. Spinderella's web was full of spiders and numbers that tested the Minis balancing skills and coordination. We finished our session with a well earned Gruffalo paw flapjack - yum!

