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NEWSLETTER



Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep forming the number 70 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



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COMING SOON

MILLFIELD
GIVING DAY
26-27 MAY

#MillfieldGivingDay

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MILLFIELD POLO

Millfield School will be hosting Polo on Sunday 5 June, from 12pm, which is open to the whole Millfield community to attend. There will be lots happening throughout the day including polo matches, music and picnics on Butleigh Fields.

The event will include competitive polo, hosted by the excellent Karl Ude Martinez – who is also the host of Polo in the Park in London. We have lined up a mini-series of competitive polo games for the Millfield Polo Trophy and teams will be made up of current and former Millfield students.

Please follow [this link](#) to book tickets.



MILLFIELD GIVING DAY

Giving Day is an opportunity for the Millfield community all over the world to unite to make a lasting difference to the lives of our pupils. During this 35-hour fundraising challenge, we will be raising money for the Discover Brilliance Fund, the purpose of which is to enable us to offer life-changing bursaries to talented children who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend the school.

Millfield Prep School will be taking part in Giving Day this year, with a number of events taking place. On Wednesday 25 May, there will be a disco after school for Years 1-8, timings to follow. There will also be an auction of Promises, with a huge variety of goodies available to bid on. If anyone would like to donate something to the auction, please click [here](#).

On Thursday 26 May, Years 3-8 will take part in an adventure race, involving scrambling, jumping, colour, and water; with the competition due to be fiercely contested between the four games houses.





Where the past week has gone, I am not sure! It feels like the term has already hit top gear and it has been great to see so much going on in all parts of the school. It has been lovely for me to get out and about at matches recently and I have been pleased to catch up with many of you as I have wandered the boundaries. It was great to learn of our first century of the cricket season as well as four wickets in a row, although I was sorry not to be able to witness either first hand – well done to **Connor** and **Victoria** respectively!

The Jubilee celebrations we held on Monday were an undoubted highlight for me and I hope, too, for your children. It was a special day, with everyone at MPS coming together to learn about, reflect on and acknowledge our Queen's incredible service. It was an honour to welcome the Mayor of Glastonbury as well as Shepton Mallet's Town Crier, dressed in his full regalia!

I was most impressed by the togetherness and community spirit shown throughout the day, and it was heart-warming to see the Prep School pupils supporting and cheering the Pre-Prep children as they danced around the Maypole. For me, though, the thing that pleased me most of all was watching how so many children instinctively helped with the massive clean up operation after what was a splendid street tea party. There is something about seeing pupils who 'get it' without being asked – it shows that the culture of supporting and helping others is strong. I could not think of a more appropriate characteristic to shine through on a day when we were celebrating The Queen's care and dedication to others. I talk a great deal in assemblies about thinking of the needs of others before ourselves and I was delighted to see this in action on Monday.

We look forward excitedly to our Open Morning tomorrow and the weather looks set fair for us to be able to show our visitors just what an amazing place MPS is!

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Yours,

Dan

Parents/Staff Touch Rugby - From Dan Thornburn

I have been thrown down the gauntlet by my brother-in-law, who is a parent at Blundell's, to raise a team of parents/staff to enter a touch rugby tournament they are organising on Sunday 18 September. Not often one to turn down a challenge, I would be very keen for MPS to send a team, but I thought I should check to see if there was any interest first before I committed! I sense that it's a fun event but I've no doubt the competitive juices may flow from time to time with some inter-school rivalry! If you are interested in the idea please contact my PA, Louise, on fairbrother.l@millfieldprep.com.

If we have enough interest then I would love to organize a couple social practice sessions over the course of the term in the sunshine after school... although if my track record is anything to go by, I will pull both hamstrings just by walking onto a pitch!

EAL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL student of the week is **Alvaro Fernandez** in 8EGC, who has started this term with an exemplary work ethic and taking every task and challenge with seriousness and delight. It has been really great to see him engaged in lessons and determined to make the most out of this last term at Millfield Prep. Well done Alvaro!



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Loneliness online: what causes it and ways to feel better.

Whether it's their family, friends or teachers, children are almost always surrounded by people – so the possibility of them feeling lonely doesn't naturally occur to us. It came as a troubling surprise, then, when the UK's Office for National Statistics collected data showing that more than one out of ten 10 – 15 year olds frequently feels lonely.

Young people often attempt to ease this sadness by doing something enjoyable on their phone, tablet or games console – but on occasion, the online world is what's actually causing them to feel lonely. To mark Mental Health Awareness Week (starting 9th May), the guide [here](#) presents young people's own tips on how digital tech can help to beat the loneliness blues.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls during half term, so we had an early celebration on bank holiday Monday to mark the event. Pupils took part in a range of activities in the morning such as a 1950's-style sports day, crown-making and learning about the history of the monarchy. The afternoon saw the Mayor of Glastonbury, Jon Cousins, and the Shepton Mallet Town Crier, Andy Neal, join the school to sing the national anthem. They also joined with the Heads of School to plant a Glastonbury Thorn tree, to honour the incredible legacy of Queen Elizabeth II.





CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Twists and turns, loops and curls...

Sir Ken Robinson eloquently described life not as a line across a page, rather as a 'beautiful scribble', it is not linear it is full of loops and curls. Very soon there will be celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee across the nation, however this week we celebrated her 70 years reigning as monarch in our Jubilee May Day.

Those 70 years have seen many loops and curls, beginning with a particularly unexpected twist, the untimely death of King George VI. Queen Elizabeth is widely held in high regard for the way that she meets such twists and turns, using her own unique wisdom and experience that has grown as the 'beautiful scribble' of life is drawn.

Life is complex and unpredictable yet, as human beings, each of us is able to draw on imagination and creativity to overcome challenges. We are able to learn from, and with, one another to build from the past into the future. Just look at how the world has changed in the past 70 years. Throughout all of the loops and curls of Queen Elizabeth's reign there has been a constant and consistent thread for her, that of a strong Christian faith.

As the loops and curls of your life unfold what is your constant? Where do you turn in tough times? What keeps you going or offers you a source of refreshment? Some days the beautiful scribble will be just that, beautiful, other days it may seem very different.

After the events of the first Easter, Jesus reassured his disciples telling them, 'Peace be with you' and, before ascending into heaven, he said 'and surely I am with you always, until the very end of the age.' (Matthew's Gospel, chapter 28 v 20). The Bible tells us how Jesus experienced the loops and curls of life, knows the ups and the downs of personal and family contexts, the challenges that ordinary people face. Jesus promises to use that experience and to be with us always, through every twist and turn which, for those with a Christian faith, is a real comfort.

Whether we have any faith or none, we can all benefit from having a constant in life, somewhere, something or someone to turn to as the loops and curls of our life take shape.

Dear God

Help me to see each day as a fresh page,
an opportunity to learn from the day before,
an opportunity to make changes or to build on what went well,
an opportunity to be a version of myself, better than the day before;
an opportunity to be creative and imaginative,
an opportunity to show kindness and care,
an opportunity to learn, to refresh, to flourish.
Heavenly God, thank you.

Amen

A new Bishop for Bath and Wells

As of Thursday last week, 28.4.22, Queen Elizabeth announced that Bishop Michael Beasley has been nominated as the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, taking up office in the autumn of this year. We wish him all the best and look forward to welcoming him to our school in the near future.

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

This week why not consciously take a quiet few minutes to reflect on the day? Identify something that has gone well, something not so well. Treat each of these as learning experiences and consider what is the learning, and the response to that learning, that will make a positive difference to tomorrow. At the start of the next day refresh those thoughts and apply your learning as the day unfolds. If it helps, draw your day as simple loops, curls, scribbles - what does it look like as you recount the story of your day? Try it with a friend or as a group and learn when are the high points, the tough moments, the smooth and the rough parts of the day, what can you do to learn, understand and support each other?

CONFIRMATION

On Saturday 30 April, five students from the Prep School joined pupils from Millfield for a service of Confirmation at Wells Cathedral. It was an amazing service led by Bishop Trevor. It was exciting to see our young people with their families and friends make a commitment to their Christian faith. Well done to you all. **Freddie G, Freddie G, Emi, Katriel and Hunter**. Hunter was baptized the Friday before in our school chapel ahead of the service.



JUNIOR CHOIR

Members of the junior choir will be heading to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham in just over two weeks. They will be taking part in the Young Voices concert with another 4000+ children from around the country. Rehearsals are going incredibly well, and everyone is very excited, especially Mr Hall!



ENGLISH

In English, Year 8 pupils have been acting out key scenes from 'Jackdaw Summer'. Below are some action shots taken of them performing.



COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY

As part of our Jubilee celebrations on Monday, Year 8 took part in a collaborative maths art activity. After creating pattern tiles in red, white and blue, these were then arranged in a Fibonacci pattern to create the enormous 2m x 3m panel seen below.



FOOD TECH

Year 5 have been investigating hazards in their Food Tech lessons this week. The 'Grime Scene' investigators identified different hazards ranging from mice and spillages to electrical and chemical concerns. Once identified, pupils had to categorise and then analyse which hazards they felt were the most serious. Some excellent discussions were had by all. Well done Year 5.



BOARDING LIFE

CHESTNUT

A long time ago in a boarding house far far away...

The boys made their own Star Wars Day snacks. Han Rolos, Yoda Soda and Vader-ade Light Sabres, Obi-Wan Kebabies, Wookiee Cookies and Death Star Crispies. A huge spread that they devoured in the half-time break of the Champions League match. After their own football match on our court, they settled down to watch Real Madrid take on Manchester City. It was a slow game until the final couple of minutes when the Chestnut crowd went wild with two late goals from Madrid that opened up the game. Whilst our Manchester City fans were disappointed with the final result, our Real Madrid supporters went wild!



HOLLIES

The sunny evenings this week have been a great gift for extra time in the cricket nets, tennis courts, football pitch and the tree trail playground. Some hardy individuals also enjoyed the slip 'n slide over the weekend, before warming up by the fire for s'mores, popcorn and a film. A boarders barbecue finished off a fantastic day of celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee on Monday.



EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys have had a busy Bank holiday weekend. There was karaoke fun on Sunday, then a bit of animal care before a great Jubilee celebration on Monday.



CHAMPION

What a busy start to the summer term! René had only just arrived back from her pre-term cricket course when it was time to set off again - this time to the IAPS squash nationals, and what a great set of results. Last week **Sloane, Yasmin, Alicia, Erin, and Lily** had an early start, heading off to the Lady Taverners cricket tournament. The team were victorious and have now qualified to play at Lords! With the lighter evenings we have certainly made the most of the extra chance to play outside. We have explored some of the grounds to show **Myra and Rose** their new surroundings, played tennis, football-rounders, and tag around the tree house. These girls never stop! Monday was a day of Jubilee celebrations and what brilliant drone footage of the grounds. The girls made their very own Union Jack which were then displayed at the front of Champion and enjoyed a delicious barbeque after the celebrations.



BEREWALL

The Berewall boys celebrated the birthday of **Ale** this week. As always, the singing was loud and nearly tuneful! The nights are now warm and bright, so the boys are seeing the best of our glorious surroundings. Cricket is making up most of the evening fun, but football, badminton, golf and cycling are keeping our boys occupied. Our boys want to say a big thank you to Mrs Hazell, Chartwells and the whole MPS community, for the amazing Jubilee celebrations. They had so much fun throughout the day and had lots of stories to tell!



SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET

Our U13B girl cricketers played their first hard ball match against Taunton at Millfield Prep School. Captain **Lily Jones** chose to field, all the girls bowled, but a fantastic over from **Victoria Baughan** saw her bowl four wickets consecutively in an over - a double hat-trick! Huge congratulations to Victoria. Also a big congratulations to **Poppy Laffey**, who bowled two overs for 10 runs and three wickets. The girls kept Taunton to 228 and then came into bat and were sensible with their running to beat their score. A great start to the summer term.



The U10B girls cricket team played a fantastic game against Clifton College Prep. Well done girls for a great start to the season!



The U12C played Taunton in their first match of the season - they won by 21 runs. There were some fantastic wickets from some first-time bowlers! A few fours from the batting! Great fun had by all.





Miles Hinxman (far left) had an excellent day during the U13B team victory against Taunton. Max hit 45 not out when batting, took two wickets for no runs when bowling and got two catches in the field. Well done Miles!

Boys Senior Development

On Saturday, the Senior Development side played a strong Dorset U13s in limited over games. We lost both games, but put in good performances. The first game we lost by 18 runs and the second by 43. Contributions came from; **Hamish Hendry** 47 not out, **Rupert Jones** 26, **Brychan James** 17 not out and 2-14, **Aston Barrington-Hibbert** 2-19.

U11 Boys Cricket

The U11 boys have started the cricket season in style. They started the term playing the Dorset County side, taking both short matches into the last couple of overs. **Connor Pearce** (left) scored a very impressive 53 not out. The U11A team then played Taunton School on Wednesday 4 May and Connor went one better and scored 105 not out, with **Toby Wong** also scoring 36 in support. A good start to the cricket this term!

SAILING



A big congratulations to **Noelle Delin**, who has made the GB team for sailing!

Noelle had a four-day sailing selections event in Weymouth from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon, and made the GB team which is an amazing achievement!

MOTORCROSS



Nixon Coppins has been busy competing in the 65cc class for 9-11 year olds in the past few weeks. He has travelled to Shropshire, Doncaster, Devon, Dorset and Wales.

He has recently achieved:

12th in the British Motocross Championships RD1.

1st in the Severn Valley Club Championships.

1st in the Corsham Club Championships RD1 and 2nd at RD 2 and 3.

6th in the Bridgestone Masters MX National Championships.

And finally 3rd in the Nora cup 2022.

EQUESTRIAN

Millfield Prep would like to wish **Myla Coppins** the very best of luck on Saturday in the Shetland Grand National in the main arena, before the start of the Cross Country. Go Furby! Myla also had her first racecourse series race at Warwick on Monday, finishing 4th after she finished 3rd last weekend at Berkeley, point to point on maesteg Ruth.



Sophie and Poppy having a great time doing some fitness work in the field followed by a splash through the water.



Arabella Goldfinch on Mr Cow and **Zoe Ritzi** on her new pony Sunny, in their first lesson together. Zoe's pony arrived from Germany on Sunday and we are looking forward to lots of happy times together.



Well done to **Everley Sinfield-Day** on her full dressage class. She was competing with adults and big horses, yet she rode well and got a 4th and qualified for the NFU Winter Championship in October. A great effort Everley, well done!



ATHLETICS

Some of our Year 7 and 8 athletes started their season at the weekend at the Somerset Combined Events Championships. The boys had a day of glorious sunshine, whereas the girls spent the day in the rain! In the Year 7 boys event, **Edward Welsh** was in the lead by one point. He battled hard in the 800m race but was sadly overhauled and finished in bronze medal position. The following day the Year 7 girls were all in the mix going into their final event. **Ellie Danner** overhauled **Jasmine Capps** who had led for the whole competition. **Ruby Bodman** finished third, which meant Millfield collected all the medals. Our Year 8 athletes had a much tougher day as they were competing against Year 9 athletes from around the county. **Tabitha Oliver** finished the day an amazing 8th overall. **Lily Jones**, **Mimi Woodliffe** and **Katriel Chukwuedo** all finished inside the top 20. This event was a great opportunity to compete in lots of events in one day and it was a great start to their season. Thank you to the parents who braved either hot or soggy weather to support our athletes.



TENNIS



Congratulations to **Ben Bauer**, who over the Easter holidays, won the Bath Grade 5 U12 Singles, the Wellington Grade 5 U14 Singles, the Martock U12 Grade 4 singles and the Bournemouth U12 Grade 3 Doubles. He also represented Cornwall this weekend at U14 County Cup and **Thomas Keeler** and **Chloe de Jager** represented Somerset.

The Year 4 girls had a lovely afternoon of competitive tennis in the sunshine on Saturday, playing tiebreaks to 10 in an orange ball Tournament. Everyone played well and enjoyed themselves.

In the friendly Doubles match against Dauntsey's School on Saturday afternoon, the U13 A boys won 7-2, U12A Boys won 9-0, U13D Girls won 8-1 and the U12D girls won 6-3. Everyone improved their doubles play throughout the afternoon and were a credit to the school.

On Sunday at the Bridgwater Grade 4 Tournament, **Toby Wong** was runner-up in U12 Singles and Doubles and reached the quarter-final of the U14 Doubles. It was lovely to see **Meilin Keeler**, **Oscar Fletcher** and **Luke de Jager** also competing at Bridgwater on Sunday.

Good luck to all our players competing in the LTA Grade 4 U14 Singles and the Grade 5 U10 singles at Millfield Prep this Saturday. Next Saturday, we are hosting a Grade 4 U9 event and a Grade 5 U8 event. Please consider entering online via the LTA website!

SHOOTING

An early start took the team of six shooters to West London Shooting School for the National IAPS U13 competition. After a brilliant 10/10 start from **Monty Price-Bailey**, the team went on to have a brilliant day. The second stand, a pair of simultaneous clays, were smashed in just one cartridge by three of the boys and then **Archie Monk** and **Theo Taylor** were two of only five competitors that day to score nine and 10 respectively on the final stand. With all six team members putting in their best scorecards yet, they came 3rd runners-up. Archie finished 8th overall. The boys were a fantastic team, encouraging and coaching one another, as well as supporting other schools too. After only a term of shooting, this is a wonderful achievement!



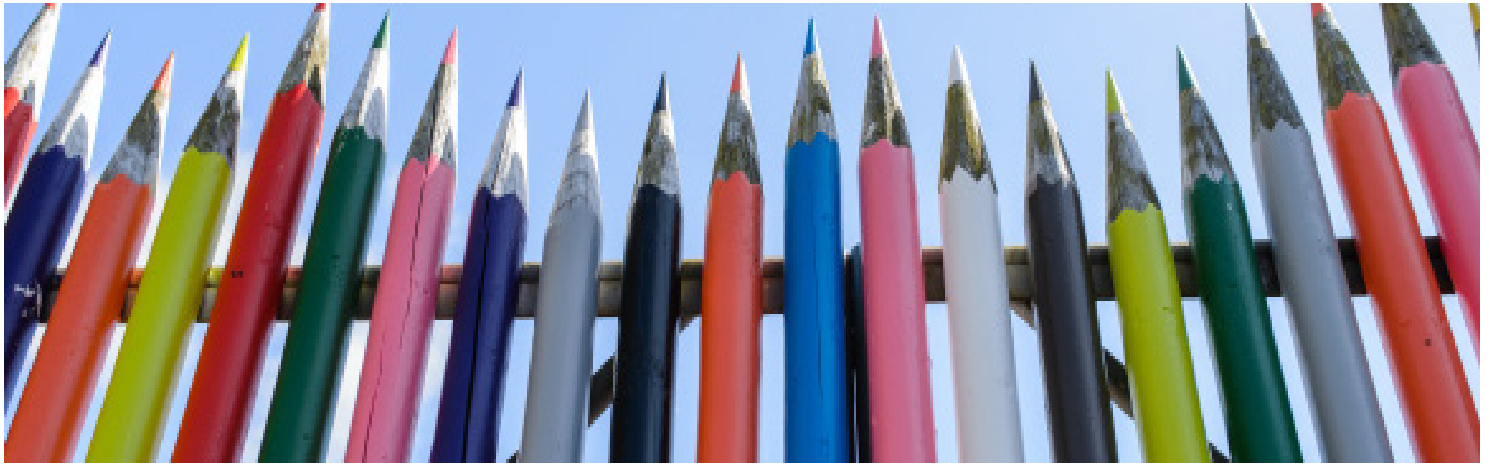


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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

What an incredible week in Pre-Prep! The week has just flown by, with so many amazing experiences in and out of the classroom. The children have continued to challenge themselves and have been absolutely brilliant. From performing to the whole school with their maypole and country dancing, to standing beautifully in the whole school photo.

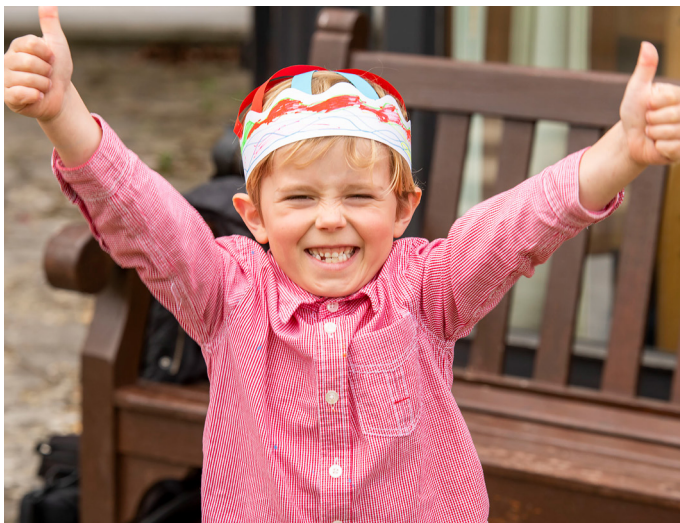
The Jubilee celebration was such an amazing day and thank you for all your support in dressing the children in red, white and blue. The children learnt so much about the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee. Ask your child what they have learnt or what they enjoyed the most about the day? Was it the dancing, tree planting, tea party, town crier, singing, the wonderful food, assembly, whole school photo, table decorating, art or crown making?

Elsewhere, the chicks have continued to grow and the children have learnt so much about how they develop, hatch and what they need to grow. Thank you to Year 1 for looking after them and allowing us all to share in this amazing experience. From tiny chicks to giants coming into reception from the beanstalk that grew overnight. Some of the beans that they planted must have been magic. Everyday in Pre-Prep is magic as we continue on our learning journey together. I wonder what we will learn and experience next week?

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

PRE-PREP SCHOOL

PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY



KEY DATES

Friday
20th May
-
Class
photos in
Pre-Prep

FROGS

LIFE CYCLE OF A FROG

The Frogs have continued to observe the Tadpoles and they're getting bigger! They have also continued to make the life cycle of a frog collages, and they look great! They have made bubble wrap frogspawn, drawn a tadpole, made a lollipop froglet and used their handprint to make the frog. They then talked about the life cycle as they stuck their collages together.



FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Pre-School had a lovely morning at Forest School last Friday. After being inspired by the chicks and learning all about them, they decided to make nests for their toy birds. They knew what was needed to make a nest: twigs, dried leaves, straw, moss, feathers, generally any natural material. They thought about the shape their nest needed to be and then they set about collecting the materials. The Tadpoles worked together to create one large nest for their birds. They displayed great teamwork and shared ideas. The Frogs built individual nests for their toy birds. They all had their own ideas and knew exactly how they wanted to create their nests. They made sure the nests had plenty of soft materials so their birds were comfortable. **Tommy's** nest included tyre windows and a roof, and **Matilda's** was inspired by discovering a plant pot! This activity is not just about building a nest, it's about the children learning to think about others, their needs and caring for them. Great work!



MAY DAY DANCING

Millfield Pre-Prep pupils presented their maypole and country dancing to the whole of the Prep School on bank holiday Monday. It was great to have so many people supporting and clapping along to some great dances!



PLATINUM JUBILEE



RECEPTION

GIANT FOOTPRINTS...

This week, the Reception class planted runner beans and jellybeans to see which one would grow. We think there must have been a magic bean amongst the jellybeans and look what happened! The children have wondered who's footprints they are, so we have been checking all the teachers coming in, no luck yet.



YEAR 1

LIVING THINGS

Year 1 have been continuing to learn about living things. We took our learning into Forest School and the children looked for things that are living/not living. We had a good discussion about things that are not living, but were once alive. We have been continuing to care for the chicks, who are growing so quickly. The children have loved helping to look after them and have learnt so much about their life cycle. In maths, the children have been learning about volume and capacity. They enjoyed making estimations and then actually measuring how much various containers could hold. Of course the children loved the preparations for our Jubilee celebrations. They were all enthusiastic in making flower table decorations, crowns and bunting for our lovely tea party!



YEAR 2

JUBILEE PLATES

As part of our Jubilee celebrations on Monday, Year 2 designed and then made their own Platinum Jubilee plates to commemorate the occasion. The children included some lovely designs of the Queen, the Union Jack and even a corgi!



YEAR 2

PATIENCE AND TEAMWORK

Year 2 had a great Forest School session this week. They had to work as a team to find the picture cards and then organise them into the correct order of their life cycle. There were some excellent communication skills being demonstrated and every team completed the challenge through calm and patient listening and talking, super problem solving and scientific discussion. We are really proud of your teamwork Year 2!



MINIS NEWS



MINIS PLAY

Welcome back to our Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Minis! It was so lovely to see you all again and also meet our new Minis. The Minis certainly didn't waste any time getting messy in our flour station, hiding the teddies, scooping and making tracks. They also enjoyed hammering and making the cereals vibrate and jump in the air too! Our water station was certainly very busy, whooshing the different coloured frogs down the ramps and great fun was had throwing the bean bag animals into the stepping stones. What a wonderful first session back!

