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NEWSLETTER



This week's Picture of the Week is this fantastic drawing by **Dora Ji** 8DEH.



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MILLFIELD PREP JOINS 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, we will be hosting a Millfield Prep Disco, with the timings of the year groups on the poster to the right. Tickets will cost £5 with an opt out email going to parents.

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.

There will be more information sent out for Giving Day in the near future. Make sure you keep up to date with our social channels to see what else will be taking place!



Disco

Wednesday 25 May
Assembly Hall
Tickets £5
For Millfield Giving Day
Year 1-2 - 4-5pm
Year 3-6 - 6-7:15
Year 7-8 - 7:30 - 9pm

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Some weeks as a Prep school Head are more varied than others and this one has been a particularly interesting one for me. Last Saturday's Open Morning was a real success and set the tone for the week ahead. The sun shone and the pupils were once again outstanding ambassadors for MPS – I was extremely proud to hear such positive feedback about them from our visitors.

On Monday, I thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Millfield where I met Mr Sawrey-Cookson and Mr Postle for a tour around the Year 9 Houses to help me better understand the progression of our pupils into the Senior School. It was a fantastic visit and I can see why our Year 8 pupils are so excited!

Tuesday offered a chance for me to reflect on the external perception of the school. I was asked to speak at the Independent Schools Show Summer Fair event in London about boarding. Attending the show gave me a chance to meet many prospective and even some former MPS parents – it was great to discover that Millfield Prep's stock is high in the wider community. If nothing else, when talking about the range of opportunities on offer to our pupils here it reminded me that I am very lucky to be heading up such a unique school.

The past two days have been spent deeply engrossed in interviews with prospective new Deputy Head Pastoral candidates. Recruiting new staff is always an interesting process, especially so when they are applying for key positions within the school. I found two things particularly striking and rewarding: firstly, the passion with which our pupils who were involved in various parts of the process spoke about their school, and secondly the impression the candidates got of MPS in the day they were with us. Without fail, every one of them commented on the politeness, energy and enthusiasm of the pupils. What is most pleasing is that there were so many different groups of pupils involved or who had passing conversations with them. It was a genuine cross section of the pupil body and so I think it was a great barometer of school culture. Needless to say I was extremely proud to hear such glowing feedback about our children – a huge well done to them!

I am struggling to believe that we are already through the third week of term. Time is flying and there is plenty to look forward to over the coming days and weeks. A quick reminder to everyone about the note I put in last week's newsletter about getting a Touch Rugby group started for parents. Do please contact my PA if you are interested. I will be holding another Meet the Head Coffee Morning on Friday 20 May from 8.30-9.15 in the Shayler Pavilion as well as establishing a working group for the relaunch of the Parents' Association – keep your eyes peeled for dates.

Have a lovely weekend everyone when it comes and I look forward to seeing more of you around school in the coming weeks.

Yours,
Dan

EAL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL Student of the Week is **Patrick Burapun** in 8SLS. In the last few weeks, we have seen his independence and readiness to learn grow, which has had a big impact on his work. He has written some brilliant pieces in the last few weeks including the short story (below) with a good twist! Keep up this excellent standard of work Patrick!



PATRICK'S STORY

Sam jumped for joy as he put the phone down - he finally had managed to get the job as an aeroplane captain. His first flight was London to Hong Kong and he was kind of nervous. When he met the other captain, he was thinking that the old man would have some tips.

It took six hours to get there. When they were flying back, he asked the old man how long he'd been working as a captain. The old man said he had been working for twenty years. Sam was amazed! The old man and Sam talked for the whole flight.

Twenty years later he still remembered his first day flying. Today though, was the day he met his new partner, a young man that looked like him twenty years ago. In the middle of the flight, he gave the young man some tips and realised he was the old man's son.

Pick Up -

We are looking forward to the Year 6-8 Interhouse Athletics Competition on Friday 27 May. Please can parents ensure that pupils have full water bottles and sun cream. Parents are welcome to collect their children from the Senior School when the athletics finishes at approximately 12 noon.

Pupils must be signed out via group tutors or houseparents. Pupils not collected at the Senior School can be collected at Martins Lane (Year 6) or Reception car park (Years 7 and 8).

- Years 3-5 – Pickup at Martins Lane at 12.30.
- Years 6-8 – Can be signed out via GT/houseparent at the senior school after athletics or at Prep school at 12.30.
- Pre-Prep – Pickup at 12.00.

Uniform -

A reminder that pupils should appear smart and tidy at all times and these standards are of huge importance. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is correctly attired and that all clothing and equipment is clearly named (the School Shop sells name tapes.)

Hair

Extreme, dyed, shaved/stepped or sculptured hairstyles on boys or girls are not allowed. All pupils with long hair should wear it tied back for school in a tidy and presentable manner with blue or black hairbands.

Make-up

Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up in school.

Jewellery

Pupils may wear one small silver or gold stud earring in each ear. Otherwise, children should not be wearing any jewellery.

Aerosols

Aerosols (including hairspray, perfumes and deodorants) are not allowed in school for safety reasons.

Culottes

Pupils may wear their culottes on or below the knee and should not be rolled up any higher.

Socks

Trainer socks are not permitted.

Meet the Head Coffee Morning -

All parents are welcome to join Dan at the Meet the Head Coffee Morning on Friday 20 May from 8.30-9.15 in the Shayler Pavilion.

SOMERSET DAY

On Wednesday 11 May, the Millfield community celebrated Somerset day. The day provides us with a chance to reflect on the wonderful history, stories and produce this great county gives us. Cider, apples and cheese just to name a few. We are lucky to have our campus in Somerset, where we are surrounded by scenic views and towns filled with culture. The day also provided a chance for Reverend Kitto to hold an assembly with Pre-Prep pupils, looking at the history of our amazing county and showed the pupils the Somerset flag.



A TRIP TO CHEPSTOW CASTLE



Chepstow Castle was the outdoor classroom for the Year 7 pupils in what has become a firm fixture in the school calendar. The History Department organised the trip to compliment their castle project and we were afforded some very good weather to carry out our site visit. As one pupil pointed out, there is no roof, so good weather is an important factor in any visit to Chepstow with 120 Year 7 pupils! Thanks firstly must go to Mr Close and Mr Guthrie who led the teaching of the Outer Walls and Lower Bailey in the morning. We were very fortunate that we had all three members of staff able to teach at the same time in different locations within this magnificent castle. We almost had the whole castle to ourselves and we received compliments from a number of members of the public about our pupils which was very pleasing. They were indeed a credit to the school.

At the start of the day, Mr Close was leading a group around the Outer Walls, bringing to life the methods that were used to attack and defend Chepstow from scaling ladders and siege towers to mangonels and even mining under the round towers. Mr Guthrie 14th century and took students into the living quarters, through

was on hand to explain the latest features added to the castle in the kitchens and dungeons and up round towers. Mr Sweet explained the building of the earliest form of the castle, it's Great Tower and Barbican as well as its strategic location. Every pupil was asked to make notes, sketch features, and complete their booklets with the best 10 booklets being awarded HMCs on our return to school.

That afternoon, Mr Close and Mr Sweet led the group into the Lower Bailey to stage an impromptu historical debate. Assuming the characters of William Marshall and Roger Bigod III, the argument much like a school debate, entertained the pupils and gave them food for thought as they had to decide which owner of Chepstow was most responsible for building the castle. It was Mr Close who won the public vote almost unanimously and Mr Sweet took defeat with good grace. My thanks to all the staff who supported their groups from start to finish and to all Year 7 who were excellent ambassadors for our school.



ROCK AND POP CONCERT



On Saturday 7 May, selected pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 were invited to watch and participate in a special Rock and Pop themed workshop. The workshop was specifically aimed at those pupils who are due to take part in the upcoming Rock and Pop concert on Friday 24 June, which is one of the highlights of the music calendar. We were delighted to welcome Mr Lawson and Mr Haddock's band Loose Rock! to lead the morning and our pupils were given invaluable insight into stage etiquette, microphone technique and how to interact with a crowd. Year 6 pupil **Louis Wilson**, Year 7 pupils, **Charlie Lucas**, **Lily Speyers** and **Luke de Jager** and Year 8 pupil **Joe Tucker** were then invited to stand up with the band and join in with singing and performing Queen's classic anthem 'I Want to Break Free'.

During the second half of the morning, we were lucky enough to be treated to a performance and Q&A session with The Entitled Sons, a band made up of Prep School pupil **Laurie Swift** and his



brothers, **Rafferty, Charlie**, and **Billy** who attend Millfield School. The boys have enjoyed amazing success with their song 'Break', which they performed alongside their follow-up single 'Unconditional'. Our pupils were absolutely enthralled by the boys' musicianship and charisma, and it was interesting to discover more about their journey into music as well as their aspirations for the future. Two of our pupils – **Finley Boyle** and **Ellie Danner** were then lucky enough to be invited up to perform a rendition of 'Johnny B. Goode' with the band and the morning ended with a rousing chorus sung by the band and audience. Sincere thanks go to Mr Lawson and Mr Haddock as well as the Entitled Sons for leading the morning and congratulations again to all those who were brave enough to stand up and perform. We can't wait to see you on stage at the Rock and Pop concert!



Long-Tailed Tit - By **Brychan James**

Long is the tail that drags on behind a petit ball, dancing through dull winter wood like star in the night. Hopping Over twig and past trunk, it takes flight. Grace of gazelle, soar of starling, its spoil-er steady. Flying through dull winter wood, like shooting star in the Night. Strong little snowball, carrying its tail, gliding through dull winter wood, Gliding o'er hill and dale.

Throughout the winter that little snowball watches over forest floor, searching And spotting insect or seed, a dart down to forest floor, its tail assists In its descent. The snap of short, dark beak as a small forest floor creature falls victim. The snowball flies back to its viewpoint, that Long jet-black tail assisting again. Every day closer to the end of the harsh winter and closer to the start of spring. Day-by-day that dull winter wood turns more and more into lively spring wood and that little snowball begins to radiate light.

Then the woodland transforms and the Long-Tailed Tit Is no longer That star in the night, but a pearl in a treasure chest.



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This time last week, last minute election campaigning was happening before the great count was made for the local elections. The results were a reflection of public voice regarding policies, politics and politicians. Public opinions and views will always vary widely, and this is often reflected in the diversity of candidates up for election, a sign of our free and democratic society. I am pleased that across schools, colleges, and many churches today, there are many effective mechanisms for hearing views and feedback, including the voice of children and young people. Feedback helps us to stay informed and 'in touch' with those whom we serve and support.

Views, interests and priorities will always vary whilst there are some things that should be consistent. We continue to ask 'Who am I? Why am I here? How then, shall I live?'

St Paul gives us advice and encourages us to focus on positive values and model these for others. 'Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.' (The Bible, Philippians 4, verses 8 and 9).

It is so important that we hear the voices of all those across our communities and we must never underestimate the positive values that are being promoted and modelled every day. We may never know the impact that we have as we model values that seek to encourage wisdom, hope, community, and dignity. Masterchef fans will have noticed how many of the chefs were inspired at a young age by family members, in particular when encouraged to join in and to take more and more responsibility.

Don't forget the key role you can play in our democratic and free society, building a strong foundation of values that are deeply Christian, yet serving the common good.

Dear God

Thank you that we live in a democratic and free country.

Help us respond by living out positive values.

Help us to listen to others, to respect and value differences.

Help us to share views and, at times, to disagree well.

Thank you for the wisdom and encouragement of St Paul.

For the example of Jesus.

Amen

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

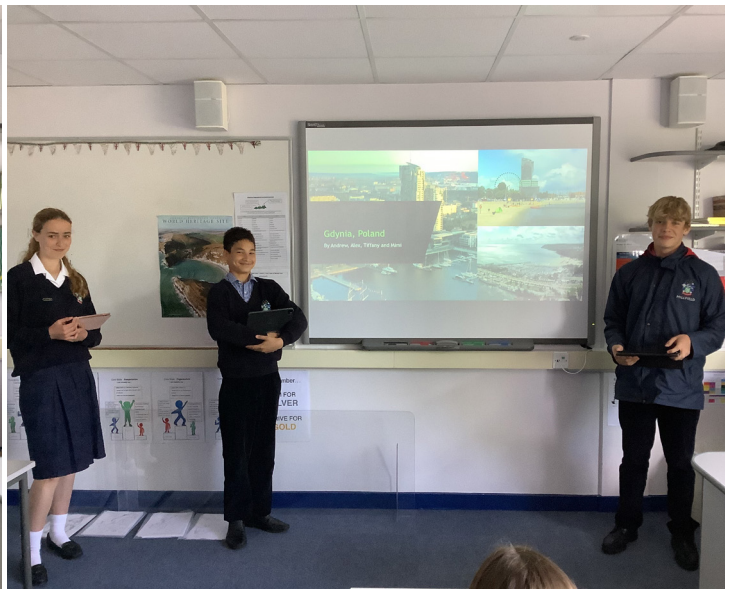
In the coming week, do something that you have been putting off, that has become a bit of a 'blocker' or the persistent item on your 'to do' list!

Adjust your timings to prioritise it and knock it off the list. See how you feel afterwards!

GEOGRAPHY

This week in Geography lessons, Year 8 have been working collaboratively in teams to implement a 'Sustainable Transport Plan' for a city of their choice. Cities have included London, Paris, Dubai and Shanghai as well as some imaginary new settlements including one built in the sky!

The teams have been presenting their findings to the class and so far, we have found out about the following sustainable transport ideas: increasing green walkways, creating wider footpaths for pedestrians, introducing more tram systems, teleportation, Hyperloops and travelling in a vacuum pod ([being trialled by Elon Musk and Virgin Hyperloop](#)) and [Jet packs](#).



FOOD TECH

Year 8 pupils have entered a module of work focusing on food presentation and preparation. Tasked with the challenge of making beans on toast look like a fine dining dish, they have shown some excellent creativity. Well done to you all!



DT

Year 4 pupils have been working hard looking at graphics skills and produced these excellent DVD covers. Well done for researching, planning and measuring up accurately to make the covers.



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

The girls enjoyed an action-packed day at Brean Leisure park at the weekend and loved being able to play outside in the sunshine, making the most of the lighter evenings. Hollies joined together with Champion House on Saturday for games in the woods and s'mores round the fire. Saturday evening was rounded-off with a special takeaway treat for the girls and the weekly house film night! The slippery slide continues to be very popular along with the cricket nets.



BEREWALL

It was a free range weekend for the Berewall boys, consisting of lots of outdoor fun, carrying on until poor light stopped play. The boys then refuelled with tea and crumpets before retiring to bed. Sunday saw the boys engaged in the kitchen making cookies with Mrs James. They waited patiently for them to cook (honest!) before falling on them like a plague of locust!



EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys had a pasta making masterclass on Wednesday afternoon thanks to Mrs Lovell. They made the pasta from scratch and enjoyed eating it for snacks. Masterchef here they come!



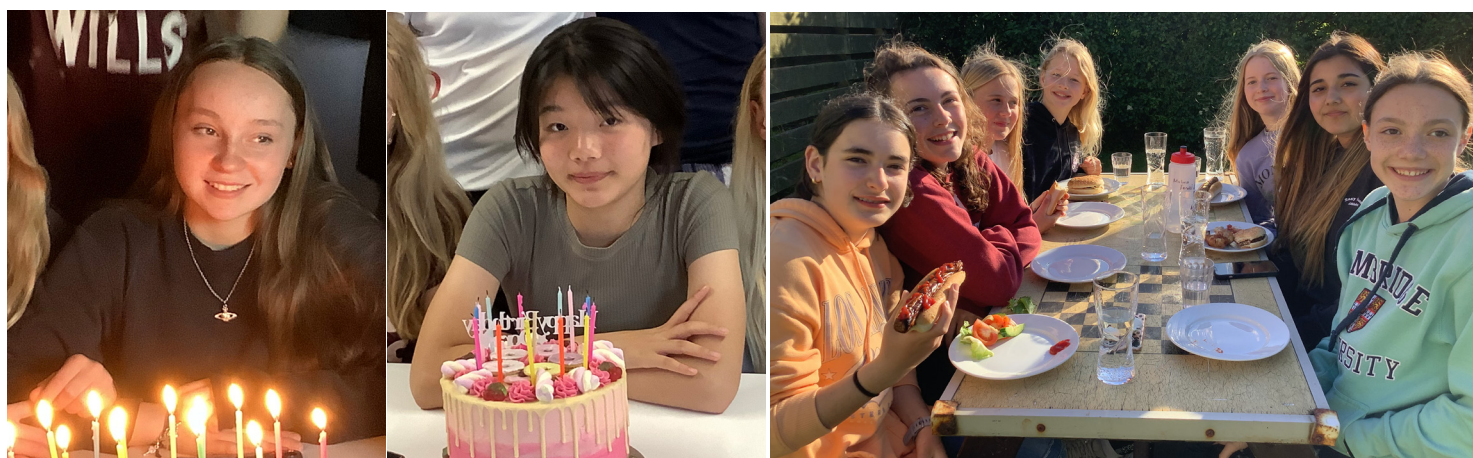
CHESTNUT

After the weekly ASFL matches on the court, the boys had an egg-stremlly tricky challenge. Each dorm was given a bag containing a selection of bits and pieces along with one egg. They then had to construct an egg survival device. The inventions were ingenious and a few of the boys have a career in engineering ahead. (A few of them, however, will be building things that we would not feel safe on and some broke the egg before they'd even made anything!) The test was to land their egg onto a target without breaking it, having dropped it from the top of the fire escape of the main building. An egg-streme test and the ones who survived were egg-static. Four eggs survived and prizes were awarded. Our evening helpers also got involved and their egg, Eggbert, was closest to the target without breaking. Sssh, it's our secret that they'd used a hard boiled egg!



CHAMPION

It's been another busy week at Champion as we speed through the summer term. Some lovely sunshine at the weekend allowed us to head outside and the Champion girls had a great time meeting up with their friends in Hollies for some fun and games. Wheelbarrow races, sprints and more meant it was pretty loud on campus on Saturday night! We then headed inside for cake and pizza celebrating **Dora's** birthday. Dora has been with us since Year 5 and so it was quite an emotional evening seeing her celebrating with her friends as she turns 13. On Sunday, we had another teenager in the house; **Sarah** also turned 13 and so more cake and more pizza! On Wednesday, the day opened with grey skies and rain, there were rumblings of postponing the first barbeque of the year but thankfully, by 5pm, we had blue skies and so the girls had a great time enjoying their food outside in the garden. This weekend we are looking forward to the excitement of the Eurovision song contest....and more!



SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET



Playing in the first round of the girl's county cup competition against Monkton Coombe, the girls had a slow start. A first ball run out, another early wicket and too many "Dot" balls put the team under rarely pressure. However, a quick fire 20 retired from Yasmin and a hard hitting 18 not out from Molly dragged the team to a respectable 94 from our allocated 10 overs. Bowling and fielding is our teams strength. Despite a number of early extras, we restricted Monkton to 48 runs. Well played girls and well done also for your performance against Gloucestershire at the weekend.

HOCKEY



On Friday evening we hosted Clifton for our annual cup hockey match in memory of Ryan Bresnahan, supporting the charity "a Life for a Cure"; we had a great turn out. Thank you parents for the support. Our boys possibly saved their best performance of the season for this emotional occasion, sharing a 1-1 draw. Ryan's mum was present and kindly awarded both teams with wrist bands and chocolates. Thanks also to our caterers for a superb lamb curry, a great evening!

MOTORCROSS

Congratulations to **Nixon Coppins** who won his event on Sunday at the Corsham Championship. Following his success, Nixon is at the top of the standings and leading the Championship table.



EQUESTRIAN

Isla Sully had success at Keysoe Premier League on the weekend. This was Isla and Toti's first try at FEI Ponies and they gained a super score of 67% and came 4th. She also rode Jersey Boy, a rather large 17.2, and got an amazing 1st place in the Children on Horses class. This was a great effort having only sat on the horse once before the show!



This is **Larissa Morley** on Thunder doing their first jump together. Congratulations Larissa and lovely bit of riding.



Sophie Banasziewicz and Poppy having fun in the XC field.



Myla Coppins and Furby finished 3rd in the Shetland Grand National at Badminton Horse Trials. The race took place in front of a sell-out crowd of over 12,000 people watching. Well done Myla!



Everley Sinfield-Day and Teddy are really getting to know each other and proving to be a great partnership. This weekend they came 6th in the 60 cm indoor jumping.



Pupils having some fun after some great flat work. Backward flip dismounts from Everley dismounting Teddy and Larissa dismounting Thunder.



ATHLETICS

Some of our Year 8 athletes competed at the Mendip Championships at the Senior School. They were racing against the Year 9s, which was tough but by competing against stronger opposition, they are getting faster. Over the next week we have three events and these will be against athletes their own age.





This Saturday, we had a record number of Millfield Prep players entered into the LTA Tournament hosted at Prep, including: **Ben Bauer, Thomas Keeler, Freddie Horner, Fredi Davis-Higgins, Luke and Chloe de Jager, Arabella Goldfinch, Lola Spooner, Livy Spooner and Tilly Counsell** in the U14 Boys and Girls Grade 4 event. We also had **Raffie Bodman, Oscar Fletcher, Harry Glover, Charlie Guppy, Wills Jackman, Noah Kendell, Hugh Murray, Millie Edwards-Newnham, Sophia Edwards-Newnham, Layla Keates, Meilin Keeler and Florie Weare** in the Grade 5 Boys and Girls U10 Singles. Wills Jackman won the U10 Boys Singles and Thomas Keeler reached the semi-final of the U14 Boys Singles.

On Sunday, Fredi Davis-Higgins came third in the U12 Boys singles in Sherborne and Chloe and Luke de Jager both won the consolation singles in their respective age groups.

On Tuesday, in the National Schools competition for Year 7 and 8, our U13B Boys team beat Taunton School 12-0, our U13 Boys C team beat Taunton 8-4 and our Girls U13B's beat Taunton 8-4. All three teams play The Castle School on Thursday, King's Hall next Tuesday and Wellington School next Thursday to decide which teams qualify for the county play-offs in September.

Well done also to the following Millfield players who played for Somerset on Sunday and defeated South Wales by 25 matches to 11 (combined score).

Lowri Sinkins-Moysey, Sophia Edwards-Newnham, Harry Glover, Oscar Fletcher, Raffie Bodman, Barney Guthrie.



Congratulations to Ben Bauer and Chloe de Jager who won the Millfield 'Play your way to Wimbledon' Singles (with Thomas Keeler and **Lola Lindsay-Fynn** in second place). They will go through to represent Millfield in the County Finals on 9 and 10 July. County Final Champions are then invited to compete in the National Finals at Wimbledon from 7-13 August.



Congratulations to Freddie Horner and **Kevin Wang** who beat Thomas Keeler and Ben Bauer in the Play Your Way To Wimbledon Boys Doubles final and to Charlie Lucas and Tilly Counsell who beat **Fernanda Uranga Andres** and Lola Lindsay-Fynn in the Girls Doubles final. The winners of these local doubles events go through to their Regional Finals taking place on 18 and 19 June. Regional Final Champions are then invited to compete in the National Finals at Wimbledon from 7-13 August.



SWIMMING

24 Millfield Prep School swimmers have been racing at the Southwest Regional Championships, racing against both club and school swimmers across three weekends, travelling all over the South West. The swimmers achieved a staggering 129 personal best times as well as winning four gold, eight silver and nine bronze medals.

Age Group Medalists:

Iona Murray - 100m Freestyle
Tumi Makinde - 100m Backstroke
Iona Murray - 800m Freestyle
Tumi Makinde - 50m Backstroke

Iona Murray - 1500m Freestyle
Billy Chatterjee - 200m Butterfly
Vivienne Lubbe - 100m Backstroke
Iona Murray - 200m Freestyle
Tumi Makinde - 50m Butterfly
Kaden Frampton - 100m Freestyle
Iona Murray - 200m Backstroke
Iona Murray - 400m Individual Medley

Kaden Frampton - 200m Freestyle
Kaden Frampton - 1500m Freestyle
Evie Twelvetree - 200m Butterfly
Asta Maddox - 100m Freestyle
Kaden Frampton - 800m Freestyle
Tumi Makinde - 50m Freestyle
Evie Twelvetree - 100m Butterfly
Vivienne Lubbe - 200m Backstroke



Congratulations to all below who made a final in their respective age groups:

Asta Maddox 4th 200m Individual Medley
Keeleigh Cooke 4th 100m Freestyle
Vivienne Lubbe 5th 100m Breaststroke
Sasha Hart 5th 200m Butterfly
Vivienne Lubbe 5th 50m Breaststroke
Iona Murray 6th 200m Individual Medley
Maisie Fisher 6th 100m Breaststroke
Evie Twelvetree 6th 100m Breaststroke
Mila Brooke 6th 200m Butterfly
Tumi Makinde 6th 100m Freestyle
Iona Murray 6th 100m Backstroke
Sasha Hart 6th 100m Backstroke
Jack Guppy 7th 200m Butterfly
Asta Maddox 7th 100m Backstroke
Maisie Fisher 8th 50m Breaststroke
Keeleigh Cooke 7th 200m Freestyle
Asta Maddox 5th 200m Freestyle
Mila Brooke 8th 200m Freestyle
Evie Twelvetree 5th 50m Butterfly
Ecaterina Rizescu 7th 50m Butterfly

Asta Maddox 7th 50m Butterfly
Billy Chatterjee 8th 100m Butterfly
Iona Murray 6th 50m Freestyle
Maisie Fisher 8th 50m Freestyle
Asta Maddox 4th 50m Freestyle
Maisie Fisher 5th 200m Breaststroke
Vivienne Lubbe 6th 200m Breaststroke
Evie Twelvetree 5th 200m Breaststroke
Billy Chatterjee 6th 200m Individual Medley
Leo Mixer 8th 200m Individual Medley
Vivienne Lubbe 5th 50m Backstroke
Sasha Hart 7th 50m Backstroke
Asta Maddox 5th 50m Backstroke
Tumi Makinde 6th 100m Butterfly
Asta Maddox 7th 100m Butterfly
Mila Brooke 8th 100m Butterfly
Kaden Frampton 8th 50m Freestyle
Maisie Fisher 8th 200m Backstroke
Asta Maddox 5th 200m Backstroke

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday 17 May is the Year 3-5 House Swimming Gala here in the MPS pool. Please adhere to the times below for spectating as there is limited viewing space – please be aware it is very warm!

Year 3 - 1:15 - 1:45
 Year 4 - 1:45 - 2:30
 Year 5 - 2:30 - 3:30

Please park in the top car park, there will be parent teas in the dining hall after the section for your child's year.

Well done also to the following swimmers for reaching the championships, what a fantastic learning experience and awesome performances: **Vienna Townsend, Charles Robinson, Elis Davies, Tristan Aspinall, Poppy Laffey, Joshua Seager, Charlie Phipps, Katriel Chukwuedo, Noelle Delin and Kruze Frampton.**



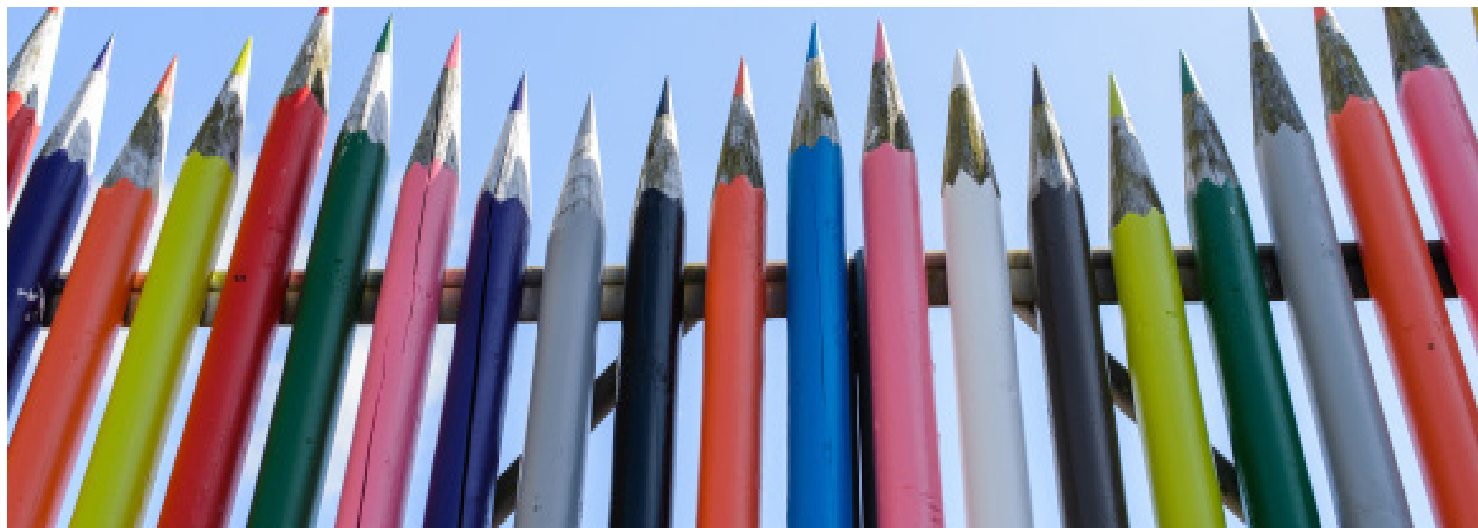


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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Where have the last three weeks gone? I can't believe we are already over halfway through this half term.

The week started with our whole school assembly, where we continued our learning about eggs, how they develop and how they can help us with our learning. We discussed the different ways of cooking eggs and the opportunity to try new things. We listened to the story 'Green Eggs and Ham' and I hope the children will be like 'Guy I Am' and will not be put off things by how they look. We also hope the children will be like 'Sam I Am' and show great determination to reach their goals. We also learnt that eggs are not good to juggle with - ask your child the best way to peel a hard boiled egg?

I wonder how many of you will try something new over the next few weeks? Or how many of you will take on the challenge of using eggs to make something? I look forward to seeing your creations, which we will share in our celebration assemblies on Fridays during the summer term.

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Young children are becoming more comfortable with internet-enabled devices at an increasingly early age. The latest figures from Ofcom, for example, indicate that a remarkable 89% of 3 to 4 year olds in the UK are using video-sharing platforms such as YouTube – while 50% of those in this age bracket who go online already use messaging sites or apps.

While little ones' ability and confidence around technology is something to be encouraged, giving them access to internet-enabled devices of course presents its own significant worries. The online world, after all, isn't always a safe and friendly place. [This guide](#) has some suggestions for helping the under-5s to understand the basics of online safety.



KEY DATES

Friday 20 May
Class photographs
- All children to be in uniform

Friday 27 May -
School finishes at 12pm for the Half Term Holiday

CLIMBING, JUMPING AND BALANCING

The Pre-School pupils have had lots of fun on the large apparatus in the hall this week. They have been climbing, jumping, balancing and thinking lots about the different ways in which they can move around the apparatus. There have been some great ideas: crawling, sliding, marching, going sideways and backwards. The pupils have also enjoyed playing parachute games together, which has really helped them to practise their listening and teamwork skills. Great work everyone!



The Reception children had some unexpected visitors this week. Some of the Year 5 pupils came and helped teach them how to role-play the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and they also read the pupils stories. Reception have also been practising being Jack and learning to climb the Beanstalk. Thank you to Mrs Bodman for teaching us!



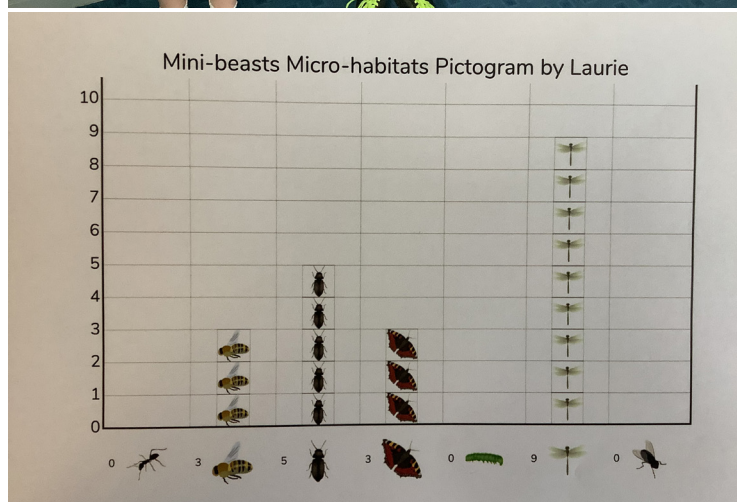
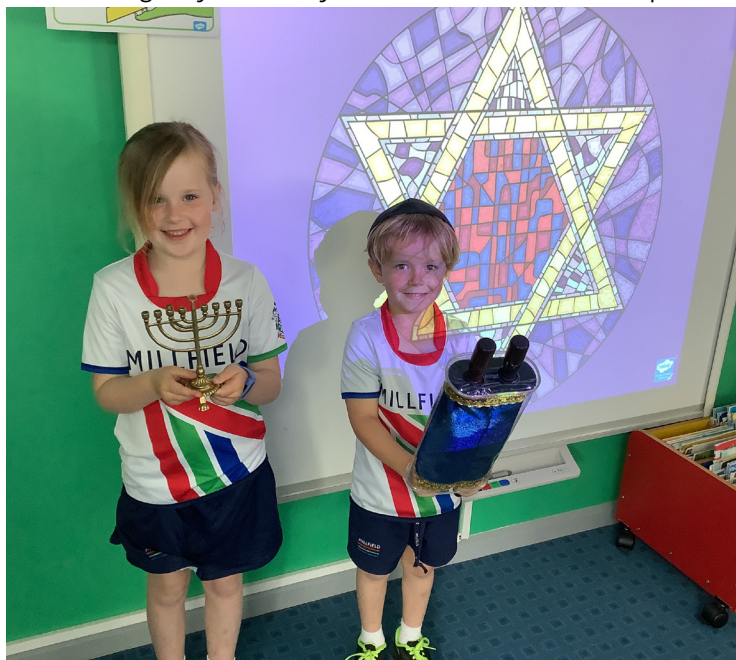
This week, **Nate** was 'Chef of the Week' and he chose to make fresh pasta. This was a new one for Mrs Smith but luckily, in the back of a cupboard, she had a pasta maker. We had lots of fun kneading, mixing and rolling out the pasta. We had the fresh spaghetti for snack the following day and it went down very well. We think we may have to do it again!



YEAR 1

LONG JUMP AND BUGS

In PE, the children have been practising long jump with Mrs Bodman. She was teaching them the skills that would help them to jump as far as they could. They all practised on the sand and some of them managed to beat their own records! In RE, they have started learning about Judaism. The children enjoyed looking at and discussing a variety of Jewish artifacts. In computing the children contributed to a 'favourite bug' tally chart. They then used the information to produce their own pictograms to represent this.



JUDAISM

As part of this term's RE topic, pupils have been looking at how Jewish people celebrate their religion. They have talked about different festivals in the Jewish calendar and have made Haman's ears, which are cakes that they eat when celebrating the festival Purim. The children have also made large stained glass windows with the Star of David as part of our RE topic about Judaism.



MINIS NEWS



FURRY FRIENDS

The Minis were super lucky to be joined by Gingernut and Lotus in the hall this week. Thank you so much to Reception for letting us look after their two gorgeous guinea pigs. We loved giving them a cuddle and using gentle hands to stroke them, and they certainly loved being fed lots of cucumber, broccoli and cabbage! Outside in the Apple Tree Green, the Minis were very busy building in the sandpit using the cement mixer. They also had fun washing the baby dolls and taking them for a stroll in the pushchairs. The Minis took home their fantastic flower print paintings and enjoyed pouring and scooping at our rice station. Great work Minis!

