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NEWSLETTER



This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent painting of Glastonbury Tor by **Liberty Warman**.



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MILLFIELD PREP 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.

The two posters to the right explain everything that Millfield Prep will be doing and how you can donate.



MILLFIELD GIVING DAY 26-27 MAY

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

School Disco:

Years 1 & 2: 16:00 - 17:00
Years 3 - 6: 18:00 - 19:15
Years 7 & 8: 19:30 - 21:00

THURSDAY 27 MAY

House Competition:

Adventure Trail and Obstacle Course



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DONATE!*



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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A brief introduction to the Newsletter from me today. Another week races past and one in which the weather seemingly hasn't been able to make up its mind! Despite the irregular but heavy downpours, there has also been warmth and sunshine and the children's spirits have certainly not been dampened.

Swimming galas, sailing regattas, countless sporting fixtures and an amazing opportunity for our Junior Choir to take part in the Young Voices performance in Birmingham today, have meant that there has been something for everyone this week.

I enjoyed meeting parents at the Coffee Morning this morning and I look forward to arranging more opportunities to meet you over the coming weeks and months. We are all crossing our fingers that the sun shines for the athletics fixtures and then the Year 6 to 8 Sports Day next week – I do hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Yours,
Dan

EAL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL Student of the week is **Roman Sverzhin** in 8CDC. Roman has worked incredibly hard all year and has shown great motivation to improve his English. All his hard work has paid off as he is achieving brilliant scores during each assessment. This week he has shown great discipline when trying to master the past perfect tense! Well done, Roman.



SPEECH DAY

Millfield Prep School has the pleasure of inviting all parents to our Speech Day on Friday 1 July 2022.

The Year 8 Leavers' Assembly will take place from 9.30am, all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be available from 10.15am, followed by the Headmaster's address and prizes at 11.15am.

We anticipate that the day will finish at 12.30pm for pupils in Years 3-7. Year 8 pupils and their parents will then be invited to join us for lunch in the Pavilion.

More details will follow in due course.

PARENT NOTICES

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.

ROLE MODELS OF THE WEEK

This week, Chota has been awarded to **Wills Jackman** in Year 5. Wills has been a brilliant buddy to a new pupil in his class, making sure he was well looked after and is always super kind to others as well. Oreo has been awarded to **Sanaa Fergusson**. Sanaa only joined MPS at the beginning of this term, but in that short time she has shown fantastic resilience, adaptability and thoughtfulness in class. Well done to you both!



RACE AND DIVERSITY

On Monday, a group of Year 8 pupils were invited to the Senior School for an evening of discussion around race and diversity and how we can improve inclusivity in both the Prep and the Senior School. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school speaking honestly and respectfully of their experiences.



ECO CLUB

Eco club have been busy learning about plant life cycles; planting lots of seeds for the vegetable patch and watching them germinate, as well as harvesting the huge rhubarb! They have chosen to create a new flower patch by the science labs, we are sure the ducks will love it!



SCIENCE

Year 7 science lessons have been all about acids and alkalis recently. Here is **Enid** who has made a lovely pattern using universal indicator; testing substances to see what pH they are. There are acids and alkalis in your house, for example lemon contains citric acid, vinegar's scientific name is ethanoic acid and your toothpaste is most likely alkaline! Year 7 have also been carrying out neutralisation reactions, which is when you add acid and alkali together and you make some salt and water. The boys here are hoping that when they evaporate the water from their bright blue solution, they will get some lovely big crystals of copper sulphate.



WESSEX WATER



Last week, Year 5 were lucky enough to visit the Wessex Water treatment centre in Ashford. The day was split into three sections, which helped explain how the water arrived at our taps from both rivers and reservoirs, and our drains. Following the trip, we asked the children to write a recount of their day. Here are some of the things they recalled:

"Wessex Water collect and clean around 20,000,000 litres of water a day!" - **Georgina Fraser**

"We compared lots of different waters; dirty river water, old juice, washing up water and lots more! This showed that fresh water out of a tap is not instant, and it takes a large process to clean it." - **Hugh Murray**

"We were shown two bottles filled with the same river water. One was dirtier than the other because on the day it was sampled, it had been raining and it contained the churned up mud from the river." - **Kitty Danner**

"It was amazing to hear that they purify 20 million litres of water every day. If we use 143 litres a day, then they produce water for 140,000 people!" - **Hester Horgan**

"We found out that the water from the water purification process was used to make fertilizer." - **Flynn Edwards**

"There were some swans nesting in the reservoir, it was amazing. There were six eggs." - **Will Billige**

Thank you again to Sue and her team for a fantastic day. The pupils have learnt a lot and it has started our new topic with a woosh!



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

What parents need to know about Discord

Launched in 2015, Discord has steadily emerged as a major player in the online communication marketplace, certainly as far as gamers are concerned. Indeed, with the ability to coordinate gameplay and talk tactics with multiple fellow players in real time, it has also become the collaborative platform of choice for many professional e-sports competitors.

The flip side of Discord's success is that in addition to genuine gamers who simply want to improve their playing experience or discuss their favourite titles, it's also attracted unsavoury individuals, who use the platform to post extreme political views, belittle other users or share explicit content. The [attached guide](#) tells parents what they need to know about this platform.

BOARDING LIFE

CHESTNUT

Even with the unsettled British summer weather, the boys managed to have a BBQ this week. The sun briefly popped out to give them time for burgers, sausages and a game of football in the setting sun, whilst eating magnums! The food theme continued on Wednesday where the evening helpers supported the boys to make their own evening snacks and with a surplus of apples, they set to work. The apples were peeled and chopped, the butter and flour was made into a crumb and huge apple crumbles went into the oven. The appalling weather meant the wintry dessert became ultimate comfort food and were devoured in minutes once covered in custard.



BEREWALL

This week, the Berewall boys have been as busy as ever with school, fixtures, and fun at home. Downtime, sleep, and wellbeing have been a hot topic for the house. It has been especially pleasing to see the difference a good night sleep makes to our day! On Wednesday evening, the usual routine of no prep and playing outside was curtailed due to wet weather. A selection of boys joined our Matrons in the kitchen to design some fruit masterpieces. We could be looking at some future Michelin star superstars...you heard it here first!



Burgers, salad and Magnums al fresco gave a holiday feel to Saturday night before relaxing in front of 'Legally Blonde'. The cinema theme continued on Sunday with a trip to see 'Dr Strange' or 'Sonic the Hedgehog' followed by badminton, squash and football to burn off some steam. The girls have also been trying out a few face paints, ready for the the Disco next week!



EDGARLEY MANOR

After a busy day of cricket, the boys enjoyed an al fresco fish and chip supper in the beautiful grounds of Edgarley Manor as a treat for being such good lads!



CHAMPION

It was a fun-packed weekend for the Champion girls. With both Eurovision and the FA Cup final the girls were definitely spoilt for choice. On Saturday the girls were able to make their very own pizzas and ate them for supper, delicious! On Sunday, the soggy conditions couldn't dampen the spirits as all the boarders headed off to the cinema. Thankfully, after supper, the sun came out and the very first Champion 'Showjumping' competition was on! The girls jumped as high as they could over several rounds and **Chloe** was the eventual winner, well done Chloe! What a busy weekend, thank you Mrs S and Miss W.



SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET

Well done to the girls who represented MPS against Kingswood and Wellington this week. Two games and the girls were fantastic in both of their victories. There were notable performances from **Agatha Stamper** vs Kingswood, who took three wickets in the final over, and **Isla Alnsworth** who claimed her wicket maiden vs Wellington School. The highest score with the bat was **Amelia Davanzo**.



The U12B team played superbly on Wednesday. Well done for your continual hard work!



On Wednesday, the U12C team played Wellington School and won by 10 runs. There was some fantastic bowling on show, plenty of fours hit with the bat and lots of improvement shown in our fielding. Well done girls! Thank you to **Enid** for stepping in from the B team as we were short of players and to **Emi** and **Ruilin** for getting players of the match from the opposition. The match was played in glorious sunshine and finished with a delicious match tea - a perfect day for cricket!



Congratulations to the U11 boys cricket team who won the County Cup semi-final match this week against The Paragon School. It was a good performance from all of the boys, but a special mention to **Sam McHugh** who took four wickets in his two overs to ensure victory. They will now wait to see who they face in the final, which will take place at Langport Cricket Club in June. Well done to all the players.

The Somerset Athletic Championships took place over the weekend, with the sun shining on day one and the rain falling on day two. The weather could not stop the performances of our athletes, the photos show how well they all did! A special mention to **Iona Murray**, who broke a championship record that had stood since 2009.





On Wednesday, our senior teams competed in the first round of the English Schools Cup competition. Each athlete has to do a track and a field event to generate a team total at the end of all of the events. All of the team competed well and won both competitions, which qualifies them for the regional final. There are a few areas that the team can gain points in, so fingers are crossed that they can qualify for the prestigious national finals. Thank you to Miss Luxon, Mr Cooper and Miss Workman for their fantastic team management on the day and to the parents that were able to support the team.

Some of the boys also watched Millfield Prep old boy **Harry Barton** as he competed in the 110m high hurdles (each hurdle is 3ft 6!) It was great to see a Senior pupil passing on his experience to the next Millfield generation.



JUDO

On Saturday 7 May, **Flynn Edwards** fought in the IAPS Judo Championships in High Wycombe. He won all of his five fights without conceding a point! Flynn won the Gold in the U29kg category.



GOLF

Millfield golfers have been busy this week practising at Farrington Park Golf Club and playing in IAPS. The golfers also headed over to Millfield this week to work on different distance pitch shots and bunker shots, before playing the pitch and putt course. Well done everyone on a fantastic week of golf in testing conditions!





Emily Gulliver has been busy representing Great Britain this month. (Below left) Emily jumping in her first 1.30 individual class. The photo was taken at Fontainebleau where Emily was one of only 13 to jump double clear. (Below right) The Children on Horses GB team soaking up the atmosphere for an amazing event.



Myla Coppins finished 2nd in the point-to-point on Ruby on Wednesday evening, also winning the best turned out.

A lovely afternoon of multi's with everyone supporting and cheering each other on!



Matilda Rocker-Cook and Bluebell went double clear and came 2nd and 3rd with their teams at KSEC pony club showjumping.

Mimi Woodliffe and Pixie had their first competition at KSEC and came 3rd! Well done Mimi.



Laughter and smiles for some after-school riding!



Isla Sully and Toti have been selected to ride in the FEI ponies class at Wellington CDI in June. They will be competing against European combinations, with the focus being more on gaining arena time experience rather than placings. Well done to Isla for being selected, it is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience!

Results from the unaffiliated show jumping on Saturday. Everyone rode really well!
Tilly Barber and Mr Pickles clear in the 60 and 70 cm, Dotti Stamper 1st in the 70cm and 2nd in the 80cm, Elsie Coppins and Ruby 3rd in the 70cm and 80cm, Myla Coppins 6th in the 80cm.

INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Track Field

		YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
9.00am	70m Hurdles Year 6 B & G 70m Hurdles Year 7 B & G	H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)	T. Jump (Boys) Discus (Girls)
9.30am	800 metres Year 8 B & G 800 metres Year 7 B & G 800 metres Year 6 B & G		H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)
10.00am	75m Hurdles Year 8 B & G	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)	Discus (Girls)	H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)
10.10am	100m Year 6 B & G 100m Year 7 B & G 100m Year 8 B & G			
10.30am	60 metres Score Events	Shot (Girls)	L. Jump (Girls) Javelin (Boys)	Discus (Boys)
10.35am	1500m Year 6 B & G (together)			
10.40am	300m Year 8 B		Shot (Girls)	L. Jump (Girls) Javelin (Boys)
10.50am	1500m Year 7 B & G (together)			
11.00am	200m Year 6 B & G 200m Year 7 B & G 200m Year 8 B & G	L. Jump (G) Javelin (B)	Discus (B)	Shot (Girls)
11.20am	1500 metres Year 8 B & G (together)			
11.35pm	4 x 100m Relay			
11.55pm	(approximately) Announcement of Results			

* All times are approximate and whenever possible; events will start earlier than shown.

The annual inter house athletic event will take place at the Senior School track next Friday 27 May. Pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 should come into school in their school sports kit. After a quick registration with their group tutors, they will be taken to the Senior School track to compete for their games houses.

Events will run from 9am. We will try to run a little ahead to make sure that there is ample time for the half term departures, so please arrive in good time to spectate. The pupils will be picking their events with the help of their house staff in their house meetings this week. Pupils will be able to leave with parents after the presentations from the Senior School to start their half term. We hope the weather is kind to us and that the pupils and spectators enjoy their morning watching or participating in our sports day.





Congratulations and good luck to **Wills Jackman, Flynn Edwards, Amelia Speyers, Millie Edwards-Newnham** and **Lowri Sinkins-Moysey** who are all representing Somerset in U10 County Cup this weekend.

This week, the Millfield Boys U12 National Club League Team beat Prestige Tennis Club, Glocs, 5-1. The team was **Ben Bauer, Thomas Keeler, Toby Wong** and **Kevin Wang**.

We also had 19 Mini Red Players in our LTA Grade 5 Mini Red Tournament on Saturday in the Sports Hall, and 14 players were from Prep, including:

Willow Saunders, Trinity Beckford, Rosie Kilmartin, William Paterson, Noah Fletcher, Matilda Illingworth, Alfred Wilson, Joshua Godden, Isabella Wachtel, Oliver Hughes, Emmelie Pater, and Isobel Robertson.

Congratulations to **Noah**, who came fourth in the Red Boys Singles and to **Willow**, who came first in the Red Girls Singles.

Also, in the Mini Orange Tournament running on the Triple courts at the same time, half the competitors were from Millfield including **Harry Glover, Meilin Keeler** and **Oscar Fletcher** who came third overall.

Finally, good luck to the 16 Prep players who are heading up to Rugby for the IAPS Tennis Tournament at Rugby School on Sunday 22 and Monday 23 May.



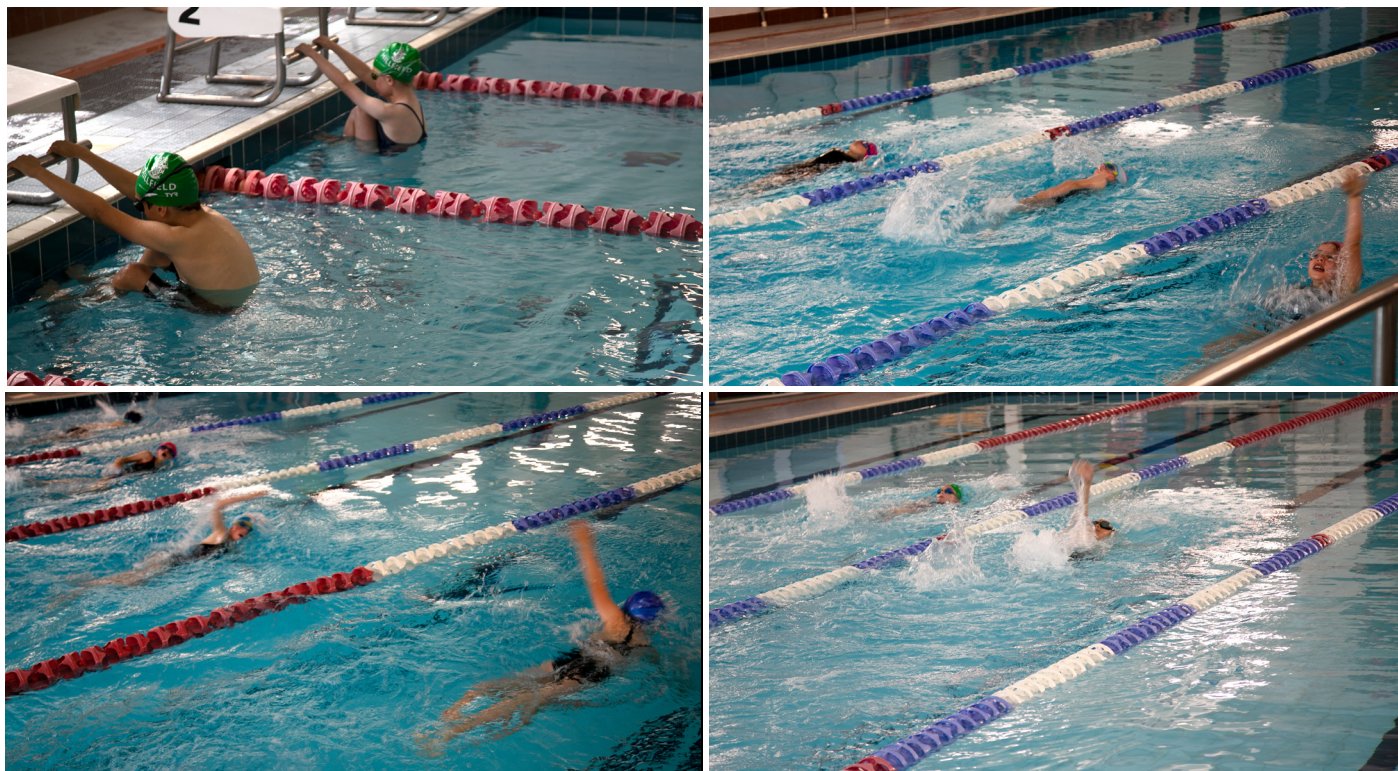
NUTRITION TALK

Thank you to Adam Sutton, from our catering provider Chartwells, for an excellent nutrition talk for the swimmers! We discussed: three macronutrients, hydration, what we are looking for in a balanced plate of food, timeline for race day preparation and recovery, and snacks at the meet and before/after training.



SWIMMING

Well done to all the Juniors who participated and supported the inter-house swimming gala. Year 3 winners were joint Saxons and Jutes, Year 4 were Danes and Year 5 were Angles. Overall winners were Saxons. Thank you to all the staff who made the event possible and the parents who came to cheer the children on!



TRAMPOLINING



Our U13 girls competed next where **Ava Constable** was placed 4th. Along with **Rebecca Wills**, the girls were 3rd in the team event.

The U13 boys closed out the competition. **Brychan James** was a very credible 2nd, **Barnaby Duke** finished 4th, **Noah Chambers** 5th and **Harry Silk** 6th. As a team the boys finished in 2nd place.

18 MPS pupils competed and were amongst the 150 pupils from seven schools taking part. By far the biggest age group was the U11 girls, of which there were 57 competitors, where we fielded 12 pupils.

In the individual competition our pupils were not only competing against the other 45 competitors, but also against each other.

The top score and position for our pupils in this category was achieved by **Isabella Mattar-Peake**, who finished in 6th place. **Florie Weare** was 7th, just 0.1 marks behind Isabella.

Our U11A team placed 4th: **Isabella Mattar-Peake**, **Maddie Maddock**, **Emma Champion** and **Isabelle Paterson**.

Further teams in each age group competed against each other. Our B team were 1st in this category. **Florie Weare**, **Hester Johnson**, **India Earl** and **Vivienne Lubbe**. Our C team were placed 6th: **Tammy Richardson**, **Polly Warman**, **Millie Hinxman**, and **Posy Lewis**.



SAILING



This term we have been able to get 19 sailors on the water on Wednesday afternoons, from beginners to GB squad members!

On 18 May, we hosted a regatta at the Andrew Simpson Water Sport Centre in Portland. It was a fantastic day, with the wind building to near perfect conditions for the fourth and fifth race of the day. We had four boats, with three coming in the top 10. Well done to everyone involved! Watch this space for IAPS results next week...



FENCING

Between 30 April and 2 May, pupils from both Millfield and Millfield Prep travelled to the British Youth Championships in Sheffield. These pupils had qualified through their results earlier in the year at the Regional South West Championships. A fantastic group of pupils to work with over the weekend, bringing back a variety of results and some fantastic learning opportunities! Well done everyone.





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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Another amazing week flies by in Pre-Prep. The chicks are almost ready to fly the nest and move to their new home. The Pre-School children are observing carefully as the tadpoles are starting to change into froglets.

Pre-School have been planting seeds in the new planters and making wormeries. Ask them what seeds they have been planting? Reception have been working hard on their letter formation, as well as learning about different artists in the outside role-play 'Art Studio'. Can they remember which artist they have been learning about this week? It begins with a P... Year 1 have been using their imagination to write about the wildlife that might be in their gardens and what they might be doing or eating. Ask them what they wrote about? Year 2 have been learning about position and direction, using mathematical language to direct each other carefully and safely. Ask them to direct you from one room to the other using their mathematical language.

In assembly, we discussed the importance of positivity and happiness. We read the story 'Incredible You' to remind ourselves how brilliant we are and to celebrate everything that we achieve. We are all different, and like different things, have different skills and talents and we need to celebrate this. Well done to all the children who continue to challenge their learning and I can't wait to see what they achieve in the last week of this half term.

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWARD

Millfield Pre-Prep is now an SASP accredited provider 2022: for successfully completing the SASP Early Years and Foundation Stage Physical Activity Audit in collaboration with Somerset County Council's EY team.



KEY DATES

Wednesday 25 May
4pm – 5pm
Year 1 and Year 2 Disco

Thursday 26 May
EYFS Trip to Wild Project

Summer Concert
6pm – 7:30pm

Friday 27 May
End of half term
School finishes at 12pm

PLANTING FLOWERS



Pre-School started the week planting flowers in the new planters. Pupils planted cornflowers, bidens, campions and nasturtiums which will attract insects and bugs to our garden area. We then planted some sunflowers seeds and are very excited to see how tall they grow!



Whilst the pupils were gardening, they found a worm and decided they wanted to learn more about them. Inspired by their fact finding, the pupils made a wormery to see how worms move under the ground. They worked in teams to make their wormeries and layered soil and sand inside large plastic bottles. They then took the wormeries to Forest School to find the most important ingredient, the worms! The pupils had a fantastic time at Forest School looking for the worms under the soil and tree trunks. They then popped them inside our wormeries and added leaf litter to the top and sprayed them with water. Black paper was also wrapped around the outside to make the worms environment really dark and they were placed under the table in the Pre-School. Over the coming days, we will add some vegetable/fruit peelings for the worms to feed on. We can't wait to see what will happen!





RECEPTION

PICASSO PORTRAITS

This week, Reception have been looking at Picasso Portraits as part of their summer art. They did an amazing job at cutting different shapes to form all the parts of the face. They then painted all the parts in different colours, and pieced them together, adorning them with sequins, buttons, paper straws, gems and pipe cleaners. The end result was fantastic!



Following on from our Picasso Portraits, Reception spent a morning out at Forest School creating Big Land Art Portraits, using things they had foraged from nature. The fire was roaring all morning, and we cooked both our morning snack of crumpets and our lunch of hotdogs and chocolate bananas. It was wonderful and peaceful morning out in the woods.





YEAR 1

SEEDS AND PLANTS

In Year 1 this week, we have been thinking about what seeds and plants need in order to grow and be healthy. The pupils each planted a seed and are now nurturing them in the classroom. I wonder what they will grow into in the coming weeks? In music, the children have been enjoying using 'boomwhackers' to create music with Mr Hall. It takes real concentration and skill to follow along and play at the right time. The class also thoroughly enjoyed looking at photographs of each other as babies. It was great fun trying to guess who was who and then discussing how much everyone had changed.



LONG JUMP AND THE LIBRARY

Year 2 have been enjoying discovery skill development linked to jumping this week. With the sun and sand from the long jump, we were just missing the sea! Year 2 also went to visit the Senior School Library to look for topic books about life cycles. The children were read stories by the librarian and then had a craft activity; making symmetrical patterns on a butterfly.



MINIS NEWS



A GRUFFALO IN THE FOREST

Last week, the Minis enjoyed a Gruffalo themed Forest School. They made Gruffalo crumble and owl ice cream in the mud kitchen, painted purple prickles and orange eyes on their Gruffalo and searched for all the characters in the story that were hiding in the deep, dark woods! The Minis also used great problem solving skills and asked super "what if?" questions when building an extremely long ramp. What a fun session Minis!

