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# NEWSLETTER



This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent watercolour painting of the school grounds by **Luke Spencer**.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for the second half of term and I trust that you and your families enjoyed some sort of a break last week. I also hope that you managed to watch or take part in the fabulous Jubilee events that happened up and down the country. I don't know about you, but it really struck home during the coverage just what an historic event we have all witnessed with so many takeaways for me personally, and for the pupils generally, about commitment, duty, leadership, service and caring for others.

It has very much been business as usual since we returned and the site has once more become a hive of activity. As always there were plenty of pupils and staff who were busy representing MPS during the break – swimming, golf and equestrian all had very busy schedules so well done and thank you to everyone involved. Well done, too, to our sailors who took part in the IAPS Nationals just before half term. They acquitted themselves very well in challenging conditions and should be proud of their efforts.

This week has seen the start of assessments for some of our older pupils and in the Prep school, most children will be involved in exams, tests or assessments next week. I know they have already been told this by their teachers, but it is worth reminding you too, that of course everyone wants to do well when under the scrutiny

of a timed test, but we really want to try to ensure nerves are not too frayed for anyone. Taking exams is supposed to be a bit of a challenge but the aim is not for it to be an overly anxious time. In all instances the staff have tried to give the children a chance to show what they know rather than trying to catch them out, so if you find that your children do begin to have a wobble, please remind them that this is a learning experience and it is certainly not something to lose sleep over. As ever, my mantra of asking the pupils to 'give their best' is what we are looking for – whatever their results, they should learn something and get better from this important process.

Speaking of giving one's best, I was so impressed by the Year 6 plays which were performed last night in the Assembly Hall. I said at the time that it was great to see every child in the year up on stage. For many this will not have been the most comfortable or natural place for them, but they will have all grown by being part of it. There were some outstanding individual performances but for me it was just wonderful to see the year group pulling together and collectively putting on a great spectacle – very well done to all involved.

I look forward to seeing a few of you running around later this evening for the first parents/staff touch rugby session – if my hamstrings remain intact by the end it will be a miracle! Have a great weekend everyone when it arrives.

Yours,

Dan





## SPEECH DAY

Millfield Prep School are delighted to invite 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.

## TRANSITION TALKS

Parents will be emailed soon with the links to the remote 'Moving up Parent Information' talks that are happening next week. The current dates of the talks are: Monday 13 June for Year 6 to 7, Tuesday 14 June for Year 7 to 8, Wednesday 15 June for Year 5 to 6, and Thursday 16 June for Year 3 to 4 & Year 4 to 5.

## RS

Our Year 6 children have been learning about different types of settlements as part of their current IPC unit of study, Building a Village. They have been learning about the different features of villages, towns, and cities by studying land use and amenities in these areas. Looking at the topic from a Religious Studies perspective, the children recently enjoyed a field trip out into our local area to become aware of the important role churches play in village life. We visited Barton St David Church and St Peter's Church in Lydford. We also visited the vantage point of Kingweston Road, where we were able to see how the local villages had formed with churches as their hubs. From this point we were able to count one cathedral and 11 churches. In class the children were able to map out historic trade routes and uncover the importance of religious buildings in our local area.







# BRILLIANCE DINNER & POLO

This year, Millfield held the first ever Millfield Brilliance Dinner, which took place in a marquee on Butleigh Fields. It was a fantastic occasion, which celebrated all of the amazing achievements within the Millfield community this year. The event was hosted by OM and commentator, Andrew Castle, and included the OM of the Year and Sports Awards. The celebrations also continued into the Platinum Jubilee weekend, with the return of the Polo event.







# SUMMER CONCERT

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On Thursday 26 May, over 230 pupils took to the stage for the much-anticipated summer concert. The Sports Hall was packed with a supportive audience of family and friends and the atmosphere was electric. In terms of rehearsal time (and excluding the Easter holiday), it had only been six and a half weeks since the spring concert, so the fact that our choirs and ensembles were able to learn an entirely new set of repertoire in such a short space of time was hugely impressive! The evening began with a rousing performance from our Year 4 orchestra, who have been working hard throughout the year in their music lessons learning to play orchestral instruments. They have done exceptionally well, and they managed to master two pieces - the first, 'Dancing with Unicorns' began with a moving and poignant poem about the importance of inclusivity and kindness, and the second, 'Creeping Up on Grandma', showcased some extremely difficult passage work and rhythms as well as some impressive dynamic contrast! The pre-prep choir followed, making their debut in a large end of term concert and they left everyone feeling both uplifted and emotional by their heart rending and professional performance of 'A Thousand Years'. We then moved onto fantastic performances from the String Ensemble, who played 'Jam Session' with poise and musicality, followed by Wind Band, with an energetic, infectious, and technically challenging Sound of Music medley, and Acoustic Rock Band, a newly formed group who performed with an outstanding level of confidence having only rehearsed together for 2 weeks. Edgarley Voices then took to the stage with a beautiful three-part rendition of the much-loved Elton John classic 'Your Song'. Percussion Ensemble followed, performing 'Multitasker' with spirit and toe tapping tenacity. Wind Trio were hugely impressive in terms of their poise and musicality and Jazz and Blues Band demonstrated fantastic musicianship and courage on stage, giving the audience an insight into the world of jazz and improvisation. It was then the turn of the 115 strong senior choir, made up of pupils in Years 7&8, who performed two items. The first began with an introduction of 'Amazing Grace' (performed by brave soloists and the chamber choir) before moving into the well-known 'Where the Streets Have No Name' by U2, which had the audience singing along in appreciation. The choir followed this with a rendition of Sara Baraeilles' song 'Brave', performed with spirited singing and enthusiastic actions! Flute Ensemble then entertained us with a performance of 'The Drunken Sailor', before the orchestra regaled the audience with two works, the infamous 'Blue Danube Waltz' and the thrilling and dramatic 'William Tell Overture'.

The penultimate item was the Junior Choir who treated the audience to an infectiously memorable performance of 'The Rhythm of Life' before finally, after a very patient wait, members of the Young Voices Choir were left to round off the evening in style. Having just returned from an outstanding event in Birmingham, the choir were eager to showcase their Beatles medley, which was one of the many items that they performed at the Genting Arena. They were also keen to get all members of the audience involved at the end of the classic song 'Hey Jude'. The audience rose to the occasion beautifully and the concert closed with the Sports Hall united in jubilant song, amidst thunderous applause.

Seeing just how excited and engaged all the children were during the concert was exceptionally moving and it was clear that they enjoyed their performances every bit as much as the audience! Thanks must go to all the staff who helped make the event such a success, to the audience for their continued support (and incredible singing) and to all the pupils for their exemplary behaviour and wonderful performances. To those who were unable to join us, or those who simply want to enjoy the performances again, the concert is available on the school YouTube channel [here](#). Well done again to everyone involved - you should all be hugely proud of yourselves!





# MUSIC LESSON TRIALS

Has your child ever wondered what it might be like to play an instrument or have singing lessons? Thought about trying harp or flute lessons but wasn't sure if it was for them? Fancied having a go on a trumpet or saxophone but wanted to meet the teacher first? Wanted to start a rock band but never picked up drumsticks or strummed a guitar? In the week commencing Monday 20th June, the Music Department will be presenting 'Music Lesson Trials' week for Pre-Prep and Junior pupils. If your child would like to have some completely FREE trial taster lessons on any number of different instruments, please email [sturges.e@millfieldschool.com](mailto:sturges.e@millfieldschool.com) stating which instrument(s) they would like to try. Trials will be scheduled at a convenient time during the school day and teachers will collect and return pupils to their classrooms. There is no obligation to sign up for lessons following a trial, and the instrumental/vocal teacher will email you with information relating to the success of the session including whether your child demonstrated an aptitude for the instrument and whether they should consider pursuing lessons. If your child is in Year 6, 7 or 8 and involved in camps or Outdoor Week they can still have the opportunity to sign up for a trial lesson, but this will take place during the final week of term. This really is a fantastic opportunity to explore music and discover a hidden love and talent for something entirely new!

Trial Lessons can be offered on the following:

flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, orchestral percussion, voice, and piano.

## WORKSHOP FUN

Year 8 have been working hard in the workshop this term with an open design brief of 'Storage.' A wide range of different and detailed ideas have been generated with final products starting to be completed. Some great independence and creativity has been shown. Well done to all, attached are some examples from 8SLS.



Year 4 are working well in the workshop on a coat hook. Some great cross curricular discussions have taken place looking at materials which they have learnt about in science, as well as maths skills when marking up and measuring their work using a ruler.





# READY, STEADY, COOK!

The finale to the food tech course has begun with Year 8 where they have taken on the Ready, Steady, Cook challenge. Pupils have planned recipes from a list of ingredients and then independently worked in a group to produce the dishes within the allotted time. So many different dishes have been made showing the wide range of cooking skills that pupils now have. There were plenty of mistakes, but all huge learning experiences which have really helped pupils progress. Well done Year 8.



## PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

On Monday, some fortunate Year 7 classes were invited to Millfield to take part in a photographic workshop in their darkroom. Mrs Turnbull showed the pupils how to make photograms based on landscape, using an array of found materials. The pupils had great fun, were inspired by their surroundings and produced some excellent outcomes.





# CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Dear God

Thank you for the opportunity to serve others

Thank you for the grace to do this well

And for the spirit to do it willingly

Thank you that you are a servant King

Seeking not to be served but to serve

Amen.

We return after an extended weekend of jubilee festivities, celebrating 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Whether you were engaged by this or not, there have certainly been some memorable, historic, moments during the celebration of such dedicated service. I thought that Bridgwater did the South West proud with the amazing carnival entry to Sunday's pageant and the Queen's marmalade sandwich with Paddington was genius!

The Queen, on her 21st birthday said: 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.' You may or may not be a royalist or align with the phrase 'imperial family', yet we can all respect 70 years of dedicated service which has included working every day on state matters, except Christmas days, meeting weekly with the Prime Minister and holding an unparalleled wealth of knowledge and experience as a head of state. All of this with a clear acknowledgement of her own personal faith and the grace that flows from that.

Service is defined as: 'Providing a particular thing that people need'. Brother Lawrence, writing in the 17th Century said of 'service': 'The time of action does not differ from that of prayer. I possess God as peacefully in the bustle of my kitchen, where sometimes several people are asking me for different things at the same time; as I do upon my knees...' and... 'It is not needful to have great things to do, I turn my little omelette in the pan for the love of God...who gave me the grace to make it.' The Sunday boarders return this week was Pentecost Sunday, the day when, according to the book of Acts in the Bible, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began their new service to God, boldly sharing their Christian faith with the people gathered in Jerusalem from far and wide. Service comes in many forms, great and small.

## WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

Change your routine at least once this week and use the time to do something different.

## CHINESE CLUB

Here is a lovely video from Fun with Chinese club – the pupils are so enthusiastic and Miss Li is so pleased with the progress they are making! She loves her time here at the Prep School. The pupils learnt how to say 'Dumplings, steamed bun, noodles, and bubble tea...', it's yummy' in Chinese, and they can express do they like or dislike. You can view the video [here](#).





# BOARDING LIFE

## HOLLIES

Laughter and hugs started the week as the girls reunited after the half term break. Bags have been quickly unpacked and the busy schedule of early morning activities, clubs, matches and exam revision has begun. Some evening sunshine has encouraged the girls to practise their football and cricket skills after prep and revision are complete. Happy Birthday to **Pilar** who turned 12 this week. Congratulations!



## CHESTNUT

The boys used a combination of seven skateboards, some chalk, seven crates and 300 balls to play a super-sized game of Hungry Hippos in front of Chestnut. They all took turns being pushers and grabbers!





## EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys played a house game of 'hide and seek tag' this week. The photos below shows the last men standing. **Ned** hid and **Leo** seeked for an impressive 52 minutes! The boys have also been playing cricket this week to relax after their revision sessions.



## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have returned to school ready and raring for a final push before the summer. It has been especially pleasing to see that the organisation levels are very good after the half term. We celebrated a belated birthday for **Max** on Wednesday evening, the singing has sadly not improved but the cake was amazing! The evenings continue to be full of outside activities. Along with the usual football and cricket, we now have a group of Year 7 boys who have a nightly exercise routine. They certainly are working hard...we may have to order extra snacks for these boys!



## CHAMPION



Welcome to the shortest (and possibly the busiest) half term of the year. It's been so lovely to put some of our traditional events back into the calendar and so we were delighted to host our parents' barbeque on Sunday after a gap of a few years. The weather forecast wasn't great so we ate indoors; thank you to all the parents and guardians who were able to attend. At this time of year, our Year 7 girls step up and carry out Year 8 duties. **Gracie's** task this week was to offer to make staff a cup of tea. After a little instruction from **Erin** and supervision from matron, the result was a delicious cup of tea! Have a good week everyone!



# SPORTING NEWS

## SWIMMING

On the 28 and 29 May, some of our MPS swimmers headed up to Gloucester to compete in the Southwold Open Meet and what a weekend we had! There was some great racing and fantastic skills on show, with lots of opportunities to learn from for future competitions. Some highlights were: **Raffie Bodman**, **Mateo Elliott** and **Layla Keates** all racing in their first level 3 competition; **Joshua Seager** and **Freddie Marsh** who recieved 'speeding tickets' for swimming too fast for the meet and **Sophia Edwards-Newnham** winning top nine year-old girl and **Dorian Lichtenau** winning top 11 year-old boy overall.

A huge well done to **Jagger Bennett**, **Ruby Bodman**, **Katriel Chukwuedo**, **Millie Edwards-Newnham**, **Wills Jackman**, **Isabelle Paterson**, **Elsie Seager**, **Luke Spencer**, **Amelia Speyers**, **Archie Taylor**, **Theo Taylor**, **Alex Tomlinson**, **Polly Warman** and **Micah Watambwa** who all produced some excellent performances.







**Matilda Rocker-Cook** and Bluebell had a terrific time practicing cross country jumps - 50,60,70cm brushes, logs, barrels and trailers - it was hard to tell who loved it more...



**Myla Coppins** and Rudy finished 2nd in the Treehouse Sporting Colours point-to-point finals at Garthorpe Staffordshire on Wednesday, and 3rd in the racecourse series at Goodwood Racecourse on Sunday.



Myla was in action again last week, this time with her sister, **Elsie Coppins**, as they raced at the Heathfield Show in Sussex, the Suffolk Show and at the Keysoe International Jubilee Celebration last week. Elsie had a win and a 2nd on Zorro and Myla had a heat win with Furby.





**Everley Sinfield-Day** and Teddy came 4th last weekend in a dressage qualifier for a championship in November, which is a great result. Everley also had some great training sessions during the half term break!



## SAILING

Just before half term, a team of two boats headed to the U13 National Sailing IAPS at the Weymouth Sailing Academy. It was a rather windy day, which set up some challenging sailing conditions. **Noelle** and **Hunter** had three consistently good races, getting them 3rd place as a boat, (out of 36 boats) with a great effort from **Tim** and **Archie** coming in the top half of the fleet. MPS came in 4th position overall.

A brilliant result and they all had fun and raced with tremendous focus, despite being visited by two playful dolphins and the testing conditions. Well done sailors!







Congratulations to **Fredi Davis Higgins** (left) who won his first tournament at the Grade 5 U12 Boys Singles in Wellington. **Sebbie Gray** came second in the U11 Grade 5 in Martock.

**Toby Wong** was runner-up in the U11 Doubles at the Grade 3 in Bristol and he was third in the U11 Boys Singles at the Chesham Bois Grade 3. He was also fourth in the U14 Grade 5 in Martock and reached the U14 Grade 4 consolation Singles and Doubles finals in Sherborne. Good luck to Toby who is playing in the qualifying event for the U12 Tennis Europe event at RAF Halton today.

**Arabella Goldfinch** won a Grade 4 U11 Tournament and reached the semi-final of a Grade 3 event. She has also been selected to play for Middlesex in the U11 County Cup competition on 18 and 19 June. **Toby Wong, John Angleosanto, Fredi Davis Higgins** and **Emma Champion** have been selected to play for Somerset in the same U11 County Cup Competition and we wish them all the very best of luck.

Fredi and the Mid Somerset Junior Premier League team have had an amazing time in Holland at the North Limburg tournament. They played amazingly well and placed 3rd over all out of 16 teams.

Elsewhere, **Ben Bauer** (right) won the doubles at the Newquay Open U12 Grade 3 and won the U12 consolation singles there too. At the Sherborne G4, Ben and **Thomas Keeler** were runners-up in the U12 doubles and Ben was also runner-up in the U14 doubles.

Finally, congratulations and good luck to Thomas Keeler and Ben Bauer who have been selected to represent Millfield Senior School U14 Premier Division National Club League team on Saturday in Torbay.

## CRICKET

In the National IAPS Cup, the senior development team played Caldicott Prep School and had a very closely fought victory, to advance to the quarter-finals of the cup, where they will play Taunton School. **Leo Majoe, Seth Collins** and **Rupert Jones** made vital contributions with the bat and Leo with the ball also.

On Wednesday, we also played West Wales in two t20 matches, winning one and losing one. In the two matches, **Brychan James** and **Danny Billige** had good knocks and **Sam Cole, Seth Collins, Leo Majoe, Brychan James** and **Tom McHugh** all bowled well. Brychan also took a couple of great catches and his fielding has been top quality all term. The boys are all developing nicely and are gaining valuable match experiences from all these games.



## HOCKEY

Congratulations to our Director of Hockey and Head of PE and Wellbeing, Mrs Bodman, who received her Great Britain cap award on Saturday! Mrs Bodman was the 111th female to represent GB in hockey, making 47 appearances following her debut in 1997!





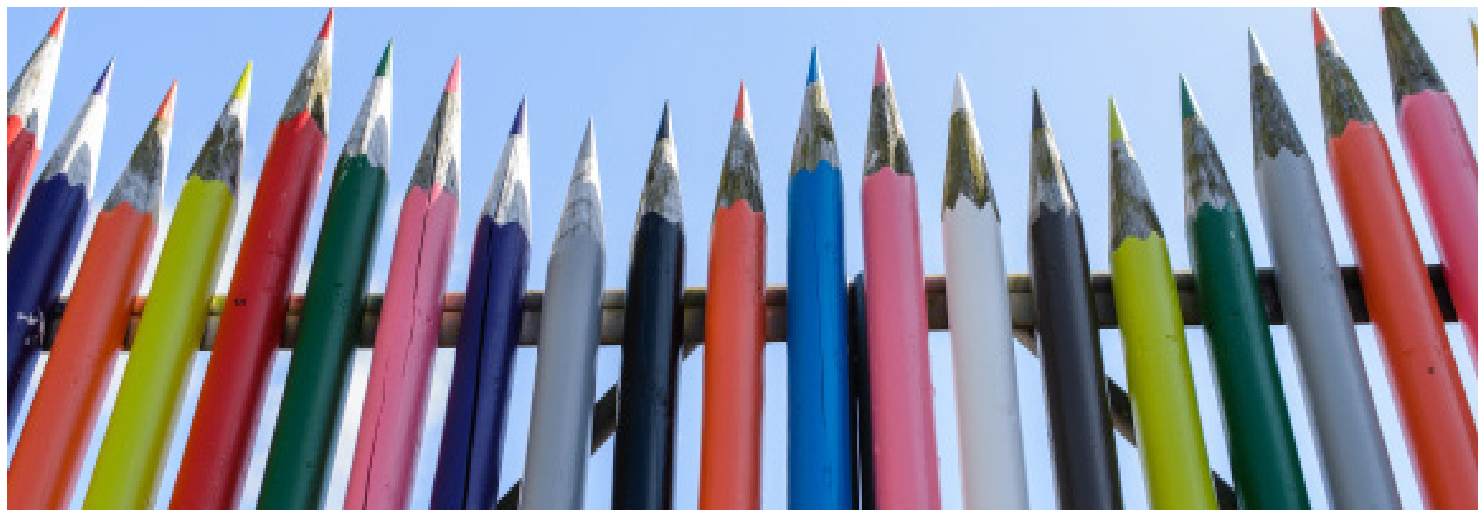


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## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year, which I know is going to go so quickly. We will endeavour to keep you informed of timings and dates for upcoming events, so keep an eye on the noticeboard, class Showbie and newsletters. We have so much to look forward to, with move up days, productions, picnics, Sports Day and end of year assemblies, which we hope you can all attend.

On Friday 17 June at 2pm, we would like to invite you to our Father's Day celebration in the Pre-Prep hall. Due to numbers, this event will be limited to two people per family.

As we move into the final half of the summer term, I would like to remind you to apply sun cream before school, bring water bottles and to provide your child with a sun hat, to allow us to spend as much time as possible in the great outdoors.

Best wishes,  
Mr Jory

## SUMMER CONCERT

Well done to all of the Pre-Prep pupils that performed at the Summer Concert, you all were amazing!



### KEY DATES

**Wednesday 15 June** -  
Transition Morning, children  
move up to new classroom

**Friday 17 June** – 2pm in  
Pre-Prep Hall Father's Day  
Celebration

**Wednesday 22 June &  
Thursday 23 June** – 2pm  
Year 1 & Year 2 Production

**Tuesday 5 July** 1:15pm - 3pm  
Pre-Prep Sports Day

**Wednesday 6 July** – 11am  
Final Celebration Assembly  
All parents welcome! School  
finishes at 12 noon.



## FATHER'S DAY PREPARATIONS

The pupils have started preparing for their Father's Day celebrations. They have been looking at the shapes of faces, colour of hair and eyes and other facial features that their dads have. The pupils have really enjoyed thinking about their daddies, how much they do for them and how much they love them.



Below is a photo of one of the frogs that came from the Pre-School tadpoles. We have had six frogs to date and they are happily living in Mrs Cocks' garden pond.





## BAKING SHORTBREAD

This week, **Mimi** was chosen to be chef of the week and she wanted to make shortbread. The children had a lovely time, measuring, mixing, and rolling out their dough. The best part was definitely the eating! The children thought they were delicious and want to make them again, so why not try it out at home?





## WILD PLACE PROJECT

The EYFS had an amazing day at the Wild Place Project. The weather stayed dry and although not all the animals wanted to come out to say hello, we did see quite a few exciting animals out and about exploring. A big thank you for our resident David Attenborough (aka Mr Young) who was the font of all knowledge. We are very proud of the way all the children behaved. How many do you think fell asleep on the minibus home?





# JUDAISM

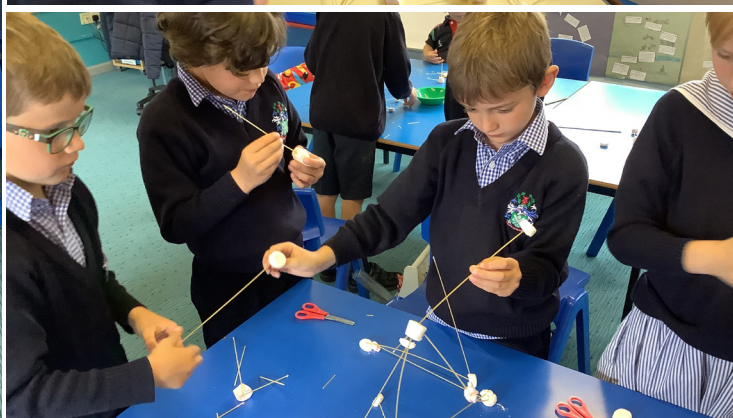
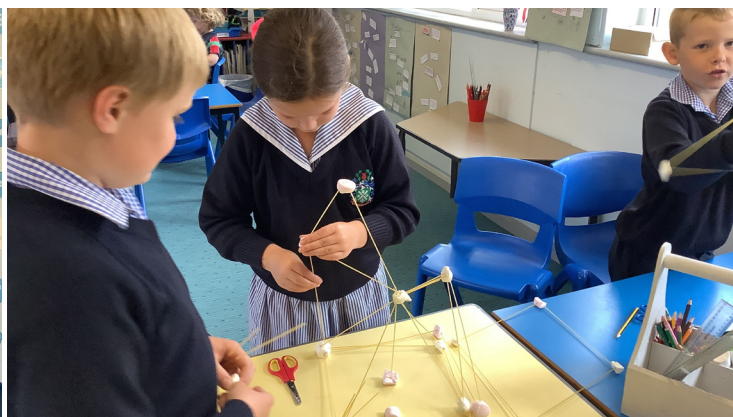
In Year 1 this week, the pupils have been continuing their learning about Judaism. The children each created their own Star of David using acrylic pens - they make wonderful decorations in the window. They also made some Jewish Challah bread which is characterised by its sweet flavour and they enjoyed tucking into it with butter and honey for their snack!





## MARSHMALLOW TOWERS

In Year 2, the pupils took on the challenge to build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Using good teamwork and communication, they all accomplished the task and enjoyed a marshmallow after for their hard work. Well done Year 2 on a great first week back!



## SUMMER CONCERT

It was great to have the Pre-Prep pupils perform in front of a large audience during the Summer Concert. You can all be incredibly proud of your performances!





# MINIS NEWS



## OUR VERY OWN MINIS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Before half term, our forest was jam-packed full of flowers ready to pot and vegetables ready to dig up. The Minis enjoyed making their own seed bombs and painting symmetrical butterflies to take home. Spotting the insects camouflaged in the leaves with magnifying lenses was very tricky, and they all had great fun scooping and mixing petals at the potion making station. The session finished with much laughter whilst singing their parachute songs.

