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# NEWSLETTER



This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent portrait by **Dinobi Okafor**.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



As I write this pondering whether my computer is going to melt in the baking heat, I am aware of the peculiarly British habit of never being quite comfortable with the weather no matter what it is doing! For me, though, seeing the children of all ages enjoying the glorious sunshine this week has been an absolute joy – the mood always seems to be lighter when the sun is out.

This week has seen much focus, particularly at the top end of the school, on exams and assessments. I have been hugely impressed by the general attitude and approach shown by pupils of all ages while undertaking these – for many, it will have been their first experience of sitting in an exam hall. There was a calm and measured seriousness about the place without too much visible anxiety or histrionics and I am grateful to you as parents, and to the staff, for encouraging this from the children. As I have said before, and will reiterate to the pupils next week, any form of assessment should be seen as a snapshot of current performance that will help guide future progress – whatever the results, the children should have learnt something from the experience.

I have enjoyed talking to parents, either online or in person, at the various moving up webinars and meetings this week. We hope that they have been helpful but, as ever, if you have further questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to raise them with the team.

On a similar note, please can I direct you to a section about PSHEE on page 2 of this newsletter. It would be most helpful if you could take part in this follow up consultation which will help guide us as we look to tweak and develop this most important part of the curriculum.

I have no doubt that the final two weeks of term will fly by and I hope that I will get a chance to see many of you at the multitude of end of year events that are taking place. I am sure that children at Prep will be very excited about the various overnight trips and activities on offer between now and the end of term – opportunities for development abound as ever here at MPS!

Have a lovely 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' Service 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 11.30am. 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 Shayler Pavilion.

**Apple juice** from School Orchards will be for sale at Speech Day. £3 a bottle, please bring some cash!

## TRANSITION TALKS

Thank you to everyone who attended the transition talks in the past week, we hope they were of use to you! We will be sending parents an email very soon with links to the recording of the talks, so those who missed them, or wanted to watch them again, have the opportunity to do so.

## PSHEE PROGRAMME AT MPS

### PSHEE - Personal Social Health Economics Education

At MPS, we follow the government's PSHEE guidelines, and we were one of the early adoptive schools, allowing us to develop a comprehensive programme in collaboration with pupils, staff, and parents. The guidelines ensure we cover a wide range of topics that are critical to the wellbeing of young people. Each year, we reflect on the programme to ensure that we are providing the best curriculum possible to prepare young people for their future in an ever-changing world. We believe that having a shared set of values among pupils, parents, and the school is critical. Pupils will be questioned about their feelings, approach, and understanding of PSHEE in the coming weeks, therefore we would also appreciate parental feedback on the Year 3-8 programmes. Please fill out the following forms so that we can continue to work collaboratively on the PSHEE curriculum.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Feedback form for parents/carers.](#)

Year 7 & 8 [Feedback for parents/carers.](#)

Please see the following for more information on PSHEE:

All year groups - My School Portal - policies PSHEE.

Year 3 - 6 [Programme.](#)

Year 7 & 8 [Programme](#) & RSE and Health [Programme.](#)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact [friel.l@millfieldschool.com](mailto:friel.l@millfieldschool.com)

## MEMORIAL RIDE



Over half term, **Archie Monk** and brother George Monk took part in a memorial ride for their Dad Will, along with Monty. The event was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the life of Will with colleagues, friends and family and pay tribute to the 120,000km he rode for the charity whilst raising £200,000. Both boys cycled challenging routes through the Surrey Hills which their Dad had rode many times before. It was a fantastic day with both sun and rain and enjoyed by over 100 people.



# SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

Visits to Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve have continued this term and tasks have included clearing storm damaged trees from the fields, as well as birdwatching trips. Pupils have embraced having the opportunity to sit still, be quiet and 'be in the moment' for up to half an hour in the different bird hides we have visited. Birds spotted over the last few weeks have included woodpeckers, pheasants, blue tits, robins, finches, swans, coots and a heron. A lot of new knowledge, skills, trust and excellent team work have been gained during these outdoor activities this academic year. We look forward to returning to the reserve in September, when the volunteers will no doubt have a variety of tasks for us to help them with once again.





# TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

On Tuesday 7 June, 32 pupils from Years 6-8 took to the stage for the final Tea and Music concert of the year. The standard was outstanding and the pupils provided over an hour and a half of music, with many performing extremely challenging repertoire with poise, confidence and from memory. Once again, a huge variety of instruments were represented including violin, double bass, harp, flute, oboe, trumpet, piano, voice, marimba and drum kit. The cakes, doughnuts and biscuits provided at the end were absolutely delicious and a special thank you must go to our amazing catering team for all their hard work at our various concerts throughout the year. The pupils have been able to produce a quality afternoon of music and they can all be exceptionally proud of themselves. Well done and congratulations again to the following:

**Morolayo Akindele, Lottie Ballard, Zara Barnett, Victoria Baughan, Hugo Brock, Chloe de Jager, Luke de Jager, Freddie Goldby, Arabella Goldfinch, George Hudson, Muna Ikazoboh, Amber Jennings, Dorian Lichtenau, Emi Lyons, Asta Maddox, Tumi Makinde, Katie McCrindle, Enid McGrady, Rhodri McMenamin, Archie Monk, Dinobi Okafor, Lottie Raby-Brown, Zoe Ritzi, Jason Shi, Orla Southgate, Lily Speyers, Laurie Swift, Sofia Vylgina, Kevin Wang, Bertie Weston, Toby Wong and Mimi Woodliffe.**



# 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 20 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.



# CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

What aren't you talking about?

The murders at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, have sparked further debate across the USA about gun laws revealing, once again, very polarised voices. The Church of England at the moment is encouraging people to engage with difficult conversations, including talking about human sexuality and relationships through 'Living in Love and Faith' as well as inclusion, diversity, and equality, in response to 'From Lament to Action'. These are incredibly important, and challenging themes for us all and especially identified as important by young voices. The key thing is that we do talk, in schools, families, communities, about these and many other issues. We can always benefit from learning together, understanding one another better, understanding ourselves more deeply. We may continue to disagree, yet we will be more informed, more aware, and more empowered to disagree well.

To enable constructive conversations about anything from relationships and race to vegetarianism, war and politics, the Church of England suggests applying six pastoral principles. They are great strategies for tough conversations, the pastoral principles encourage us to build a culture where we may engage openly, inclusively, and constructively with those challenging themes and tough conversations in the first place.

Speak into silence.  
Acknowledge prejudice.  
Address ignorance.  
Pay attention to power.  
Cast out fear.  
Admit hypocrisy.

If you add 'do we' or 'do I' at the start, they also make great questions for reflection, organisationally and personally. In the four gospels of the New Testament, we are told many stories of how Jesus spoke into circumstances where others were silent; of challenging hypocrisy; encouraging reflection on personal views; teaching from fresh perspectives; seeking to offer hope and always being conscious of how power was being used. Einstein said the most important question facing humanity is...is the universe a friendly place? What aren't you talking about – yet?

Dear God

Thank you for differences that add richness and vibrancy to our world,

that enable us to flourish as individuals and in community.

Sorry that sometimes we allow differences to become problems,

through lack of understanding, love or care.

Please help us, as Jesus taught, to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves even if we don't always agree.

Amen.

## WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

This week try to share more openly with friends, family, colleagues. Introduce yourself to somebody you've not yet spoken to very much; share something new that colleagues may not already know about you and spark a conversation that you've not had before; ask somebody the question that you've been wanting to ask but never get around to!

On Friday, the Year 5s were treated to a chapel service all to themselves. They had a wonderful opportunity to ask Reverend Kitto any burning questions they had, of which there were many! We found out why Rev. Kitto is a Christian, how old the school chapel was and we learnt about the different forms of Christianity. Thank you very much, Rev Kitto!





# BOARDING LIFE

## HOLLIES

It's been another exciting week in Hollies. Some of the girls have invented a new jumping game which imitates a horse jumping track and is great for the summer evenings. We may have to buy some hobby horses! Saturday night was a sweet lover's paradise with the chocolate fountain - a sticky treat for all to dive into. The weekend finished with a trip to Crealy Theme Park.



## CHESTNUT

The Year 8 boys have survived their exam week and we hope their results will reflect the work they have put in. They celebrated with a pizza night and are all looking forward to their final two weeks with us. Whilst the Year 8 were out meeting their next houseparents, the rest of the house were busy on the court playing their usual ASFL (after supper football league!) there are only two more Wednesdays to go.





## BOARDING

## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys continue to be as busy as ever! This week has seen exams and assessments and it has been pleasing to see the great work ethic, with lots of our boys up at 6:30am to revise before school. With camp week next week, the boys are starting to pack and get ready for their adventures, we look forward to the fun stories upon their return. The evenings have been as mixed as ever, with sports making-up the majority of the fun. **Jamie** has been using the golf net to practice his newfound love of golf...maybe a future Ryder cup star!



## EDGARLEY MANOR

It has been another busy week in Edgarley, with the Year 8 boys finishing their final exams at the Prep School. They have all worked extremely hard and were rewarded with a pizza night to celebrate!



## CHAMPION

The weather is heating up and it's been lovely to see the Champion girls making the most of the outdoor facilities we have on our doorstep. From the tree house opposite, to the cricket nets down the hill. Champion girls are as busy as ever and never seem to stop. We were delighted to learn of **Noelle's** GB selection and she is currently sailing in Spain, while **Emily** is now back from GB riding duties. We have most of the Prep year groups represented in Champion each night but on Mondays, we have every year group. It is always so lovely to see our older girls making friends with our youngest – **Willow** in Year 3 and **Gracie** in Year 7 had a lot of fun drawing on Monday. Next week, we are really looking forward to hearing about all the adventures from Year 6 and Year 8 camps. Enjoy the sunshine everyone!





# SPORTING NEWS

## SWIMMING - CHAMPIONS 35 TIMES IN A ROW!

On Friday 10 June our Millfield Prep Swimmers headed to London for the IAPS National finals. It was the boys turn first; they were up at 7am ready for a big buffet breakfast before heading over to the London Aquatics Centre for their morning races. The excitement was building as the boys walked to the pool. Session 1 was filled with relays; the boys did a fantastic job with every relay going faster than they did at regional round. The results are as follows:

U11 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **James Pearce, Archie Taylor, Charlie Phipps** and **John Angelosanto** placing 4th.

U12 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Daniel Aiyewumi, Tristan Aspinall, Billy Chatterjee** and **Jack Guppy** placing 2nd.

U13 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Charles Robinson, Caleb Gifford-Groves, Andrew Towers** and **Leo Mixer** placing 3rd.

U10 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Jagger Bennett, Jonah Delin, Wills Jackman** and **Freddie Marsh** placing 2nd.

U11 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Charlie Phipps, John Angelosanto, Archie Taylor** and **James Pearce** placing 4th.

U12 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Jack Guppy, Joshua Seager, Tristan Aspinall** and **Billy Chatterjee** placing 1st.

U13 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Leo Mixer, Caleb Gifford-Groves, Andrew Towers** and **Charles Robinson** placing 3rd.

Session 2 for the boys allowed them to shine individually. The boys raced well and fought hard for places in finals. 10 boys qualified for the individual finals giving them the chance to gain points towards the overall team score. Our finalists were: **Tommy Kelly** finishing 8th in U10 25m Backstroke. **Jagger Bennett** finishing 8th in U10 25m Breaststroke. **Charlie Phipps** finishing 2nd in U11 50m Butterfly. **Billy Chatterjee** finishing 3rd in U12 50m Butterfly. **Daniel Aiyewumi** finishing 7th in U12 50m Backstroke. **Caleb Gifford-Groves** finishing 4th in U13 50m Breaststroke. **Jack Guppy** finishing 6th in U12 50m Freestyle. **Leo Mixer** finishing 7th in U13 50m Freestyle. Once the racing had finished it was time to wait for the overall points to be announced, we are thrilled to say that Millfield School Boys Team won the IAPS National Finals with an amazing 106 points. Congratulations boys, we are so proud of this achievement.





Next up it was the girls turn...no pressure girls! The girls had a more leisurely start to their day with a lie in and breakfast at the hotel before wandering over to the aquatics centre stopping at Waitrose for lunch. They made it to the pool in time to watch and support the boys in their finals. The afternoon sessions began with relays and the girls were outstanding, again all relay teams went faster in the finals than when they did in the regional round. The final results were as follows:

U10 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Millie Edwards-Newnham, Ella Delin, Pollyanna Warman and Sophia Edwards-Newnham** placing 5th.

U11 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Vivienne Lubbe, Lois Murray, Isabelle Paterson and Lilly Wilson** placing 17th.

U12 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Tumi Makinde, Maisie Fisher, Noelle Delin and Keeleigh Cooke** placing 1st.

U13 4 x 25m Medley Relay - **Asta Maddox, Caty Rizescu, Mila Brooke and Poppy Laffey** placing 1st.

U10 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Pollyanna Warman, Millie Edwards-Newnham, Elsie Seager and Ella Delin** placing 3rd.

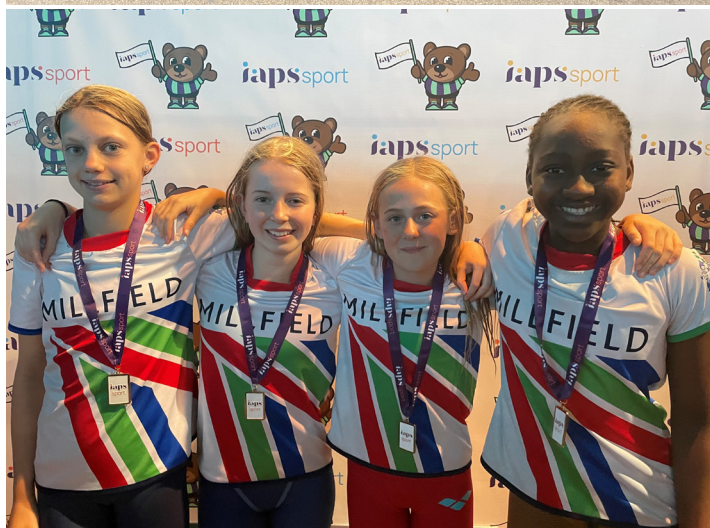
U11 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Vivienne Lubbe, Isabelle Paterson, Maya San Jose Del Castillo and Lois Murray** placing 12th.

U12 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Keeleigh Cooke, Tumi Makinde, Iona Murray and Maisie Fisher** placing 1st.

U13 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **Mila Brooke, Elis Davies, Sasha Hart and Asta Maddox** placing 1st.

After an awesome relay session, it was time for the girls to have their chance to perform individually. 10 girls qualified for the individual finals giving them the opportunity to win points for the team overall. Our finalists were: **Ella Delin** finishing 8th in U10 25m Breaststroke. **Tumi Makinde** finishing 1st in U12 50m Butterfly. **Mila Brooke** finishing 3rd in U13 50m Butterfly. **Vienna Townsend** finishing 4th in U12 50m Backstroke. **Sasha Hart** finishing 3rd in U13 50m Backstroke. **Vivienne Lubbe** in U11 50m Breaststroke. **Maisie Fisher** finishing 3rd in U12 50m Breaststroke. **Evie Twelvetree** finishing 6th in U13 50m Breaststroke. **Keeleigh Cooke** finishing 3rd in U12 50m Freestyle. **Asta Maddox** finishing 1st in U13 50m Freestyle.

We had another nervous wait for the results to be published but we were yet again thrilled to hear that the Millfield School Girls team also won the IAPS National Finals with a staggering 130 points, another fantastic achievement in the pool. And finally, it was time for the overall points to be counted.... Millfield School were crowned IAPS National Champions 2022 with an amazing 236 points! This is the 35th year in a row that Millfield School have been crowned champions - what an outstanding sporting achievement! A special mention to the the U12 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay team, consisting of **Keeleigh Cooke, Tumi Makinde, Iona Murray and Maisie Fisher** who broke an IAPS relay record. And to **Tumi Makinde** who also broke a IAPS record in the U12 50m butterfly. We are so proud of every swimmer who took part in both the regional and national rounds, it shows all the hard work throughout the year really does pay off.





# CRICKET

The senior boys development team played Taunton Prep in the national IAPS quarter-final and lost a brilliant close game by three runs. This was without a doubt their best performance of the term. **Connor Pearce** took four wickets with the ball and **Hamish Hendry** and **Rupert Jones** had good knocks with the bat. Special mention to **Piran Morgan** who kept wicket superbly on a difficult low bouncing wicket.



The U10s had a fantastic game of cricket in the sunshine last week against Perrott Hill. A great game played in even better spirit!



The U13B team have had some wonderful matches as always. The girls have improved so much and I am proud of all of the girls who have represented us over the past term. This weeks round-up was a Saturday match vs Bristol Grammar school, with a win and notable performances from **Sarah Box** with three wickets and **Dora** our highest scorer. Then Wednesday the girls faced a strong Farleigh team which resulted in our first loss. Best bowling scores from **Victoria** with four wickets and the highest run scorer was **Molly** with 19.



## STAFF ACHIEVEMENT



Over the weekend, Mr Dyke ran the Jurassic Coast 100km from Weymouth to Exmouth along the South West Coast Path. The event started on Saturday night which meant running through the night and being greeted by the sunrise at Seaton. Mr Dyke was the first to finish in just over 13 hours! Well done Mr Dyke, a great effort and inspiration for the pupils!





Some of our pupils had a fantastic time competing at Hickstead last week. A massive thank you to Mr Woodliffe who for the second year running has put on some fantastic BBQ'S!





**Jack Guppy** on Mapel and **Lucas Fernandez-Quiñones Torres** on Piper having a lovely early morning ride through the fields.



**Zoe** on her own horse Sunny, **Soha** on her new horse Gallega, **Larrisa** on Thunder and **Bella** and Charlie.



**Isla Sully** had her second CDI for Team GB and her first one for ponies classes (U16s). Isla came away with two top ten placings (seventh and ninth) with scores of 66%. Isla and her dancing partner Toti are still aiming for Pony Europeans in 2023/24 and did a fantastic job coming just under those riders who have been on the pathway squad for a season.



**Matilda Rocker-Cook** and Bluebell gained lots of experience at the Combined Training at KSEC on Saturday. They completed a super dressage test and a great 60cm jump, finishing fourth in an open age class. Great work, Matilda!





## EQUESTRIAN - BEACH RIDING

A beach ride was a fantastic way to start to wind down for some of our Year 8 riders. The next beach ride will be over the next few weeks for those that couldn't make this one!



## LASER RUN

Over the weekend, Millfield attended the Southwest Discover Laser Run competition, the results were:

Year 3 Boys - **William Paterson** 4th. Year 4 Boys - **Noah Kendell** 3rd. Year 6 Boys - **Cupar Jamieson** 2nd, **Lucas Fernandez-Quiñones Torres** 7th, **Alexander Leonard** 8th. Year 7 Boys - **Billy Chatterjee** 1st, **Rhodri McMenamin** 2nd, **Barnaby Duke** 4th, **Ben Bauer** 6th. Year 8 - **Charles Robinson** 3rd. Year 5 Girls - **Polly Warman** 1st. Year 6 Girls - **Eva Dowden** 2nd, **Lois Murray** 3rd, **Isabelle Paterson** 5th. Year 7 Girls - **Iona Murray** 1st, **Ruby Bodman** 2nd, **Hope Lewis** 3rd, **Nancy Mallett** 5th and **Maisie Fisher** 6th.







**Toby Wong** won his first two matches and took his 3rd opponent to a match tie break in the U12 Tennis Europe qualifying event at Halton on Friday. It was a great experience for Toby playing on the clay at Halton in this Grade 2 event. In the LTA Grade 4 U12 Boys Singles, **Kevin Wang** beat Toby Wong in the final, **Luke de Jager** beat **Cupar Jamieson** in the third vs fourth playoff (both in tiebreak third sets), while **Fredi Davis-Higgins** beat **Louis Wilson** in the consolation final. In the girls event, **Arabella Goldfinch** was runner-up. In the Somerset LTA National Club League Mini Festival at Prep on Saturday afternoon, our Mini Green A Team came second, our Mini Orange A Team came first, our Mini Orange B Team came third and our Mini Red A Team came second. A huge well done to all our players who competed. Good luck to the following players who are representing their counties in the LTA U11 County Cup competitions this weekend: **Toby Wong**, **John Angelosanto**, **Fredi Davis-Higgins**, **Emma Champion** (Somerset) and **Arabella Goldfinch** (Middlesex).

## ATHLETICS

The senior teams were in action on Wednesday this week in the regional final of the English Schools Cup. All the top schools from across the south west were competing for a place in the National Final, which takes place during the summer holidays. It has been a tough few days for our Year 8s with their exams taking up a great deal of their time and energy. Our performance was therefore a little lower than they had hoped for, but this is understandable. The girls hung on in the final few events to clinch victory, but the boys struggled in the second half of the competition and slipped out of contention. Our junior athletes hosted two local primary schools on Friday and had a fantastic set of races. All of the athletes took part in all of the events and there was a lovely friendly atmosphere around the track as they chatted and raced on a lovely sunny afternoon!







The golfers had a busy half term with lots of pupils playing in tournaments across the country. **John Angelosanto** played in the Somerset Junior League and won the nine-hole nett competition shooting four under his handicap. **Ffion Lockley** won the Girls Wessex Trophy held at Bath Golf Course, which continued here recent run of good form. **Matilda Rocker-Cook** in Year 3 and **Alfred Wilson** in Year 1 played their first ever nine-hole competitions this week.

**Alexander Leonard, Jack Isaacs and Hattie Isaacs** headed up to Scotland to play in the US Kids European Championships. Alexander was playing in the U10s and started with an excellent round of 84 to put him just outside the top 20. With further solid rounds of 90 and 87, Alexander finished in 33rd place. Jack, after a slow start, played brilliant golf in the U11s division over his last two rounds, finishing with an 81 to climb up to 45th place. Hattie played steady golf and had her best score on the final day to finish an excellent 12th place in the girls U10 division. All three of them enjoyed the experience of playing against some of the best junior golfers from all around the world. There are more tournaments upcoming for the golfers before the term finishes, with The Millfield Open on June 28 at Kingweston Golf Club.



## SAILING

On Tuesday, **Ella Delin** and **Harry Diver** represented MPS in the U11 Sailing IAPS regatta at the Olympic Sailing Centre in Portland. The weather was stunning and there was just enough wind to help the sailors complete four full races. Our pair performed well and came home in a very respectable seventh place. Well done to our sailors!





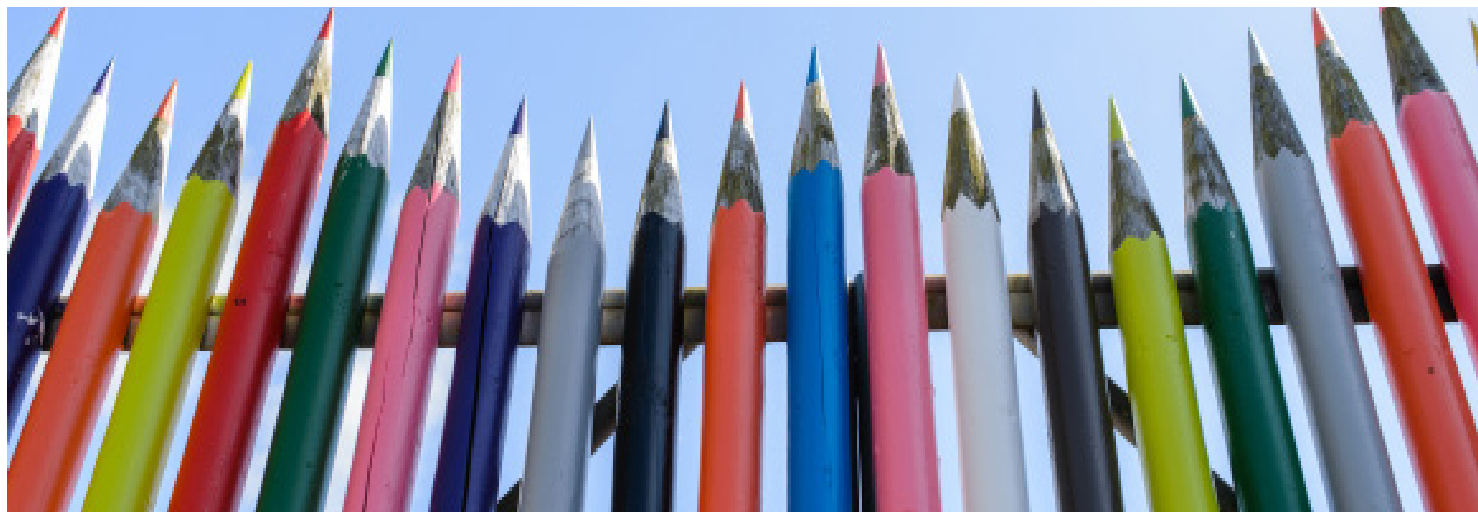


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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Another fantastic week has just flown by with wall to wall sunshine. The children have loved learning and playing outside in our amazing grounds. It is essential that all children have sun cream applied before they come to school and your support as always, is much appreciated.

It has been great to see the Reception pupils practicing for their upcoming sports day, and making sure their techniques are right for the javelin. There has been lots of painting and decorating in Pre-Prep this week; I have seen some amazing animal pictures and Father's Day designs!

Pre-Prep has also been full of music and singing this week as we prepare for our end of year celebrations. Please keep a close eye on the noticeboard for key dates and times.

Best wishes,  
Mr Jory

## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the Father's Day celebration this afternoon, we hope you enjoyed it and the chance to catch up in the sun! I am sure you will agree that the pupils were excellent!



## KEY DATES

**19 June**  
Deadline for  
ordering School  
Class Photos

**22 and 23 June**  
– 2pm  
Year 1 and Year 2  
Production in  
Pre-Prep Hall



## PAINTING ANIMALS

The Pre-School had a wonderful time at the Wild Place Project last week, they couldn't stop talking about it! They painted a picture of their favourite animal and talked about why they liked it. The children used either a photo of the animal or a toy model and observed the different features: ears, claws, fur, tails, hooves, and thought about the shape, size, colour and the patterns on the animal. The children thought carefully about their paintings and they all look amazing!



Pre-Prep pupils having a chat with Faye and helping her get to sleep...





## FOREST SCHOOL AD BEARS

Pre-School have also had a wonderful time at Forest School this week in the glorious sunshine! There is also some more pictures from the fantastic trip to the Wild Place Project last week. Can you spot the bear below?





# FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY





## PRACTICING FOR SPORTS DAY...

This week, Reception pupils have been practicing for sports day by having a go at javelin. They learnt about the correct stance for throwing a javelin and then saw how far they could throw it! Great work, Reception.



## YEAR 1

### PAINTING AND GARDENING

It has been another very busy week in Year 1. Amongst rehearsals for the upcoming production, the pupils have been doing a range of activities and learning. We have also seen lots of growth with plants and the tadpoles! The children had to pot on some seedlings that they planted a couple of weeks ago and it sparked lots of discussion about what plants need to grow. We also FINALLY have some froglets! They have been a little slow to develop, but the children are really enjoying watching them and have agreed that they are nearly ready for the pond. The children also got the paints out as they prepared for the Father's Day assembly.





# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Last week, the Minis put on their red, white and blue clothes and celebrated the Queen's Platinum Royal Jubilee. They made fabulous crowns, knocked down the red grenadier guard skittles and even tried on a bearskin hat! The Minis were extremely busy making blue coats for the dinosaurs stomping around in the swamp and whooshing the Jubilee ducks down the pipes. What a great celebration!

