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PREP SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD...

We are delighted to confirm that Millfield Prep School are finalists in the Independent Prep School of the Year awards! The winners will be announced on Tuesday 11 October and the nomination is a credit to the Millfield Prep community.



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to your first newsletter of the academic year – and what a bumper edition you have in store!

It has been wonderful to witness the school so full of energy and positivity over the past two weeks. I have been delighted by how well all the new pupils and staff have settled. It has been equally impressive to see how those pupils who are old hands have really supported those new to us.

I would like to publicly thank the children who have been able to tread the difficult line created by national circumstances – they have switched effortlessly from haring around the place full of smiles and laughter, as children should be doing, to finding the calm and respectful tone as soon as it has been required. This is no mean feat so well done to them all.

You will enjoy reading about the many events and experiences of the past days in the pages below. Some personal highlights have been the Commonwealth Games Day we hosted for local primary schools, the Fun Run, the Year 4 Orchestral Day, the boarders' trip to Tor Fair and the amazing start the girls' teams have had to their hockey season. Thank you to all involved in these areas for making them such a success. I also found the Online Safety Talk in the first week hugely helpful. Do read the section about it below and many thanks to Mr Ford for organising it.

As we start the new year, just a few information points from me while I hopefully still have your full attention!

When attending school events we currently allow you, and indeed encourage you, to take photos or videos of your children. Please can I remind you that these should be, as far as is possible, of your children only. For safeguarding reasons it is vital that images and videos containing other pupils must never be shared online. I appreciate your adherence to this important policy.

I also bring you news that, after much consideration, I will be trialling a change to the rulings about dogs on site. Parents will now be allowed to bring well-behaved dogs, on leads, to fixtures and outdoor events. Linked in today's message is a letter giving a more detailed explanation of the trial and all the rules surrounding it. [Please read it in full here.](#) It is important for me to say that this is not a universally popular decision, particularly for the members of our superb grounds and gardens team, who are naturally worried about the potential increase in dog waste on the sports field while they are cutting and strimming. I have assured them that parents will strictly adhere to all guidance and that the team will only notice the benefits of the change which, I believe, will make MPS an even more warm and family-friendly environment. I know I can trust you all to help me make it work and protect our fantastic grounds team at the same time. Current signage will be covered or removed for the trial period and then replaced if the trial is successful. Please note that exercising/walking dogs on the grounds is still absolutely prohibited – this ruling change is purely to allow dogs, on leads, to accompany you at the side of pitches while you watch matches or outdoor events.

Good luck to those parents and staff who are playing in the Blundell's touch rugby tournament this Sunday. We have enjoyed some fun sessions already this term and the aim is to continue these through the year, switching to mixed netball or something similarly energetic indoors when the clocks change. It would be great to see more mums and dads attending so keep your ears to the ground for further information over the coming weeks.

Finally, as we continue through this sad and immensely significant time for the nation, I do hope you have received all the information you need about arrangements for next Monday – please do ask if not. As a school, we will be holding our formal service in celebration of the life of Her Majesty The Queen tomorrow morning. I have no doubt it will be a fitting occasion.

Yours,

Dan

PARENT NOTICES

Pick Up - It has been great to see the campus back to being a hive of activity. A gentle reminder to please park in the bottom car park if there are no spaces along Martins Lane, please leave the Hollies car park free for our boarding staff to use. We also ask that people do not turn in Martins Lane, but instead continue to the bottom roundabout. Another reminder that the doors to the school open at 8.00am, unless you are attending a specific club or activity. Also if you are cycling to school, it is important that you must wear a helmet.

Harvest Festival - Due to the changes in next week's timetable we have decided to celebrate the Harvest Festival in our normal assembly on Monday 26 September. However I am delighted to invite all parents to a coffee morning in the Pavilion on Friday 23 September between 11.00-12.00. This will be a perfect opportunity to discuss the relaunch of the Parents and Friends Association.

Exeat - Next Friday is our first exeat weekend when we finish at 12.00 - Please see the pick up arrangements below. (Pupils with siblings can collect with the youngest)

YEAR	TIME	LOCATION
Pre-Prep	12 noon	Staff car park
Year 3 - Day	12 noon	Martins Lane
Year 4 - Day	12 noon	Martins Lane
Year 5 - Day	12.15	Martins Lane
Year 6 - Day	12.15	Martins Lane
Year 7 - Day	12 noon	Reception car park
Year 8 - Day	12.15	Reception car park
Boarders	12 noon	Boarding houses

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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Millfield Prep pupils have been learning about Royal traditions during these historic few weeks. On Saturday, we marked the Proclamation of the King with the raising of the flag at 11am and the ringing of our bell in the chapel! Boarders Sunday chapel included prayers for the late Queen and our new King, and the chance to reflect and light a candle. All pupils and staff have had the opportunity to add to the book of condolence in our chapel. We also have a service of prayers, hymns and readings on Saturday to mark the death of the queen and to sing the national anthem - led by the chaplain.



Year 5 have also been remembering the Queen by writing poems about her and her life.

Queenie you're the best

You were the ruler of our country
You should be so proud and happy
For giving us the longest reign
We certainly did gain
We will always remember you
You were our countries glue
You were more than just our leader
A mum, a friend, our true believer
You showered us with kindness
We will never put your memory behind us
Thank you Queenie, your majesty

By Jessica Hilton

Queen

Queen of our country,
Unbending in service,
Everyday happy,
Everyday busy,
Nothing but calm and gentle.

By Archie Piggott

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This week let us simply reflect and give thanks for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II.

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And, to quote from Paddington Bear's official twitter account, using words from the Jubilee tea party:
'Thank you Ma'am, for everything.'



DONATIONS FOR HARVEST

Please feel free to bring donations to the Parents Coffee Morning, or pupils may bring their donations in on Monday 26 September.

We are collecting for the local Foodbank, who are most in need of:

- Tinned rice pudding
- Tins of fruit - mandarins, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple
- Tinned vegetables:
- Carrots
- Peas
- Kidney beans
- Mixed veg
- Tinned soup or packs of cup-a-soup
- Pasta sauce
- Jam or marmalade
- Tuna or other tinned fish
- Jars of coffee
- Tea (40 or 80 bags)
- Crackers
- Easy cook rice 1kg
- Tinned meatballs/stewed steak/corned beef/ham

ONLINE SAFETY

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As part of the induction programme at the beginning of term, we were very fortunate to be joined by Steve Shepherd from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the South West Grid for Learning. Steve gave some very interesting and thought provoking Online Safety presentations to parents and all pupils in Years 1 to 8.

Online Safety education is vital for anyone who works with or cares for young people and forms a vital aspect of a school's safeguarding strategy. Recognising, responding and dealing with online issues can be challenging, while legislation and inspection highlight a setting's ability to keep children, teachers and other staff safe online, especially in an ever changing and digitally evolving world.

Steve talked about the positive and negative effects of the internet, gaming & social media and how to keep safe in the virtual world. In this field the positives far outweigh the negatives, but it is hugely important our pupils know how to keep themselves safe, know how to act as responsible digital citizens and know what to do if they come across something or someone who makes them feel threatened or uncomfortable.

Thank you to those who managed to attend the parents' session, and for those who weren't able to make it, we now have a copy of the slides used during the parents' session, so if you'd like a copy, please contact fairbrother.l@millfieldschool.com - please be aware that this is just a copy of the slides used and does not have any commentary or explanation. There is an extract from Grand Theft Auto 5 which is extremely graphic and may cause offence without the context in which it was presented at the time.

It was clear listening to the children that they enjoy playing games and communicating online. This is absolutely fine, but it is important that they are doing this on platforms that are appropriate to them and within their recommended age range. As you will be aware there are legal age implications for social media account registrations and the CEOP [is your child ready for social media](#) article outlines these.

It is also very important that you have open and constructive conversations with your children around online safety, and hopefully you will find the links below useful when talking to your children about this very important subject.

[Live Streaming & vlogging](#)

[Balancing Screen Time](#)

[Instagram Checklist](#)

[Snapchat Checklist](#)

[Twitter Checklist](#)

[Facebook Checklist](#)

[Roblox Checklist](#)

[TikTok Checklist](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome our new staff who have joined towards the end of last year, or are joining us this academic year. They are all settling in incredibly well and have become part of the Millfield Prep community.

From top left back

Will Beeson (Science), Robin Churchill (Juniors), Ben Hilton (Deputy Head, Pastoral), Karl Warner (intern), Callum Foster (intern), Sarah Guy (Nurse), Sarah Matthews (Nurse)

Front from left

Jessica Maun (Food Tech), Tom Matthews (Juniors), James Beevor (Juniors), Hannah Seymour (Juniors), Serena Jones (English), Gemma Benham (Pre-Prep), Emily Thomas (Admissions), Lydia Weston (intern)



YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP - THE JURASSIC COAST

Tuesday 20 September: 8NE, 8TH, 8CH, 8HK, 8SI

Thursday 22 September: 8CA, 8KO, 8JA, 8PH

Depart school at 8.30am

Return to school at 5.00pm

Why are we going on this trip?

The purpose of this trip is to support the teaching of the geography topic, 'Coasts.' We will spend the day learning about how the sea is responsible for shaping the coastline at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door as well as looking at the impact of tourism in this area.



What do I need to wear?

School games kit, trainers and school coat. We will be outside all day, in all kinds of weather.

What do I need to bring?

- A small rucksack, (you need your hands free to draw field sketches and make notes).
- A water bottle – very important! We are doing a lot of walking and you will get thirsty.
- If the weather forecast predicts hot weather, you will need sun cream and a cap.
- You will be given a clipboard and a pencil on the day.

Anything else I need to know?

No electronics/iPads/Phones.

If necessary, travel sickness/hayfever tablets must be taken before we leave.

If you have an inhaler and/or EpiPen, you must bring them with you.

YEAR 8 ART TRIP - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES, CARDIFF

Tuesday 20 September: 8CA, 8KO, 8JA, 8PH

Thursday 22 September: 8NE, 8TH, 8CH, 8HK, 8SI

Depart school at 8.30am

Return to school at 5.00pm

Why are we going on this trip?

To look at and draw from great works of art first hand

What do I need to wear?

School formal uniform. Bring a coat to wear or sit on (we will be eating lunch outside)

What do I need to bring?

- A small rucksack, (useful to keep your drawing equipment, water bottle etc).
- A water bottle – very important! We are not providing you with water. You can refill in the museum.
- Colour pencils or felt tips, rubber, sharpener (we will provide you with a 2B drawing pencil)

Anything else I need to know?

No phones but bring iPads (not to be used on the coach).

If necessary, travel sickness must be taken before we leave.

If you have an inhaler and/or EpiPen, you must bring them with you.

No money to be brought.



YEAR 7 PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY

On Tuesday 20 September, all of Year 7 are travelling to Glastonbury as part of their Religious Studies curriculum. For more details about the trip, please click [here](#).

YEAR 4 ORCHESTRAL DAY

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Every year, pupils in Year 4 are lucky enough to learn an instrument in their music lessons as part of our Orchestral Project. This culminates in the formation of the Year 4 Orchestra and a special performance in the summer concert at the end of the year. This year, the instruments on offer include violin, cello, double bass, harp, oboe, flute, clarinet, trumpet/cornet, trombone/tuba and French horn. On Tuesday last week, we were delighted to allow the Year 4s a chance to try all of these instruments as part of our orchestral taster day. It was wonderful to see all the pupils back together again, so engaged with the instrumental staff and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the experience! They all behaved impeccably and demonstrated some incredible raw talent. At the end of the day, pupils took their orchestral booklets home and were asked to indicate which instruments they would like to learn for the year on the final page. There was much excitement and anticipation this week when the pupils will be allocated their instruments and allowed to take them home! Many thanks to all the music staff involved for their wonderful efforts over the past two weeks. I know that all the Year 4s are hugely excited about the prospect of learning a new instrument and I am very much looking forward to hearing the children's progress as well as watching their enthusiasm grow throughout the year!



HOUSE FUN RUN

The House Fun Run is the first whole school event in which the pupils compete for their games house. All pupils, and a lot of the staff, ran a lap of the fields. It was great to see the parents supporting and there was a lovely atmosphere at the events. There was lots of cheering and no matter where people finished, they gained points for their house making the final results a real team effort.

The overall results were:

- 1st - Angles
- 2nd - Danes
- 3rd - Jutes
- 4th - Saxons

Thank you to all the staff that helped the event run, to catering and grounds for their hard work and to all the parents who supported the runners. If you want to see more photos from the event, click the camera icon above.





Individual Results:

Year 3
Dylan Piggott
Teddy Parris
Jonah Barrington

Grace Speyers
Isobel Robertson
Zoe Gardner

Year 4
Barney Guthrie
Cooper Lawson
Max Wachtel

Rosie Kilmartin
Willow Saunders
Meilin Keeler

Year 5
Noah Kendell
Harry Glover
Micah Gardiner

Year 5
Sophia Edwards-Newnham
Layla Keates
Everley Sinfield-Day

Year 6
Kitty Danner
Elsie Seager
Polly Warman

Arthur Smith
Elliot Whiteoak
Kruze Frampton

Year 7
Connor Pearce
Henry Mahon
Henry Kilmartin

Bea Soper
Lois Murray
Emilia Harmer

Year 8
Tristan Aspinall
Xavier Bailey
Daniel Aiyewumi

Iona Murray
Ruby Bodman
Joint 3rd
Emily Hughes
Vienna Townsend



FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

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This week, the Year 6 pupils did some research about France and wrote five interesting facts in their booklet. Here are some very good examples from Florence, Flynn, Georgina, Posy, Arthur and Will. Bon travail!

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Florence
Very good facts about France
F.C. France

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) A lot of French dishes do contain a dash of wine and they don't always cook off by the time you serve them.
- 2) A lot of French foods are named after cities and regions. Champagne from Champagne, Dijon mustard from Dijon.
- 3) The three most popular sports in France are Football, the number one and then there is Tennis and Horse riding.
- 4) The French flag was created by Jacques-Louis David on 15 February 1794.
- 5) There are a total of 1665 steps in total on the Eiffel tower but only 674 steps (second floor) are available to the public.

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Arthur
Very good facts about France
A.S.

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) Did you know the french football team got in the world cup final and won it convincingly 2-1 against brazil.
- 2) The Eiffel tower is in paris. It is one of the seven wonders of the world. It is an iron tower situated on the Champ de Mars in Paris.
- 3) In Paris there is a building called the Louvre. It is the most visited art museum in the world and the galleries open over 15 acres.
- 4) Did you know that France is the largest country in the EU and sometimes called the hexagon.
- 5) There is a very famous cycling race in France called the Tour de France. It was first held in 1903 and the first winner was Maurice Garin. He was only 25 years old and 252 days.

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Flynn
Very good facts about France
F.C. France

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) France is the biggest country in the EU by land mass and is 9X bigger than the UK.
- 2) The French language was the official language of England for almost 300 years 1066 to 1399.
- 3) Jeanne Calment from Arles was the oldest person before ever lived, she was 122 years and 164 days.
- 4) The Louvre museum in Paris is the largest museum in the world with over 35,000 items on display.
- 5) The French flag is called the Tricolore and is made up of blue, white and red.

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Posy
Very good facts about France
P.C. France

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) The French Dance is called Breton Dance. It is a group of traditional dance forms originating in Brittany.
- 2) French ballet began in 1661. The very first prima ballerina was Pierina Legnani. Lots used to be royal.
- 3) French is to be considered the most romantic language of all the languages in the world.
- 4) France is the most visited country in the world with over 67.38 million people living there.
- 5) The capital of France is Paris with over 2.16 million people living there.

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Georgina
Very good facts about France
G.C. France

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) France is sometimes called the hexagon as its shape roughly resembles a hexagon. In France it's called 'l'hexagone'.
- 2) French was the official language of England for about 300 years. When William the Conqueror occupied England in 1066 with him came his language.
- 3) Louis XIX was king of France for about 20 minutes giving him the french record for shortest reign.
- 4) The oldest person who ever lived was a French woman called Jeanne Louise Calment. She lived to 122 years old.
- 5) France has won more Nobel prizes for literature than any other country. France has a record of 15 individuals winning the prize.

date: Vendredi neuf septembre
This Ben Will
Very good facts about France
W.C. France

MY 5 FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) Of all the countries in the world, France is the most visited. 89 million people visit France every year.
- 2) Did you know that in France over 200,000 tons of snails are eaten every year? That's a lot of snails.
- 3) Another interesting fact about France is that one of their kings only held the throne for 20 mins.
- 4) Of all the countries in the world, France consumes the second largest amount of wine.
- 5) The croissant was actually invented in Austria in the 13th century. The famous French Pastry is actually Austrian.

LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

Millfield Prep School is restarting a regular feature for the Newsletter called Linguist of the Week. The award is given to the pupil who has shown particular promise, endeavour or progress each week and is awarded with a mention in the newsletter, a HMC and a small prize.

Our first Linguist of the Week for the academic year is **Georgina Fraser**, who has been working really hard independently, learning German on Duolingo. Georgina has achieved an incredible streak of over 300 days on Duolingo, meaning that she has earned herself 3 HMCs for her focus and brilliance. Congratulations Georgina!

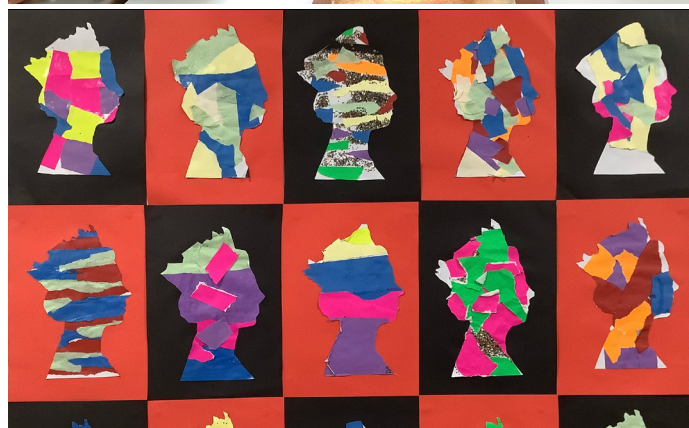
If anyone can reach a streak of 100 or more on Duolingo you can earn a HMC. Show your languages teacher or Group Tutor and we will reward you (as well as you earning points for your games house). Good luck everyone!



BOARDING LIFE

CHAMPION

After a long summer it's been lovely to have the house full of noise once more. Champion welcomed several new boarders this term and it has been great to see them making new friends and settling into their new routine. The new term started with an early birthday as **Sehyr** turned 12. Since then, we have squeezed in blackberry picking, baking, a trip to the play park and and, on Wednesday, a surprise trip to the local fun fair. To celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II, the champion girls have also been creating their very own pop art silhouettes, which are now proudly displayed in our common room.



CHESTNUT

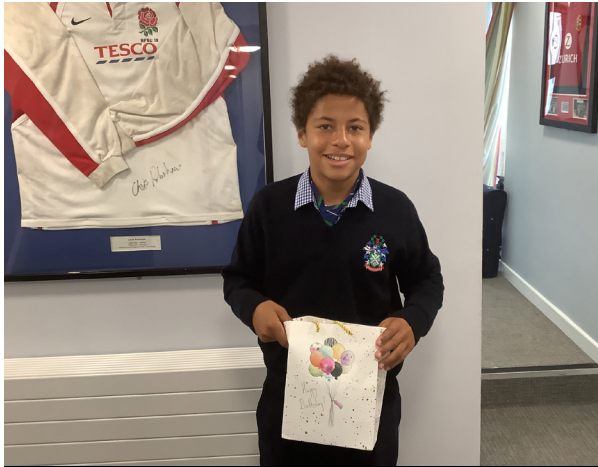
It has been great to welcome new and old boys back to Chestnut. The first two weeks have flown past and the boys have settled well into their home away from home. Their evenings have been filled with fun games and activities. We have already celebrated a few birthdays, had a walk up the Tor, played games every night and started to get to know each other. The highlight so far has been a trip to the Glastonbury Tor Fair. The whole boarding community went together and spent the evening being spun around in all directions.



BOARDING

BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have settled into the new school year and are enjoying the light evenings. We have a number of keen golfer's among the group who have made a 'bespoke' course. Not quite Augusta National, but close! Last Friday, the boys celebrated the birthday of new boarder Riccardo. A great time was had by all, with donuts and singing the order of the day...Happy Birthday Riccardo!



EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys have had a wonderful first week at Edgarley Manor. They have been exploring their surroundings and making the most of the lovely space we have on our doorstep. It has been great to watch them start to form friendships and enjoy getting to know each other. The boys had a great first 'tuck night' on Saturday with a movie. They also had a fantastic day of activities on Sunday with their fellow boarders. They were lucky enough to spend their Wednesday evening at the fair; a busy and fun-filled time so far!



HOLLIES

The girls have enjoyed a very busy start to their time in Hollies, quickly developing friendships and growing accustomed to the house and school routines. Giant inflatables created the weekend excitement, space hoppers, bungee run and a Total Wipeout inflatable, that got wiped out! Music making, board games, ping pong and film night have kept the girls busy in house in their free time. We also manged a trip to the Tor Fair in Glastonbury where the girls enjoyed exclusive use of the rides! **Grace** and **Hope** have been appointed as the two Heads of House for Hollies for the Autumn Term. **Saskia** and **Morolayo** were the first two Boarders of the Week! We embraced two new teenagers in the week as **Larissa** and **Casilda** both celebrated their birthdays. The first two whole house celebrations of the year were great reasons to eat cake!



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

It's been a fantastic start to the term for the Year 8's. The U13A and B teams all won their respective Hazlegrove tournaments on Saturday and showed great progress throughout the afternoon. The girls began the day with a respectful two-minute silence to reflect on the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II.

On Wednesday, the U13A played in the Kings Bruton tournament. The team are beginning to develop steadily and these matches have proved fantastic opportunities for all the girls. After winning two matches (Hazlegrove and Mount Kelly) we then drew with Clifton. This meant a semi-final vs Kings Hall. The girls camped in the oppositions half, managed to score but this was disallowed, meaning the game went to shuffles. Three girls stepped up fantastically to score and our GK managed to prevent two of the opposition attempts. This meant we were now in the final against Clifton, who had proved a strong outfit earlier in the tournament. The game did not disappoint with both teams displaying sparkling skills and a strong physical presence. Full time saw yet another draw and the game was decided on shuffles, only this time it went to sudden death shuffles and unfortunately MPS just missed out and became silver medalists. I was personally extremely impressed with the girls' tenacious approach to their games. This is only the start of their journey and I am looking forward to seeing their development over the term. Mrs Bodman.



The U13C team also travelled to Hazlegrove for their first indoor hockey matches. The format was two pools of three teams and then a play-off for seeding. The team was a five-a-side with no goalies and the girls set off from minute-one with intent to play well. They all combined to work fantastically as a unit and support each other. The girls topped their pool after beating Hazlegrove and Taunton to set up a gold/silver medal play off vs Sandroyd. Well done to the seven girls who played and for coming away with the shield and gold medals, but also a huge improvement in their skills. A lovely group of girls to be with and thank you to parents and grandparents who came to support us!

The U12A girls hockey team won their tournament this weekend scoring seven goals and conceding none. A great start to the season, well done!



The MPS Swimmers were busy throughout July, training hard for their Summer National competitions across the country.

British Summer Championships – Sheffield

Asta Maddox and **Mila Brooke** travelled up to Sheffield to race at the British Summer Nationals held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield, where the top 24 swimmers from each age group are selected to race. Mila was racing as part of the 800m freestyle relay team on the first night of competition, she produced an awesome relay split. What an experience to end off her time at MPS. Asta Maddox qualified for the 100m freestyle and placed 17th, this was Asta's first individual national event. Congratulations to both girls, we are very proud of all you have achieved, and we wish you the best of luck with your swimming as you progress up to Senior School.



English Summer Nationals – Sheffield

Asta Maddox and **Tumi Makinde** both travelled up to Sheffield in early August to compete at the English Summer Nationals again held at Ponds Forge, here the top 24 to 44 swimmers in England are invited to race against each other. Asta competed in the 100m Butterfly where her swim was just off personal best, 50m freestyle where she was within 0.2 of her personal best, 50m backstroke where she missed out on a spot in the final by 0.2 seconds and the 50m butterfly where Asta produce a personal best time. Tumi raced in the 50m backstroke, this was Tumi's first time racing at a national event. She was the only 12-year-old to qualify! Congratulations girls, what a way to end a fantastic season.

Welsh Summer Nationals – Swansea

Congratulations to **Mila Brooke**, **Billy Chatterjee**, **Katriel Chukwuedo**, **Maisie Fisher**, **Charles Robinson** and **Evie Twelvetree** who qualified and raced in Swansea during the beginning of August. For all of these swimmers it was their first experience swimming at a national event, and they all had an outstanding meet.

Everyone of them took something away from the week of racing, whether it was standing up and performing between heats and finals or executing a clear race plan. It was an awesome meet and finished the swimmers seasons off on a high. Well done too all!



Open Water National Age Group Championships – Rotherham

Kaden Frampton won gold by seven milliseconds in the boys 12 years 2km Open Water Race, finishing in a time of 28:14.24. This was Kaden's first ever national event, and we are sure he will be back next year to defend his title. Kaden, congratulations you deserve the gold medal!

At the start of the summer holidays, our athletes went to two national finals. The senior girls competed at the English Schools Cup Final. This is the top 12 schools in the country. Sadly the event was in the holidays which meant a few of our athletes were unavailable as they had flown home. We competed hard and finished 8th overall. The Year 7's that competed gained valuable experience for next year. We also took 40 athletes to the National Prep Schools Finals. The event moved to Nuneaton from its traditional Birmingham home. The standard was high this year. We had personal bests, lots of the athletes made the final of their event and we also had runners, throwers and relay teams on the podium.



The first cross country race of the season took place this Tuesday. Our athletes ran strongly and it has been a great start to their season! Thank you to the parents that braved the weather to support the event, race two of the three race series is next Tuesday across at the golf course. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us!



SAILING

It was great to welcome some new pupils to the sailing squad this week at the Olympic sailing centre at Portland. Although there was not a lot of wind, the advanced sailors had fun instructing the new beginners and we look forward to a great term on the water!



GOLF

Congratulations to **Jack Isaacs** who became Dorset U12 2022 Scratch County Golf Champion! Jack earned the title in July and the accomplishment is a credit for his hard work throughout the summer.



The fun did not stop there for Jack and his sister **Hattie Isaacs**, as they had a great day at Wentworth Golf Club watching the pros at the BMW PGA Championship.

The pair caught up with Rory McIlroy and the Irishman revealed that he nearly came to Millfield! They also spoke with Old Millfieldian Harry Diamond, who is now Rory's caddie.





Lola Spooner jumping Sunny at the Devon County show riding for Bristol and Somerset in the 1m class, with the team finishing 3rd. Congratulations Lola, well done!



It was a great summer holiday for **Jasmine Capps** and her five-year old pony Hugo, with a number of wins and top three placings in British Show Jumping National and Schools classes.



Everley Sinfield-Day competed with her PC dressage team in the Area qualifier in July, finishing second overall. This earned them a place at Bicton in August where they competed for the Regional Championships. Everly has also been practicing and working hard with her dressage, aiming for the British Dressage D Squad.



Jack Guppy (below) with horse Charlie Fox. Jack is now the very proud owner of Charlie after riding at Millfield Prep for just over a year. Congratulations Jack!

Toby Reynolds and **Ollie Reynolds** finished 4th in the team 50cm at Sedgmore. Toby finished 9th out of 32 following a great day of competing.





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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those joining Millfield Pre-Prep for the first time. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to see so many of you at drop-off and pick-up. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we establish routines and expectations. The children have settled into their new classes with enthusiasm and positivity, enjoying being back with their friends and making new ones.

We started the year reading the book 'The Dot', which is a story about a child, who is encouraged to take a risk. They don't believe they can draw. They are filled with self-doubt until they are gently persuaded to... "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." We then asked all the children to make their own marks using dots. I am sure you agree that they are all amazing and we know that they will all make their mark this year in so many different ways. We cannot wait to see what they achieve as they continue their educational journey with us in Pre-Prep.

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

MAKING A MARK...



KEY DATES

Thursday 22 September -

Individual and sibling photos. All children in Pre-Prep will have an individual school photo. Sibling photos will take place at 8:30am in Pre-Prep Hall.

Friday 23 September -
School finishes at 12 midday.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED

We are opening the pavilion for refreshments on Friday 23 September at 11am. Visitors are to bring donations for Glastonbury Food Bank.

MIXING THE MIXTURE

This week the Tadpoles have been learning about what ingredients they need to make play dough and what happens when you mix them all together. Everyone was great at taking turns to mix the mixture and we had great fun pretending to have cakes and biscuits with our dough. To follow up on the children's creations, we might make real cakes next week!



FROGS

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Frogs remembered our Queen this week. They recalled moments of visiting London, seeing Buckingham Palace and watching the Queen having tea and marmalade sandwiches with Paddington Bear. We shared both fictional and non-fictional books about the Queen and the children painted her portrait in memory.



THE DOTS...

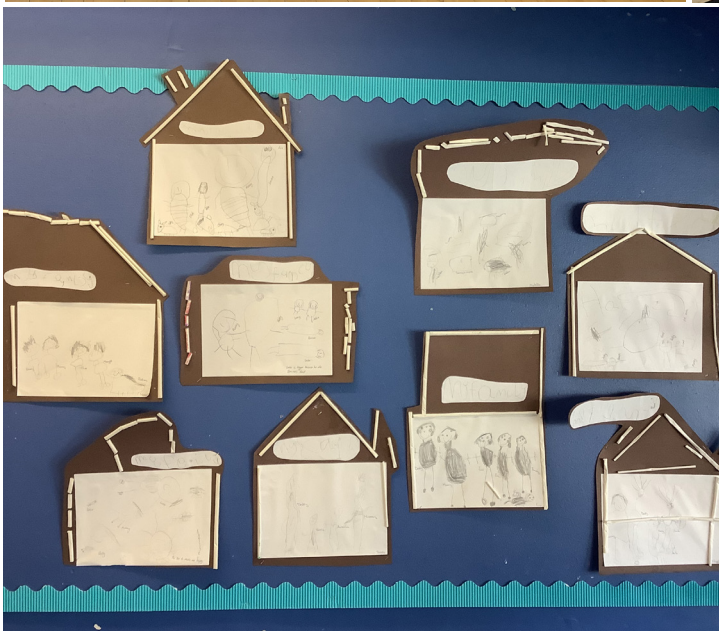
The Frogs and Tadpoles listened to the story 'The Dot', which is all about a little girl who thinks she can't draw, but with encouragement discovers her creativity and confidence. She goes on to help others find their creativity, learning we are all unique and do things in different ways. The children enjoyed creating their dot using a variety of craft materials. The dots will be displayed alongside the rest of the Pre-Prep, creating a unique and beautiful display.

It's also that special time of the year in Pre-School when our Tiddlers become Tadpoles and Tadpoles become Frogs. We also welcome new Tadpoles and Frogs into our class. The children have quickly settled into their new routine and enjoying making friends as well as having fun with all the different activities. We welcome our new friends to Pre-School: **Arthur, Ayra Freddie, Brenin, Carter, Evelyn, Fai, Hamish, Lottie, Olive, Sunny, Freddie, Sunny and Rosanna.**



ACTIVITIES GALORE!

The Reception class have had a fantastic start to the year and have all settled in brilliantly! They have already packed in so many fun lessons and activities and the children have all coped amazingly well. Some highlights have been, the assault course in the Pre-Prep hall, the pirate warm up game in P.E., painting pictures of the Queen, sharing all their holiday pictures and scrapbooks with the class and learning about each other's families. What a fun week it has been!



WHAT PROTECTS THE BRAIN?

Year 1 have had a great start to the term and are enjoying their new topic, Brainwave. The children have learned about the importance of looking after our brains by eating well, doing exercise and getting lots of sleep. They also found out how our body protects the brain and completed a simple experiment to see if sand, cotton wool, string or water would stop an egg (our brain) from breaking. The children were very surprised to learn that water (cerebral fluid) was what protected our brains the best.



YEAR 2

BRAINWAVE

To start our 'Brainwave' topic, Year 2 explored what happens when we combine knowledge and skills. The children made their own 'brain glasses' and used the different colour acetates to represent knowledge and understanding. When we wore the glasses the word suddenly jumped off the board for us creating 'understanding'. We will try to remember these two key ingredients in our learning journeys this year. We also had our first fun jaunt over to Forest School, where we roasted marshmallows and made s'mores. A perfect end to the day!





MINIS NEWS

WELCOME BACK MINIS!

It was so lovely to welcome back our wonderful Minis again and meet our new Minis too. The mud kitchen was full of chefs using mud and herbs to make cupcakes, and the Minis certainly enjoyed scooping up balls to roll down our ramps. Our water station was very busy, with the Minis pouring and squirting syringes high up in the sky. Everyone had a fun time at Forest School catching up with old friends and making new ones.

