

NEWSLETTER









SMILES ON CAMPUS...





PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent pencil drawing of the artist Lucien Freud, by Lucia Moneo Muñoz.



PARENT NOTICES

Uniform - After exeat, all pupils will be expected to wear winter uniform. This means pupils must wear ties when wearing navy cords and shorts. Pupils must wear their blue school sweater. Culottes can also be worn every day, not just on formal occasions. All pupils will also be expected to have their Vanda coats with them.

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.

Flu Vaccination - A reminder that the Somerset SAINT vaccination team will be at Millfield Prep administering the flu vaccination to those that have consented, on 30 September. If you have not already completed the consent/refusal form, please do so by the 26 September. For more information, please click here.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents,

As I type this message with the sun streaming through my office window, it is easy to forget that the beginning of the week was darker and heavy with the national mourning. Our Service of Celebration on Saturday was a very positive way to mark what has been the most impressive life of service and duty. My thanks to the pupils who sang or read so beautifully – it was a lovely tribute to our late Majesty.

Despite the week being a day shorter for most of us, we still seem to have crammed an awful lot into it! The Year 8 geography and art trips alongside the Year 7 pilgrimage to Glastonbury and the Year 6 beach clean meant that, at times at least, the school has been quieter than normal. I've been delighted to hear about how brilliantly behaved and receptive the children on the trips were. Well done to all involved.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Coffee Morning just before collection today. It felt like my last public rallying cry to anyone who would like to be involved in the relaunch of the Parents and Friends Association and the new Parent Forum! I will be emailing next week

for final confirmation of those who want to sign up. While talking to everyone gathered there, I did mention that I am aware there have been some confusing communications recently surrounding uniform and sports kit requirements, particularly on days when there are fixtures. I just wanted you to know that I know this needs to be resolved – as you can imagine, though, in a school as large and as busy as ours, there is not a simple solution that will please or work for everyone! We will update you further after exeat.

Congratulations to the parents and staff team who won the Plate Final in the Blundell's Touch Rugby tournament last week. We look forward to going one better next year! We are keen to keep the sessions running after exeat and also to see if there is appetite for some netball or hockey later in the term too. Keep your eyes peeled for further info.

Well done to everyone, particularly those new pupils and staff, for getting through to exeat – it feels like it is well-timed for us all to have a bit of a breather. Enjoy the lie in and we look forward to resuming, full steam ahead, next week.

Yours,

Dan

SUMMER MUSIC TOUR 2023 – GHENT, BELGIUM



The music department are hugely excited to announce that we are aiming to organise a summer music tour to Ghent, Belgium which will take place between 30 June – 5 July 2023. This is a wonderful time of year to visit one of Belgium's oldest and most beautiful cities. Ghent is a vibrant and culturally relevant destination with a wealth of medieval and classical architecture, as well as some fantastic concert venues. The trip will also include a day out and concert in Bruges, with its cobbled streets, picturesque canals, fabulous beaches and breath-taking cathedrals and churches. The tour is being aimed at pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 who have an interest in music and are part of a choir or orchestra.

Pupils will give a minimum of three concerts in some beautiful locations and will also enjoy a vast array of fantastic activities – everything from a boat cruise and a visit to the incredible

Gravensteen castle in Ghent, through to chocolate making in Bruges, a day on the beach in De Panne and a visit to the very popular Walibi Theme Park. Parents/guardians of pupils in Years 6-8 have all received a letter containing further details and, at this stage, we are inviting expressions of interest. If your child would like to take part in this very exciting opportunity (or you have any questions), please email Mrs Sturges (sturges.e@millfieldschool.com) no later than Friday 30 September.



DISCOVER BRILLIANCE

OPEN DAYS

Open Days are held in October, March and May.

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS - APPLY BY 1 DECEMBER 2022

Academic, Art, Music, Sport (including Riding) Scholarships are available for entry into Years 6, 7 and 8. Scholarships can be supplemented with bursaries. We will be offering a new Millfield Prep Award from September 2023 recognising Prep pupils who are talented all-rounders.

BOARDING OPTIONS

Full and flexi boarding is available and provides an excellent introduction to boarding before the transition to senior school.





THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflecting back on the last week:

We proceed together as a nation and a school through a time of national mourning, culminating with the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday. My hope is that we continue to remember the royal family in thought and prayer, in particular King Charles III.

So often significant events happen and catch us unawares. The start of Queen Elizabeth II's reign was in just such circumstances. Whilst her recent passing has been referred to as something that was 'most anticipated yet least expected', the time of mourning and a state funeral have allowed us all time to reflect and to make choices. We had time to decide whether we wanted, or would be able, to be in London to lay flowers for the state funeral, or to join the incredible queue and file past the Queen's coffin. We had opportunity to decide if we would watch coverage of the events, where we would do this and with whom. We were able to choose how much or how little we engaged, very often depending on our own personal circumstances, including our own experience of loss. It is well known that Queen Elizabeth chose to live out a strong personal faith and this has been central to so many of the shared memories and reflections of her life and reign. The Bible, the story of God's love for us, that Queen Elizabeth so valued, offers story after story of unique people making choices, from royalty to shepherds, established society to outcasts. The Bible's story of God's love, both in the Old and New Testaments, centres on the transformational event of Jesus' crucifixion, a burial that was far from a state funeral, witness accounts of resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of the Bible invites all people, then and now, to choose freely how to respond to God's inclusive love.

Today we are all unique, we all have free will to make our own choices and decisions. We may commit to a major world faith or we may not, we may seek faith, or not, in our own, unique ways. The Christian story is one of God's love and invitation to all people, consistent for 2000 years. Although it has been interpreted in many different ways, some most unhelpful, at its very heart it offers a gift of love and hope for all people. Queen Elizabeth chose Christian faith, a lived faith underpinning and evident in her values and outlook. Do you ever pause to consider what inspires your values and outlook, guides your choices and actions each day? Perhaps, as our nation continues to reflect after the funeral, we can each reflect personally too.

For Queen Elizabeth II the words of Psalm 23 will have offered great peace and I share this as a prayer:

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.
You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;
you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.
I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your
house will be my home as long as I live.

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Give yourself time to breathe and take the advice given to others in challenging roles, by Queen Elizabeth II, 'Be gentle on yourself.'

SATURDAY'S SERVICE

On Saturday we came together as a school to mark the death of her Majesty the Queen, through music, hymns, prayers, talk by our chaplain and readings and we ended the service singing God Save the King. It was a reflective and moving service and a chance for the school to gather and reflect on the life of our Queen Elizabeth and pray for our new king, Charles III.



Following the emotional weekend, our Year 4 pupils took their time to write about Queen Elizabeth II.

QUEEN ELIZABETH: ALL WAYS IN THROATE & UNDANDANDING, AND ADEQUE EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS LEFTLY SHE HAS FAIL LEFTLY HE LEFTLY NOBEL QUEEN EXFLECT IN EVRY YAY LOVER THAN CHARLE ILL FIND YOU A PLANE IN MY HEARTS ALL WAY! LOVER STRANBERRYSS BLUE WAS HER FAURATTES SO NOW IF IS OVEN. FATRA OR DEN'RY AND SUM, FRAUTH PODDIAGTON! REST IN PEACE OVER QUEEN.	Quentizabeth Q8/09/1) is a said day. Queen Elizabeth died. She gold the country ear 70 years not list time to go, You must the best Manarch, I have ever known and its Sad to see you go. Fruen though you are not on earth you still live in are hearts, thank you for your service Your the best bleve ever known.
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PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY

Year 7 took part in the Pilgrimage to Glastonbury - starting at school and ending up at the Tor and then back to school. We covered over 10K taking in places of worship, the abbey and the local landscape.

Dear Diary, Tuesday 20 September -

Today I got to go on a pilgrimage, it was so fun! I got to learn all about different religions and beliefs. My tutor group and I explored Glastonbury and visited different places of worship. I loved it so much I felt relaxed, and I loved socialising with all my friends. I learnt a lot from today. In some of the churches, we got to light a candle. I even lit my own, I felt really at peace and got a space to think freely. Learning about all the different religions was very interesting. Afterwards, my group and I got to learn about some history. We got toured around the Abbey. It was great, it was lots of fun. We even got to dress up as some of the people from the past, this helped me understand it much more and get more involved. When we were looking at some of the ruins of a church we got let in a little bit about horrible histories it was really funny as everyone found it disgusting. As I thought the day was over I found out we had to go up to the tor! I was so exhausted but it felt great when I reached the top! Overall today was great! I had so much fun and I am sure everyone else did too!

Best memories.

By Eve

Glastonbury Abbey -

At the abbey we were taken into a marquee to have a snack and then we made our way on two separate tours. The first took us around the Lady Chapel and the tale of King Arthur who is allegedly buried at Glastonbury abbey. On the second tour we visited the abbots kitchen, cloisters, museum and other demolished rooms. The abbey used to be roughly the same size as Westminster abbey and in its time it was a much visited site and still is today.

St. John's church -

When we got to the church we sat down and we were taught about FLAP which is F for font, L for Lectern, A for altar and P for pulpit. After our lesson we were given some wooden blocks to see if we can put them in the right place to build the church. We then tried some other games, like making a stained glass window and tried putting the letters in the word to make the right sentence.

By Lottie





DONATIONS FOR HARVEST

Please feel free to bring 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

JUNIOR AWARDS

The first Junior awards of the academic year were handed out on Friday. Miffy and Chota, awarded for acts of kindness, went home with **Trinity Beckford** and **Sanaa Fergusson**, who have been excellent buddies to new pupils who have joined the school. Oreo, awarded for achieving IPC personal goals, went home with **Teddy Parris**, who showed great adaptability and collaborative skills in his lessons. Well done to all three pupils!



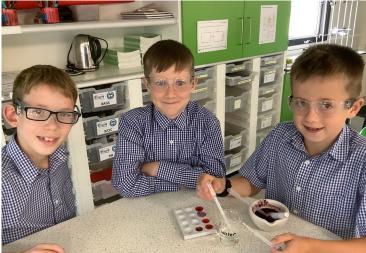




SCIENCE CLUB

The pupils in science club have been testing acids and alkalis using their own blackberry indicators. Great work everyone!







WORD OF THE WEEK

Welcome to the new Languages game in the Newsletter!

Every week, there will be a word either in French, Spanish or Latin. Each word will have three potential meanings and the first pupil to email Mrs Crispin (crispin.g@millfieldschool.com) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

The first word for this term is...

FRENCH - Un parapluie

1) A school bag 2) A coat 3) an umbrella

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP - THE JURASSIC COAST

Year 8 had a wonderful day along a section of the famous World Heritage Site, The Jurassic Coast, including the geographical features of Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. The focus of the geography trip was to look at how the sea has shaped the coastline as well as the impact of tourism on the area. The pupils' geographical knowledge has certainly grown and many have decided they would like to do a return trip to the area with their own family in the future.















YEAR 8 ART TRIP - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES, CARDIFF

Half of Year 8 travelled to the National Museum of Wales on Tuesday to look at and draw from the amazing art works which included an impressive collection of Impressionist paintings. They enjoyed the experience and produced some excellent studies in their sketch books.











Year 8 pupils have also been getting to grips with carving, this week they have been working on an abstract shell-like form. The pupils (pictured right) have been letting their ceativity take over whilst using the outside workshop. For more information on the art department and topics we cover, click here.

BOARDING

BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR



Another busy and exciting week here at Edgarley Manor. The boarders are really getting into the swing of routines and are enjoying throwing themselves into their varying activities and clubs. The boys had a wonderful trip to the woods, topped off with a fire on Saturday night. They also had an action-packed trip to Brean Theme Park, as well as a stroll up Glastonbury Tor. Our weekly 'noodle night' was a hit, with some of the boys using chop sticks to eat them. This week saw two birthdays, which involved delicious cakes and pizza! Happy Birthday to Will and Xavier!







CHESTNUT

On Monday the boys that had stayed in house had a very reflective morning watching the Queen's funeral. It was a day that they will always remember. Millfield does not pause for long though and we were soon back to birthday celebrations and full evenings of activities. Some of the boys have planted bulbs around the Chestnut site this week and we look forward to seeing them bloom in the spring. On Wednesday the boys enjoyed a new game of 'Scooter Polo' played under the floodlights. It was end-to-end madness!





BOARDING

BEREWALL **V**

It was a sweet start to the weekend for the Berewall boys, toasting marshmallows and s'mores. Then on Sunday we travelled to Manor to take them on in their own back yard at football. It was a keenly contested match that was eventually won by us. Well played and better luck next time Manor boys! On Tuesday evening, the Berewall boys celebrated with **Jacob** on his 13th birthday. Cake was enjoyed by all and singing filled the air. On Wednesday evening, the boys rehearsed their House songs in house. Mrs Guidi was out on the tennis court for an open-air performance with one group, great fun!







HOLLIES



The girls had a mid-week treat at Glastonbury fair this week. Exclusive use of the rides was granted to the boarders for their evening of fun, with candy floss to follow! The rides continued at Brean Adventure park at the weekend to make an exciting day out. Quiet reflection during the late Queen's funeral on Monday was followed by a walk in the Somerset countryside. A very Happy Birthday to Valentina who turned 13 this week!





CHAMPION

Champion girls have been as busy as ever this week. Those boarders who stayed in at the weekend watched Queen Elizabeth's state funeral together on tv and respectfully honoured the two-minutes' silence; it was a very moving event. On Tuesday, the first round of the Champion Bake Off took place, the boarding house kitchen was full of excited girls all keen to produce the best cake ever! It was very close and the winning team was announced: **Florence, Emilia** and **Libby**, well done girls and thank you Mrs Smith for organising. Somehow they squeezed in time for some fun in the tree house. Wishing all our boarders and families a very relaxing Exeat weekend.





SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

The Year 6 girls have made a flying start to the hockey season. On Wednesday, we had two great performances from our two B teams. On the same afternoon our A squad finished runners-up at a superbly organised Kings Bruton Tournament. Then on Saturday we hosted the Millfield tournaments. Both B teams were undefeated against some strong teams and finished in first and second place. In a highly competitive A tournament, our girls finished with the gold medals, winning five matches and drawing one. It was brilliant to have everyone involved and participating with such enthusiasm - The Millfield Way!









Staff were incredibly proud of our newbies at their first U8s hockey festival at Warminster. Fantastic sparkling performances by all, exciting times ahead for all these superstars!



SWIMMING

Congratulations to Lois Murray, Isabelle Paterson, Polly Warman, Kruze Frampton, Freddie Marsh, James Pearce, Charlie Phipps, Ruby Bodman and Dorian Lichtenau who have all been selected to take part in the Somerset County Development Pathway. The programme, which is the first step on the Swim England National Pathway, will take place throughout the year and include two face-to-face and two online sessions. Enjoy the experience swimmers, learn lots! We are very proud of your achievements.





Congratulations also to **Billy Chatterjee** and **Iona Murray** who both have been selected to represent Somerset at the National Inter–County Swimming Championships in Sheffield on 2 October. This is a fantastic achievement; they will be swimming alongside the fastest swimmers in Somerset to battle it out to be crowned the fastest county in the country! Good luck to you both.

TENNIS

Some of our tennis players represented their counties this weekend in the U12 County Cup. The pupils were: **Zach Kleiner, Toby Wong, Thomas Keeler, Fredi Davis-Higgins, Emma Champion** and **Ben Bauer**. Congratulations to you all on competing in a great tournament!









The U11s travelled to Sherborne Senior School on Friday 16 for their annual tournament. They enjoyed a BBQ on arrival followed by swift, well-run matches. The boys and girls showed moments of great individual trickery as well as working well as a team. They won three, drew one and lost one. A special well done to **Dixie** who was awarded Goal of the Tournament. The U13 girls welcomed Gordano School on Wednesday. Having won the county cup last year, Gordano were a tough opposition. Nevertheless, the girls worked hard from the first to the final whistle with some great skills on show too. Good luck to Gordano in the next round!



PENTATHLON

Congratulations to **Eva Dowden**, who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the 2022 World Laser Run Championships! Eva has finished her final preparations with the team and is ready for the event in Lisbon today. Good luck Eva!



WEDNESDAY SPORT

Wednesday 21 September marked National Fitness Day. So what better way to celebrate the ocassion than an afternoon full of sport and activities. With lots of hockey and rugby fixtures on campus, it was great to see pupils, staff and parents enjoying the action!







GOLF

Congratulations to **Jack** and **Zane**, who were part of the Somerset U12 Team that won the Five Counties Team Championships at High Post Golf Club. The team beat Dorset, Devon, Cornwall and Wiltshire to come out victorious.



CRICKET

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil Bella Lloyd, who was awarded the 'most improved player' in the Cambridgeshire County U11 Girls squad for her progress through the 2022 season.



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

The children in Pre-Prep have continued their learning in and out of the classroom, exploring and playing with their friends. The weather has allowed us to utilise our amazing outdoor areas. However, I would just like to remind parents to bring in coats as the weather is likely to change quickly over the next few weeks.

We were deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and have joined together as a school to acknowledge her extraordinary lifetime of service with class discussions, messages of condolence and artwork to create our whole school display.

In assembly, we have been talking about our aims for this year, thinking about what we want to try and what we want to get a little bit better at. The start of the year is like a blank piece of paper and it is up to the children to fill it with new learning experiences and opportunities. As well as all the learning in the classrooms, the children have enjoyed football and bikes at playtimes, tennis, swimming, golf, IT, maths, visits to Millfield, cookery and trampolining. Ask your child what they have enjoyed about Pre-Prep so far this year?

Best wishes, Mr Jory

THANK YOU MA'AM, FOR EVERYTHING.





FROGS 16

CUP CAKES AND FOREST SCHOOL

Pre-School had a lovely sunny morning in the forest this week. The children had fun negotiating the rope bridge, bug hunting and creating concoctions in the mud kitchen! The frogs had a great time making cup cakes with the play dough and play oven. **Freddie** asked if we could make real cup cakes. The frogs weighed, smelt and stirred all of the ingredients. They also made icing and put a cherry on the top. We hope that they tasted as good as they looked!



TADPOLES 17

TASTY TREATS

The Tadpoles enjoyed making play dough biscuits so much last week, we decided to decorate our own real biscuits! We used spoons to carefully scoop icing sugar onto the biscuit and then decorated it with tasty treats. Great work everyone.



YEAR 1

MAPS

This week Year 1 have been looking at maps. The children labelled a map of the UK and used atlases to find different countries. They loved telling each other where they had been on holiday. To help the children understand what keys were, we have been using them in the forest to help us make different faces.



RECEPTION 18

AUTUMN WALKS AND LIBRARY ADVENTURES

The Reception class went on their first school trip to the Millfield library to continue their learning on different kinds of books. They were very excited to go on the minibus and really enjoyed going to the big school and seeing all the students. Thank you to the lovely library staff who helped the children explore all the different books and read them a story. The children went on an autumn walk around the beautiful grounds to find acorns, conkers and to find some blackberries to make a delicious apple and blackberry crumble for their afternoon snack. The children loved putting on their wellies and stomping around!













YEAR 2 19

BLAST OFF!

Year 2 had a blast on Wednesday afternoon when they launched their rockets as part of their topic 'transport'. The children worked in groups to design and build their rockets and launch pads. We made our predictions and then took all our equipment to the playground to see if our predictions would come true. After a bit of trial and error, and a lot of mess, we managed to get the mix of ingredients just right for the final blast off!



MINIS NEWS



FOREST SCHOOL

The Minis had great fun in the forest exploring activities linked to Roald Dahl stories. Our witches potion station was bubbling and plenty of mud chocolates were made in Willy Wonka's factory. The Minis were very proud of their colourful dream catchers and they did such great mark-making at Crunchem Hall Elementary School, that Miss Trunchball stayed away! We all enjoyed our crumpets cooked over the fire - a great end to our busy session.

