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## Athletics

With a late start to the competitive season, our athletes had a fantastic opportunity to train hard and improve all their techniques before the racing began. The Inter-house Sports Days were, as always, fiercely competitive and we had some very tight races. The English Schools Cup and the South West Prep School events, sadly, did not feed into a national final this year, but valuable experience was gained, ready for 2022. Our relay teams completed a clean sweep at the Prep Schools event, showing the speed and skill of all our sprinters.



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**01** Lily Jones brings home the baton to secure the win for her team in the Year 8 girls' relay on Sports Day  
**02** Hurdle training with a setting sun  
**03** Iona Murray and Vienna Townsend training  
**04** The boys and girls English Schools Cup team  
**05** Dylan Parry-Cooper in action with the discus





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- 01 Year 8 girls
- 02 Girls v Dorset
- 03 Girls v Dorset
- 04 Year 6 girls' cricket versus Hazlegrove
- 05 U12 girls' versus Wellington
- 06 U10 and U11 County Cricket boys

## Cricket

Another very good year of cricket but, due to unprecedented times, many of our cup fixtures were cancelled. We played a huge number of matches, showing the strength and depth that the school has to offer with both boys' and girls' year group teams. The weather did its best to disrupt the start of the term. However, internal matches and training meant pupils could continue to acquire and develop their skills within the game. We ran 17 boys' teams and 15 girls' teams in our fixtures calendar. Every boy and girl in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school in a fixture. Our Year 7 and 8 pupils had a variety of sports that they chose to explore in the summer term and

## County Players in 2020/21 – Boys

### SOMERSET

U10 Jamie Glover Sebastian Guthrie James Pearce	U11 Joel Gardiner Conor Pearce Toby Wong	U12 Leo Majoe Brychan James Hamish Hendry Seth Collins	U13 William Morgan- Hughes William House	Boys Performance U13 Pierre Joubert Harry Deering
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## County Players in 2020/21 – Girls

### SOMERSET

U12

Mila Brooke  
Erin-Mae Davidson  
Alicia Pyle

U13

Agatha Stephens  
Helena Carter  
Jasmine Rao  
Lucinda Champion  
Matilda Johnson

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every pupil in Years 7 and 8 had the chance to take part in a cricket match. Our boys' and girls' Development Squads played a number of county teams, allowing players to extend their knowledge and experience in a high-level match environment.

Our Junior and Senior Development Squads continued to practice throughout the year and were able to showcase their skills in our indoor nets and outdoor facilities. With our ever-expanding cricket facilities, Millfield Prep now boasts 11 pitches, eight outdoor nets and an indoor Sports Hall with four cricket-net bays, which accommodates the winter training programme. One of the most pleasing things this year was seeing the pupils' enthusiasm and enjoyment when playing their cricket, especially the young beginners who relished having their first taste of the game.



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**01 and 02** Students learn the basic technique of the fencing lunge

**03** Director of Fencing, Mr Parris, describes the difference between the three fencing swords

**04** Hector Jones wins second place at the first fencing competition, post lockdown



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## Fencing

Fencing at Millfield Prep this year has been an adventure, but one which has been happily and enthusiastically embraced by all staff and pupils. There have been regular clubs for each year group throughout the week, and all those who have fenced in a club have had the chance to try out all of the weapons. Years 5 and 6, once again, had fencing as part of their PE curriculum, and the standard was excellent, leading to many more of the pupils joining clubs later in the year. There have been lots of innovations in training, with adaptations of previous practices leading to some great new ideas and moves being incorporated into the pupils' fencing repertoire. The coaches are all

looking forward to seeing these moves in action during competition and matches next year.

The Prep fencers and staff would like to say farewell and 'thank you' to Director of Fencing, Tristan Parris, for his continued passion, inspiration and expertise, shared with all members of the Fencing team. We wish him every success and happiness for his future endeavours.



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## Football

As with many other team sports, Football struggled to obtain fixtures with the restrictions of lockdown in the first term. Sadly, all ESFA, ISFA and county fixtures were cancelled by the governing bodies. However, players in many age groups were still training twice a week throughout the autumn term.

With everyone at home during the spring term lockdown, online training began and pupils' skills improved. With the return to school, training and internal fixtures resumed and in the summer



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term senior players managed a fixture with a local school. Several players participated in an enthralling U13/14 development game against Exeter City.

With all 16 players getting equal time on the pitch and formations changing, the game finally ended 9-9. Several players are now trialling for Mid-Somerset Schools with a view to playing at this level.

**01** The girls have thoroughly enjoyed the football on offer this year

**02** Enjoying the sunshine after learning tactics

**03 & 04** House football was a massive hit for all the year groups





01 Radley Putter team  
02 Cupar Jamieson practising his swing  
03 Radley Putter winners

## Golf

The golfers have had a varied year, from remote learning to playing national events in the summer term. **Oliver Scriven** has made excellent progress and had a standout performance in the Wellington Salver, finishing second in the gross event and combining with **Luke Burbridge** to finish 4th overall in the team event.

At the ISGA event at Radley College, it was **Miguel Juan Fuertes Burdeos** and **Harry Swing** who stepped up and played some excellent golf in tough conditions to finish as the team runners-up.

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There have been many individual successes, with **Abigail Moore** becoming the Under 15 County Champion and **Toby Morris** winning a prestigious 36-hole event. **Harry Swing**, **Ffion Lockley**, **Joss Monachello** and **Alexander Leonard**, among others, have all had significant handicap reductions and are ready to play excellent golf over the summer holidays.



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## Hockey

Our talented team, undefeated in Year 7 and the school's first ever winners of the prestigious Booker Cup, have not had a chance to compete and test themselves in the various Year 8 National competitions this year.

However, there are many positives for this group. During both lockdowns, a large number of pupils joined remote live sessions, developing skills, maintaining fitness and socialising as best we could. In the autumn term and for two weeks in the spring, we trained regularly making huge progress. Many opted to attend the Easter holiday sessions, and throughout the summer, on Monday evenings, we joined the girls in huge numbers to enjoy festive mixed hockey internal matches. Despite the dodgy musical choices, the hockey has been magnificent.

It has also been rewarding to operate on an entirely inclusive basis, and many players who might previously have been confined to lower teams have developed a passion and skill in this wonderful sport. When matches returned, it was fitting that our first match back was on the blue turf of the Millfield campus.

It has also been wonderful to see so many players joining Mid Somerset Hockey Club, and hopefully many will have the chance to play in Tier One



Cup games. Congratulations to all the boys who attended the Somerset Development Centre Hockey, to **Samuel Geall** and **Harrison Burke**, who have Academy Centre trials, and to **William Morgan-Hughes** who has a West Performance Centre trial pending.

So, although we are not passing on County, West or even National champions, Millfield will receive a hugely talented group of enthusiastic hockey players. Good luck to all!



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01 U12A Hockey Team  
02 U13 Saxons after  
winning the House Hockey  
Tournament

## Girls' Hockey

This year was not quite what we were expecting but, given the restrictions, there were some huge positives to come out of the girls' hockey. During the lockdown phase, we were able to offer a junior and senior remote hockey session, which was fantastically attended, and all girls demonstrated superb improvisation with equipment. Possibly one of the biggest challenges appeared to be keeping the ball away from the family dogs!

In the autumn term, pupils received around three, and sometimes four, sessions of hockey a week, which allowed them to develop the newly acquired basic and advanced skills, whilst also progressing their knowledge with great success. Our numbers allowed all girls the opportunity to participate in many internal matches and tournaments. Our more senior girls faced the challenge of playing our senior boys, which was hugely beneficial for their development all round.

In the summer term, we were fortunate to be able to arrange some external fixtures against other schools. This was wonderful for the girls, with their parents being able to watch live-streamed matches.

We had great success this year with the biggest number of our pupils to date being selected to trial for the Somerset Academy Centre. With the new cycle of the England Hockey Pathway about to begin again, we are looking forward to seeing many of our nominated Prep pupils for Somerset Development Centre go on to compete for a place in the Academy Centre next year.



## Multi-Sport

The Multi-Sport season has taken a completely different shape! Although many events were cancelled, Millfield Prep School (MPS) returned to compete in three main events.

The first was the National Biathlon Championships in which 31 pupils from Years 3 to 8 took part. MPS recorded 10 top ten finishes, with **Sophia Edwards-Newnham**, **Caleb Gifford-Groves** and **Dexter Townsend** winning their respective age categories and securing gold medals; sisters **Iona** and **Lois Murray** both claiming bronze medals, and **Vienna Townsend** and **Pollyanna Warman** securing 4th place in their respective age groups.

The second event was the National Triathlon Championships competition at Leweston School in Dorset. We had a great day in the sun with athletes competing in U13 (**Tabitha Olivier**, **Vienna Townsend**, **Charles Robinson** and **Taylor Powell**) and U15 (**Oliver Tomlinson**, **Daniel Pearce**, **Hector Jones**, **Noah Wilkins**, **Osbert Weston**, **Annabelle Suffield**, **Augusta Maddox**, **Steffi Berndt de la O**, **Mila Brooke** and **Elis Davies**) categories. For most athletes it was their first experience of a triathlon (shoot - swim - run) competition! It was a pleasure to see lots of smiles and effort throughout the day. Congratulations to all athletes who competed and to athletes that have qualified for the World Triathlon Championships; **Taylor Powell** and **Vienna Townsend** with **Tabitha Olivier** as a reserve.

The third event saw 28 pupils travel to Leweston School for the National Schools' Biathlon event. MPS recorded 19 top ten finishes; starting the day with **Rafferty Bodman** who raced brilliantly to secure 3rd place, joined by **Noah Kendell** (4th) and **Dylan Diver** (7th) in the Year 3 category, to claim the overall team gold medal position! **Sophia Edwards-Newnham** also secured 5th position in a hotly contested Year 3 girls' race. The Year 4 boys, **William Jackman**, **Hugh Murray** and **Jonah Delin** raced impressively to secure a bronze team medal, whilst **Polly Warman** (3rd), **Elsie Seager** (4th) and **Ella Delin** (5th) won the Year 4 girls' event as a team. **Amelia Edwards-Newnham**, **Amelia Speyers** and **Florence Weare** also claimed the bronze team medal in the same category! Podium finishes also came from the Year 6 girls' team for **Iona Murray** (1st), **Ruby Bodman** (3rd) and **Noelle Delin** (10th), the girls stood on top of the podium in team gold medal position!

Not only has the team achieved a range of impressive successes this season, the children have also demonstrated many improvements around team spirit and resilience.



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Biathlon and Triathlon pupils  
enjoying the return to  
competition!







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Our youngest players in Years 3 and 4 started their journey with Bee Netball, England Netball's new scheme, and played festival and friendly matches where no scores are recorded and the game is played for enjoyment alone. All girls from Year 5 and above had the opportunity to play against other local schools in friendly fixtures and the majority also played in a festival or tournament too.

IAPS Regionals were again hosted by us at Millfield, with schools attending from all over the south west. The U11A and U12A teams both did brilliantly, winning their regions and qualifying for the national finals, which unfortunately did not go ahead.

The U13A team reached the quarter final of the ISNC plate competition and won the Colstons' tournament. Unfortunately, the county final was cancelled. U13B won the Millfield Prep School tournament, U13C won the Redmaids' tournament, U12A won Taunton, Cheltenham and Colstons' tournaments; U12C were runners up at the Redmaids' 'Sport For All' tournament. U11A won Millfield Prep's tournament and were finalists at Bryanston's tournament. U10A won the King's Bruton and Millfield Prep tournaments, with the U10Bs narrowly coming second in theirs.

Remote netball training was brilliant, with clubs continuing for all year groups throughout the summer term.

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**01** U13A win Colstons' tournament  
**02** U12 girls win IAPS Regionals at Millfield  
**03** U11 girls regional IAPS champions

## Netball

This year was another excellent stepping stone in many of the girls' paths to improvement, whether it was learning the positions and techniques or their first step on the England Pathway in the Somerset satellite setup. This year, the following seven girls were in the programme: **Chizara Elechi, Millie Stamper, Amy Frost, Imogen Dyer, Cammie Collins, Sengul Ceylan and Maisy Gardner.**





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## Riding

All the riders achieved a lot this year, from learning to do the rising trot to remembering courses of jumps and improving their position. Several riders were ready to enter their first British Eventing competitions this summer, although they now have some extra time to perfect their dressage ready for next year's competitions. All of the riders have done so well and should be very proud of their achievements through hard work, early mornings in the wind and rain, dedication, and the spirit inside that drives you to want to be better.

Amazing work was done during the summer term in the remote stable management sessions, with many pupils working hard to achieve their Bronze Challenge Award.

Plenty of rosettes have also been won at the various show jumping, eventing and dressage competitions that the riders have competed in this year, with many going on to qualify for both regional and national finals.



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**01 Mimi Woodliffe**  
**02 Isla Sully** on Buddy  
**03 Myla Coppins** and Billy at the British Eventing 80cm Championships in Frickley  
**04 Tilly Barber** and Mr Pickles, who won the Speed Class Show Jumping competition  
**05 Agatha Stamper** on Billy  
**06** Some of the horses and riders at Hickstead National Championships  
 From left to right: **Frankie Cooper** on D-Day, **Myla Coppins** on Billy, **Agatha Stamper** on Billy, **Livi Spooner** on Princess, **Lola Spooner** on Jimmy, **Mimi Woodliffe** on Natty, **Bryany Smith** on Kalley and **Tash Mc Nee** on Flash  
**07 Emily Gulliver** at the Pony Masters





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- 01 Year 8 girls enjoying intra-school rugby  
 02 The 'Lions' ready to take on the 'Tigers'  
 03 Smiles from the Year 7 girls  
 04 The boys developing their evasion and handling skills  
 05 The boys before practise

## Rugby

Although we lacked fixtures, we did have lots of development for our players. This was an opportunity to acquire and develop a number of new skills, which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed. During the year, pupils had the chance to be part of the remote rugby sessions – athletic development, independence skills and working on the individual aspects of the game. We even had some expert advice from Wales player and OM, Callum Sheedy, in a remote live question and answer session; a superb opportunity for the pupils.

When back in school, we played a variety of different adapted games that really focused on skills within the game. These improved spatial awareness and vision on the pitch, with players having the confidence to try new skills in the internal matches we played. Our girls have played some rugby this year too, with getting really



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muddy being one of their favourite things.

Rugby Club continued for some year groups, with extremely high levels of interest and commitment. Thirty-four boys committed each week to attend the Year 8 club in the summer term. The future is looking bright for the pupils as they move onto next year, with new tools and improved skills for the coming season of rugby.

Pupils are more competent with their individual skills, have been able to make better decisions on the pitch and have the confidence to try new things and to learn from their mistakes. A good year of rugby.

We will look forward to the opportunity of playing in external fixtures next year and putting into practice all our growth and development from this year.





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## Sailing

The sailors have had a great year. Once again, they loved having the opportunity to sail at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Academy in Portland. The conditions were mainly favourable and pupils worked hard on their individual RYA levels, as well as their racing skills.

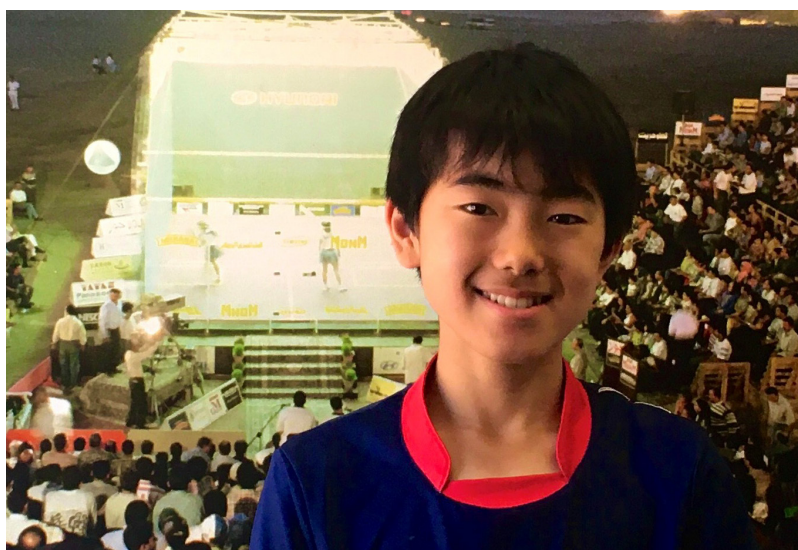
Congratulations to **Maia Delin** and **Vanja Ramm-Ericson** (Year 9) who continue to compete brilliantly at a national level. At the British Sailing Championships they came 2nd overall and will now compete this summer in the RS Feva World Championships in Germany.

All pupils benefited from the pandemic restrictions, allowing them to still sail when we returned to school and to learn in an environment shared with top Olympic sailors.

## Squash

Even with the restrictions of quarantine, pupils worked hard on improving their skills and technique.

Pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8 enjoyed structured sessions within PE lessons, lunchtimes and after school. Numbers steadily increased over the term.



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**Shunsaku Kariyazono** has displayed fantastic dedication to improving his squash over the last 16 months, working well on the physical and technical elements, while **Kai Kiernan** has improved his speed around the court, growing in confidence and displaying better quality in all areas of his game.

**René Mattinson** and **Cai Lewis** have also made great progress with enthusiasm and commitment to the squash programme.

We are excited to expand the program next year and are planning some fun fixtures and competitions.

- 01 Aspiring sailors
- 02 Noelle Delin mastering the waves
- 03 Maia Delin and Vanja Ramm-Ericson
- 04 Shunsaku Kariyazono









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## Swimming

Even though the swimmers were itching to get back in the pool, all pupils engaged really well with the remote provision on offer and looked to better their movement competency while away from the pool. By having an extended period to focus on areas often neglected, such as athletic development and mobility, swimmers have returned to the pool stronger than ever. Within remote sessions, numerous games were played to keep pupils connected; on occasion, with some imaginative pasta creations!

Fourteen Prep pupils were invited to take part in the Swim England Talent Pathway programme with six pupils (**Andrew Towers, Caleb Gifford-Groves, Ecaterina Rizescu, Charles Robinson, Samuel Cole and Taylor Powell**) being selected for county, five pupils (**Augusta Maddox, Eva Lawson, Maia Delin, Oscar Ryland-Day and Sydney Boyde**) for regional and three pupils (**Adam White, Harrison Cox and Nomuunaa Ganbaatar**) for the national program.

On the return to the pool, swimmers had a strong focus on refining stroke technique and race skills, while slowly building fitness. Within the autumn term, swimmers had the opportunity to race in our own internal time trials. This gave them individual race feedback to help develop and further improve technique. Additionally, pupils in the red and blue squads had their freestyle stroke filmed and analysed by the Director of Swimming, providing our swimmers with further individual feedback.

Within the summer term, over 60 pupils participated in Swim England's Level X competition, where pupils got a chance to



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demonstrate the hard work they had been putting in with their training. Pupils loved having the opportunity to race again and were excited to participate in Swim England's Festival of Swimming over the summer too.

## Table Tennis

Table tennis continues to be a very popular sport at school. We have run three weekly oversubscribed clubs with Years 6, 7 and 8. Years 5 and 6 have also been able to play at lunch and break time during the last school term. Table tennis has also been an important part of the multi-activities programme. We have excellent players in all years and we are looking forward to competing again in the Table Tennis England and IAPS competitions next year.

**01** Swim squad fun!  
**02** Year 8 table tennis

**Opposite:**  
Level X was the name of the return to competition event. This then went on to a ranking list





## Tennis

**Charlie Ruffell** and **Joshua Craze** were both invited by the LTA National Pathway Team to attend a 14 & Under National Age Group Programme Competitive Weekend in May where Charlie came sixth. Both boys also competed in the U14 Tennis Europe Event at Wrexham at the end of May and also at Queenswood School in July.

The Boys and Girls U14 team, combined with the Senior School, qualified for the Premier Division of the LTA National Club League, which has been played throughout the summer term. The team has included **Charlie Ruffell, Joshua Craze, Wills House, Louise Hodgkinson** and **Niamh McLoughlin**. The same team also competed in the National Schools U18 competition.

Many of our Prep Tennis players have been involved in county training this year, and the following represented Somerset in their respective age groups in the LTA County Cup Competitions: **Wills Jackman, Flynn Edwards, Amelia Speyers, Florie Weare, Emma Champion, Toby Wong, John Angelosanto, Thomas Keeler, Georgie Gordon** and **Niamh McLoughlin**.



Both our Boys and Girls Year 7 & 8 'A' Teams are through to the county play-off stage of the National Schools Competition in September and our Boys B team look set to reach the County finals of Division 2 in September too. Over 2,600 teams have entered this competition nationally from 740 different schools.

**Charlie Ruffell** and **Joshua Craze** competed in the South West Regional Qualifying of the LTA Road to Wimbledon International Tournament for players rated 6.2 or better in Cheltenham. Charlie won the Regional Road to Wimbledon Tournament and has now qualified for the National finals on the grass at the All England Lawn Tennis Club from 8-14 August. In the Venue stage of the same U14 Road to Wimbledon Competition for players rated 7.1 and higher, 15 girls and 16 boys took part in a knockout compass draw. **Wills House** beat **Thomas Shelver** and **Niamh McLoughlin** beat **Louise Hodgkinson** to secure their places in the County finals in July in Taunton. Niamh (following in her sister, Caitlin's, footsteps) won the County final beating **Chloe de Jager** to qualify for the National finals for players rated 7.1-10.2 at the AELTC in August, alongside Charlie Ruffell.

We wished Charlie and Niamh all the very best of luck in this prestigious competition and hope that they both follow in the footsteps of ex-Millfield Prep pupil, Luke Hammond, who won this event in 2012 and then went on to play at Junior Wimbledon a few years later.



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The Road to Wimbledon is an initiative staged by the All England Lawn Tennis Club to promote both junior and grass court tennis in the UK and across the globe. The Road to Wimbledon's 14U tournament is the UK's largest junior grass court competition, with almost 9,000 girls and boys from 650 clubs, parks and schools competing to

qualify for the National Finals held at Wimbledon in August, so Charlie and Niamh have done incredibly well to qualify.

**Toby Wong** played in a National Grade 2 U10 singles tournament in Glasgow and **Charlie Ruffell** and **Joshua Craze** played in a National Grade 2 U14 singles tournament in Edinburgh.

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01 Niamh McLoughlin and Louise Hodgkinson  
02 Toby Wong  
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01 John Angelosanto  
02 Charlie Ruffell  
03 Niamh McLoughlin having won the Somerset County Finals  
04 Toby Wong



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## Trampolining

Trampolining continued to thrive at Millfield Prep this year, with 50 pupils enjoying the sport weekly. As Covid restrictions have eased, it is hoped that the competition season will start again in November with the South West Schools Trampolining Championships.

Millfield Prep has been competing in this event since the early 1980s, and Millfield as a whole since the mid 1960s, with both schools reaching the National Finals on numerous occasions through the year.