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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

For most of this week I have been in Edinburgh at the joint IAPS and HMC Heads' Conference. There is much said about the benefits of Heads stepping outside their schools occasionally. Speaking to others who are in similar situations and grappling with comparable issues often brings clarity and a sense of renewed purpose. It's also been quite funny watching countless other Heads sneaking off to try to write their weekly newsletters this morning!

It has been a pleasure to read from afar of all the achievements happening in and out of school this week. It has been great to see the rehearsals for the Matilda production starting to kick on and I am already excited to watch the finished piece. It is also wonderful to note the variety of work that is taking place throughout the year groups; from the Year 3 Ancient Egyptian morning to Year 8 Spaghetti Carbonara creation in Food Tech – I do hope to be able to pop in and sample some of it myself soon!

Last weekend we held our first Open Morning of the academic year. It was excellent to invite so many prospective families to our campus and I would like to personally thank the amazing Year 8 pupils who helped during the tours; you were amazing advocates for your school.

For me, being in Edinburgh has reminded me of just how privileged I am to be leading MPS – a school that is full to bursting with amazing and wonderfully diverse pupils, a highly committed and talented staff room and a supportive parent body to boot. While here, I was also lucky enough to listen to some inspirational speakers from the co-founder of Netflix, Marc Randolph, to the amazingly down to earth Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE, whose list of qualifications were staggering!

The one whose message resonated loudest, however, was that of the brilliant Rory Bremner who, at the same time as making us laugh, also reminded us just how lucky our children are to be in schools like Millfield and how lucky we are, as Heads, to be leading them. His message about making sure that all of us embrace neuro-diversity and continue to provide boundless opportunity for our young people was truly inspiring. I look forward to continuing to steer each member of the MPS community on this path as we try to get a little better every day.

I am excited for next week's House Singing competition as we approach the end of the first half of term, where the staff and pupils can enjoy a well-deserved rest! Enjoy your weekend when it arrives.

Yours,  
Dan

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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iona Murray, Vienna Townsend, Ruby Bodman, Eva Dowden, Millie Edwards-Newnham, Sophia Edwards-Newnham, Amelia Speyers and Ella Delin are currently competing in Athens, Greece, as part of the 2022 Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run European Championships. Well done firstly to those who have raced already and good luck to others in your remaining events!



# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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## 'Impossible is nothing'

Have you ever considered running, or ever ran a marathon? Perhaps you feel exhausted just watching the marathon or maybe you feel like you are already in your own marathon every day, like having to keep running whilst balancing something on your head! Eliud Kipchoge's new world record is 26.2 miles in two hours, one minute and nine seconds. He has run faster, under two hours with help from pace setters, so that's not an official world record – yet. The women's marathon was won by Tigist Assefa, from Ethiopia, in the women's third ever fastest time of two hours fifteen minutes and thirty-seven seconds.

Not impressed? How about running a marathon whilst balancing a large fruit on your head! If the speedy runners didn't impress, Moshe Lederfien completed the marathon in five hours and four minutes. Successfully balancing a fresh pineapple on his head all the way! 'Impossible is nothing'.

'Impossible is nothing.' The slogan on the bibs in Berlin Marathon was certainly lived out. After the race, Eliud said it was a combination of things that enabled such a great run, including the well-planned course and the very smooth organisation. The disciples asked many questions, no doubt faced with perplexing problems and a marathon 'to do' list, including wondering how a camel could pass through the eye of a needle! 'Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." The Bible, Matthew's Gospel, (read chapter 26 for the camel bit!).

We may feel like we are running a marathon every day, perhaps we too can take comfort knowing that God wants us all to flourish and from Jesus' words, 'With God all things are possible.'

Dear God,

Thank you that with you nothing is impossible.

Thank you that I can help someone to feel stronger, more positive and confident today.

Thank you that others will help me to feel stronger, more positive and confident today.

When things get tough thank you that I can always turn to you with my cares, my worries,

Confident that you care for me.

Amen

## WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Marathon running may not be your thing. However, some daily exercise is really good for us all. As the evenings draw in, now is a good time to set up a routine to take some exercise each week, outside being even better. Maybe weekend walking, a speedy walk after work or at lunchtime (yes, you should make time for lunch!) with colleagues, some stretching or relaxation exercises? Find something that works for you and build it into a habit that, over time, really helps you and you'll miss if it's not done.

## HOUSE SINGING

We are incredibly excited for the House Singing competition taking place next week, so here is a throwback from last year's event...



# TEMPLES, TOMBS AND TREASURES

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Year 3 began their new IPC unit 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures', with a special Ancient Egyptian morning. They got to paint scarab beetles, dig for artefacts and make their own date bread. Here's a short summary from **Joshua** and another from **Theo**.

We had a visitor to the school. The lady was a specialist in Egyptian history. We had a dig to find Egyptian artifacts. I found a special key and a pharaoh model and it was blue.

We also dressed up in Egyptian clothes called robes. They were gold, black and red.

My favourite part of the day was when we made Egyptian bread.

We used dates and flour, also we moulded it to make a shape.

We also learned about the Pyramids. They are big towers of enormous bricks.

They were built for the Pharaohs.

It was amazing and I loved all of it.

By **Joshua**.

One Monday in the morning, everyone in Year 3 walked to the pavilion to learn about Ancient Egypt.

At first, we got split into three different groups and went to different activities.

I went to the sand pit to look for ancient Egyptian objects. I had the tiniest paint brush to use but I still found an obelisk. The obelisk was covered in hieroglyphs. The strangest thing that was uncovered was a cross.

After that, we walked to a table on the other side of the room. The table had some dough and chopped dates. My teacher told us to make a shape with the dough and then put dates in to make traditional bread. It was so much fun.

The final things that my group did was to paint scarab beetles. They were very small so we used small brushes for detail. The colours I used were red, yellow, gold and silver. There was a bit of time left and so my group dressed up as ancient Egyptians. This was my favourite part of the whole morning as I dressed up as a pharaoh. What an action-packed morning!

By **Theo**.



## WORD OF THE WEEK

Welcome back to the Millfield Prep Languages game in the Newsletter! Each word will have three potential meanings and the first pupil to email Mrs Crispin ([crispin.g@millfieldschool.com](mailto:crispin.g@millfieldschool.com)) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

The third word for this term is...

Latin - **Hodie**

1) Yesterday

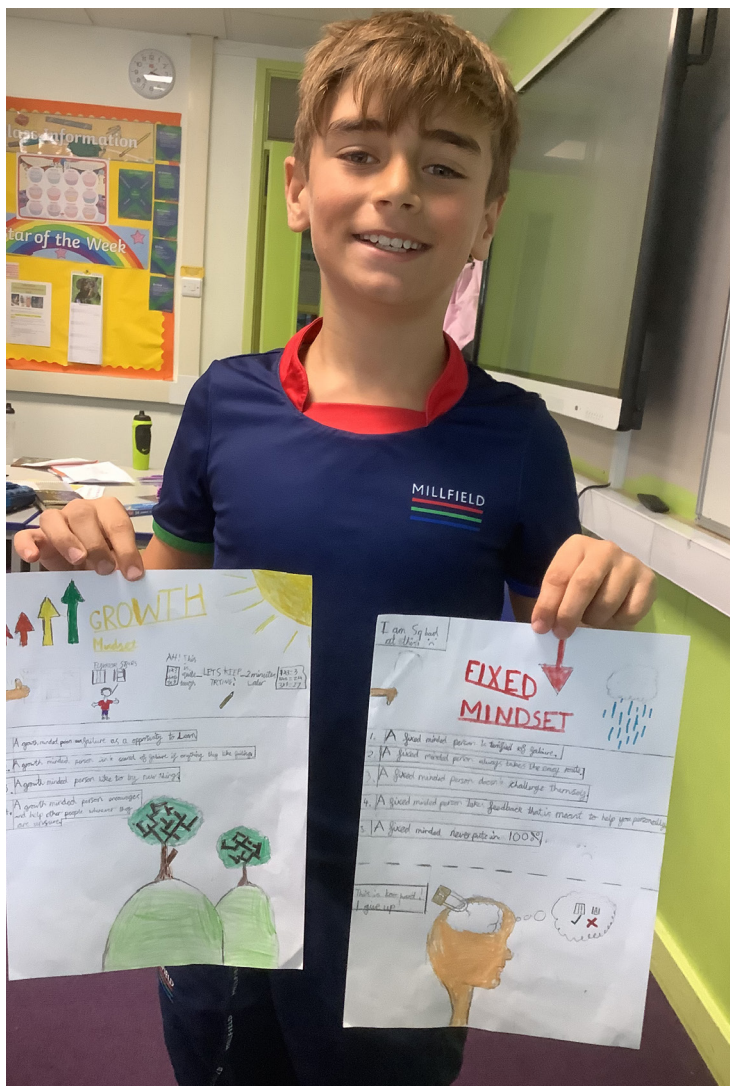
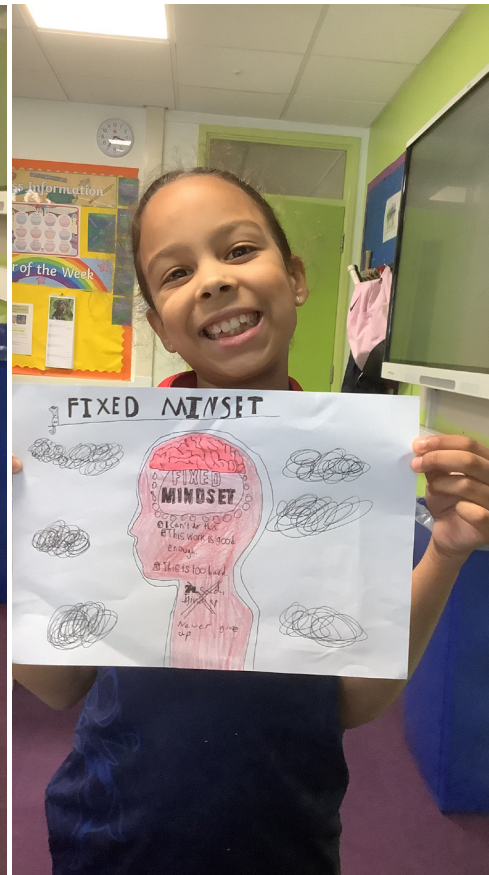
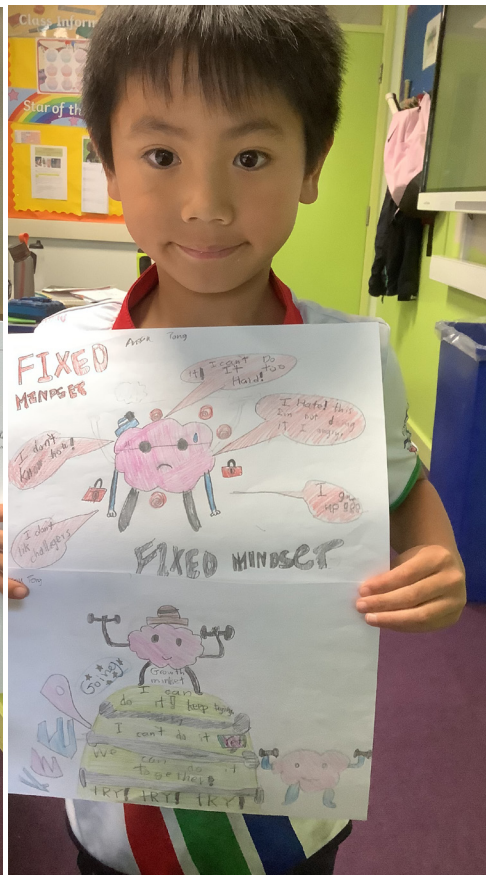
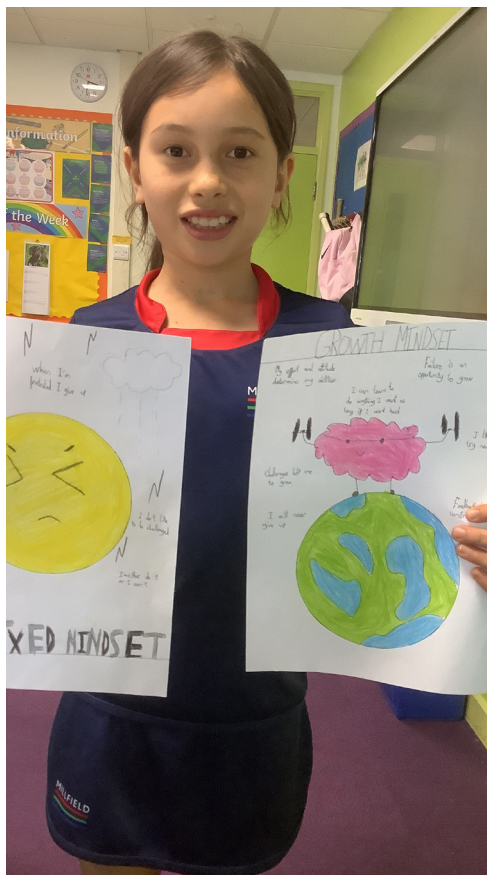
2) Today

3) Tomorrow

# YEAR 4

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This week, Year 4 have been learning all about Fixed Mindset and Growth Mindset. They have enjoyed finding out about the advantages and disadvantages of them both and have had a brilliant week embracing new challenges!



# JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week's recipients of Miffy, Oreo and Chota were **James Hudson, Rosie Kilmartin** and **Posy Lewis**. Posy received Oreo for demonstrating excellent communication skills in her lessons, both verbally and written. James received Chota for showing kindness to his peers, particularly in the playground but also in other areas of the school. Rosie received Miffy for always being polite and well-mannered to staff, holding doors open when she can see an adult is coming and not pushing past others when going through doorways. Well done to all of you.



## LINGUIST OF THE WEEK



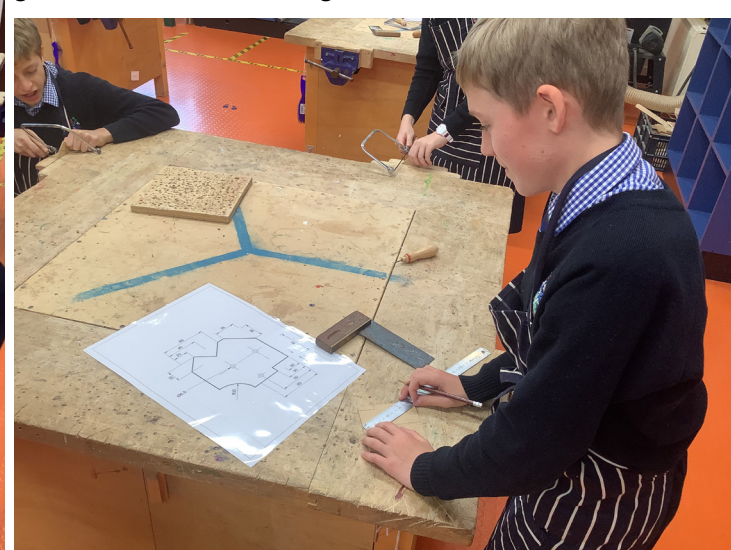
This week's Linguist of the Week is **Bea Soper**.

Bea is the only beginner in our Year 7 Latin set and she has worked incredibly hard since the start of term to catch up with the rest of her class who have been learning Latin for at least a year. She has even asked for extra vocab to learn over the weekend so that she can make faster progress. What a Latin superstar!

The Year 3 fleet of Egyptian boats are taking shape nicely in DT. Pupils have been shaping their wood carefully and using a variety of tools to cut and drill holes. Well done everyone!



Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been learning how to read technical drawing in the first few weeks of term. They have then progressed to use skills learnt in maths to calculate area and as a result will be able to calculate the cost of materials that they are using. Some great cross-curricular learning, well done!



Year 6 pupils have enjoyed looking at different sketching techniques and found it particularly fun discussing perspective drawing. Creating photos such as the one below hit home with children about having depth to their sketches to improve how realistic they were.



# FOOD TECH

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This week our Year 3s have been getting spooky, creating Monster Cookies. They have been learning about foods that we eat less often, as part of the Eat To Excel programme.



In Food Technology this week, the Year 8s have been competing for the title of 'Dish of the Day'. This requires pupils to work in small teams to prepare, produce and plate a set dish. This week they have been challenged with Spaghetti Carbonara and below is an example of 8JA's top-scoring team effort created by **George Hudson, Thomas Keeler and Cello Jimenez-Rowe**.



Matilda rehearsals have started with a bang and we can't wait to share it with you all in February!



Year 6 are getting ready for The Millfield Shakespeare Festival on Thursday 3 November.





The Arts Awards, run by Trinity College and the Arts Council, are a way to formally recognise the creative or artistic talents of students, outside of their school setting. They celebrate achievements, learning and reflection on their creative skills and how to build on them in the future. **Megan Boyd** undertook the Arts Award Bronze to document her progress and achievements within the arts - especially her chosen area of interest, dance. Her work included having to learn new skills and reflect on arts experiences she has had, such as watching live performances at the theatre. She also needed to include research on people who have been an inspiration to her, and share her dance skills with peers and teachers. Megan produced a full portfolio of work highlighting all her achievements over the past few years and took time to reflect on her progress and look at where she may go in the future with her dance and creative skills. Megan's submission was a fantastic example of a full and detailed portfolio that showed great understanding of her art form, where her passion lies and how to improve her knowledge and skills in the future. Congratulations Megan on a great result.

## ENGLISH

Year 8 are studying literary techniques used in poetry and were asked to write in the style of either W.B. Yeats or William Blake. Below we have a comment on climate change in the style of W.B. Yeats 'He Wishes For The Cloths of Heaven' by Luke. We also have three poems based on the theme of W.B. Yeats 'He Wishes For The Cloths of Heaven' in the style of William Blake.

### Fragile

If I had never gained the silk of life,  
Twisted and weaved with the finest hands,  
Encrusted with necessities of survival,  
Amongst everything more that could ever be wanted;  
I would have never fabricated human existence.  
But I, being foolish, did not see through the translucent  
haze, So I have unfurled my fragile planet under your feet,  
Walk gently, for you crush the glass of my planet.

**Luke Bratton**

### Gifts

The gifts of which I am possessed I give,  
So you with my own heart can truly live.  
My hopes and dreams are all onto you thrown,  
And though our lives we will not tread alone  
With all my life and love within your hand,  
A shadow of myself here will i stand.  
But if you turn my gift of love away  
I'll take my leave, I will no longer stay,  
For those who give must never count the cost  
This treasure of the heart cannot be lost  
A dream, A hope, A wish will fly so high  
To reach that other world beyond the sky,  
That over Eden, Heaven, Paradise,  
from where our hopes and dreams at first take flight.

**Freddie Gray**

### Wishes

For what thy wishes,  
Thy cant obtain.  
For what thy keeps,  
It can never stay,  
The thought will never sleep  
The catch is just a throw away.  
For what thy wants,  
Thy cannot get.  
For what thy catches,  
Thy can never hold,  
For what thy crumples,  
It can never unfold.  
For what thy needs,  
Thy can never find.  
For what thy learns,  
Thy can never remember,  
The disapproval thy earns,  
Will never be a loss.  
For what thy wishes, thy can never obtain,  
Always a loss in sunshine or rain,  
They are always just a throw away.

**Jasmine Capps**

### The gift of time

Thy wealth is limited,  
Thy moments with you are endless,  
I doth not have thee,  
Thee riches to pleaseth you.  
Thou I hath thee endless moments,  
To give to thee.  
Thy moments are my all,  
Appreciate it, as I doeth to you.

**Morolayo Akindele**

# BOARDING LIFE

## CHAMPION

It has been another jam-packed week at Champion. Tuesday saw the latest round of Champion Bake-Off; well done to **Laura** and **Lucia** who were the winning team this week. On Thursday we celebrated **Isabella's** 12th birthday, a week later than planned, glad we got there in the end. The weekend saw the return of Champion prize Bingo, well done to Laura who walked away with the most prizes! On Sunday the juniors made delicious 'no bake' crispie cakes for the rest of the house, these were very quickly consumed! On Wednesday we celebrated **Sofia's** 13th birthday; Sofia joined us in Year 6 and it's hard to believe she is now a teenager, Happy Birthday Sofia!



## HOLLIES

Rock painting inspired the girls early in the week to create some lovely decorations for the house and their dorms. At the weekend, there was a trip to Weston-super-Mare to have fun on the fair rides and enjoy the atmosphere of the pier. A pamper evening with face masks, nail painting and friendship bracelet making afforded some relaxation time after the excitement of the pier. **Larissa** and **Soha** finished the week off with another Bake-Off entry. Their Biscoff inspired cookie dough cake was a triumph – well done **Soha** and **Larissa**!



## BOARDING

BEREWALL 

It was 'eyes down' at Berewall this weekend as the boys played bingo! A number of hotly contested rounds took place and the excitement neared boiling point, especially with Mr Harrison who was most disappointed not to win! This was followed by a film and cheesy nachos to top off a cracking Saturday night! Berewall boy **Ryan** celebrated his 13th birthday on Thursday. The whole house joined in singing and more importantly...eating cakes.

EDGARLEY MANOR 

The Manor boys have been enjoying the outdoors, playing outside well into the evening. They have enjoyed a bit of cricket with Mr Foster, as well as table football and some quick fire table tennis rounds. The boys spent an enjoyable Saturday evening in the sports hall playing King Ball and Quick Cricket with the Chestnut boys. This week saw **Elliot's** birthday, which we celebrated with a stack of donuts. Happy Birthday to Elliot!

CHESTNUT 

Chestnut kitchen was a hive of cake-baking activity on Wednesday night. The boys were split into four teams and they had to follow a recipe to make birthday lemon drizzle cakes. They whisked, stirred, mixed and baked to create their batch of cakes. Then there was a very tense blind taste test from the birthday boy. In true bake off fashion, we crowned the star bakers. All of the boys then sat down to enjoy their cakes together. Some have even asked to take the recipe home so they can make cakes for their family as they thought they were so delicious!



# SPORTING NEWS

## RUGBY

We have had a superb start to the year! A bumper number of pupils involved in matches and a huge number playing their first matches of rugby. The boys are developing skills in games sessions and now really starting to transfer these into the matches they are involved in. Really exciting to see so many pupils being creative, trying new things in matches and most importantly learning from their mistakes. Rugby staff have really worked hard to try and encourage the players to try things, make decisions and not be afraid to get things wrong. Working through what needs to change as individuals and as a team to improve. Lots more rugby to come and lots more development to happen!



Well done to the Year 3 girls on a fantastic performance on Saturday in their tournament!



The U11 girls went to a hockey tournament on Saturday at Queens College, Taunton. The games were very short which made it really important to maintain focus whilst they were on the pitch. The team played a fast-paced, attacking game and can be very proud of how they represented Millfield. Two teams were undefeated, so when they met it was going to be a critical part of the day. The team went 1-0 down and even though they dominated the rest of the game, time ticked through before they could get back on terms. This meant that they finished as runners-up. They were disappointed to finish second but learnt a great deal about tournament hockey. They are looking forward to meeting the team again later in the season for a rematch. Thank you to all the parents who supported the team through their hectic morning of hockey.



The U13C/D girls hockey team played a fantastic match at Monkton Combe School. For many of them it was their first ever hockey match! Well done girls on a great afternoon!



The U13A team played in the Regional IAPS qualifier on Monday 3 October. They won all of their group games to top their pool and went through to a tough quarter-final game against Beaudesert. The girls played their best hockey to win this convincingly and went on to the semi-final against Taunton. Millfield created opportunities and continued to attempt to play flowing hockey, but were broken down continuously by the opposition. After full-time, extra time and penalty flicks, the game was still even, before unfortunately losing on sudden death penalties, putting the girls into the 3rd/4th playoff. This was an extremely tough position to now be in, with the top three only qualifying for Nationals. I was proud of the girls digging deep and after full-time progressing to success during golden goal and bagging the third slot for the Nationals. Well done to the girls, it certainly wasn't the performance we know they are capable of, but we know this talented group have so much more to bring - roll on the Nationals!



**Tommy Fuertes Gimenez** had great results at the weekend when he went back to Spain to compete, finishing the event by winning his class. Great work, Tommy!



**Ella Lund, Elsie Coppins and Lilly** (Millfield pupil) finished second as a team at Rectory farm on the 18 September, a great result!



**Elsie** jumping on Ruby at the Bicton Arena, with the team finishing in second place. Well done everyone!





Pupils having fun on the yard! Well done everyone on another great week.

This is **Sarah Hollington** and Sonny in their jumping lesson



Also, good Luck to **Emily Gulliver** as she is off to Horse of the Year Show tomorrow. We can't wait to hear how you get on!

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday our senior teams raced in the county round of the English Schools Cup Cross Country Championships. Both teams have been preparing well in the first few weeks of term and are already running fast. The girls finished 1, 2, 3, 4 which is a difficult score to beat for the other teams! The boys packed well and also dominated their race. Both teams will now head to the regional final where they will try to qualify for the National Final. The amazing teams were: **Iona Murray, Ellie Danner, Vienna Townsend and Bea Soper. Xavier Bailey, Tristan Aspinall, Daniel Aiyewumi, Henry Mahon and Henry Kilmartin.**



The Mendip Junior Cross Country League races started this week. Our runners will run in five races around the county over the next few months. The league has grown over the years and it is now a big event with almost one hundred runners per race. All of the Prep School runners now have their target position to try and improve in round two. A great start to the season. Thank you to Mr Sweet, Mr Harrison and to all of the parents for their help at the event.



Well done to all of the swimmers who took part in the Somerset Development Meet this weekend, for most this was their first time racing since June, for others this was their first opportunity to race for Millfield! There were lots of great swims across the board with great skills on display as usual. Keep up the great work swimmers!



## TENNIS

Last weekend some of our pupils competed in the U10 and U14, Millfield Preparatory School Grade 5 LTA Tournament. Winner of the U14 boys event was **Xavier Bailey** and runner-up was **Thomas Keeler**, both from Millfield. **Ben Bauer** and **Jack Smith** also played in this event. It was Jack's first tournament in over a year due to a long-term injury - he played admirably. In the U10 boys tournament the winner was **Flynn Edwards** and runner-up was **Oscar Fletcher**. **Jacob Harre** played well and finished third overall. In the girls event, **Almendra Correa-Garma** (Millfield) was runner up, with **Lowri Sinkins-Moysey** and **Meilin Keeler** also playing in this event.



There was some good football on display in what was the U13B's best performance of the season. Captained by **Jack McMeekin**, the squad played some brilliant football. **Toby Bingham's** player of the match performance being pivotal in the sides win, with some great turns and passes to get the team out of trouble when they were being pressed. Some great saves by **Ollie** in the first-half and **Saskia** in the second denied Hugh Sexey opportunities to pull the game back. In attack, Millfield took their opportunities, in what was a competitive game against a good Hugh Sexey side. Special mentions to **Karmele**, **Dere** and **Maxi** who all battled well on and off the ball. Well done to all who played!



Last Thursday, the U13A team welcomed Truro for the first round of the ISFA Cup. Truro took the lead early in the first half. Millfield soon bounced back to go in level at half-time. The two teams could not be separated until the final 10 minutes, when Millfield took the lead. The score finished 4-1. **Tinashe** was selected to be player of the match by both their players, and the referee. On to the next round.

## CLIMBING

**Harry** competed in the South West Lead Climbing competition on Saturday in Exeter. He's competing against children a year older than him, but still managed to top three of the four routes and score highly on the last, helping him to grab third place. Great work, Harry!



## A LIFE FOR A CURE

Millfield Prep School play a charity game against Clifton College at hockey for the Bresnahan cup. Michelle Bresnahan recently completed the London Marathn for the same charity and we would like to use our amazing community to try and support the cause. If you would like to find out more information or donate, please [click here](#).

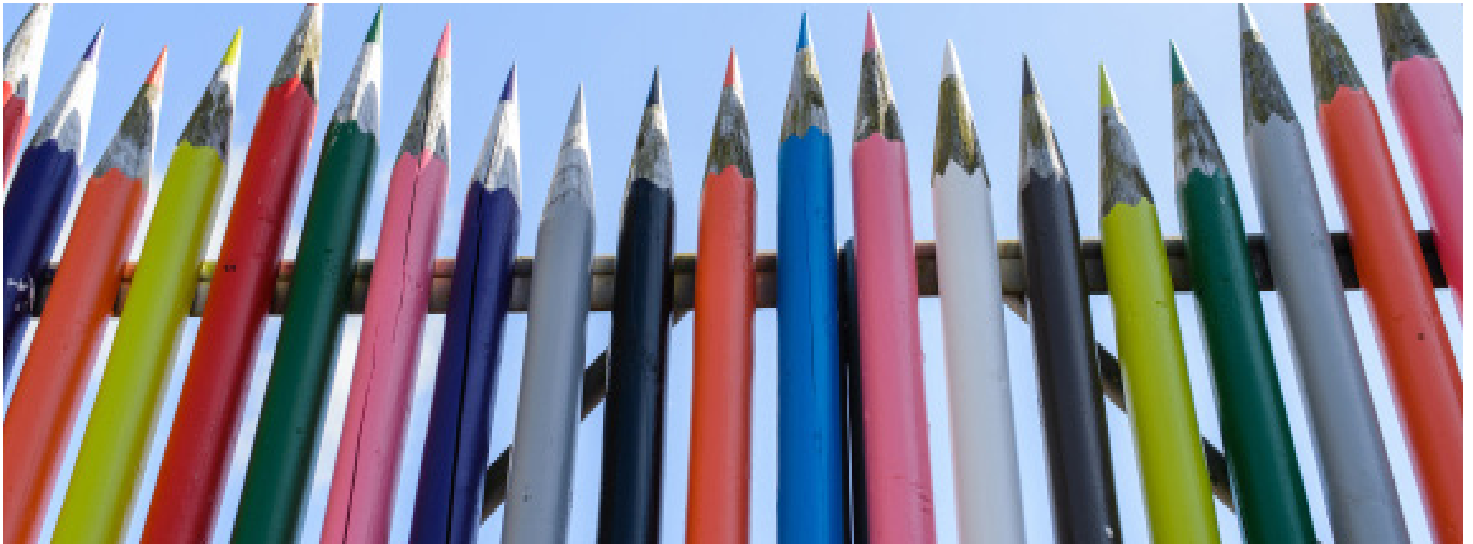


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## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

We started this week in Pre-Prep with an assembly all about happiness and what we can do to make others smile and be happy. We read the story 'Have you filled a bucket today?' Did you know that we all have an invisible bucket and we should try to fill each other's bucket everyday with acts of love and kindness. When you fill someone else's bucket you fill your own bucket too – making someone feel happy can make you feel happy too. Other people can fill your bucket by giving you a compliment or being nice to you. Try giving someone a hug, make them laugh or do something kind. Keep a list of all the things you do to fill your own and other people's buckets.

My own bucket was filled this week as I shared the children's learning. Whether I was swimming with Year 1, visiting Tesco with Reception, enjoying clubs and lunch times with Year 2 or yoga with Pre-School, the children have all been brilliant. Continue to challenge your learning, being kind and respectful, try your hardest, be yourself and let's work together to fill each other's buckets with happiness, love and kindness.

Best wishes,  
Mr Jory

## SMILES AT STOURHEAD



## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 11 October**  
Dental Talk for Pre-Prep

**Wednesday 12 October**  
Nutritionist Talk for Reception

**Thursday 13 October**  
Healthy Eating Talk for EYFS

**Friday 14 October**  
End of half term  
School finishes at 12pm

## INCY WINCY SPIDER

Inspired by an Incy Wincy Spider game, the Frogs recalled the spiders that have been coming into their homes recently. We looked in the classroom but no spiders! So, we decided to go on a spider hunt. Armed with magnifying glasses, the children searched Apple Tree Green looking for evidence of spiders. We found lots of webs, some full of flies and wasps but no spiders. Using hairspray and glitter we were able to look closer at some of the beautiful webs and the intricate patterns that the spider creates. Towards the end of our hunt, **Flo** spotted a spider which we carefully caught to have a closer look. We are now going to take our learning further to see what else we can find out about spiders - watch this space!



## GARDENING

Over the past week, the Frogs have been doing a spot of gardening; weeding the planters and planting some winter plants. We have also been talking about the different seasons after **Arya** shared a beautiful story that illustrated the changes that happen. We planted some bulbs which we are going to observe closely to see how they grow and finally flower in the spring - we can't wait!



## TADPOLES

### FORTS AND CASTLES

After some role-playing by the children of knights and dragons last week, we decided to build a fort to play in. Everyone helped with the decorating and we made a flag. We also used blocks dipped in paint to make pictures that looked like the walls of a fort. We have a lovely view of the Tor from our garden so we talked about the real castle we can see and some of the children told their friends they had walked all the way to the top!



## PASTA TIME!

This week, our chef wanted to make pasta from scratch. We decided to have a go at using the Jamie Oliver recipe and making it without the bowl. We built our flour volcano and added the egg lava. Yes, the lava did flow everywhere but we had lots of fun turning it into our pasta dough. We then worked really hard to make it into fresh pasta, which we cooked for our afternoon snack. Yum!



Reception also went on a trip to Tesco to buy some vegetables. What could we need them for? Watch this space to find out. We did want to say how amazingly behaved the Reception class were on our trip. Well done everyone.



# BALANCED MEALS

Year 1 have had a busy week learning about balanced meals. In the dining room, the children have been choosing their own meals and practicing how to use a knife and fork. The children also had a lot of fun sorting the plastic foods into the five main food groups.



## TRIP TO STOURHEAD

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the National Trust's Stourhead estate. The children were practising their map reading skills to find important landmarks, navigating us safely around the lake and finding a safe spot for lunch. There was excellent teamwork, communication skills and problem solving demonstrated by all the Year 2 pupils. Well done on a very successful first trip of the year!





# MINIS NEWS

## MINIS STABLE TRIP

The Minis loved visiting the stables last week, and the horses were equally as excited to see us, especially with our bags full of carrots and apples for them to munch on. After we said goodbye to the horses, we couldn't resist a splash in the giant puddles we spotted on our way back to the Pre-Prep playground. What fun!

