

NEWSLETTER







INDEPENDENT PREP SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

We are delighted to announce that Millfield Prep School are the winners of the Independent Prep School of the Year award! The award recognises our work on pupils' mental health and wellbeing through the launch of the innovative Wellbeing Curriculum last year.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this small section of a very large floor piece that was created by the



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

The positive buzz and energy around school has been tangible over the last few days of this half of term. With everything building towards the fun-filled climax of the House Singing competition, it is easy to forget that so much more has been happening this week.

Some very lucky Year 8 boys headed off on their rugby tour to Dubai, grinning from ear to ear as they left. We've had an international beatboxing champion giving the pupils (and staff!) a masterclass, we've hosted IAPS tournaments, had a haul of medals at European Championships and, at the very end of last week, we had an incredible Art and Music gathering – Soundscapes in Shadows – which produced some truly outstanding work.

To round off the good news, you will have seen that MPS was announced as a joint winner of the Independent Prep School of the Year Award on Tuesday evening. Many of you will have heard me say already in my short time here that no school is perfect and so please don't worry that I will start to think that our job is suddenly now done! My constant quest for everyone involved at Millfield Prep to get a little bit better every day will continue unabated. But this

award is a fantastic external recognition that what happens here at Millfield is pretty special. I am naturally extremely proud of the entire staffroom, along with those who have gone before us, for their efforts in helping us achieve this accolade.

It sends us on our way to half term with a real spring in our step! I do hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing time with your loved ones and I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of term in two weeks. Do make sure your children get a break please – they will need one whether they look like they do or not!

Yours,

Dan

FIREWORK NIGHT

Friday 4 November 2022

Why not bring your friends and family to our annual fireworks event?

6:15pm - Gates open 7pm - Fireworks display 7:30pm - Lighting of the bonfire

Refreshments - Hot dogs and hot chocolate are included in ticket price (vegetarian option available)

Mulled wine, soft drinks, snacks and sweets will be on sale. The display will be on the Coxbridge Field (to the right of the bottom roundabout on Martin's Lane)

We need to know numbers for this event, so if you are hoping to come, please fill in <u>this form</u> by Monday 31 October and charges will be added to the end of term bill.

Tickets for day pupils and their families should be collected from reception and boarders will be given tickets for their families on the day via their houseparents. Tickets are £6 each.

Parents of day pupils will be given the option of collecting their child(ren) at 3.45pm, 5.00pm or 6.15pm (for which there will be an additional charge). This is to ensure a safe transition between school and parents. Please can you ensure you complete this form indicating pick up time. It is recommended that day pupils go home and return in suitable warm and waterproof attire.

There will be no dogs on site.

Car parking stewards will direct you to the parking areas. Please park in the designated areas and do not park on the road. If you require disabled parking please inform reception by Monday 31 October.

HOUSE SONG

What an amazing House Song event! Well done to all of the staff and pupils that performed this morning, it was fantastic! Thank you also to the parents that attended, we hope you enjoyed the event and managed to sing-along to some of the songs. Also, a big congratulations to Angles for being crowned the winners! We will be posting the full video and pictures from the event on our social channels soon.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are giants!

In 1675, Sir Isaac Newton said, 'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.' More recently Rag n' Bone Man, in his song 'Giant', includes the words, 'I would be nothing without you holding me up, now I'm strong enough for both of us, I am the giant, stand up on my shoulders, tell me what you see...' In the Bible it says, 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

You are giants, sometimes you may notice it and many times you will not. Your gifts of support, encouragement, care, make you the giant on whose shoulders others may stand. They may not realise it at the time, you may not know it ever, however the work you do, the example you set, the hope you provide, will be the giant that strides into the future.

Rag n' Bone Man's lyrics were originally written to thank his parents and to say how he now is wanting to support them too. Being a giant is about you being there, consistent in your values and behaviours. Standing on your shoulders others will see further, see new possibilities, dream bigger. The fruit of the spirit is a great benchmark for the qualities and behaviours of true giants: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Everyone needs a 'giant'. You may not know if you are the giant, your actions and values will determine that. Who are your giants? Have you ever let them know? Perhaps this week you can.

Dear God,

Thank you that as I place my hope and trust in you,
You promise to renew my strength.
Help me today to be a giant, to live out the fruit of the Spirit.
Help me, in your strength, to soar on wings like eagles;
Help me, in your strength, to run and not grow weary;
Help me, in your strength, to walk and not be faint.
Thank you that you are my giant, always.

Amen

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Offer a genuine compliment to everyone you speak with this week. Look for something good in everyone and let them know, however big or small, with sincerity and a smile.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Monday 10 October was World Mental Health Awareness Day. The Prep School started with an assembly led by Rev Kitto on how we can build a healthy relationship with ourselves alongside others. A few ideas...

Get enough sleep - try going to bed 10 minutes earlier and see what you notice Do things you enjoy and have them to look forward to - read a book, draw, get outside, phone a friend Look in the mirror when you clean your teeth and think of something good that has happened that day Try to focus on positive not the negative Talking kindly to ourselves - sometimes it's harder to be kind to ourselves than others Enjoy spending time with others - it is really good for our wellbeing Little steps, do what you can

For parents, here are some recources that you might find helpful.



MONITORS

This week Year 8 School and Chapel Monitors had some training on how to be 'a good monitor' and 'how to form healthy relationships with their peers'. The training was delivered by Reverend Kitto, who is a great listener herself. Everyone went away with tips and tricks which they will be putting into practise when they are on duty. You can spot a Monitor around school by their blue monitor badge.



BEATBOXING MASTERCLASS

This week our pupils were treated to a beatboxing masterclass by the World Champion 'Beatbox Hobbit'. As well as learning the basic skills, they enjoyed an amazing performance from Jack! It was something new for the pupils, they absolutely loved it.



CUSHION CONCERT

On Thursday we hosted our first Cushion Concert of the academic year and what a lovely evening it was. With a vast array of musical performances on offer, the audience was transported all the way from the Classical period to the modern day, musical theatre. We were delighted to be joined by pupils from the Pre-Prep all the way up to Year 5 and even had some pupils performing in public for the very first time; an amazing achievement. It was brilliant to see so many talented musicians on display, and is wonderful to see the pace at which they are progressing.

SOUNDSCAPES AND SHADOW



Last Friday saw the annual concert collaboration between the art and music departments, this year entitled 'Soundscapes and Shadow'. In a dimmed pavilion, audience members were invited to shine lights on old, disused instruments to create shadows that, alongside the beautiful music provided by 14 musicians, then inspired painting in hues of multiple shades of blue. Huge enjoyment was had by all involved and the resulting artwork was absolutely beautiful. Everyone was very impressed with the exceptional standard of music performed by our pupils (several of whom performed multiple pieces on more than one instrument) and the audience was treated to an eclectic mix of styles and genres - everything from rock classics performed on the drum kit, through to songs from musicals and classical masterpieces - all of which provided artistic inspiration. Special thanks must go to the two art scholars from the Millfield who came to help proceedings and provide some guidance! A lovely evening was had by all, and congratulations must go to all the musicians who performed so beautifully on the night. Well done! To view all of the photos from the event, click the camera icon next to the title.

Amelia Ballard - flute
Hugo Brock - French horn and piano
Tom Brimacombe - piano
Max Meyers - drums
Jason Shi - cello and piano
Georgina Fraser - French horn and voice
Álvaro Velasco López - violin
Freddie Goldby - trombone
Seb Guthrie - drums
Sam Xu - piano
Freddie Gray - double bass and French horn
Frederick Horgan - violin
Fofia Vylgina - violin
Muna Ikazoboh - voice













JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Oreo is going home with **Zoe Gardner** in Year 3. Zoe listens well to instructions and gets on without causing a fuss. She is keen to try new things and does so with a smile on her face and a skip in her step! Well done, Zoe!



LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Yana Kapur** in Year 8 for being Linguist of the week! Yana started Year 8 as a beginner and is working so hard in and out of class. She listens well, is using her notes in all that she does, asks questions and is making great progress already. Well done Yana!



YEAR 6 SUPPORTERS

The Year 6 supporters were announced to the school in assembly on Monday. The supporters will be working with pupils in the younger years to support them at play times, with their friendships and with their reading, amongst other things. Well done to all. The Supporters are: Florie Weare, Wills Jackman, Orlagh Wadeson, Hester Johnson, Amelia Speyers, Olivia Hudson, Kitty Danner, Elsie Seager,



Elsie Sessions-Hodge, Tammy Richardson, Lily Young, Florence Collins, Florence Taylor, Oliver Greatrex, Posy Lewis, Georgina Fraser and Dixie Cowan.

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) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

The fourth word for this term is...

French - Le VTT

- 1) Skateboard
- 2) Mountain bike
- 3) Scooter

SCIENCE 8

Year 7 have been learning about ecology and the different habitats we have at school. They have learnt about random sampling versus a transect to investigate different hypotheses, using a quadrat. How could you survey the different animals in your garden?

Year 8 finished their topic on reproduction by extracting DNA from a banana! This molecule contains all the information needed to make a new living thing and is folded up very cleverly inside every cell in your body. Did you know, we have approx. 50% the same DNA as a banana?!



FOREST SCHOOL

Friday 14 is National Forest School Day. We are lucky enough to have three different woods to play and learn in here on site, as well as two orchards and lots of fields. Being outside offers the children a chance to connect with nature, learn how to care for their environment, explore the curriculum in a hands on way and practice lots of skills like communication and their own safety management. This week in junior forest school, we made leaf kebabs and used them to inspire some storytelling, before adding them as decoration to our dens. Enjoy the autumnal colours over half term!



FOOD TECH

This week our Year 4 pupils have been making Couscous!



SHAPWICK HEATH NATURE RESERVE





Several of the Year 8 rugby boys were selected to visit Shapwick Heath Nature reserve this week. It was a good opportunity for the boys to do some voluntary work and give something back to the local community before embarking on their rugby tour to Dubai. In one hour on the reserve, they managed to fill eight black bags of plastic rubbish. Well done boys, an impressive amount of work in a short space of time! Enjoy your trip.



BOARDING 10

BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR

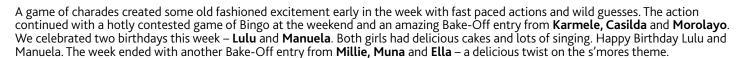


We can't believe that half term is here! What a fantastic start to the year the Manor boys have had. We are so pleased with how well they have all settled, and it has just been lovely getting to know them all. The boys had a super pizza making evening this week, where they were let loose with rolling the dough and loading the pizzas with a variety of toppings. Needless to say, they were demolished. This week has seen lots of birthdays, some of which we were celebrating in advance due to the holiday. The boys have loved the pizza, and a range of cakes and donuts. Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Ollie, Olly, Will and Henry!













BOARDING

BEREWALL **V**

The week before half term has been a busy one for the Berewall boys. The boys have made a huge effort to be up to speed with their schoolwork and packing, so they can have a relaxing, much needed break. They can all be very proud of their efforts so far and we go again in two weeks when we return. We have celebrated two birthdays this week, for **Felix** and **Daniel**, who are the newest teenagers in the house! The singing was as loud as ever; hopefully, the house singing on Friday will have some tune to go with it! Good luck to the 14, who are off on tour to Dubai, do us all proud boys!





CHESTNUT

After the final ASFL of the half term, we hosted the annual Chestnut Conker Championships in the autumnal setting of the floodlit court. The boys carefully selected their conker, which they tied to a piece of string, before battling it out round by round. Some of the boys were very accurate but were let down by their conkers! **Louis** was crowned this year's champion and he will look forward to defending his crown next year!





CHAMPION

With half term fast approaching, the Champion girls have been as busy as ever. On Friday they were lucky enough to be invited to join in with the art and sound concert in the Pavilion. They really enjoyed getting messy, although our wonderful Evening Helpers didn't quite share their enthusiasm for so much blue paint! On Saturday evening, all the girls headed to the assembly hall for what must be described as the highlight of the term so far! Mrs Smith and Mrs Blair organised a fashion show with a difference – all the costumes that the girls made came from upcycling and recycling items we already had. The costumes were amazing and the girls even had their own red carpet! Click on our twitter icon to watch some of the videos! Sunday was a lovely relaxing day with the boarders' trip to the cinema, followed by board games in house before supper. Wishing all our families a restful half term.





BRILLIANT BOARDERS

HOLLIES

Saskia is Hollies' Brilliant Boarder this term. Despite being new to boarding at the beginning of term, she has quickly become accustomed to routines, developed friendships and involved herself in many aspects of school life. She can also always be counted on to lend a hand when needed.

CHAMPION



Our Brilliant Boarder for this half term simply has to be Gracie. Gracie was appointed Head of House for the autumn term and it is easy to see why. Despite being so busy with netball and hockey, Gracie will still find the time to help anyone; she often sees tasks that need completing and will do them without being asked. Gracie is a super role model for our younger boarders; well done Gracie!

CHESTNUT

The Chestnut Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Henry**. He only started in September and you would think he's been here for years. He has settled into boarding life extremely well. He is kind, thoughtful, organised and helpful around the house.

BEREWALL



The Berewall Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Daniel**. He has been a superstar; a superb role model for his peers with incredible kindness and positivity. He has a very busy schedule that requires amazing organisation. He has had an injury, which made him miss some of his beloved sport, but he listened to the advice given, he rested and returned in super quick time....and all with a big smile. Well done Daniel, we are very proud of you.'

EDGARLEY MANOR



Edgarley Manor's Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Guille**. Guille has been excellent around the house and helped staff and fellow boarders with many tasks. He is also organised and a great role model to the other boys.

WELLS CLEAN UP

Some of our boarding pupils took a trip to Wells Cathedral to help pick up rubbish from the green area. Great work by everyone involved, it is always great to help the local community.





SPORTING NEWS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Eight Millfield Prep pupils won a combined 22 medals at the 2022 Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run European Championships in Greece. The pupils were accompanied by Pentathlon GB Team Managers Howard Jones and Mick Flaherty for Biathle and Triathle, and Phil Hobbs for Pentathlon GB and team Coach Bill Bland for Laser Run. It was an action-packed week for our athletes, many of whom competed in more than one event.

Triathle -

U11 – Ella Delin placed 3rd and won Team GB Gold.

U13 – **Iona Murray** came 1st becoming the 2022 European Triathle Champion. **Vienna Townsend** placed 2nd. Both won Team GB Gold. **Ruby Bodman** placed 6th.

Mixed Relay – Iona Murray came 1st becoming the 2022 European Mixed Relay Champion.

Biathle -

U11 - Millie Edwards-Newnham placed 2nd, Sophia Edwards-Newnham placed 3rd. Both won Team GB Gold. Amelia Speyers placed 4th.

Mixed Relay – Amelia Speyers came first becoming the 2022 European Champion. Millie Edwards-Newnham placed 2nd.

U13 – Ruby Bodman placed 2nd, Vienna Townsend placed 3rd. Both won Team GB Gold.

Mixed Relay - Vienna Townsend placed 2nd, Ruby Bodman placed 3rd.

Laser Run -

U13 – Vienna Townsend came 1st becoming the 2022 European Laser Run Champion. **Eva Dowden** placed 9th. Mixed Relay - Vienna came 1st becoming 2022 European Mixed Relay Champion.





FOOTBALL 14

On Sunday, we welcomed 12 schools to Millfield for the South West IAPS U11 Qualifiers. Matches were just eight-minutes long, resulting in high intensity football and guaranteed excitement for spectators. Millfield finished fourth in the group, meaning they qualified for the Cup Competition. In a tense quarter-final, they took Hall Grove to golden goal and then to penalties after. A great experience for the team!





Crosfields School hosted Millfield in what was to be a great game of football. Millfield applied the pressure straight from the first whistle, but were caught on the counter-attack and were punished by Crosfields, who took the lead through a stunning half volley. Millfield heads did not drop however, as they continued to consistently attack in waves. The breakthrough came from **Daniel Aiyewumi**, whose long distance effort beat the keeper to make it 1-1. The game would then run into extra-time, with **Alex Tomlinson** making it 2-1 with minutes to play. A well organised Millfield defence denied Crosfields any late opportunities to equalise. The team also played a string of tough games in the IAPS tournament, after a long journey to Danes Hill School. The squad demonstrated leadership, coordination and teamwork throughout in what was a very competitive tournament.





The U12A team welcomed Port Regis for a development fixture on Saturday afternoon. Some fantastic attacking play was on show and the team continues to develop week on week. Wednesday then saw the arrival of The Taunton Academy for a round two fixture in the EFSA Cup. In a hotly contested first half, some superb attacking play was met by brilliance from the Taunton goalkeeper who pulled off a string of first-class saves. The deadlock was eventually broken with a 2-0 score line at half-time courtesy of **Stanley Saxton** and **Cupar Jamieson**. The combination of Millfield intensity and a key injury to the Taunton goalkeeper in the second-half saw Millfield win the match. A special mention to goalkeeper **Toby Wong** with an 10-minute second-half cameo on the right wing resulting in two goals from some superb finishing.

HOCKEY 15

The U12A girls hockey team have had a good end to the term with some excellent training sessions finished off with a comprehensive victory against Queen's College, Taunton's U13B team. Rest up over half term as there are many more fixtures ahead!





EQUESTRIAN

Emily Gulliver and her 128's had a tremendous Horse of the Year competition in the 128 Championships, finishing second on Peppi and sixth on Dusty. Emily also jumped Bruce in the Foxhunter Championships (the youngest competitor by quite some margin). Emily has also secured her place at Olympia during the Christmas period, where she will be looking to take top honours this time!







SAILING

On Wednesday, 12 sailors took part in the Millfield Prep Schools' Autumn Regatta. Conditions were tough with winds reaching 18 knots and the sailors did brilliantly just to keep themselves upright over a long and challenging course. Our top boat helmed by **Theo Taylor** and crewed by **Noah Bicknell** came in an impressive fourth place. Well done to everyone!



In conjunction with the Senior School, three Prep pupils attended the NSSA National Indoor Championships at Hemel Hempstead. **Lucinda Heffron** finished third in U14 and the team (with **Liberty Warman** and **Lilly Wilson**) were second in the junior girls category overall. A great achievement so early in the term, well done!



RUGBY

The U10s performed excellently at their rugby festival this week! Great teamwork and communication led to some fantastic rugby on display. We are looking forward to even more fixtures after half term.



SWIMMING

The Prep swimmers competed alongside the Senior School swimmers in the first round of the Arena league Competition, which was held in Newport. It was a fun afternoon with the Prep swimmers displaying great skills and technquies. The Millfield teams were in exellent form, winning the first round. We are looking forward to round two in November! Well done to: **Emily Hughes, Tumi Makinde, Charlie Phipps, James Pearce, Freddie Marsh, Polly Warman, Lois Murray, Letizia Correa Garma, Isabelle Paterson** and **Kruze Frampton.**



CLIMBING

Three pupils entered The Schools Bouldering League in Bristol this week. This competition runs over the year with pupils gaining points for reaching different zones over 20 different climbs. It was a brilliant start showing determination and creativity for round one, with a great score card so far for **Bailey Baron**, **Harry Jones** and **Doris Fields**; well done!







NEWSLETTER











MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Pre-Prep have had an amazing start to this academic year, sharing so many opportunities and experiences together, in and out of the classroom. Ask your child what has been their highlight of the year so far?

We have been helping our school community to be a happy and positive place to learn and play. We have learnt that smiles and laughter are contagious and manners are free. Being kind, helpful, supportive and respectful makes Pre-Prep the best place to learn. Ask your child how they help others to be happy? Or how they turn frowns upside down? We have also been talking about what we need to do to get a little bit better. Patience, determination, making mistakes, practice and positivity all help us to improve. No matter how small the step, we will get there in the end. Ask your child what they want to get better at this year?

It has been a busy six weeks and the children are ready for the break to recharge in preparation for another fun packed half term of learning. Enjoy the time together, send in photos and messages of your adventures, pumpkin carvings, Halloween costumes and exploring the outdoors in the autumn colours.

Best wishes, Mr Jory

A SUPER HEALTHY BREAKFAST





The EYFS pupils were treated to a healthy breakfast by our Chartwells Team at Millfield Prep. Find out what they ate to feed their superhero powers on the next page!

KEY DATES

Monday 31 October Return to school

EYFS 19

A BREAKFAST WORTHY OF SUPERHEROES!

Thank you so much to the catering team for making the EYFS children an amazing healthy breakfast this morning. We looked for all of our superheroes in our foods and found Captian Active, Professor Protein, Aqua and The Green Guardians. It was supper yummy and super fun. Now to clean our teeth!















TADPOLES 20

AUTUMN WREATHS

The Tadpoles have been busy making autumn wreaths to hang up at home this week. We used sponges to decorate them with paint and wrapped different coloured wool around them. We went out for an autumn walk and found lots of leaves on the ground so we collected them and brought them inside to add to our wreaths. Beautiful work Tadpoles!



FROGS 21

SPIDER SNACKS

After our visit from Lisa, the dental hygienist, the Frogs practised cleaning the toys teeth. They were very thorough and remembered to use circular movements and to hold the brush at an angle. Continuing with our spider theme from last week, the Frogs made themselves a spider snack! We focused on shape, choosing two crackers the same size, counting out eight legs and two eyes and using a knife to spread our filling. They were great fun to make, but even more delicious to eat!















FROGS & RECEPTION 22

FOREST SCHOOL FUN

The Frogs and Reception children had a fantastic, sunny morning at Forest School last week. They enjoyed collecting conkers, bug-hunting, balancing along the rope bridge and making s'mores over the campfire. What a way to spend the morning! The Frogs and Reception also had a visit from Lisa the dental hygienist. She talked to us about what a dentist does and what they wear. Lisa also taught us how to look after our teeth: brush for two minutes, twice a day, holding the brush at an angle and making circular movements to clean the tooth. We looked at food and drinks that are good for our teeth and ones that are bad for our teeth. We even met Freddie the dragon and helped him to clean his teeth.



RECEPTION 23

THE CASE OF THE MISSING EVIL PEA

The Superhero Academy presents... 'The Case of the Missing Evil Pea'. The Reception superheroes have been busy preparing for their blockbuster movie. They designed and painted their own capes ready for filming day. We had a big group discussion where they designed the script and made a list of props. We set off round the grounds to shoot the movie and the children all did amazingly. We also had a big movie day, where the classroom was turned into a cinema and tickets were created to invite our Frog and Tadpole friends to watch.











RECEPTION 24

SUPER-VEGGIES

You might be wondering how the case of the missing Evil Pea started? Well, on Thursday last week, the children returned from lunch to see that the Evil Pea had trapped all of the vegetables. The children then found a way to free the veggies and turned them into Super-Veggies. We had so much fun!



YEAR 1

BLAST OFF!

5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Blast Off! This week, we have been launching our rockets on the playground. The children carefully made their rockets last week, following their design and solving many problems along the way. Then came the day to fire them into space. The children loved this activity and used words like dissolving, bubbles, gas and pressure to explain how the rockets were sent into the air.



YEAR 2 25

KINDNESS AND SHARING

As part of the RE programme this term, the children have been looking at kindness and sharing. We read 'The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes'. This tells the story of Jesus performing one of his miracles - feeding 5000 of his followers with only a few loaves of bread and some fish. The children then made one small loaf of bread and shared it equally between the whole class.













MINIS NEWS



MINIS SCIENCE

The Minis had great fun being scientists last week investigating seeds, magnetic materials and sinking and floating. There was a lot of popping and fizzing at our extremely smelly chemical reactions station and the Minis were busy making their own potions in our science lab. We investigated friction by pushing our cars along different surfaces and loved making our absorbent butterflies to take home. Great work Mini scientists!

















