



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

The weeks seem to be flying by at the moment and I cannot believe that this time last week we were gearing up for our Fireworks Event. It was such a good turn out for what I thought was a lovely evening. Thank you to Chartwells for catering and huge thanks to the team of parent volunteers who worked in the busiest sweet van I think I have ever seen!

Earlier this week I met with many of those same parents who had given their time last Friday, as we began the preparations for the re-launch of the Parents and Friends Association. You will soon receive some communication from the school on behalf of the PFA about classlist. This is an app and platform designed to enable easier and more efficient communication between parents, that will give you as the MPS parent community an easy place to connect, to share helpful information and

for the PFA to fundraise and organize future events. Please keep your eyes peeled for an email about it soon.

As ever I have enjoyed the vast breadth of things that have happened this week. From a fantastic boarders' trip to Twickenham, to seeing the brilliant houses that the Frogs built out of foam bricks in the Pre-Prep – there has been so much going on. Many pupils have enjoyed sporting successes this week both in team and individual events. I was delighted to be there to see the U11 girls' team crowned as IAPS Regional Champions and we wish them all the very best for the National Finals in Cheltenham today.

Well done to **Maya S J D C** whose beautiful card was chosen from some outstanding entries as the winner of the Christmas card competition. I have to say that I am slightly shocked that it means I will have to start writing my Christmas cards soon – how can it be that time of year has come around again so swiftly!

Of course most importantly today the whole school gathered for a moving Remembrance Service. Earlier in the day we were given chance to reflect in assembly as Mr Lovell talked about the contribution his grandfather had made to the war and showed us the medals that he had been awarded. Our Service this morning next to 'the Tommy' was a fitting and moving tribute to those who sacrificed so much for us.

Yours,

Dan

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REMEMBRANCE DAY



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's 'Picture of the week' is this fantastic stone carving by **Sam J 8NE/LSF**.



Anti-Bullying Week

This year, we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week (**14-18 November**) by having an Odd Socks Day on **Monday 14 November**. Pupils are asked to wear normal school uniform, with the addition of odd socks, or tights and socks etc. Families are not expected to make a charitable donation, but if you so wish to then we will ensure that all donations go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. As in previous years, the children will be signposted to support in and outside of school, how to look after themselves and others and to be respectful of all individuals in our community. We will also look at what bullying is and the difference between unkindness and bullying. We will also emphasise the use of our anonymous reporting and worries tool, Tootoot.



**This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and reach out
to stop bullying.**

**REACH
OUT**

**Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November**
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut



Non-Uniform Day

Friday 18 November is Children in Need Day and we will be joining in with the rest of the country to raise money for good causes. Prep pupils can wear non-uniform to school! Please bring a donation of £2 to go towards the charity.

This year's theme encourages you to be SPOTacular with lots of fun ways to raise money and take part in the appeal.

Exeat weekend

The school will shut at 3.45pm on **Friday 18 November** for exeat weekend. There will be no clubs, activities, games, late stay etc. Traffic is likely to be high on campus so please try to arrive at your allocated time slots for year groups or it will block the campus. Siblings are able to be picked up together at earlier time slots. Please make sure your children are aware of times and venues to avoid any confusion. If parents are able to pick up children in Years 3 & 4 at 3.30pm then that would be most appreciated to ease congestion otherwise their pick up is 3.45pm Martins Lane.

Pre-Prep - 3.15 Staff car park
Year 3 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 4 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 5 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 6 - 4.00pm Martin's Lane
Year 7 - 3.45pm Reception car park
Year 8 - 4.00pm Reception car park

Collection

Please can parents come into Reception when they collect their children outside of normal finishing times. This is particularly important with the dark evenings.

Mobile Contact

We ask that parents do not contact their child throughout the school day; pupils should not be accessing messages via mobile devices, and should there be any emergency the school will contact parents.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Everyone wants happiness, no one wants pain.
But you can't have a rainbow without a little rain.

POETS' CORNER

Henry's Cat by Henry I

He walks like a mini boss,
On his way to get his food.
You can hear his gentle breathing
As he has a gentle snooze.

He's a beautiful black cat,
With green hazel eyes and
He looks like he is wearing cute little socks
Because his paws are as white
As white as beach rocks.

Mr Marshall
My mellow cat,
I love to hug you
Even if
You don't want me to!
My special friend, I don't mind
That you claim
My bed.

Ms Hughes says: I really enjoyed this poem – it uses the senses, a simile and imagery to create a picture of Mr Marshall, it has a rhyme scheme and then breaks into free verse. It also switches to second person – can you spot where? What is the effect of that? Well done **Henry!**

By Enid M

In The Fields Where Poppies Lie

In the fields where poppies lie,
The larks sing, up, high, in the sky,
We remember those who died.

In the fields where poppies lie,
The larks cry, up, high, in the sky,
We wear poppies on our chests
As a reminder, a blood red crest.

In the fields where poppies lie,
The larks call, up, high, in the sky,
We listen and remind
We mustn't leave their memory behind.

In the fields where poppies lie,
The larks soar, up, high, in the sky,
The last post calls out,
Silence is due,
We lay out our wreaths and memories, too.

In the fields where poppies lie,
The larks fly, up, high, in the sky,
We remember those who died.

JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week, Miffy and Oreo are going home with **Matilda I** and **Layla S. Layla** was awarded Oreo for demonstrating some superb inquiry and communication skills on Year 3's recent trip to Dorchester to visit the Tutankhamen exhibition. **Matilda** has shown some superb acts of kindness this week, particularly looking after a friend who had received some very sad news recently. Well done to both!



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.

Latin - **Locus**

- 1) locust
- 2) a place
- 3) a lake

LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

This week's Linguist of the Week award goes to **Maya S J D C** for her excellent work ethic and fantastic progress in both Latin and French. She always does her very best in completing all tasks set, goes above and beyond in project work and her independent studies, and is getting superb results because of all her hard work. Above all **Maya** is a kind, compassionate and caring classmate and always helps others if she can. Well done to **Maya** who gets an HMC for her award.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER

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Congratulations to **Maya S J D C**, the winner of the Millfield Prep School Christmas Card design competition 2022 with this lovely design below, chosen by Mr Thornburn and the Heads of School.

Mr Thornburn will be sending the printed cards to all his school contacts so it will be representing Millfield Prep, far and wide. Well done to all who entered, there were some great designs to choose from and it was clear that much effort was put into the drawings and concepts.

BOARDERS' TRIP TO TWICKENHAM

We took over 60 boarders to Twickenham on Sunday among a crowd of 80,000. Chartwells kindly arranged for the boarders to have supper at the ground from one of the food stalls!

The Millfield Prep Boarders had a brilliant time watching England vs Argentina. It was a very long day but everyone had a wonderful time cheering on England. The final score of 29-30 was a little disappointing but they still had lots of fun, and it was certainly an experience they'll never forget!



During one of their Computing & ICT lessons over the next two weeks, Year 7 pupils will be taking part in the national Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

What is the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge?

Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Informatics (Computer Science) and computational thinking among school pupils at all ages. The challenges are made up of a set of short problems called Bebras tasks and are delivered online. The tasks are fun, engaging and based on problems that Computer Scientists often meet and enjoy solving. The tasks are solved without prior knowledge, but instead require logical thinking.

What is Computational Thinking?

Computational thinking allows us to take a complex problem, understand what the problem is and develop possible solutions. We can then present these solutions in a way that a computer, a human, or both, can understand.

The four cornerstones of computational thinking:

- Decomposition – breaking down a complex problem or system into smaller, more manageable parts.
- Pattern recognition – looking for similarities among and within problems.
- Abstraction – focusing on the important information only, ignoring irrelevant detail.
- Algorithms – developing a step-by-step solution to the problem, or the rules to follow to solve the problem.

Each cornerstone is as important as the others. They are like legs on a table – if one leg is missing, the table will probably collapse. Correctly applying all four techniques will help when programming a computer. Some of these tasks will be difficult, but I'm sure our pupils will rise to the challenge and enjoy having a go at solving them.

Mr. J M A Ford
Head of Computing & ICT



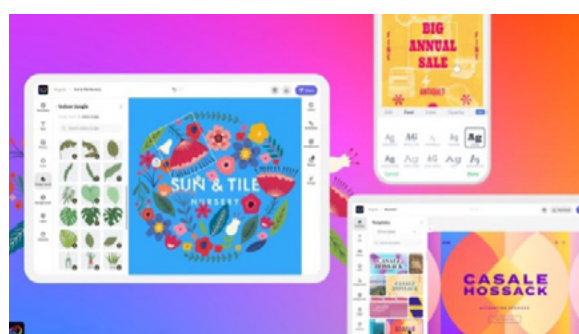
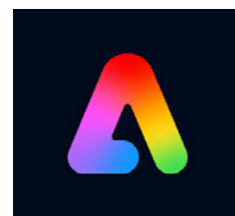
Adobe Creativity Workshops

On Friday 4 November, we were very lucky to have Amanda Wolanski from the Tablet Academy join us for the day to run some creativity workshops. Pupils from Years 5 and 6 were split into groups and attended a series of hour-long workshops throughout the day, where they were introduced to Adobe Express.

During the workshops the pupils were shown how to create professional looking logos and were then tasked with the job of creating a logo for the Millfield Prep Eco Committee. The pupils worked really well, showed real creativity and created some excellent logos.

What is Adobe Express?

Adobe Express gives pupils and educators everything they need to confidently create stand out graphics, photos, presentations, web pages, videos and express themselves in unique and beautiful ways both inside and outside the classroom. It is designed for those who creatively want an easy way to express themselves by editing photos, designing graphics and flyers, making videos, and much more.

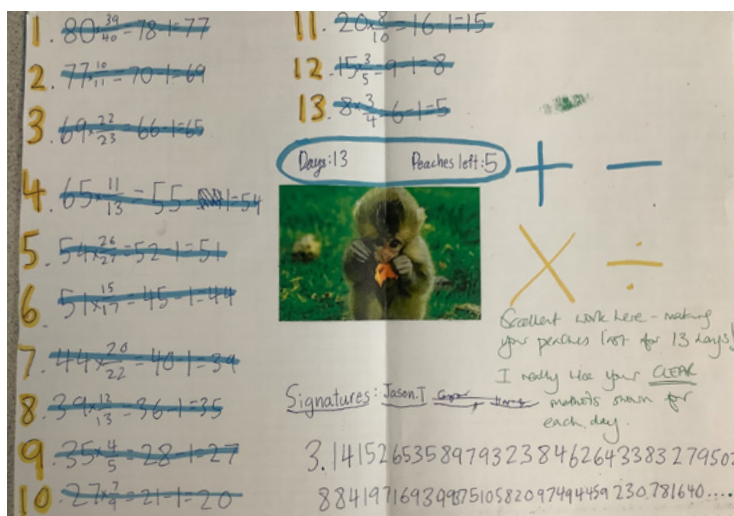
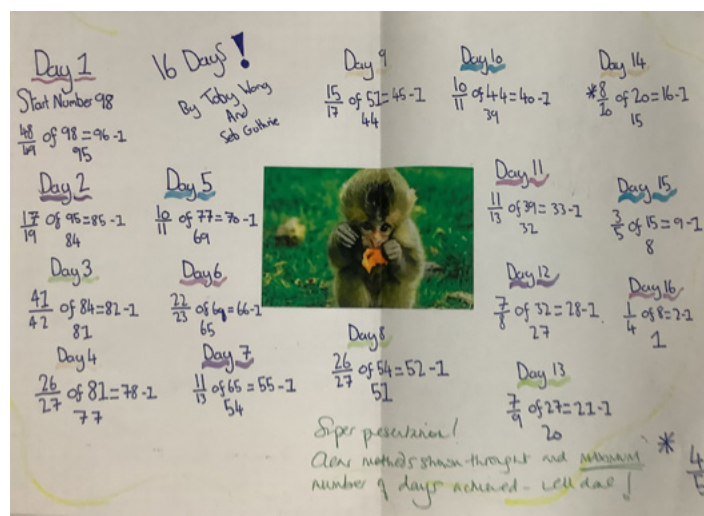


MATHS - THE MONKEY PROBLEM

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The Monkey Problem

This week, Year 7 mathematicians have been completing an investigation from the NRich website, called 'The Monkey Problem'. The investigation requires pupils to consider which fractions to use to make the monkey's peaches last for the maximum number of days. Pupils struggled through the frustration of obtaining prime numbers of peaches and then having to work backwards and consider what fraction would be best to try next. The teamwork demonstrated was outstanding and pupils created some superb, neat versions of their investigations for their books.



SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

The last two weeks spent at Shapwick Nature reserve have been very productive. The boys were tasked with clearing brambles that had got out of control - they quickly made an impact and the fence line was able to reappear. This week, the girls were treated to a beautiful setting with a double rainbow appearing over us! They too set to work quickly and helped to pollard (cut back the dead wood) from the willow trees growing alongside the ditches. Great work by everyone! Well done.



BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR

The week has flown by and the boys have been busy with a wide range of activities and exciting things going on. The bonfire night was a great success and enjoyed by all of our boys. Some of the house went to the Twickenham rugby game on Sunday and had a fantastic time. Some quieter times this week have involved nachos around the table and a game of Millfield Monopoly. The boys were very impressed that Edgarley Manor made it onto the board!



CHESTNUT

The weather has been a little wet and wild recently, but there was a suitable gap on Wednesday evening to venture up to the forest behind Chestnut, to sit around the camp fire to tell spooky stories and jokes. Once the fire died down to embers Mrs Duke helped them all make S'mores (toasted marshmallows squashed between two chocolate digestives to make a very sugary sandwich!). Some of the boys toasted the marshmallows for a little bit too long, achieving a 'caramelised effect' (AKA burnt) but they were all eaten anyway!

On Tuesday, the Year 6 boys played a pool tournament with **Jonah** being crowned the winner. This was a good warm up for when the whole house tournament starts soon.



BEREWALL

This week, the Berewall boys have been enjoying their downtime after the rigours of another busy week. We are lucky to have a piano in house and it has been great to see our musicians practising. On Thursday morning, the boys waved goodbye to **Rayaan**, who left house to fly to Poland, where he will be competing in the Polish Junior Squash Open...good luck **Rayaan**!



HOLLIES

It has been an explosive week this week with a spectacular firework display to mark Bonfire Night. The girls enjoyed hot chocolate and treats while watching the show. Many of the girls continued the excitement with a trip to watch England play at Twickenham – a memorable experience! Well done to the girls who have been working hard sitting trial scholarship exams this week. We wish you all luck. Finally, happy birthday to **Zoe** and **Vivienne** who have both had celebrations this week.



CHAMPION

It's been another busy week at Champion. There was a lot of excitement ahead of the fireworks on Friday and what a great display we saw. Champion Bake-Off resumed on Tuesday as the teams went head-to-head. On Wednesday evening some of our juniors took part in our 'Change Your Duvet' challenge; well done to **Masha** and **Naledi** who changed a duvet in the quickest time. A jelly bean game caused some giggles as the girls tried flavours such as dirty dishwasher! Elsewhere thoughts headed towards Christmas and a few great designs were created.



SPORTING NEWS

RUGBY TOUR VIDEO

The previous link for the rugby tour video may not have worked for everyone. Here is a new link for the video:
<https://youtu.be/QTvYwDKDUeg>

CROSS COUNTRY

It has been a busy week for the runners. Two boys teams went to the races at Leweston school. They all ran very strongly and won the team prize. **Xavier B, Tristan A** and **Henry M** finished first, second and third.

Teams: **Xavier B, Tristan A, Henry M, Daniel A, Cello J-R, Mateo E, Isaac C, Rhodri M.**

Tuesday saw the runners in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 compete in race two of the five race Mendip Junior League races. Our runners seemed to be further up the field than in the last race and we wait for the official results to be published on the Mendip Athletics website.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who have helped and supported the events.

Good luck to our two senior teams at the regional final of the English Schools Cup this weekend, where they will be trying to qualify for the national finals.





GOLF

The Millfield Prep golfers have had busy half terms with lots of play at their local golf courses. **Zane B** has been playing excellent golf and reduced his handicap to 8. Due to his performances, he has qualified to play in the Champion of Champions World Championships. **Zane** will play 54 holes over three days at the Lough Erne Golf Resort in Enniskillen Northern Ireland against some of the best junior golfers in the world.

Lucia M M has worked hard on her full swing and played multiple competitions over half term reducing her handicap by a staggering 12 shots!

Isobel R and **Joshua W** played a 9-hole event at Wedmore GC, and both won their age groups with **Isobel** also finishing runner up in the Order of Merit for the whole season. The following pupils all attended county trials and every single one of them are now in the county coaching set ups which will involve winter training sessions and representing Somerset next summer.

Isobel R, Matilda R-C, Georgie P, Hattie I, Zane B, Alexander L, Jack I, Tate S-D and Oliver H. Well done to all. It's great to see their hard work getting rewards.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

2023 QUALIFIERS FROM THE
EUROPEAN JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

AIDEN HUGHES
AMBER THORP
ALVIN FAN
ARCHIE GREENWOOD JOWETT
CASPER BODDANT
CHARLIE JENKINS
EDISON BUTLER
ELIAS ALLSOP-PRESTOE
ELIJAH GIBBONS
ETHAN KINSKI
FALLON SAWYERS GRANDON
FRASIER WITHERS
FREDDIE BILLOWS
HARRY HALL
HENRY BALE
HENRY MALPASS
KIAN ZHOU
LINCOLN LOCKWOOD
LORELAI CLOSE
LIONELLA VARRUZA
MAI NGUYEN
MAXTON VIDANO
MIA ROBINSON
MILES PAYNE
NINA FISCHER
NIAL DIWAN
OLIVER BOACH
OSCAR SMYTH
RAEF DIWAN
ROMAN KULYK
SERAN DEVLIN
SULLY DONALD
TOBY GOODING
VIVIANE ENHARDT
WILL BERKINGTON
YUVAN PATEL
ZACHARY FISCHER
ZANE BIGNELL



Zane B at Wedmore.



Matilda R C, Georgie P, Hattie I and Isobel R all in the Somerset County girls set up.

Everley rode an excellent test for her first affiliated competition in a competitive class and we are pleased to say that her and Diddles came first. We were so pleased to start her affiliated journey on such a positive note (prize money was a bonus).



Tommy and his horse Colmena having a bit of down time together probably discussing tactic for their next competition.

Larissa M on her new horse Honey Bee



Vaasvi and Quin jumping



Elsie and Zorro! They came second at Plumpton in half term.





Zoe and her horse sonny enjoying a Wednesday afternoon jumping session.



Besties riding together.



Isabella W played in a tennis tournament in Wellington over the weekend. She did really well and came second, well done!



It was great to welcome Callum Gowling from Liquid Sport Psychology this week. Callum delivered an on-court session to pupils before presenting to parents later in the afternoon, discussing all things tennis psychology. You can watch the full presentation by clicking the link below.

<https://youtu.be/Ec1MMtFzfP8>



Congratulations to **Seb G, Ryan M, Hugo B** and **George L** on their selection for Somerset U14 Hockey. As well as **Alex T** and **Jasmine C** for their selection for Devon U14 Hockey.

U11 GIRLS HOCKEY COMPETITION

Well done to our U11 girls hockey team who won the regional qualifying competition hosted at Millfield Senior School. Thank you to Mrs Bodman for organising and our senior school coaches for umpiring. In the group stages our team started strongly, passing the ball well and working hard to support our team mates. Progressing to the knockout phase we won the quarterfinal knowing a victory in the Semi qualified the team for the Prep School Finals. We scraped home against a strong Sandroyd team. In the final against a brilliant Lambrook team we conceded and went behind for the first time in the competition. Quick free hits and team work saw our girls fight back to win the final.

Congratulations to all 9 players and have fun at the finals!



CLIMBING

Harry competed in the final league competition on Saturday in Plymouth and came second in the individual competition, third in the South-West region overall and has qualified for the Nationals later in November.



On the 7 of November, 90 Millfield and Millfield Prep School athletes attended the South West Biathlon at Bath University. We are so proud of everyone that competed. For some, this was their first biathlon and they loved their first experience of the sport. For others, this was a more competitive event and a selection of pupils have qualified for the National School Finals in March 2023. This event was a big, Millfield team affair, and it was wonderful to see team support, great effort and smiles by all.

Year 3 Girls

Evelyn D - 2nd
Isobel R - 4th
Grace S - 8th
Overall team 1st

Year 4 Boys

Cooper L - 2nd
Max W - 5th
William P - 29th
Overall team 1st

Year 4 Girls

Rosie K - 7th
Willow S - 8th

Year 5 Boys

Noah K - 3rd
Charlie G - 7th
Raffie B - 10th
Harry G - 12th
Overall team 1st

Year 6 Boys

Kruze F - 2nd
Tommy K - 11th
Hugh M - 20th
Jagger B - 37th
Overall team 2nd

Year 6 Girls

Polly W - 1st
Elsie S - 2nd
Ella D - 3rd
Amelia S - 9th
Lexi D P - 22nd
Overall team 1st

Year 7 Boys

Henry F - 1st
Henry M - 2nd
James P - 10th
Henry K - 13th
Overall team 1st

Year 7 Girls

Lois M - 3rd
Eva D - 8th
Maya S J D C - 13th
Isabelle P - 14th
Overall team 2nd

Year 8 Boys

Billy C - 2nd
Sam J - 4th
Daniel A - 7th
Overall team 1st
Jack G - 10th
Mateo E - 13th
Alex T - 14th
Tim D P - 17th
Overall team 2nd

Year 8 Girls

Iona M - 1st
Emily H - 3rd
Ruby B - 4th
Overall team 1st
Maisie F - 8th
Nancy M - 9th
Hope L - 11th
Overall team 2nd





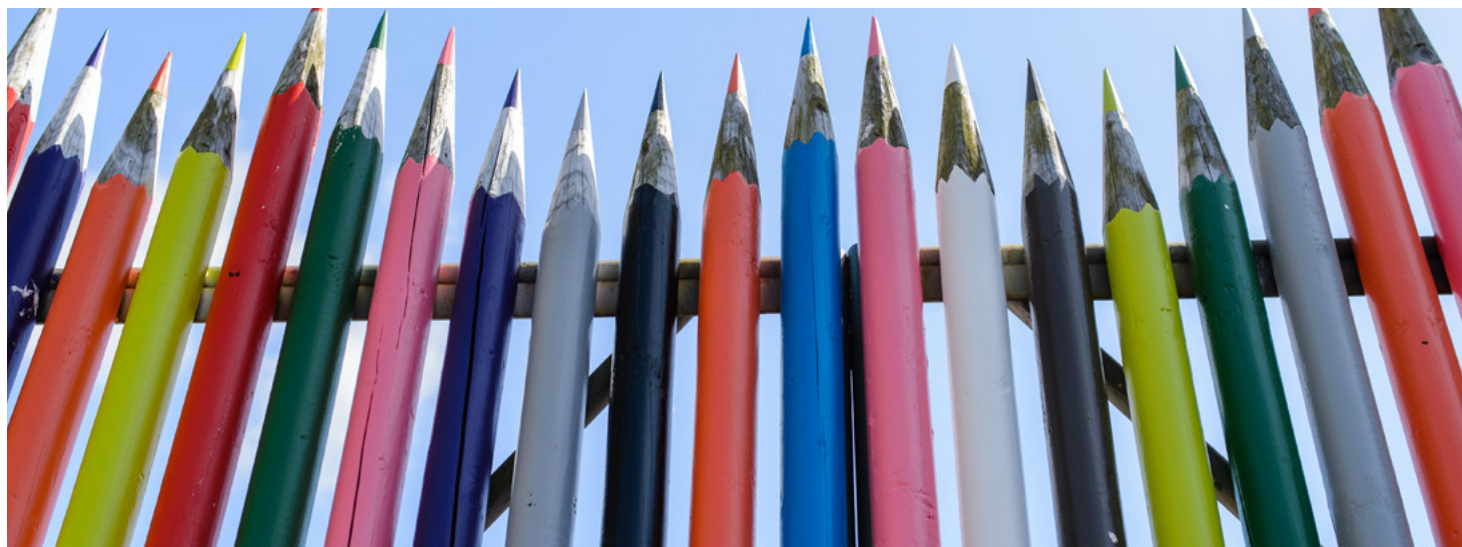


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PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

The week began in Pre-Prep with an assembly about Remembrance to learn why the 11 November is such an important date. The children amazed us with their knowledge and understanding. Ask your child what they can remember about the assembly and if they can tell you why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance? How is the money raised used?

There is always something new to experience in Pre-Prep as the children continue their learning journey. It is lovely to see the children enthused, excited and engaged in the topic based curriculum as well as the variety of clubs and specialist lessons, utilising all the amazing facilities and outdoor spaces. Enjoy reading what each class has achieved this week.

The week ended with Key Stage 1 visiting the Fleet Air Arm Museum, linked to their topic on Transport, and Early Years visiting Longleat to learn more about minibeasts. These experiences are so important, enhancing the children's learning and providing opportunities for deeper understanding of the topics.

We are looking forward to you joining us next **Friday at 2pm** as we raise money for Children in Need. It is going to be Spotacular fun with games, face painting, cake sale, Pudsey hunt and refreshments. We hope you can join us.

KEY DATES

Monday 14 November
Odd Socks Day.
Children invited to wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying

Friday 18 November
Children in Need Spotacular Clothes Donation £1
Parents invited to join us for some fun and games at 2pm
School finishes at 3.15pm for Exeat



FIREWORKS!

Everyone has been talking about the beautiful fireworks that they saw at the weekend so we decided to make our own firework paintings this week. We used different tools like straws and cardboard tubes to make firework patterns and added lots of glitter! We experimented with different heights to see which patterns we could make if we dropped paint from high on a step ladder or flicked it from paintbrushes while stood on the floor. We made some great, colourful creations!



BUILDING HOUSES

During their play, the Frogs have been working together to build their own houses using the foam bricks. They created bedrooms, kitchens, living rooms and numbered their houses. This sparked a discussion about the different places that we can live in and what their own houses looked like. The children have chosen their favourite house to paint: cottage, terraced houses, apartment block and wooden chalet, and we are creating a town display.



FIREWORK PICTURES

The Frogs created some fantastic fireworks pictures after watching the fireworks at the weekend.



TRIP TO HAM WALL

Following on from the children spotting some birds in the classroom garden, the Reception children went on a trip to Ham Wall to see what birds they could find. They spotted many birds along the way, and they loved seeing the blue tits and sparrows landing near us when we stopped for snack. Since our trip we have made over the Reception garden into a bird hide and made fat balls to attract some birds into the garden. We have carried on the topic of birds in our Maths and Literacy lessons, making shape birds and practising our writing.

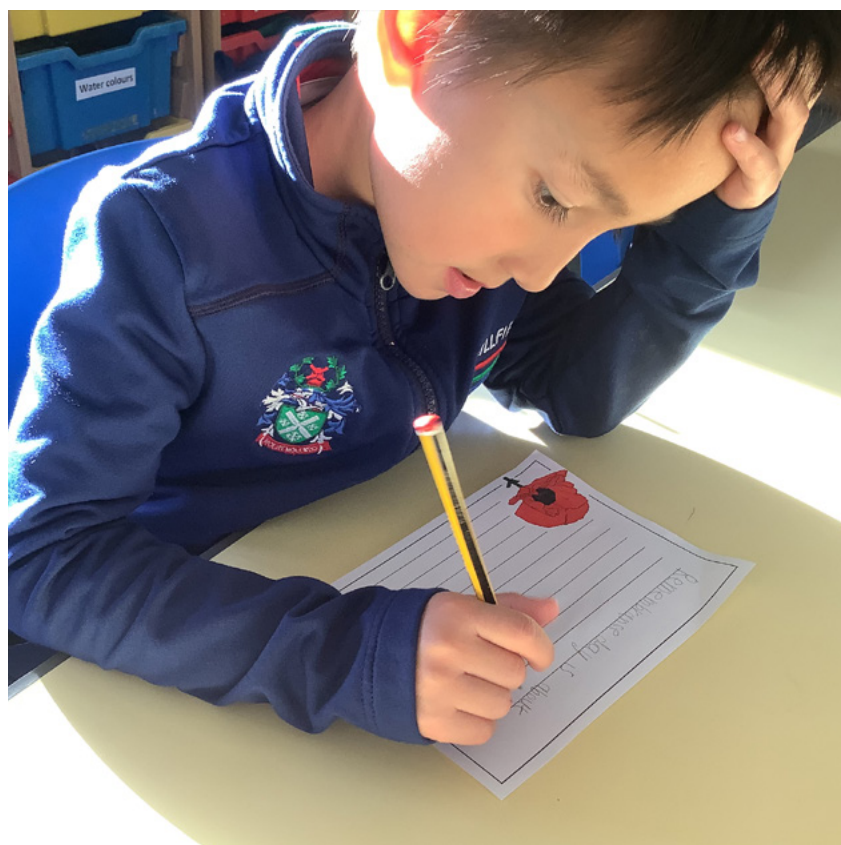
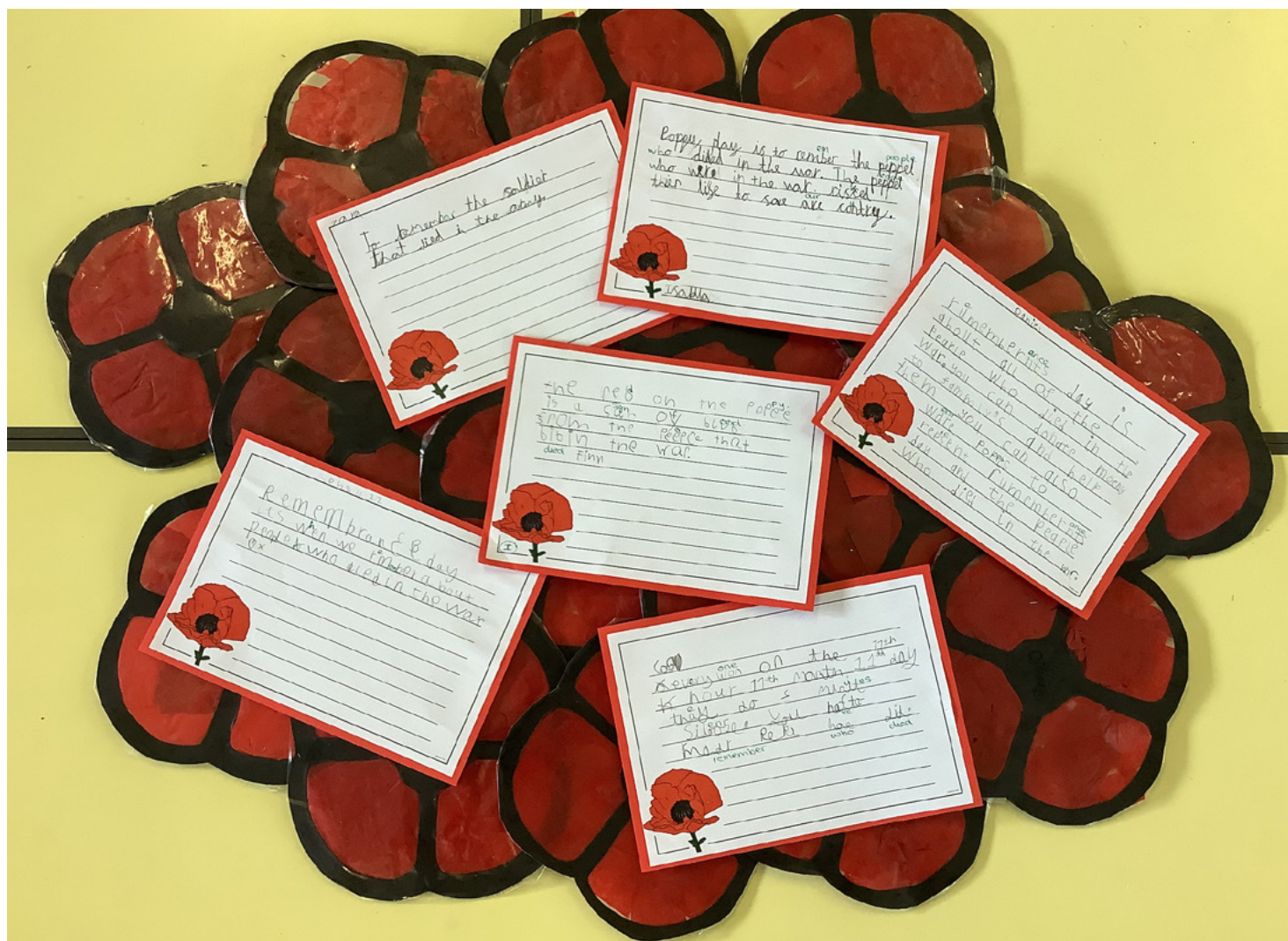


SEASONS

This week, we have been learning about the seasons. The children went on an autumnal walk and found signs of autumn. We then cleared the weeds from our pots and planted spring bulbs and some pansies for some winter colour. We can't wait for the daffodils to make their appearance in the spring.



This week the children have been very excited about buying poppies at drop off. There have been lots of discussions about why we wear poppies and their symbolism. The children have written about why we wear poppies and made their very own collage poppy.



MINIS NEWS



MINIS BOUNCE

The Minis had a fantastic time last week at our Halloween bounce session in the Prep sports hall. We practised great turn-taking and also looked wonderful in our Halloween costumes. It was such fun sitting, walking, crawling and jumping on the massive trampolines and some of our Minis even showed us their star jumps and had fun trying seat drops! A massive thank you to Adam, our trampoline coach, for helping the Minis this week – we absolutely loved it! Our session finished with a spooky spider cupcake, yum!

