



NEWSLETTER



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's 'Picture of the week' is this excellent painting by **Sanaa F 6REC**.



CONTENTS

Page 2
Message from the Head
and Parent Notices

Page 3
Remembrance Day

Page 4
Odd Socks Day

Page 5
Junior Awards

Page 6
Year 3 Hockey Festival

Page 7
Year 5

Page 8 - 10
Boarding Life

Page 11 - 18
Sports News

Page 19 - 24
Pre-Prep Newsletter

Page 25
Mini's News

MPS CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

As we did so successfully last year, we would very much like to support local families in Glastonbury this Christmas who are not able to afford many of the luxuries we take for granted which makes Christmas Day so special.

Your donations will be appreciated this year more than ever, as families struggle with the increase in fuel and food costs. I know from the feedback last year that these simple gifts made a huge difference to the lives of the local families and many were moved to tears.

Therefore, we are collecting Christmas Hampers, either in a hamper, shoe box or decorated bag to be delivered to families that have been identified by local schools, food bank and local organisations as in need.

Suggested items could include:

- Biscuits/cakes/mince pies
- Chocolates/sweets
- Cordials/drinks
- Cereal
- Snacks/crisps
- Toiletries
- Vouchers for Tesco/Morrisons
- Stocking fillers for all ages
- A family game that can be played across all age groups

If you would like to take part, please can you deliver your shoe box or hamper to your Group Tutor, Boarding House or the Chaplaincy. We will be delivering these after end of term, so we can receive items right up until end of the term.

Boarders please don't worry you can also take part. You can use Amazon pantry to deliver items of your choice and we will make them into hampers.

Please have any Amazon deliveries labelled:
FAO – Christmas Hampers c/o Rev'd Kitto, Millfield Prep School,
Edgarley Hall, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8BN

I know this will make a real difference to local families this Christmas, so thank you for your generosity.

Best wishes and Christmas Blessings

Rev'd Michèle Kitto



Dear Parents, Guardians and Grandparents,

Your children and their teachers have stoically pressed on through the past week despite some pretty depressing weather and it has been great to read through this newsletter and see so many smiling faces still. I think our Exeat this afternoon is well-timed and I hope that everyone can enjoy an extra lie in tomorrow!

Yesterday I was pleased to gather Millfield Prep together for a Celebration Assembly and I was delighted that there was such a breadth of areas to congratulate pupils on. In particular, there has been some exceptional work happening across the year groups and I was pleased to see a mention of the Year 5 and 6 Logo Competition which came off the back of the Creativity Workshops which happened earlier in the term – there were some fantastic entries.

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and in Monday's assembly, I gave the children a few areas to focus on, both this week and beyond. I thought it would be helpful for you to know what these points were, so that you can support them at home. We talked about children being able to 'reach out' (the main theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week) whether that be to ask for help if there is something troubling them or in offering support to someone whom they notice is the victim of unkindness or bullying. I talked about being an upstander rather than a bystander, being someone who calls out unkindness if they witness it. Finally, I talked about one of our most important school values: Be Kind.

Linked to that value of kindness, I thought I would share with you a message I received yesterday. Amongst the many sporting successes in the newsletter this week, you will notice a section about our U11 boys and U13 boys and girls being crowned Somerset Table Tennis Champions. When she returned from the U13 tournament, Miss Velasco sought me out to tell me something far more important than their victories.

During the competition a boy from Taunton School, the hosts, had been allowed to play in spite of the fact that he was about to undergo a significantly dangerous 24-hour surgery on a clot in his brain the following day. He was wearing a protective covering on his head because he had already had some of his skull removed in preparation for the operation. His doctors had allowed him to play as they knew table tennis was his major passion. There were many spectators cheering him on, including his parents, and naturally emotions were running extremely high. Two of our pupils, Max and Xavier, played against him and each did so with huge empathy and compassion.

While I'll never presume that MPS is a perfect school, stories like this highlight that we are certainly on the right track here. It was a lovely message to receive as a Head and sent me to Exeat with a spring in my step, as I hope it will you too.

Have a great weekend.

Yours,

Dan

LOGO DESIGN WINNER

As part of the Creativity Workshops that Years 5 and 6 were involved in earlier in the term, the pupils took part in a competition to design a logo for the Millfield Prep Eco Committee. Some excellent logos were created and the judging panel had a very hard job choosing a winner. After much deliberation, congratulations to **Sofia L**, her winning design can be seen to the right. This logo will now be used on all documents, presentations and publications produced by the Millfield Prep Eco Committee.



PARENT NOTICES

Please can parents follow the [NHS guidelines](#) if their child has an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Children should be treated at home, and encouraged to drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Diarrhoea and vomiting is easily spread, the NHS recommendation is that all children stay off school until they have not had any episodes of vomiting or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours from the time of the last episode. Your help is much appreciated and will help reduce the impact on the Millfield Prep community.

BOARDERS SUPPORT STARLIGHT CHARITY

Our boarders spent some time on Sunday colouring, decorating and writing messages for children who will spend their Christmas in hospitals. Starlight is a charity which is dedicated to making children's hospital experience less stressful and more fun. The pictures decorated by Millfield Prep boarders were laminated and will be strung together to make bunting, which will be hung in children's wards in time for Christmas.

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE - BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a photo of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

In the guide on the link below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as strangers, location sharing and visible personal data.

[BeReal Parent Poster](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

3



ODD SOCKS DAY

4



3HES got their odd socks out on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying Week.



Odd socks in 5EGC for Anti-Bullying week



JUNIOR AWARDS

5

This week we have awarded all three animals for kindness and great demonstration of IPC goals. Miffy was awarded to **Rosie K** (for a second time this term) for impressing some visitors to the school with her kindness in going back to open a gate for them. Chota was awarded to **Freddie W** for volunteering to look after a visiting pupil and ensuring his day went well. Oreo was awarded to **Alexis M** for demonstrating excellent collaborative skills, always offering to help others in his class, great communication skills and super independent work. Well done to all!



POETS' CORNER

After analysing Maya Angelou's poem 'Caged Bird', some of the Year 8s attempted to write their own poems, focusing on similar themes of oppression, equality and freedom. Here is a beautiful poem written by **Scarlett B** entitled 'The Black Rose.'

The Black Rose

The red roses bloom in the sun,
Sunshine glistens down onto their open petals,
Water drops balancing perfectly on the stem,
Blossoming effortlessly.

But I,
A black rose,
Wither and shrink in the shade,
My petals blocked from the sun,
By the threatening wall
Of the red roses.

I delicately shake in the wind,
As one of my fragile petals plummets to the ground,
Until a glimpse of golden sunshine
Peeks through a gap in the wall.

The red rose gets stronger,
Silky rich,
As the carmine petals,
Tower over what once was a blue sky and clouds,
Soaking in all the power.

But I,
A black rose,
Cry in a cave of shadows,
As the darkness overcomes me.

I delicately shake in the wind,
As my last fragile petal,
Plummets to the ground.

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.

French - **Un coquelicot**

- 1) a cockerel
- 2) a cook
- 3) a poppy

Year 3 Hockey Festival

Year 3 girls had a great time on Saturday at The Down's Hockey Festival. Despite a lot of illness, meaning two significantly depleted teams, the girls played really well, scoring some excellent goals and defending strongly against a tough few teams. A great experience of match play against a variety of schools. Well done girls.

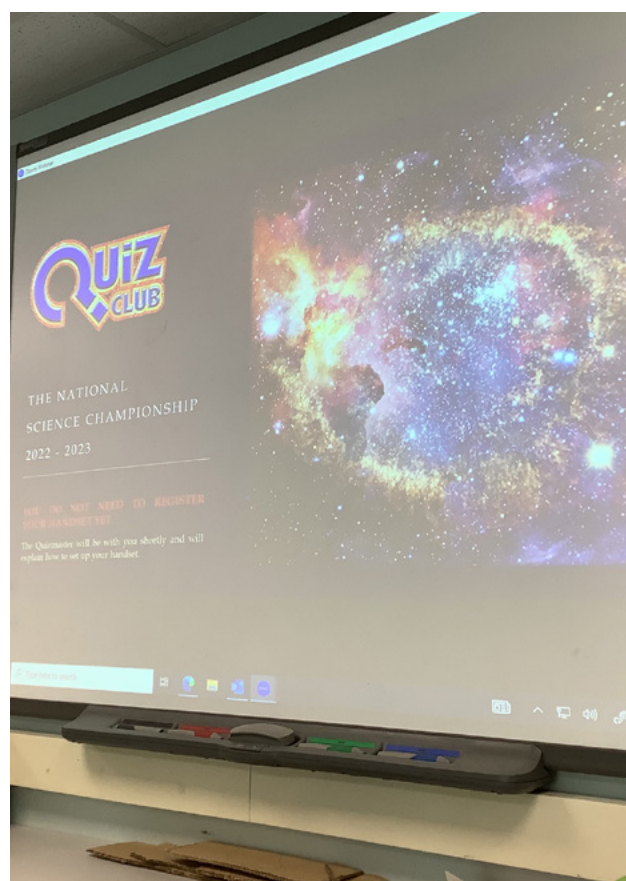


Year 5 have started their new topic, 'Being a Historian', where they have been enjoying looking at primary and secondary sources, how Morse code was used in the Second World War and different ways to present a timeline. Here are three Year 5 pupils (**Arthur P, Rahila Y-K and Sophia D**) with their digital century timelines. Pupils researched key events over a century and formatted the timeline independently.



SCIENCE QUIZ

Four teams from Year 5 and 6 entered the first heat of the National Quiz Club Science Championship this week. They were tested on all disciplines of science from dinosaurs to nobel prize winners. The children worked well together to compete against over 60 other teams. All teams got over 1000 points and although they didn't make it through to the next round, they enjoyed the challenge. Well done!



BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR

The week has flown by for us here at Edgarley Manor. The boys helped to make (and eat) some lovely Remembrance Day cookies. They also did us proud in the Remembrance parade in Glastonbury on Sunday. They had a great time at Shepton Mallet Prison, learning about what life used to be like there and taking part in an 'escape room'. The boys took part in the 'supermarket challenge' on Saturday evening. They were each given a small amount of money to spend, and some of the boys quickly realised that a small amount goes a long way when you cooperate and share. Thanks to Mrs Lovell, some warming hot chocolate and marshmallows made up for some of the gloomy and drizzly weather!



CHESTNUT

Every year the Chestnut boys go to watch the Shepton Mallet carnival. There has been a little break over the last few years due to the pandemic so it was fantastic to be able to take the boys again to see this amazing event. Local groups from all over Somerset build amazing floats that parade through the streets. After a quick stop at a chip shop and a shop that sold 'nutritious snacks' the boys watched the parade. The only slight problem this year was the weather as it was very damp and blustery!



BEREWALL

Saturday night was movie night in the Berewall Odeon! Massive screen - check! Huge sound system - check! Loads of Popcorn - check! Lots of tidying up afterwards - check!!!



CHAMPION

It's starting to get chilly in the evenings and so a little too cold for tennis or netball. Activities return inside and this week has been a busy one. The girls took part in the Glastonbury Remembrance service on Sunday and later that day had fun trying to escape from the Shepton Mallet Prison escape rooms - thankfully, everyone made it out! On Monday, some of the Year 7 girls made treats for the rest of the house - watch out, Year 6 have their turn next week! On Tuesday and Wednesday the girls made friendship bracelets and created some wonderful designs. Wishing all our Champion families a restful Exeat!



Anti-bullying week, marked by the wearing of odd socks and some lovely artwork, has been jam-packed. The Remembrance Day parade and service ended a week of contemplation alongside more excellent artwork completed in house. A trip to the former Shepton Mallet prison continued the weekend activities and again left the girls thinking about past events. The Millfield Prep Dressage competition was hotly contested by several of the Hollies girls who came back to house adorned with multiple rosettes – very well done to **Vaasvi, Zoe, Saskia, Larissa** and **Soha**. Birthday celebrations were in full swing again this week for **Saskia** who has joined the teenage ranks – Happy Birthday **Saskia**!



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

The West Champions U11 girls travelled to Cheltenham for the National IAPS Finals on Friday. With short games and a slow pitch, we struggled to play with our normal expansive flair. However, without conceding the girls won the group to set up a quarter final encounter with Lambrook who we had defeated the previous week. Playing with greater confidence and composure we just could not get the ball into the goal! After five minutes 'Golden Goal' we sadly lost on penalty flicks. Being eliminated after 6 games without conceding a goal was obviously disappointing.

The whole year group have made superb progress. All the girls have been regularly stretched and it is very exciting to have such strength and enthusiasm for the sport.



The U13A girls competed in the Somerset Counties on Thursday 10th November. The girls performance grew as the afternoon progressed, winning all three matches, scoring an impressive 16 goals and only conceding two, to be crowned Somerset Champions and qualify for the England In2Hockey West Finals in March 2023.

On Saturday 12th November, they continued with their successful streak and clinical goal scoring. Winning all 4 matches and becoming MPS Tournament winners.

These events have been fantastic preparation for their upcoming trip to the IAPS Nationals Finals on Friday 25th November. Huge well done to all the girls who have represented the team this term.



Having won the West IAPS and finished the National IAPS finals in the top 8 in the country without conceding a goal, our under 11 girls were in sparkling form at the county finals. Playing in longer games and on a fast surface our team were able to resume their skilful, expansive style of play. Winning all matches again without conceding they were crowned champions and will look forward to representing Somerset in the West of England Finals in March.

12



The U13C team had a good tussle with Kings Hall B team on Wednesday with a game that was strongly contested. They went 0-1 down after a first 10 minutes of even possession. They worked hard at utilising the whole pitch and the goals then started to arrive. They are a lovely team to coach who work hard for each other and the team. A big well done to **Amelia** who kindly played half a game in goal for the first time. OPOM **Ellie D** and **Amelia B** in a 3-1 win.



TABLE TENNIS

13

U11 Table tennis team. They also won the Somerset Table tennis England Championship and they will be playing in the South West Championship in January.



U13 Boys and U13 girls Table tennis teams. They won the Somerset Table tennis England Championship today. They played very challenging and exciting matches and were very polite and kind during the competition.



GOLF

Hattie on Sunday collecting her trophy from a 27 hole event in the summer at Ferndown Golf club. A strong field played over the Championship course, 27 holes in 1 day on an adult courses is difficult. Playing against 16 year olds with low single figure handicaps.



Hattie with Harry Redknapp.

This is **Isobel** on Mr Cow doing her first ever dressage test. Well done Isobel a cracking ride.



Sarah and her lovely horse Sonny.



Hattie on her new horse Elvis.



Emily on Teklia.



Riders warming up for the In-house Dressage competition everyone had a great time.



Here are some more pictures from the dressage competition on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone did a super job and rode well.

First picture is of all the riders.

Second picture is the results from Section A.

1st - **Vaasvi K** on Quin
2nd - **Zoe R** on Sunny
3rd - **Larissa M** on Honey
4th - **Jack G** on Charlie
5th - **Saskia W** on Lady
6th - **Soha C** on Galley

Third picture is the results from Section B.

15

1st - **Everley S**-Don Diddles
2nd - **Hattie T** on Elvis
3rd - **Toby R** on Spike
4th - **Olly R** on Pilot
5th - **Isobel A** on Lily Mo

There was also a best-turned class.

1st - **Zoe R**with Sunny
2nd - **Saskia W**with Lady
3rd - **Larissa M** with Honey
4th - **Vassvi K** with Quin.



Finn S played in an U8 tournament over the weekend. **Finn** played really well and came runner-up. Great work **Finn**!



On Saturday, we hosted an U9 and U11 tournament. Well done to **Willow S**, **Alexis M**, **Jacob H** and **Wills J**. A special congratulations to **Wills** who came runner-up in the U11 event.



Over the weekend, **Toby W**, **Ollie W** and **Zachary K** competed in an U12 Grade 3 tournament in Taunton. All three players got through to the semi-final, **Ollie** and **Zach** played each other and **Toby** played the number 1 seed. Congratulations to **Toby** who came 3rd and **Zach** who came runner-up.



On Friday, the Boys competed in the National Schools Year 7 and 8 Tournament. In the semi-finals of the regional play-offs the score was 3-3 after the doubles and singles; the boys fought hard to come from behind following a tiebreak to win 15-13. In the final, the boys won 5-1 and are through the National Finals in December. Well done boys!



On Sunday 6 November, **Sophie F** competed at a Dance Competition. On Sunday 6th November I competed at the Weston-super-Mare Dance Festival. This was a national competition and **Sophie** was competing against some really experienced dancers from all over the country. It was a long day of dancing but she is really pleased with her results. **Sophie** came first in both the U12 classical sequence categories, second in the 10-11 years Midnight Tango and Waverley Two step, and third in the National League classical dance. She also entered the Juvenile Modern Sequence competition which is a fairly new category for her, and managed to come third in that too.



CROSS COUNTRY

The senior boys and girls teams ran in the regional final of the English schools cup event. Both teams were aiming to get to the finals. The boys found the competition a little too strong this year but the two year sevens that ran gained valuable experience for next season. The girls ran a great race and they were safely back in the top ten. The lowest score counts and their total of 14 is very very low. They will now prepare for the finals which will be held in Leeds on the final Saturday of term.



The boys teams headed to Leweston for their annual race. It was a good day for the boys and they ran strongly. **Xavier B** was individual winner and the rest of the boys finished near the front which made them team champions.

18

Our junior runners raced in the second part of the Mendip league. All teams are either in the lead or in contention as the league has its Christmas break. The racing continues next term with three more events so there is still plenty of work to do!



NETBALL

Congratulations to the U13 netball girls who progress onto the fourth round of the National cup. A tough game against Truro School but the pupils worked hard to get a 33-19 win.





#795
18 NOVEMBER 2022



MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Another week flies by in Pre-Prep and I can't believe there are only three weeks left of this term. The run up to Christmas is always a busy time of year and the hall, corridors and classrooms are already full of carols and nativity songs as we start to build up to the end of term productions and crib services. Please make a note in your diaries of the dates and times of the upcoming events.

We started the week wearing odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying Week, what an amazing sight and so many odd socks. We hope they found their friend again when they got home. With the help of 'Andy and the Odd Socks' we learnt that we must treat everyone, the environment and ourselves with respect and if we see someone making the wrong choices to let someone know. We must reach out and speak to someone. Ask your child who they would speak to?

Year 1 and Year 2 had an open afternoon on Wednesday and we were delighted that so many of you were able to attend. The children love to share their work and show you what they have been learning. We are looking forward to welcoming Frogs and Reception families into school next Wednesday for a phonics session.

We finished the week wearing non-uniform and spots in support of Children in Need. Everyone looked spot-acular! Pre-Prep was incredibly busy and we hope you enjoyed all the fun and games and we would like to thank you for all of your support and kind donations. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a memorable day and I am sure we raised a lot of money in the process. Grand total to be shared next week.

KEY DATES

Monday 5 December
– 2pm

St. John's Church,
Glastonbury
Crib Service led by
Year 2

Wednesday 7
December – 2pm
EYFS Nativity

Thursday 8
December – 9.30am
EYFS Nativity

Friday 9 December
End of term 12pm



POST OFFICE

One of the tadpoles told us that his mummy was going to the post office while he was at pre-school and he wanted to go too. We decided to create our own post office and set up an area with boxes, parcels, cards, paper and envelopes. The children enjoyed lots of mark making opportunities. We then found a post box to post all our letters and cut stamps out to stick on. It was lots of fun!



FROGS & RECEPTION LONGLEAT TRIP

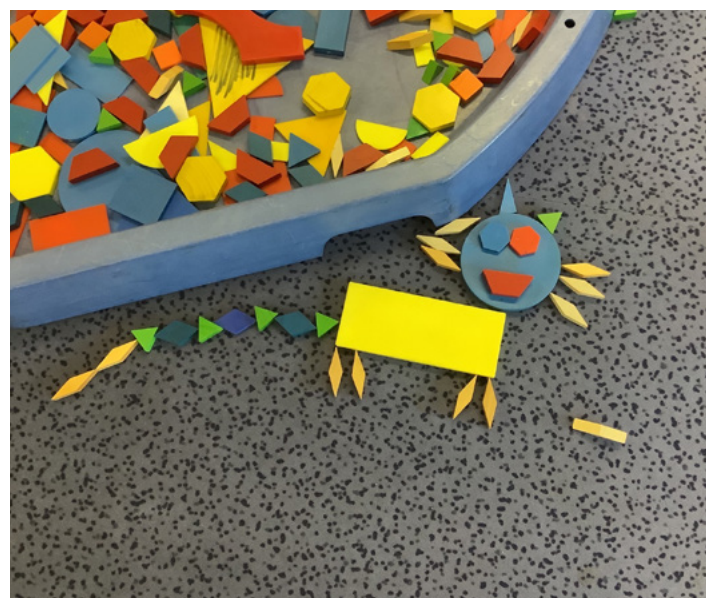
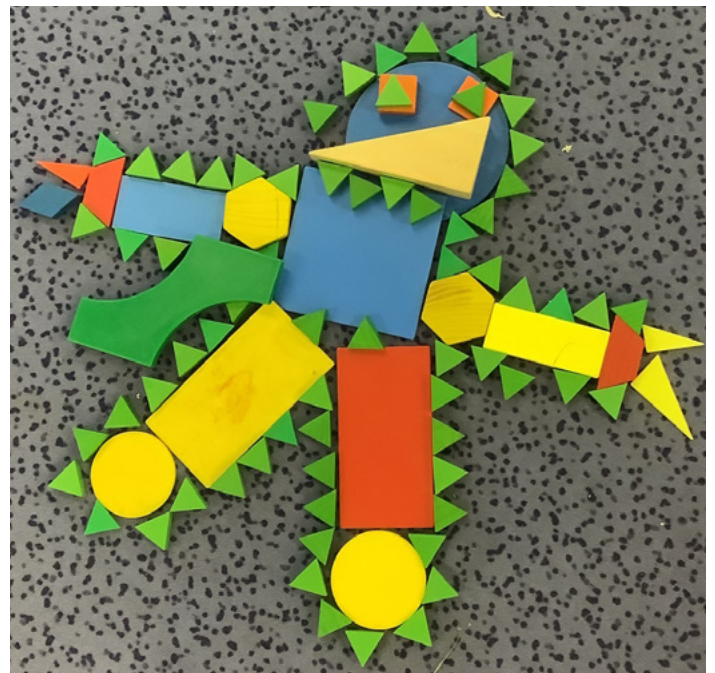
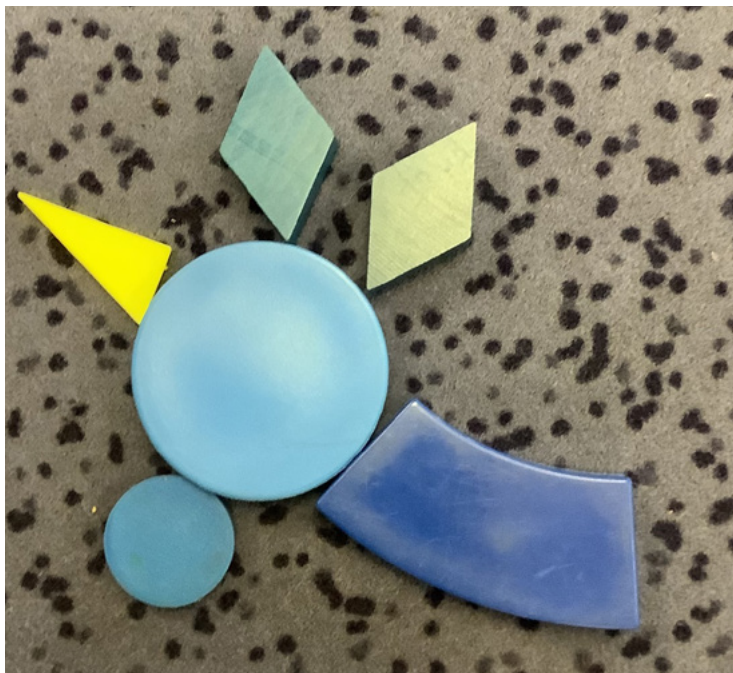
21

We had the most fantastic time at Longleat last week, which also included a two minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. We took part in an animal handling experience, which was amazing and the children (and staff) bravely held and stroked the creatures: hissing cockroaches, royal pythons, giant millipedes, guinea pigs, parakeets and tarantulas! We also saw meerkats, tortoises, red pandas, porcupines, wombats, aardvark, crocodiles and the koalas. Whilst on the safari boat we saw the hippos, gorillas, herons, swans and the rather noisy sea lions. It was a fantastic day and the children were wonderful and we were all very proud of their behaviour.



PAINTING ANIMALS

Following on from our brilliant trip to Longleat, the children have been busy writing about their day and painting some beautiful pictures of their favourite animal. They made some fantastic animals out of shapes and described what shapes they had used for each part of the animal.

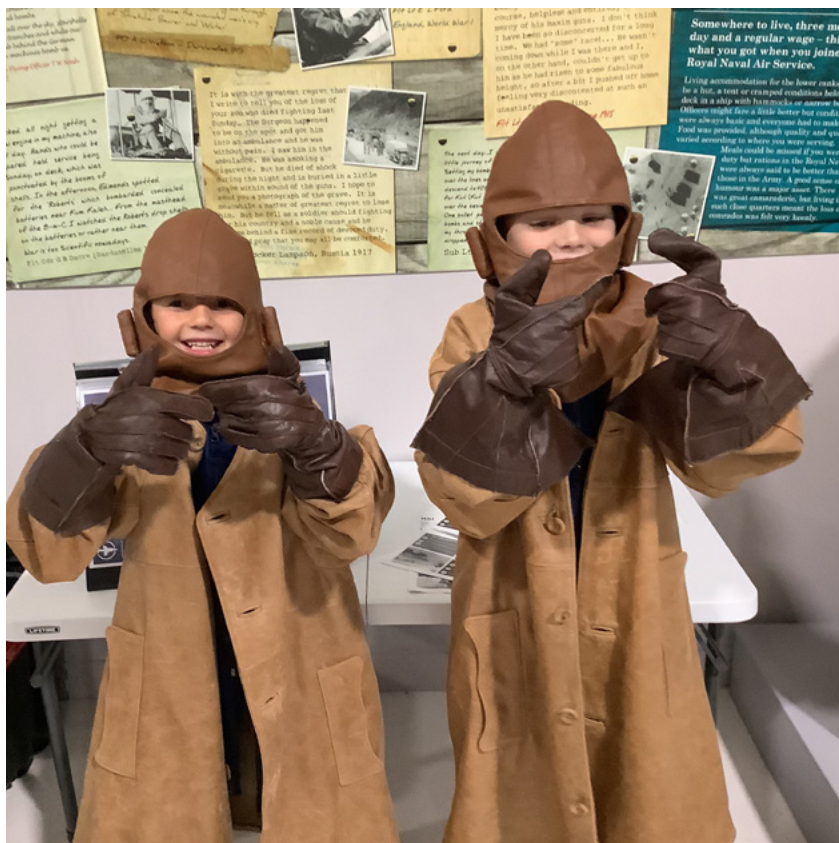


KS1 TRIP TO FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM

Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderfully successful trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum to learn about the history of aviation. The children followed the 'History of Flight' trail that included navigating the museum to find boxes that had activities and fun resources inside. We had a lovely day full of interactive and hands on experiences for all.



KS1 TRIP TO FLEET AIM ARM MUSEUM



MINIS NEWS



BANG! POP! WHIZZ!

Last week the Minis enjoyed exploring our firework theme. They were busy hand painting their own bonfire, rolling out a firework-filled playdough sky and making a straw sparkler to take home. There was plenty of scooping, sprinkling and splatting in our sensory play areas. Our fruit rockets we made for snacks were delicious, although quite a few were eaten well before snacktime! Great fun was had by all.

