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# NEWSLETTER



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the week is this outstanding oil pastel drawing by **Jemima W 8RAE**



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I will be travelling to Dubai shortly to attend the Independent Schools' Show, but as I look out of my office window and see the Christmas trees going up I am reminded about how close we are to the end of term and how many exciting activities are still to take place.

Once again the campus has been busy this week with sporting and music events, with pupils participating in Tea and Music Concerts, Cushion Concerts, county hockey matches, rugby festivals and equestrian events amongst others. As ever it is almost impossible to select a particular highlight but I would like to extend my congratulations to the Millfield Prep swim team who are the ESSA Relay National Champions in all four junior events.

Pupils and staff have also been busy rehearsing for the Junior Production, and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the performances of 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' on Wednesday, and of course, our Carol Service on Friday 9 December.

Yours,

Dan

## PARENT NOTICES

Please can we ask all drivers exiting the top car park to ensure that they have sufficient space to complete their manoeuvre and that they are not blocking the road. Cars entering from the A39 must always have a clear point of entry.

### PSHEE NEWS

New PSHEE drop-in sessions for pupils in Years 6 through to 8 are now running. These are designed to support lessons on puberty and pupils can participate in an informal puberty discussion during Thursday break time 10.20-10.40am. This is a drop-in session; we are currently discussing periods and the numerous choices available to pupils. Further information is provided on posters around school.

Reminder - all PSHEE lesson overviews for Years 3-8 are available on the Parent Portal under Prep and Pre-Prep Policies. The information is also available by following the links provided below.

[Year 3-5 PSHEE Rotations](#)

[Year 6 PSHEE Rotations](#)

[Year 7 PSHEE Rotations](#)

[Year 8 PSHEE Rotations](#)

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

Once again, The Salvation Army in Street is running its Christmas Present Appeal to ensure no child goes without a present on Christmas Day. Each year they provide a hamper of food and new toys to families who need them.

The appeal will run until Friday 9 December and they will be accepting brand new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children aged 0-18 years. They believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas, so we're unable to accept used or second hand items for our Christmas Present Appeal.

### Suggested gift list

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles.
- 3-5 years: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles.
- 5-9 years: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords.
- 9-12 years: games & toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats.
- 13-18 years: books, make-up and toiletries, gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories, gift vouchers.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal, you can make a real difference to someone's life at Christmas.

Please bring donations (either individual items or a shoebox of gifts for one of the age groups specified) to reception and we will arrange for them to be taken to The Salvation Army.

You can also donate funds to the Christmas Appeal by visiting the Just Giving website, click [here](#).





# CUSHION CONCERT

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Thursday afternoon saw the first Cushion Concert of the year take place in front of a friendly and supportive audience in the Recital Hall. Pupils from Years 1-5 gave some outstanding performances, and it was wonderful to see such a vast array of talent, dedication, and enthusiasm on display. Many of the pupils were taking part in a solo concert for the very first time and everyone rose to the occasion beautifully, performing with poise and confidence. The concert was rounded off with a well-deserved donut for all and everyone agreed that it was a wonderful afternoon of music.

We are extremely lucky to have such musical talent in our younger years and I am hugely looking forward to hearing all the performers progress and grow in their love for music as they move through the school.



Congratulations to the following:

**Dylan P**  
**Teddy P**  
**Max H**  
**Isobel R**  
**Grace S**  
**Joshua W**  
**Lulu K**  
**Matilda R-C**  
**Isobel A**  
**Tanner H**  
**Keira R**  
**Jude H**  
**Rahila Y-K**  
**Zara P**  
**Micah W**  
**Naledi C**  
**Sofia L**  
**Layla K**  
**Lowri S-M**

# TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

After a hugely successful Cushion Concert last week, on Monday, the first Tea and Music concert of the year took place in the Recital Hall. Usually, Tea and Music concerts are an opportunity for pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 to give solo performances, however we were given a special treat at the start of the concert with a performance from the newly formed Junior String Orchestra. The pupils in Years 3-5 only began rehearsing in earnest in September, but they played three carols (Mary Had a Baby, Silent Night and Jingle Bells) which left everyone feeling decidedly festive.

After the fantastic start, our solo performers then took to the stage and the audience enjoyed performances from many different musical genres and on a huge range of instruments - there really was something for every taste in music and after the concert, the pupils were treated to an extra well-deserved round of applause and delicious donut (many thanks must go to our fantastic catering staff!) The standard of the concert was exceptional and we feel very lucky to have such talented musicians in the school. Heartfelt congratulations again to all those who performed - you can be very proud of yourselves!



Congratulations to the following:

Junior String Orchestra

**Isobel A**  
**Trinity B**  
**Emily B**  
**May D-R**  
**Theo G**  
**Jude H**  
**Zofia H**  
**Sofia L**  
**Ajua O**  
**Matilda R-C**  
**Max W**  
**Micah W**  
**Rahila Y-K**

Solo Performers

**Noah K**  
**Millie E-N**  
**Lily Y**  
**Florence T**  
**Georgina F**  
**Hattie I**  
**Florence C**  
**Florence R-B**  
**Olivia H**  
**Henry G**  
**Bea S**  
**Isabella M-P**  
**Muna I**  
**Toby W**  
**Sehyr R**  
**Enid M**  
**Lily S**  
**Yana K**  
**Luke S**  
**Amber J**









## JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Chota was awarded to **Sophia D** for looking after an upset Year 3 child who had shut her fingers in the door. **Sophia** calmed her down and took her to surgery. Oreo was awarded to **Lila V** for showing great resilience, adaptability and empathy in her lessons. She always approaches school with a positive attitude and is kind and helpful to her peers and staff. 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](mailto:crispin.g@millfieldschool.com)) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

Spanish - **Una panaderia**

- 1) a chemist
- 2) a bookshop
- 3) a bakery



# FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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This week the Year 7's have been independently following a recipe to create fresh pizza. Year 3's have enjoyed designing and producing cupcakes, demonstrating excellent hygiene and teamwork.





## Workshop with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Year 8 pupil **Amber J** was specially invited to participate in a baroque music workshop being run by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment at the senior school. This was a fantastic opportunity for **Amber**, and she shares her experiences of the day below.

I had an amazing experience at the workshop on Monday which was given by a famous orchestra called The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment at the senior school. They started off the workshop with some nice warm-ups to help you sit correctly on your chair. When we started performing, our piece it was really cool because it sounded so professional, and we were amongst some really talented musicians. They were so friendly they helped us a lot. Then we went into separate rooms and worked on the different parts of the piece which was Music for the Royal Fireworks by Handel. After this, we all came back together and performed the parts we had rehearsed - it sounded absolutely amazing. The orchestral members were using old-fashioned instruments that would have been used in Handel's time. They also taught us how to communicate with the rest of the orchestra which was really interesting. Overall, it was an incredible morning and I'm so glad I got the opportunity to take part.





# SHAPWICK HEATH NATURE RESERVE –

## BADGER SURVEY

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A group of Year 8 pupils were asked to take part in an official badger survey at Shapwick Heath nature reserve on Wednesday afternoon. We were given an introductory talk about badgers and tips about what to look out for including: what a badger sett looks like and how many entry points they have, badger footprints, badger hair (did you know that badger hair is square and not round, so easy to distinguish if you roll it between your fingers) as well as looking out for badger runs, their droppings and latrine areas. The data collected was recorded for the 'Somerset Badger Group.' We learnt a lot and made some interesting discoveries, including digging out a badger skeleton near the entrance to a sett. You can find out more about the badgers living in our county [here](#).



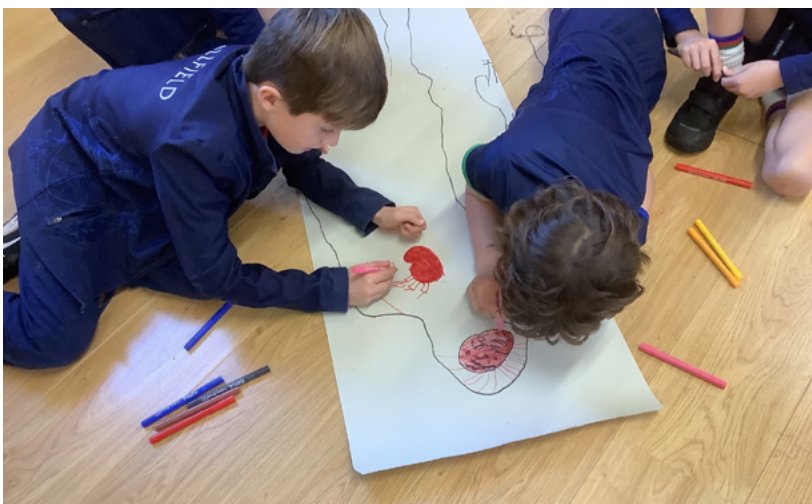
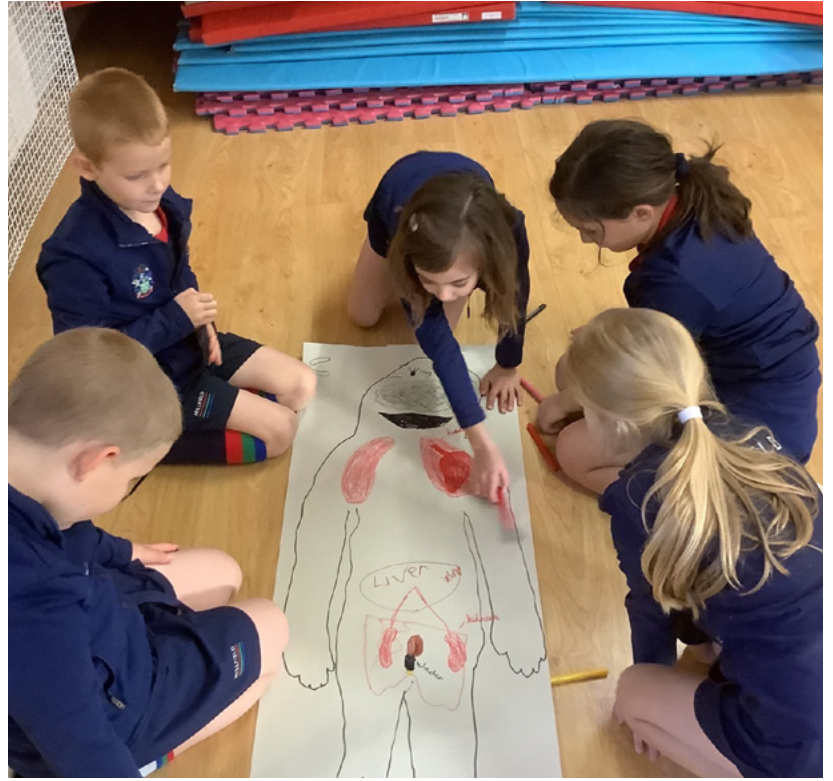
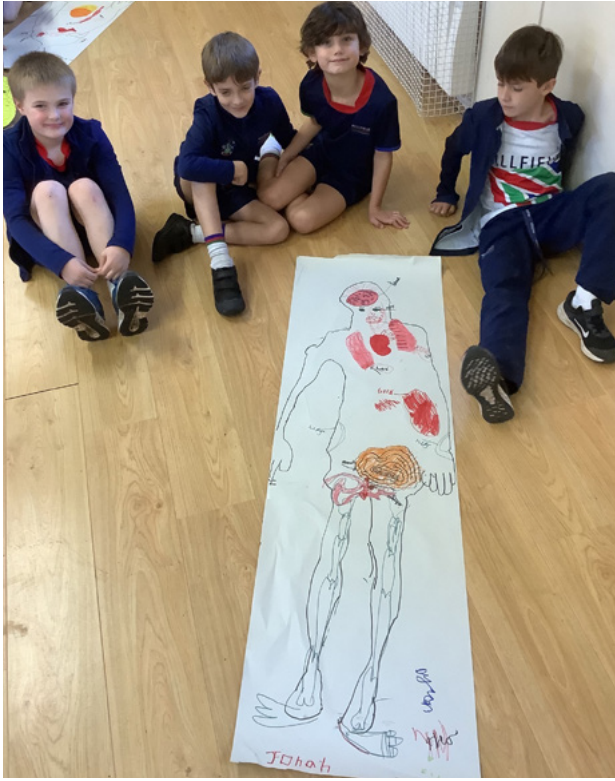


# YEAR 3 KNOWLEDGE HARVEST -

## HOW OUR BODIES WORK

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Year 3 have started their new inquiry unit, 'How humans work'. They kicked things off with drawing round their bodies and deciding where the organs go. At the end of the unit, they'll repeat this activity to see how much they've learnt. They also got their hearts beating to a class workout and then calmed things down with a seated yoga session. Here are their initial thoughts about what's inside us.





# YEAR 3 - LOOKING AT PLASTICS

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Year 3 have been looking at plastics over the last few weeks and have two projects on the go. One has been designing and making a hook on the computers for their school lockers. These will be cut out in the laser cutter in the next few weeks. The other is making a mask using the vacuum former, a machine which never fails to amaze the students. As always, effort and enthusiasm is sky high.





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys returned after exeat ready to start the final part of this term and excited about the run up to Christmas. It is always nice to see them returning to the house, greeting each other and sharing tales of what they have been up to. We celebrated **Gonzalo's** birthday on Monday with pizzas and a lovely white chocolate cake. Happy birthday to **Gonzalo**!



## CHESTNUT

The Chestnut boys are a busy bunch, and they really took the Gingerbread Man motto "run, run as fast as you can" attitude into making their snacks on Wednesday. It was a frenetic hive of activity in the kitchen where the boys carefully(ish) followed a recipe. They melted butter, syrup and sugar together on the hob then combined it with the flour to make their dough. They rolled it out, into varying thicknesses, and cut out almost one hundred gingerbread people, and other festive shapes. They were swiftly decorated with icing and festive sprinkles and the boys were then able to enjoy the fruits of their labour. They decided that food you have made yourself always tastes better. Even the burnt ones, laden with extra icing, were a hit. **Will** has recently celebrated his 11th birthday, so the Year 6 boys had to make room for some pizzas as well!





## BEREWALL

This past week, the Berewall boys have been excited for the World Cup. Our Spanish boys stood proudly with their flags and sang their hearts out to their national anthem! It must have made a difference, as they won 7-0! The sweepstake is the talk of the house... we definitely have World Cup fever! Our annual Children in Need 'guess the baby' competition had to be postponed due to the day falling on exeat Friday, so the boys held it on Wednesday evening. As usual, fits of laughter and the phrase of "that can't be me!" were heard, but again it was a great event and lovely for our boys to raise some money for Children in Need.



## CHAMPION

After a pause for exeat, the Champion girls turned their attention to the festive season. Although the Christmas tree won't appear for another week or so, they felt it was time to make a start on decorations. As you can see the results were great! Meanwhile, there is a certain football competition taking place and it's been brilliant to see the girls celebrating the goals!





Children in Need fundraising caused wardrobe mayhem this week as the girls chose their outfits for the non-uniform day before creating an army of salt-dough Pudsey Bears in house in the evening. A welcome exeat break allowed everyone to recharge ready for the final weeks of term and **Eleanor's** birthday. A pizza, cake and song filled celebration welcomed **Eleanor's** 13th year this week – happy birthday Eleanor!





# SPORTING NEWS

## SWIMMING

### Congratulations to the MPS Swim Team, ESSA Relay - National Champions in all four junior events!

The Secondary Schools Swimming Team Relay Championships is the longest running championship series organised by the ESSA. It is open to secondary school pupils in years 7-13 from across England, including state, independent and home-schooled students. The teams compete in a 4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley relay. The Championships is run as a national final with competing schools determined by the fastest times achieved in a qualifying round organised by the ESSA divisions. In 2022, two thousand and ninety nine teams from over three hundred schools participated in the qualifying round.

Whilst most pupils were relaxing on their exeat weekend; **Tumi M, Iona M, Keeleigh C, Emily H, Maisie F, Viv L, Sam J, Billy C, Kaden F, Henry F and Charlie P** all travelled to the London Aquatics Centre to race in the ESSA Relay National Finals. The girls' and boys' teams managed to step up from heats to finals, as they went on to become Freestyle and Medley relay champions. The boys had an incredible record breaking swim in the 4 x 50m Medley relay. It isn't often that our swimmers come together to swim as a team, but when they do, they really know how to perform! An excellent day of racing by all who attended, well done.







## TENNIS

**Oscar F** competed in the U10 grade 4 tennis tournament at Cardiff Met. **Oscar** played really well and was the overall winner. Well done **Oscar**, hard work pays off! Over the weekend two boys played in an U12 grade three doubles tournament in Worthing. **Toby W** and **Ollie W** played together and won the final of the consolation event. Well done!





The U12 girls' took part in the County Cup on Tuesday afternoon. They remained unbeaten in their three games, drawing two and winning the other 4-0 to finish second overall. Well done to all involved.





U12 ESFA Round 4 vs The Castle School and Round 3 vs Bristol Brunel.

On Friday afternoon, the U12 team faced Bristol Brunel in Round 3 of the ESFA national competition. Some early domination of the game from the Millfield team led to a convincing first half performance. An outstanding display from **Stanley S** and brilliant leadership from **Joel G** safely saw the boys through to the forth round, winning 10-2.

In round 4, Millfield Prep hosted The Castle School from Taunton. The fellow Somerset side made the trip on Tuesday afternoon. The U12s continued their fantastic performances and, despite a diffucult first 10 minutes, managed to go into half time with a commanding 6-1 lead. Some superb game management skills helped the team to progress into the fifth round with a scoreline of 10-1. Notable performances include **Jason T** for his brilliant versatility, **Connor P** for his excellent performance from defence, and **Bailey B** who made his debut for the U12s. The U12s will await their next opponent when the draw for the fifth round is made later this week.

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil **Bailey B**, who has been signed by Exeter City FC for their U11 team!

**Bailey** signed for the club following an eight-week trial process. He can be seen below signing with Exeter City FC's Head of Academy Recruitment, Chim Chinnah. **Bailey** has been training with the Exeter team twice a week and taking part in fixtures on Sundays. He has already represented the club in development fixtures against Swindon Town FC and Premier League club Leicester City FC. Well done,





This is **Elsie C** and Ruby, who have had a couple of good weekends. They took part in the arena eventing at Mendip last week and came third in the 80, qualifying for BE Champs. **Elsie** won the Discovery Winter Qualifier and qualified for the champs at Hartpury.



It was another successful weekend of dressage for **Everley S-D**. A 73.7% score win on Saturday and confirmation that she has qualified for the Petplan Area Winter Festival in Gloucestershire in February.

**Isobel A** had a great time doing her first dressage test on Mr Cow.



The riders got a chance to nip out for an early morning hack - what better way to start the day.





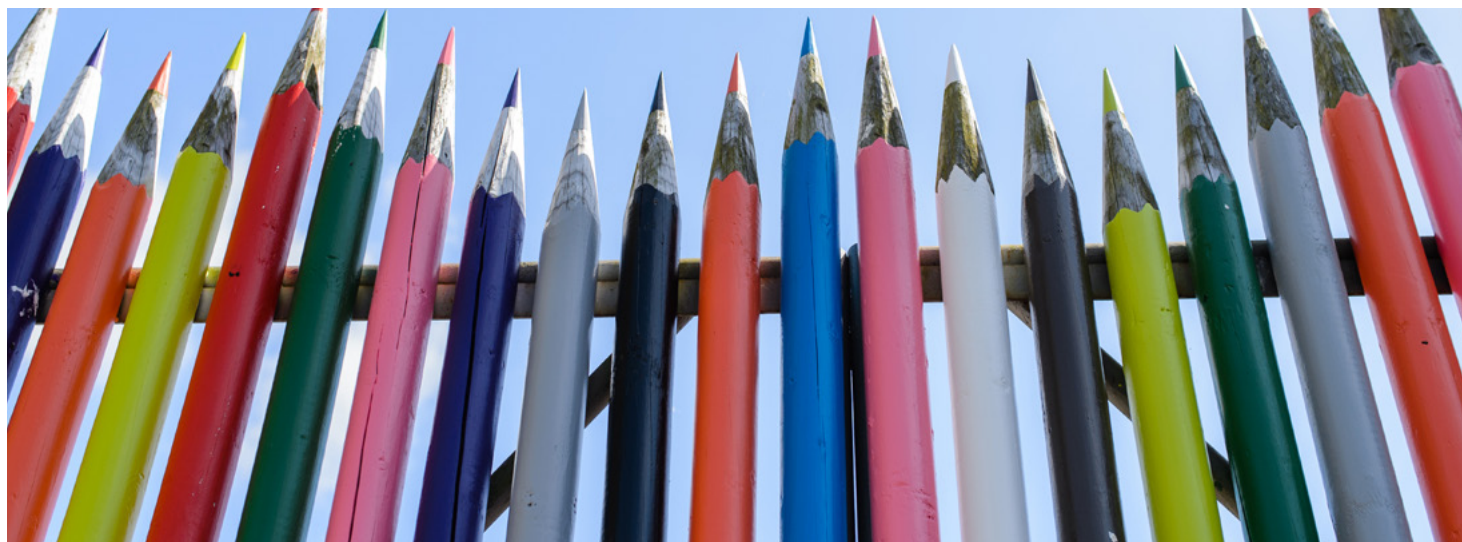


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## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

We finished last week 'Spotacularly' raising money for Children in Need. We were delighted that so many of you were able to attend and thank you for all your kind donations, cakes, getting involved in the games and competitions but above all having fun! We raised a fantastic £464.14, thank you!

This week in assembly we talked about how Pre-Prep prepares children for the future. We read our own Pre-Prep book 'When will I get my wings?' where Katie the Caterpillar embarks on an adventure, embracing every opportunity and learning experience to be the best that she can be. We talked about our school values and how they can support our learning journey, with the aim to 'Be Brilliant'.

In Friday's celebration assembly we are keeping a record of all the remarkable learning and opportunities the children have enjoyed so far this term. We are creating a large display to remind us of all the wonderful experiences which make Pre-Prep such a special place to learn, develop and grow.

The children are definitely getting into the Christmas spirit, by singing, learning about advent, creating and completing festive activities and decorating the school. This year we have sent home a wooden decoration for your child to turn into a decoration for our Christmas tree. We can't wait to see your Christmas creations...

## KEY DATES

**Monday 5th  
December – 2pm**  
St. John's Church,  
Glastonbury  
Crib Service led by  
Year 2

**Wednesday 7th  
December – 2pm**  
EYFS Nativity

**Thursday 8th  
December – 9.30am**  
EYFS Nativity

**Friday 9th December**  
End of term 12pm





## BUSY WEEK

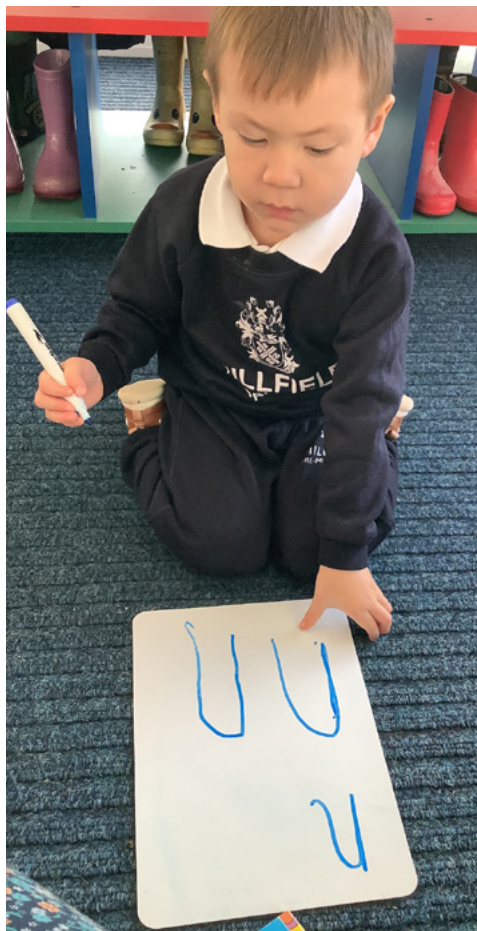
It has been a busy week in the tadpole room. They have been rehearsing thier songs and learnt a dance for the nativity. They have been wrapping Christmas presents and mark making in Christmas cards (and posting them in our post box). One of the tadpoles found a seashell, so the class started talking about the beach which led to some sand and water play. They made slides for the water to travel down and did lots of digging in the sand.





## NEW SOUNDS

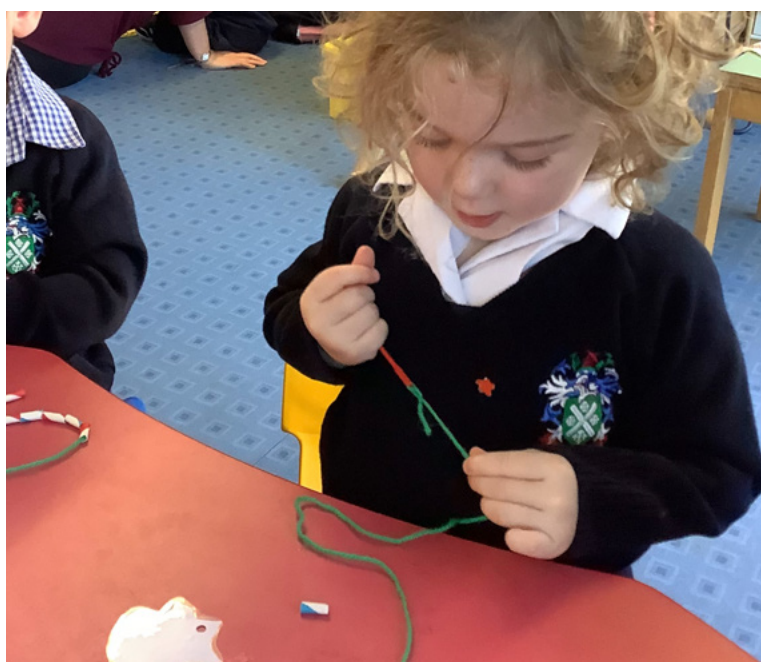
Each week the Frogs are introduced to a new sound, this week they have been learning the sound 'N'. They have been thinking about objects that begin with the sound 'N': needle, nuts, nose, neck, nail, nest, necklace. They then used these objects to make our silly soup; taking it in turns to pick an object out of the box, naming it and then popping it in the bowl. They stirred the soup, and sang the silly soup song. They always taste the soup at the end, just to make sure it's silly enough!





## CHRISTMAS NECKLACES

The Frogs enjoyed looking at and trying on the necklaces during thier sound session. They decided to make our own necklaces, with a Christmas theme. Colourful paper straws were threaded onto wool using a needle and a Christmas pendant was added. The Frogs persevered as it was quite fiddly, focused on the task in hand and displayed fantastic hand-eye co-ordination. The end result were beautiful festive necklaces. Perfect for a Christmas party! Well done Frogs.





## MAKING BIRD NESTS

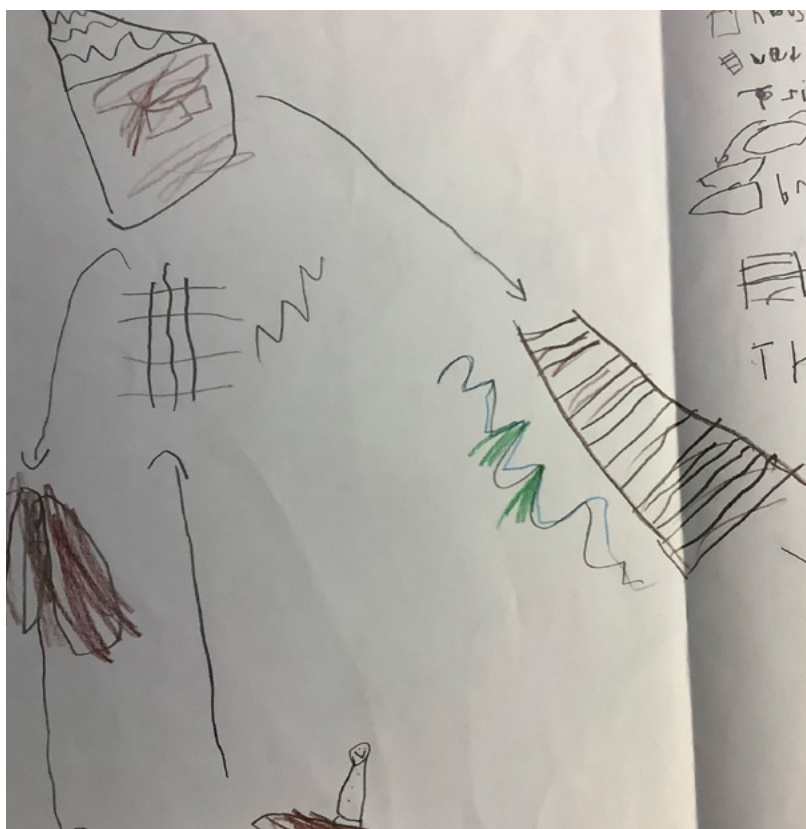
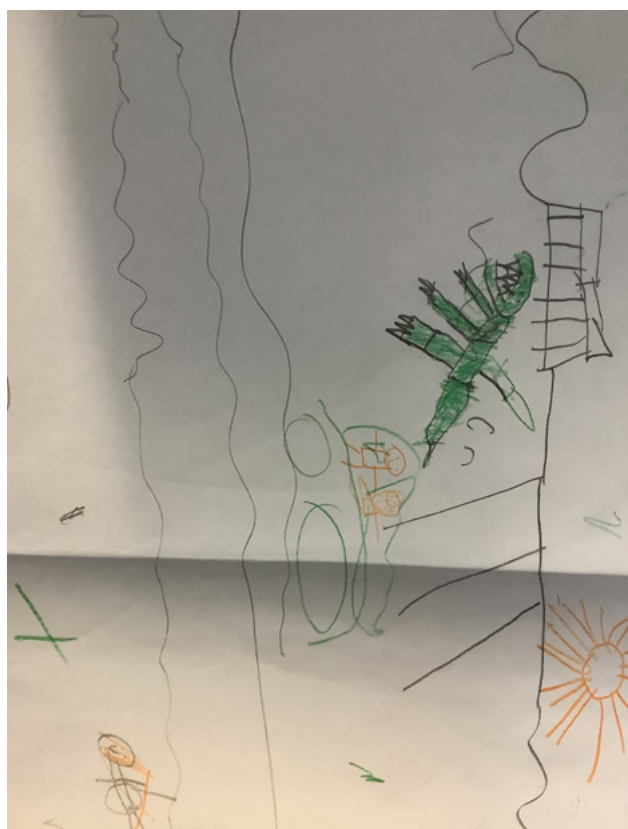
At the end of last week, there was a parcel that arrived in the reception classroom. The parcel contained seven birds from the RSPB. The children wondered where their nests were, so we talked about it and decided our best plan would be to go to Forest School to build nests for them. The children worked with a partner and used lots of materials from the woods. Check them out... don't they look amazing! The birds look very happy in their new homes.





## MAP TO SCHOOL

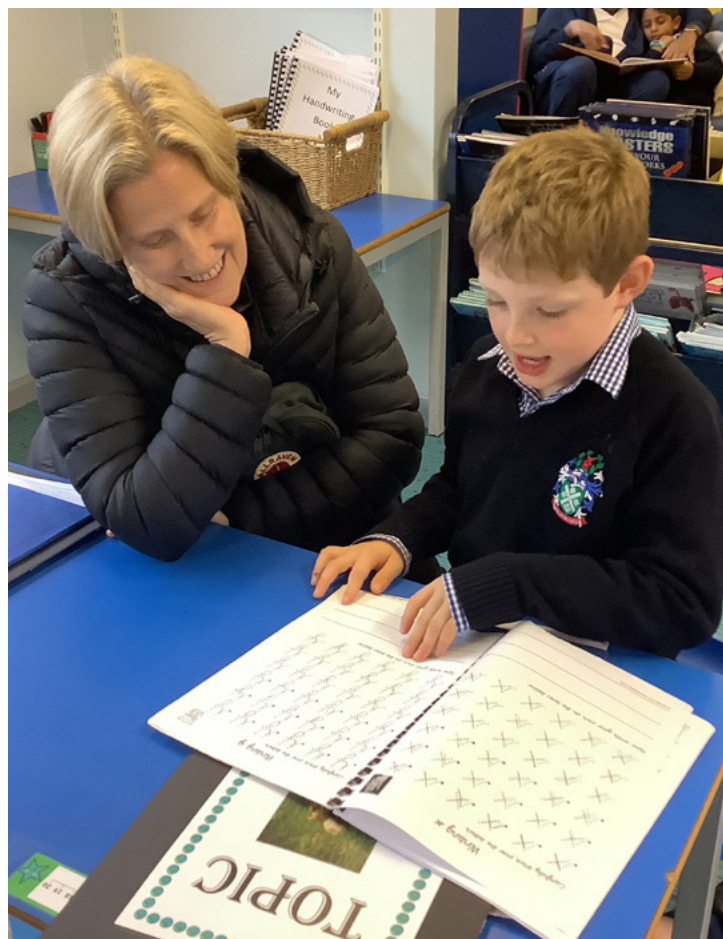
This week we have been finding out how children travel to school worldwide. The children then created maps of an imaginary journey to school and used a key. The Year 8 children came up to help and were wonderful.





## OPEN AFTERNOON

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon on Wednesday when their parents came in to visit. The children showed off all their wonderful work from the term so far. Some children gave their parents a tour of the classroom or read a story snuggled up on our reading sofas. Lots of children taught their parents how to code using the Osmo's. It was a lovely chance to celebrate their hard work this term and give their parents a chance for a well deserved cup of tea and cake!







# MINIS NEWS



## WINTER WONDERLAND

The Minis had great fun exploring our winter theme last week. Our Gingerbread Cafe was very busy with the Minis making felt cookies and hot chocolate for their customers. The Minis enjoyed knocking the skiing penguins down the slopes with giant snowballs in our miniature ski resort. We were very lucky to have Basil, Cinnamon and Lotus joining us and they certainly received many cuddles! Thank you to Reception for sharing your guinea pigs with us. Everyone was proud of their snowy owls and Christmas tree paintings they made to take home.

