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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Guardians and Grandparents,

This really is a bumper edition of our weekly newsletter and one that is bursting with wonderful Christmassy cheer! While as the daily temperatures have plummeted recently, the pace of life here has served to really heat things up.

Highlights for me this week were helping to cook some waffles with Reception (I even managed not to ruin them!), the Monitors' Christmas Party which was a lovely occasion and the Junior Production of Gimme, Gimme, Gimme. This saw all of Years 3, 4 and 5 on stage, and what a fantastic job they did with some superb acting and singing – very well done to all involved!

Elsewhere around school it has been great to see so much success with the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge – brilliant to hear of so many pupils with distinctions, well done! Special congratulations to the

six pupils who got gold certificates for being placed in the top 10% in the country and to **Zia G** for her outstanding score. Good luck to those into the next round!

I have no idea where November has gone and we are swiftly approaching our final week of the term. I look forward eagerly to the remaining Christmas gatherings and events that will fill the last few days. I know that the boarders will be excited for their Christmas trips this weekend. Naturally I am very much looking forward to my first MPS Carol Service at Wells Cathedral next Friday. I do hope to be able to see many of you there.

Yours,

Dan

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PARENT NOTICES

Millfield Enterprises are providing a programme for Millfield Prep students to join during the Exeat weekend in January 2023. For more information and to book click the link below

[Click here](#)

If any parents would like to request a **September 2023** Year 9 change from day to boarding (or from boarding to day), the Senior School Admissions would be grateful to receive these by **3 January 2023**. After this date, any changes would be subject to their being spaces available. Please email admissions@millfieldschool.com

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SHOP

Do you have a Christmas jumper that no longer fits? Bring it in to school, clean, on **Monday 5 December** and drop it to the recital hall before GT.

During lunchtime or after school you will have an opportunity to purchase someone else's for a donation of **£2** which will go to the Save the Children's Christmas jumper appeal. Don't forget to bring in some cash!

You can then wear your 'new' jumper on our Christmas jumper day on **Wednesday 7 December**. Any left over will be taken to local charity shops. This is great for the charity and a more sustainable approach to fashion.

Thank you for your support.
Millfield Prep Eco Committee

BANK HOLIDAY

Due to King Charles' coronation on **Saturday 6 May 2023**, there is an additional bank holiday on **Monday 8 May, 2023**. As bank holidays that fall in term time are treated as normal school days, **Saturday 6 May 2023** will be a non-teaching day to provide the majority of our community with an opportunity to celebrate.

Students are therefore welcome to take exeat from the Friday evening (**Friday 5 May, 2023**). A programme of sport and activities will be in place on the Saturday for students who do not take exeat.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION

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It was fantastic to see Years 3, 4 and 5 showcasing their Christmas Production 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' on Wednesday. They all worked extremely hard on the project and produced a wonderful event to help get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Only 363 days until the next one...
Link to the full album of the production [here](#).



JUNIOR AWARDS

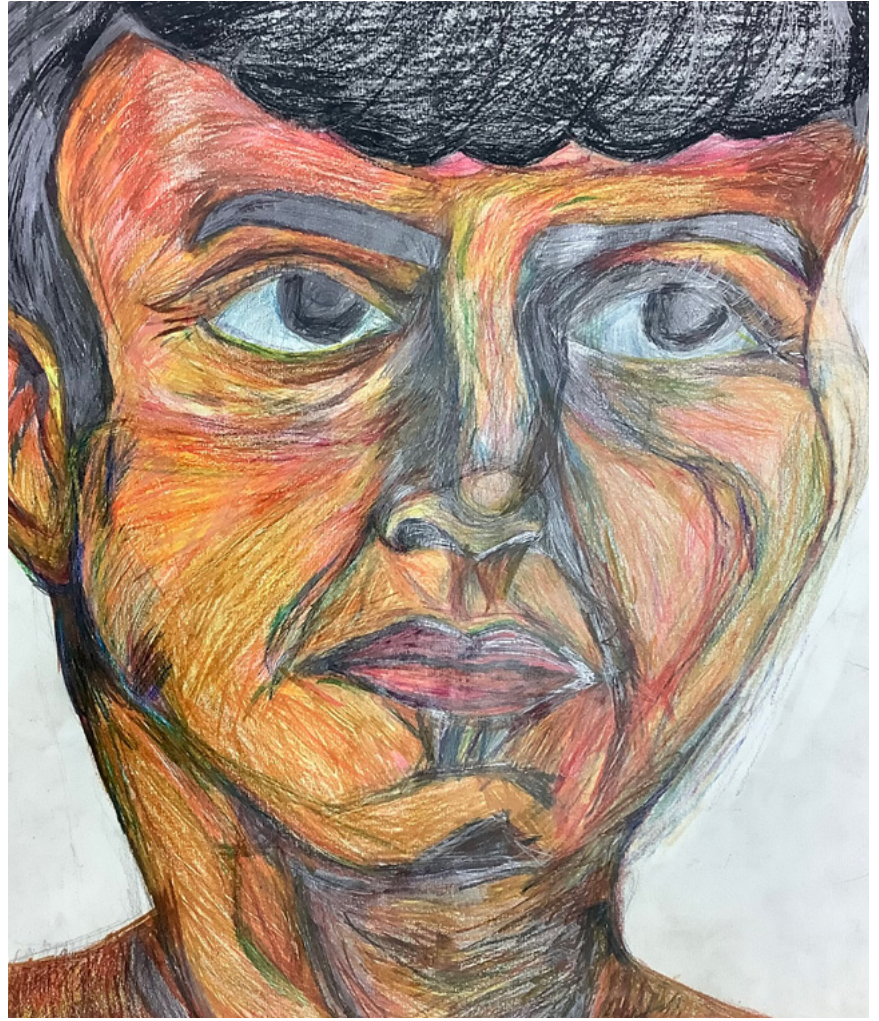
This week, Oreo has been awarded to **Georgina F. Georgina** has been independently trying to learn German and has built up a streak of over 367 days on Duolingo! Incredible dedication, well done!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

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This week's 'Picture of the week' is this outstanding pencil portrait by **Elizabeth M 8SI/JRH**



YEAR 6 SUPPORTERS

Year 6 Supporters have been doing a great job of listening to children read in Years 3-5. The children are rewarded with stickers in their planners and enjoy spending time with a Year 6 chatting about their book. Well done to the Year 6 Supporters.



MONITORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

As a thank you for the help that the Year 8 Monitors give around the school, such as on the Pre-Prep playground, sorting out the dining room queue and aiding with assemblies, the Monitors were treated to a delicious three course meal in the Shaylor Pavillion. The dessert, which was a gingerbread sundae, went down particularly well!! There was even a singing Santa, see if you can spot him in the photo. If you are in Year 8 and would like to apply to become a Monitor for next term, please write Miss Sharp a letter. In your letter, explain why you would make a great Monitor (School, Music or Chapel) and what you would bring to the role. Applications are due by **Friday 6 January**.



UK BEBRAS 2022

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who gained a Distinction in the recent Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

Lottie B	Distinction
Zane B	Distinction
Myrtle B	Distinction
Ziggy C	Distinction
Elsie C	Distinction
Eva D	Distinction
Elsie D	Distinction
Doris F	Distinction
Sophie F	Distinction
Zia G	Distinction
Seb G	Distinction
Emilia H	Distinction
Lucinda H	Distinction
Sarah H	Distinction
Zach K	Distinction
Alexander L	Distinction
Vivienne L	Distinction
Maddie M	Distinction
Millie M	Distinction
Isabelle P	Distinction
Maya S	Distinction
Orla S	Distinction
Walter T	Distinction
Jason T	Distinction
Toby W	Distinction



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 - Insula

- 1) Insulation
- 2) Island
- 3) Iceberg

Over 350,000 students nationwide took part in the UK Bebras Challenge this year, with 106,598 in the same section as our Year 7 students. Further congratulations also go to: **Ziggy C, Zia G, Seb G, Zack K, Vivienne L and Toby W** who have been awarded a Gold certificate for being placed in the top 10% in the country for their age group.

A special mention must go to **Zia G** who gained the highest score for a Millfield Prep School student and received a 'Best in School' certificate.

GEOGRAPHY

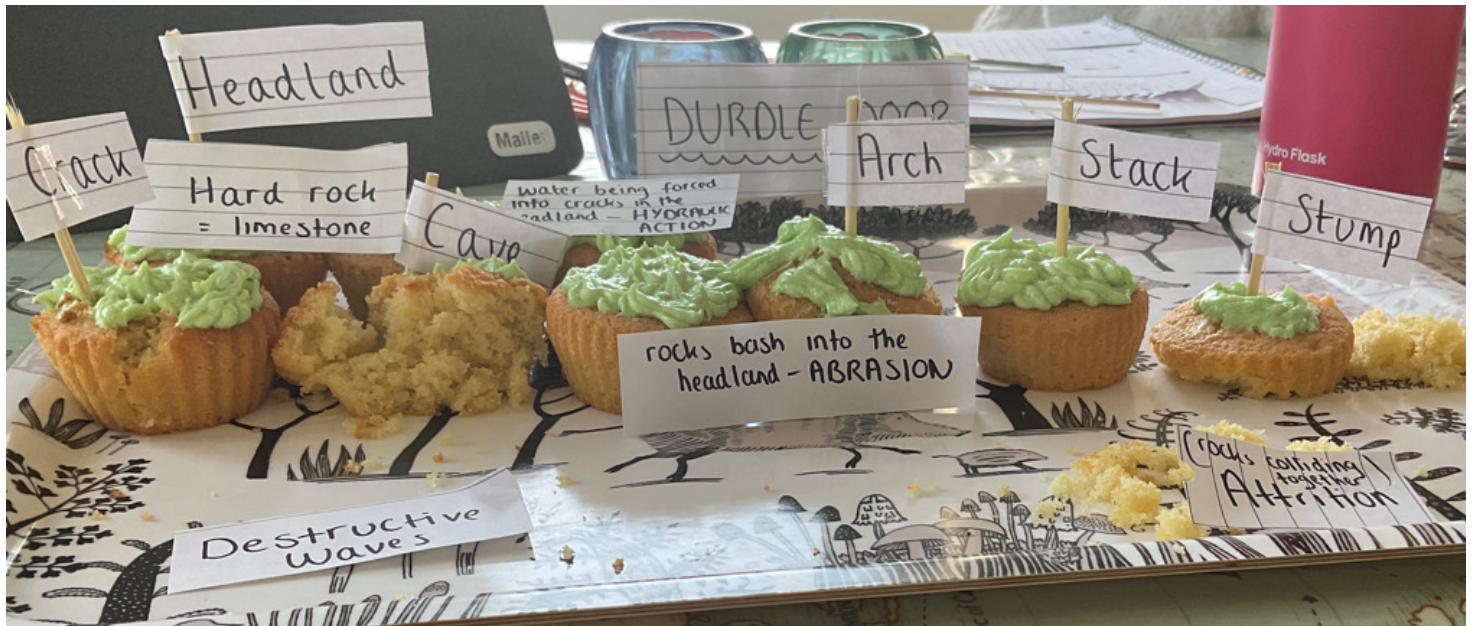
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Year 8 have been getting creative in their Geography lessons. Linked to their topic on 'Coasts,' the wwwwere challenged with making a model to show how a headland is eroded. Each stage can be seen clearly in these models - crack, cave, arch, stack, stump. The pupils certainly impressed us with their model making skills and some even chose to create their model out of cake!

Image 1: made from shells by **Tilly C**

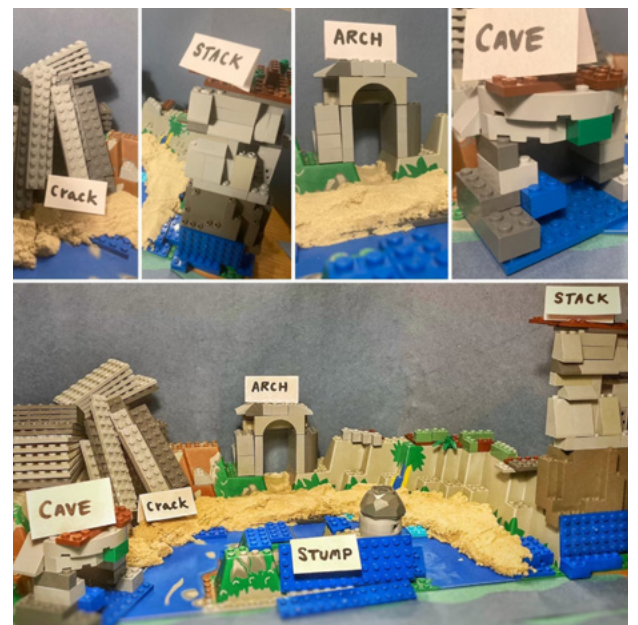
Image 2: made from egg cartons by **Chloe B**

Image 3: made from cupcakes by **Tilly C**





Lego headland model created by Marcello J-R



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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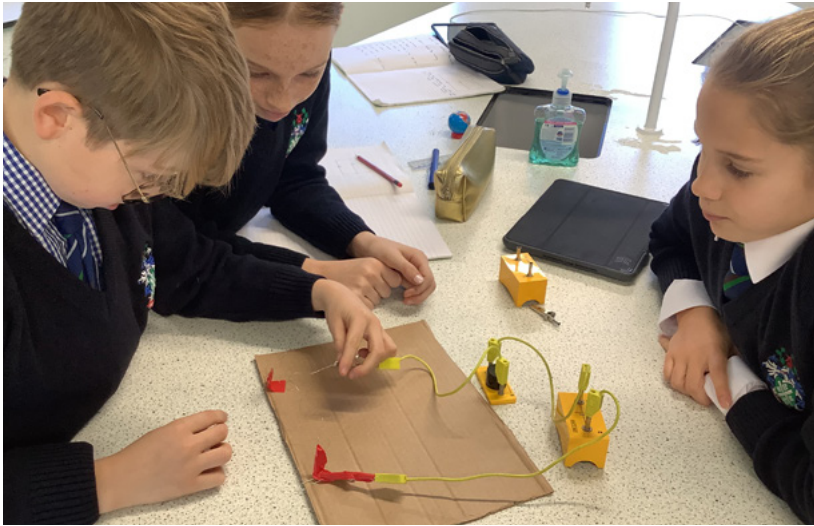
Year 7 and 8 have been preparing and producing Thai Green chicken curry. Year 4 students have been getting festive and have enjoyed creating melted snowman cookies.



YEAR 6 SCIENCE/IPC

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This week, Year 6 have been building loop wire buzzer games in science, as part of their learning of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) topic, Full Power! The children have been learning about parallel and series circuits as well as learning what makes a complete circuit, essential for building their own circuit for the games. The end results were some tricky games and lots of loud buzzers! Well done all.



SCIENCE

We have our own Chemistry 'Chemistree' in the science department! All items are from the Prep room that are reused or reusable.



HISTORY MAPS

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It has been a very good way for students in Year 7 to consolidate their learning this term with a new style of prep. Our students have been given the choice of six blank maps to complete and can choose any time period we have studied this year. They were given a worked example that was made by their history teacher and given a good set of instructions as to how best to approach the task. It begun with many questions but we were really pleased to see some students complete their prep early and this allowed their peers to visualise how they might create their own history map.

The best 20 maps will be framed and in a recent lesson, students who had finished their maps explained how they carried out their research, labelled and annotated their maps which include Roman Britain, Anglo-Saxon England, Norman Europe and possibly a Medieval China map in the making. We hope to use these maps in future lessons.



NATURE RESERVE TRIP

A group of Year 8 girls visited the nature reserve at Shapwick this week. They were given a talk by one of the volunteers about all the different tools they use to help them complete a variety of tasks. There were some familiar tools but many we had never heard of, and it was interesting to see how they worked. The workshop was very organised which impressed the girls, and every tool is carefully put away in the right place once used. We then got to work clearing up willow branches that needed to be moved out of the way of the footpath. It was very cold and the hot chocolate certainly warmed us up at the end.



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

This weekend, the girls enjoyed a rare lazy morning and had a chance to start decorating the house for Christmas. Two Christmas trees, a large snowman and festive window pictures now welcome the girls back to house in the evenings. Many handmade ornaments were added to the tree along with the lights and tinsel. Well done girls!



BEREWALL

This week, the Berewall boys have got into the Christmas spirit. Our tree arrived, so the boys set to work with the lights and decorations. Wednesday saw the boys take advantage of some down time, with a sports quiz, organised by Mr Sweet. It gave them a chance to dig into some sporting knowledge with of course, a little competition too!! We are still gripped with world cup fever.....games coming thick and fast, with flags and team colours draped across the common room. The start of Advent saw the boys begin to open their calendars every morning before school. Not quite the 'breakfast of champions', but great to see them all taking part



EDGARLEY MANOR

We have been getting very festive this week at Edgarley Manor. The boys were very keen to get stuck in with helping to decorate our Christmas tree. They learnt that less is definitely more when it comes to tinsel! We enjoyed a lovely Chinese takeaway together on Saturday night. Some of the boys also made some delicious toffee apples and 'Cake pops' for everyone to enjoy with their snack this evening.

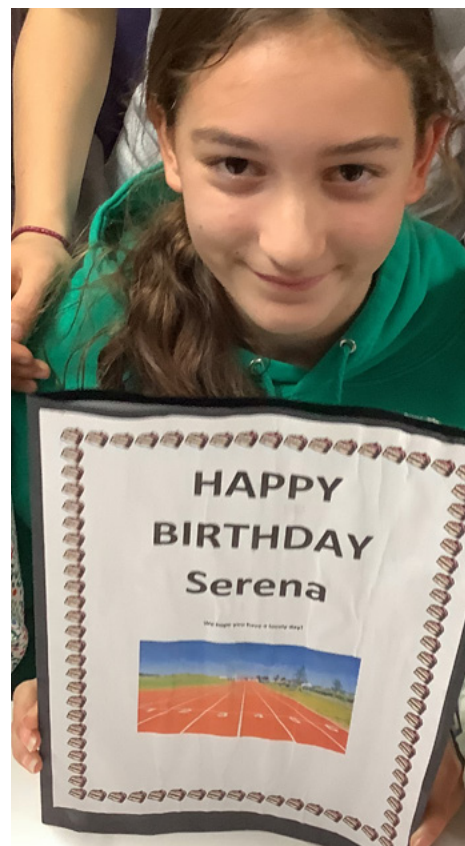


CHAMPION

As we head towards the end of this busy term, thoughts move towards Christmas and of course Advent.

Mrs Smith encouraged the girls to create their very own Advent, and, what you cannot see is the sneaky chocolate inside! On Friday we had double birthday celebrations for **Serena** who turned 12 and **Rose** who was 11. Mr L burned the midnight oil to produce these 2 amazing cakes. The girls have already made some salt dough decorations for the tree and the outside Christmas lights are now on! Champion gets the Christmas treatment soon – we have lots of decorations to put up and on Thursday we are heading off to Millfield to see a dance performance of Cinderella, very exciting!





CHESTNUT

The boys are nearing the end of term which means it must be time for the Christmas chaos to begin! **Henry**, our head of house officially turned on Christmas lights and the house has become a Christmas wonderland! **Maxi**, **Tinashe** and **Carlos** built an amazing balloon arch to go by the kitchen. Every morning the boys race to the advent wall to open their stars and see what arrived overnight. Wednesday also saw a huge game of 40:40 played across the campus which saw the boys hiding and seeking each other. There will not be any bah-humbug this year!



SPORTING NEWS

NETBALL

Congratulations to the U13A netball team who progress to the final eight of the School Sports Magazine U13 netball cup. They beat Cheltenham Ladies College 29-19. A congratulations as well to the following girls who have been accepted to the Yeovil U13 Somerset netball performance program.

Agi C, Eleanor E, Gracie T, Jasmine C, Morolayo A and Vienna T. Also **Megan B** who was offered a place. The program is the first step on the pathway to full county which starts at U15 and is recognition of the girls hard work. We hope they enjoy and learn from their experiences.



Morolayo

Gracie

Megan

Eleanor



Jasmine



Vienna



Agi



Our prep riders **Livi, Lola, Vaasvi, and Tommy** all rode super rounds in the County Championships. We had a great day of competition on Sunday, we were out from dawn till dusk.



Tommy is now county champion individually at 1m.



This is the team for the 70cm in the County Championships. **Tilly, Larissa, Jack and Hattie**. Well done you all rode so well.



This is the 70cm team, who just missing out on being county champs, coming a very respectable second place. Considering how anxious some of the riders were at the start, their team spirit and support for each other was super.

Jack on Charlie, **Larissa** on Honey, **Hattie** on Elvis (who won individually as well and is county champion at 70cm) and **Tilly** on Mr Ed.



The 80cm Team came eighth.

- **Hattie** on Elvis
- **Elsie** on Ruby came third individually.
- **Sarah** on Sonny

The 90cm Red Team came fourth

- **Elsie** on Ruby and ninth individually
- **Sarah** on Sonny
- **Vaasvi** on Quin
- **Tommy** on Coleman

The 90cm Blue Team fifth.

- **Livi** on Dapple
- **Lola** on Sunny
- **Myla** on Bracken and eighth individual

The 1m Team came second, just missing out on being county champions by 3 seconds.

- **Vaasvi** on Quin
- **Tommy** on Colmena and won individually
- **Livi** on Dapple and seventh individually
- **Lola** on Sunny and 13th individually
- **Myla** on Bracken ninth individually
- **Lexi** on Dorito sixth individually

KARATE

Frederick H successfully graded for his purple belt in Karate on Saturday with the senior Millfield karate squad. He gave an excellent account of himself, receiving a second-class pass and his next belt will mark the halfway point towards a black belt. He remains on target to grade for his first brown belt by the end of this academic year. He has received feedback on areas to focus on with his coaches and there is no doubt that he will act positively on these areas in the future.

On Saturday, Millfield hosted an U9 and U12 tournament. **Willow S**, **Alexis M** and **Oscar M** played in the U9 tournament and played really well. In the U12 tournament **Fredi D-H** played some good tennis in tough conditions and came runner-up.



On Saturday, eight year 7 and 8 pupils played in a very wet and cold U14 tournament in Yeovil. There were some great performances all-round especially in such tough conditions. A special mention to **Valentina B** who won the Girls' tournament and to **Ollie W** who lost on the final of the Boys' tournament on a very close third set tie-break.



CLIMBING

Harry recently competed in the GB Climbing YCS Grand Final over two days in Swindon having qualified for the event third in our region. This was his first national event and with just over 200 competitors it was a busy two days with lots of drama. The route setting was of world championship standard and was **Harry's** first experience climbing routes of this difficulty. Day one was the lead climbing which see the athletes climb four separate routes, for which they have one attempt and any mistakes low down on the route can ruin thier whole event. There was lots of jeopardy on these climbs as well as some nasty falls, but thankfully no serious injuries. **Harry** did well placing as high as 10th during the day and finishing day one in 20th position. Day two was the bouldering round with eight blocks set and five attempts at each. The boulder problems proved difficult and many of the athletes struggling with fatigue and injury by the end of the day. Everyone managed to finish their sets and it was lovely to see such camaraderie between the athletes. **Harry's** category is Youth C U15 and as one of the youngest competitors at 12 he managed to finish the competition ranked 24th in the UK.



The U13A girls travelled to Haileybury College to compete in the IAPS National Hockey Finals on Friday 25 November.

The girls were excited to be playing amongst the top 20 IAPS schools in the country and had prepared fantastically from all their sessions at home, resting, sleeping and fuelling themselves sufficiently.

They began their campaign against a strong Framingham College, and after the nerves had settled the girls were off to a successful 3-0 start. The next match proved challenging for the girls as Cargilfield from Scotland had implemented a defensive system attempting to slow the game down, recognising our girls like fast free-flowing hockey. This led to a goalless draw. The girls addressed their team objectives and went on to beat Cumnor House 1-0, and Danes Hill 1-0.

The girls now led their pool and were through to the Cup/Plate Competition with the top eight schools.

The quarter final was against a strong Downs Malvern team who scored early, the girls created an abundance of goal scoring opportunities, they just couldn't find the equaliser.

The team was, as expected, extremely disappointed not to progress through to the semi finals, however they dusted themselves off and knew they still had another potential two games to finish in a high position.

St Faiths were a strong outfit and negated many of our attacks. However, in the final minutes of the game the girls managed to convert a short corner and progress to fifth/sixth playoff. The final game against a physical Cheam who challenged the girls and although they did not stop working tenaciously all day, they had to accept a very creditable sixth place.

I could not have been any prouder of this group of girls. Each and every one of them contributed to the team's performance, in one of the best U13 IAPS Competitions I have ever seen. I know there will still be disappointment in their hearts but I hope they can reflect, as I have, on what an outstanding team they truly are and their potential going forwards will be formidable.

Huge thanks to Mrs C and Miss D for all their support.

Mrs Bodman

Team - **Morolayo, Gracie, Tilly, Agi, Lola, Ruby, Jasmine, Liv and Karmele.**



This week, the U13B hockey team played their last match of the term. The girls have had a brilliant term, playing lots of competitive matches against A and B teams and only losing twice. They have made excellent progress in their hockey and finished off their super term with a competitive game against Prior Park, winning 5-3. Well done and thank you to the parents for their constant support in cold, rain or sunshine!



SWIMMING

Over fifty MPS swimmers attended the county qualification meet held at the senior school at the weekend. Swimmers from Years 4 – 8 raced against other swimming clubs from around the South West for a chance to gain qualifying times for the upcoming Somerset County Championships. It was an outstanding competition with great skills on display as well as great application of race plans and good race day practices. Well done swimmers you were all awesome!

House swimming for Years 6 - 8 will be held at Millfield Senior School on Thursday 8 December. Parents are more than welcome to attend and show support during the races, the first race will start at 9.30am. There will be refreshments on the pool balcony available throughout the event.





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KEY DATES

Monday 5 December at 2pm

Crib Service in St Johns Church, Glastonbury
All families invited

Wednesday 7 December at 2pm

Pre-School and Reception Nativity

Thursday 8 December at 9.30am

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Thursday 8 December

Children invited to wear Christmas Jumpers
Christmas Lunch

Friday 9 December

Class Christmas Parties
End of Term 12pm



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Our tadpoles have had a very busy week with Christmas crafts and decorating our Christmas tree with their wonderful decorations they made at home - thank you for all your efforts. We haven't taken many photos this week as we want to keep it a surprise for you all next week...We can't wait to share it with you!



CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED!

Christmas has well and truly arrived in Pre-School. The Frogs have helped decorate the classroom and learnt how to make paper chains. They have also enjoyed making different Christmas crafts. They have also been busy rehearsing for the Nativity, getting used to wearing their headpieces and singing all the songs; it's going to be amazing!



MAKING BIRD NESTS

It was **Margot's** turn to be chef of the week, and to celebrate her American heritage, we had our own Thanksgiving day. We made waffles and chopped up lots of delicious fruits to make turkey inspired waffles for our snack. We even had Mr Thornburn come in and help cook the waffles!!

Before we ate, we all said things we are thankful for. There was lots of thanks for our Mummy's, Daddy's, our pets, our friends and Father Christmas. The children made brilliant turkey creations and gobbled up every last bit!!



MAKING CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas is all around in Year 1. We have been making Christmas trees using the sticks that we collected from the forest. The children then tied ribbons onto their sticks to make their beautiful trees. We were thrilled with how quickly they learnt a new skill.



CHRISTMAS TREATS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Year 2! We have been busy getting our Christmas crafting on. The children have been sewing cards, making stained glass windows, making Advent wreaths, wood stick stars and many more little treats to take home next week. Well done Year 2!

