



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

I'm not sure if it is the same for you, but I have no idea quite where this week has gone! Equally, I don't know if you have also sensed just the slightest of changes with lighter mornings, but there is a tangible feeling that now we are through January, the end of the tunnel is more visible! The children have certainly been full of energy this past week and I have been delighted by the breadth of their achievements.

Matilda is fast approaching and the entire cast and crew have been hard at work putting their finishing touches to things – we are all eagerly awaiting the performances next week. Elsewhere, it was lovely to see that some of our senior

musicians had performed at the Anchor care home in Shepton Mallet and I know they brought real joy to the residents there – thank you and well done.

It has been exceedingly busy on the sports front this week with many swimmers competing in the County Championships which will continue to run over the weekend too. There have also been notable successes for the girls in recent netball tournaments and, earlier in the week, the U13 girls qualified for the next round of the Lady Taverners indoor cricket competition. The boys also had some great performances on the hockey pitches against Taunton, while our cross country runners were making their mark in the Mendip Junior League. I'm tired just writing about all of that activity! Well done everyone and keep up the sterling efforts.

Do keep your eyes peeled for the pick up arrangements for half term which will be in this newsletter – I think the break will be coming at just the right time. Have a very good weekend when it arrives – I wonder which of the home nations will have bragging rights after the first round of 6 Nations fixtures!

Yours,

Dan

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PARENT NOTICES

Half term finish

Pupils with siblings can collect with the youngest.

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Year 7 - Day	12 noon	Reception car park
Year 8 - Day	12.15	Reception car park
Boarders	12 noon	Boarding houses

Headlice and nits

Please can parents and carers check their child's head for headlice and nits, which are very common in school aged children and their families. Whilst head lice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. Please see the [NHS website](#) for more information.

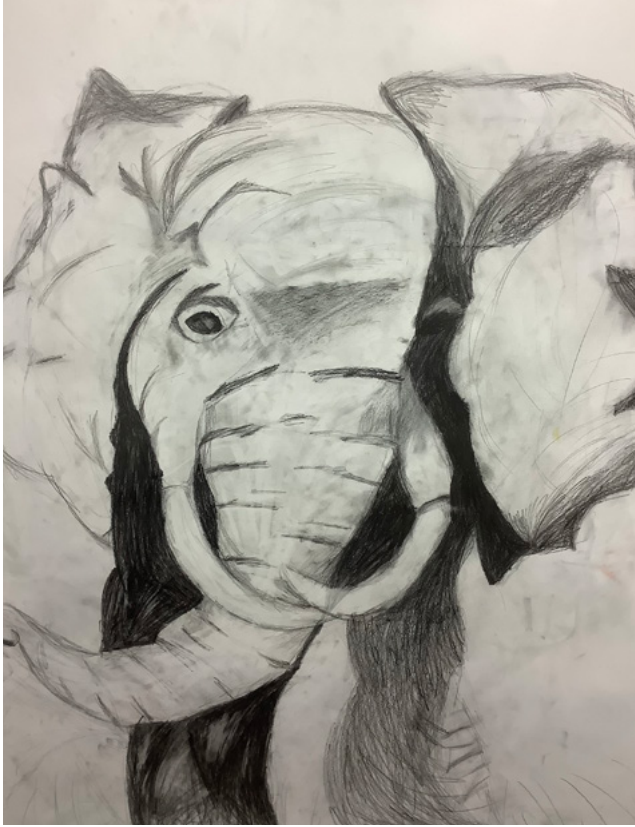
Parking

Please can parents park considerately when collecting their child from the Reception car park, avoiding parking in the lane leading into the Reception whenever possible.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

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This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent drawing of an elephant by **Liv 7WA**.



WORD OF THE WEEK

The Millfield Prep Languages game returns! 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: **l'escalade**

- 1) Climbing
- 2) Skating
- 3) Cycling

LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

This week's Linguist of the Week is **Ziggy** in Year 7. Ziggy has been working independently in Latin as he has covered more work in his previous school, and is diligent about completing all tasks set to the best of his ability. He also joins in really well when we play team games and challenges in class – keep up the good work, Ziggy!

JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Chota and Oreo have been awarded to two girls in Year 6. **Florence** receives Chota for always being polite and well mannered to staff, asking how their day has been and going out of her way to talk to them. She is always thoughtful and considerate of her peers. Oreo was awarded to **Maddie** for being diligent and thoughtful in her lessons and showing brilliant listening skills when others in her class were contributing to class discussions. Miffy has been awarded to **Grace** in Year 3. Grace always has such a positive attitude in class, she is kind and enjoys putting a smile on her classmates faces. Well done to all.



YEAR 6 SUPPORTERS

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Congratulations to our new Year 6 Supporters, **Maddie, Jagger, George, Maddie and Hester.**



BEST DECORATED LOCKER

Olga in Year 6 has shown her artistic skills by decorating her locker for St Valentine's Day.



UK LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD

Are you in Year 7 or 8? Do you enjoy crosswords, logic puzzles or other code breaking activities?

If so, you might be interested in taking part in the UK Linguistics Olympiad breakthrough level challenge.

What is it?

The UKLO is a competition, like the Maths Olympiad, where competitors have to solve linguistic data problems.

[Everything you need to discover your linguistic talent! - UKLO](#)

Do you need to be good at languages?

No – often the students that do best at this are good mathematicians and enjoy the activities mentioned above.

When will it take place?

It will take place at school on Monday 6 February from 4-5.30pm in L2.

If you are not already on the list, or think this is something you would like to take part in, please see Miss Heywood or email her by the end of week.

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FIRST HISTORY AND POLITICS CONFERENCE

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On Tuesday, we welcomed Dr Marc Morris to Millfield Prep School who delivered a talk to Year 7 in the Recital Hall. This is an annual event at the Senior School, but this year, both history departments wanted to stage the History and Politics Conference across both schools over the course of a single day. This was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to hear from an expert on 1066 and the Norman Conquest, a topic that they have all recently studied a matter of weeks ago. Furthermore, it allowed our pupils to listen and learn about what happened during and after the Battle of Hastings and to ask questions about Norman history. Our guest commented on the quality of questions asked and the enthusiasm of the pupils, which was lovely to hear. We were also able to invite Millfield students and staff to the Conference and some being ex-Millfield Prep pupils themselves, who really enjoyed the opportunity to return back to the school and be involved in the morning talk.

We were also very fortunate to arrange a Q&A workshop with a group of Year 8 pupils, which focused on the process of writing history and how to evaluate evidence. I asked the pupils to prepare a selection of questions to ask Dr Morris and this certainly helped them to lead the workshop. They learnt about everything from what makes well written history, to what historians do if there is a limited amount of evidence available. This led to a superb exchange of ideas and was a brilliant way to learn about history from a published historian. I would like to thank all the staff involved in planning the conference and again, congratulate all the pupils for their excellent engagement throughout the morning. We intend to develop more academic enrichment in the future and work with our colleagues at Millfield to offer more events of this kind.



FOOD STUDIES

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This week in food studies, the Year 3 pupils enjoyed creating crumpet pizzas and were challenged to use a grill for the first time.



This week in food studies, Year 4 pupils were tasked with creating banana and raspberry oat cookies. Pupils also learnt about natural sugars and how to create sweetness when cooking using natural sugars.



This week in food studies, Year 5 pupils independently produced Focaccia and further developed their understanding of the role of carbohydrates in the human body.



This week in food studies, the Year 8 pupils were tasked with preparing, producing, and plating Teriyaki Chicken and Rice. Demonstrating professional and higher-level plating skills.

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IPC

As part of our current IPC unit, Year 3 have been exploring how our body works. This week, we have used the virtual reality headsets to get a closer look at our bodies. We took a tour of many areas of the body including the eye, skeleton, lungs and digestive system.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

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Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been working hard this year making these excellent storage solutions. Each pupil identified a problem from a set brief, designed their own idea, calculated what materials they needed and then constructed their own bespoke projects. The quality has been very high and everyone should be pleased with the outcome. Please look out for further work which will be displayed in the Pavillion on match days.



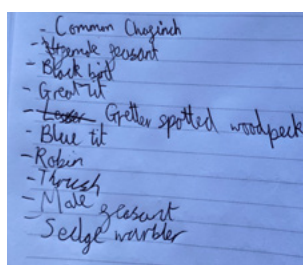
Young Voices is one of the most looked forward to dates in the school calendar and this year was no different. On Friday, we had the pleasure of taking 70 pupils from Years 4 – 6 to Resorts World Arena in Birmingham, the most we've ever taken. They had the most amazing time performing songs such as, 'Milligantics', music set to a collection of Spike Milligan poems, 'Over the Hills', a variety of iconic folk songs from around the United Kingdom, a reggae mash up which featured some Bob Marley, a pop medley from 'Trolls', some original songs written especially for Young Voices 'Message' and 'Sing from Your Heart' making a reappearance. The evening finished with a huge disco as everyone got involved in the 'Nile Rogers Disco Party'. During the evening there were performances from beatbox champions 'The Beatbox Collective' street dancers 'Urban Strides', violinist Anna Phoebe and then we all had the opportunity to sing 'Proud' with Heather Small which was a special moment. It was a long day with pupils getting home about 1am but the tiredness didn't dampen the buzz of excitement or the great memories everyone made. Roll on 2024!



SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

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A group of Year 8 boys visited the nature reserve at Shapwick this week, managed by the Hawk and Owl Trust. We visited two different bird hides, spending 30 minutes in silence at each one whilst drinking hot chocolate. Everyone enjoyed having some quiet time and the opportunity to sit back and relax whilst waiting for the birds to appear. On this visit we spotted: a common chaffinch, female and male pheasants, blackbirds, great tits, a greater spotted woodpecker, robin, thrush and a sedge warbler.



BOARDING LIFE

CHAMPION

It's been another busy week at Champion; our swimmers have been competing, our Juniors went to Young Voices and had an amazing time. So what better way to recover than a Saturday night treat! Chocolate ice cream was in short supply in the supermarkets but the girls still had a delicious selection of treats to enjoy, followed by a choice of movies to watch. On Sunday the boarders headed to the cinema - the perfect way to recharge batteries ahead of another busy week. We are all going to watch the Matilda performance next week and will be packing for half term – all very exciting! We also welcomed Year 3 visitor **Yara** for a taster visit, which was great.



BEREWALL

This week the Berewall boys celebrated with our newest teenager, **Davin**. Cake, pizza, and singing were on the menu for the house...a fun time was had by all! The evenings continue to be a hive of action. Prep, packing kit bags and washing make up the routine before the boys can relax. Wednesday evening saw the boys enjoy some downtime with a games night. Lego, Monopoly, and chess were popular choices. From Sunday, we will start to think about packing for half term. The boys are ready for a final push before a well-deserved rest.



CHESTNUT

The boys have had another busy week and they are looking forward to their lazier day on Sunday. Last weekend we had a surprise visit from a former Chestnut boy **Evsey**. It was lovely to see him and reminisce about his time with us. On Monday **Ben** was in charge of making quesadillas for the whole house. His production line was very efficient, and we had some full and happy boys afterwards. On Wednesday, the boys got creative making Valentine's Day cards for some very special people. A lot of cutting, sticking, folding and colouring ensued and their masterpieces will go in the post in plenty of time to get to their loved ones.



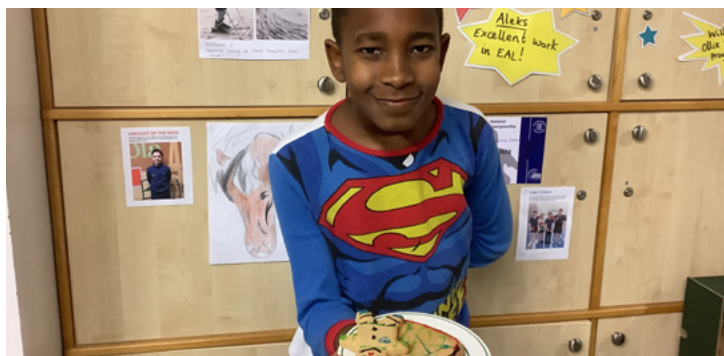
HOLLIES

It has been another busy week in Hollies. The girls have continued their creative horse jumping theme in the evenings this week and enjoyed embracing the Chinese New Year by drawing their name in Mandarin from the list of characters. They also made hand prints which have been linked together to create a Chinese dragon display. Later in the week, the house 'families' competed in a daring Twister session. The weekend brought some relaxation time with a trip to the cinema to see Matilda the Musical as final inspiration before many of them perform on the school stage next week. The week ended with an exciting trip to Tesco to spend some pocket money on treats – noodles, pizza and ice cream mostly!



EDGARLEY MANOR

It has been a busy time at Edgarley Manor with various sporting activities going on including fencing, riding and tennis competitions at the weekend. The boys also enjoyed their trip to the cinema as part of the boarders Sunday programme. Amongst all of this, we launched 'Chef of the Week'. **Matthew's** recipe idea was chosen and lots of the boys got involved in following the instructions to make gingerbread. Much enjoyment was then had decorating the biscuits, and even more was had when it came to eating them! Thank you for the idea **Matthew**. Safe to say, it was a hit!



FLEXI-BOARDING

Has your child ever tried flexi-boarding? Or would they like to know what it's like to be a boarder?

From two, three, or four nights per week, or occasional boarding at £67 per night - it can be a convenient option around your schedules, or for early and late sports sessions.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



SPORTING NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Race three of five in the Mendip junior cross country league took place on Tuesday at Palace Fields in Wells. It is a very tough course that really tested our runners but they can be very proud of how resilient they were. Race four in a couple of weeks is on a much flatter course!



NETBALL

The U11A netball team played in the MPS Tournament on Saturday 28 January. The tournament proved to be fantastic development for all the girls with plenty of competitive match play. Overall, the girls scored a sparkling 48 goals, winning against Kingswood, Redmaids, Blundells, All Hallows and Queens. The match against a strong Heath Mount saw the girls going into half time only one goal down, before Heath Mount went on to win. This match displayed superb resilience from the girls, playing an extremely physical and strong netball specialist school. I was very proud of all the girls on their performance on the day, very worthy silver medallists, with lots more to come from this talented year group.

Team - **Bella, Dixie, Elsie, Florence, Florrie, Rose and Tammy**. Thank you to Mrs Close for running the tournament so seamlessly.

The U11B netball team played brilliantly at the U11 tournament on Saturday. There was some tough competition, but they continued to work hard and ended up winning the silver medals. Well done girls, an enjoyable afternoon with some fantastic netball!



PARENTS HOCKEY

The parents hockey sessions on Tuesday morning got off to a good start with 12 players. It was a good chance for a chat and catch up whilst also having a bit of a run around. Hopefully we will have a few more join us for next week. Please park in the bottom car park and meet on the astro for a 9-10.15 session.

After a few skills and drills we had a tremendous end to end thriller of a game which needed a golden goal to settle the score as time was running out!

All abilities are very welcome. We have some sticks but please wear a gumshield.

If you have any questions please email Adam Duke, on duke.a@millfieldschool.com



FOOTBALL

The U13A boys faced a strong Sherborne U14B in a closely contested affair. The early stages of the game were played around the Sherborne box, with both **Dere** and **Alex** striking the woodwork. Despite Millfield's early pressure, it was Sherborne that took the lead through a break away counterattack and clever finish. An optimistic Millfield team took to the field for the second half and soon found themselves on level terms through **Ben** at the back post. Millfield's composure on the ball served them well as they scored another three goals to seal a 4-1 victory. Special mention to **Tinashe** for a commanding performance from left back.

The U12A team faced Street FC U13 on Saturday. Street were dominant to begin with, scoring two goals in the first half. Nevertheless, Millfield were able to compose themselves in the second half playing some lovely football. The match ended 2-2.

The Under 13B team played Sherborne School Under 14C team. Whilst the opposition were physically bigger, MPS were skilfully better. Intricate passing moves, switching play between the flanks and some gutsy tackling throughout the game ensured a comprehensive 6-3 victory. Despite seven out of the squad playing out of position in the second half, they still managed to work effectively as a unit, nobly led at the back by **Monty** whose stalwart defending typified the positive attitude and considerable work ethic of the team. It was a joy to referee. Well done to all!

The Year 6 and 7 girls progressed to the next round of the County Cup. They showed great teamwork and effort to win 7-3.



On the weekend, Millfield held another U8 tournament. There were lots of pupils competing who all played well and learnt lots. Congratulations to **Isabella** who won the tournament!



Last weekend, **Zach** competed in an U12 Grade 3 tournament in North Devon. Zach played really well and came runner-up. Congratulations!



On the weekend **Lowri** and **Almendra** competed in an U10 Grade 4 tournament in Cardiff. Both girls showed good performances playing against some tough opposition. Congratulations to Almendra for winning the tournament!



Xavier and **Valentina** both competed in a tournament over the weekend. Xavier played in the U14 Grade 4 event and Valentina in the U16 Grade 4 event. Xavier and Valentina played extremely well, and both won their events. Congratulations!



There are non-residential tennis camps being held at Millfield Prep School during the Easter and Summer holidays for 6.5–14-year-olds. Chris Chapman and Matt Elston will be running the camps which will run from 9am to 4pm with snacks and lunch being provided. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Chris or Matt.

If you are interested, please follow the link [here](#) to book

MILLFIELD PREP TENNIS CAMP 2023

These new camps will be led by Matt Elston and Chris Chapman who are both Specialist Millfield coaches as well as County coaches in Avon and Somerset.

The camp will provide a world class learning environment at our prep school site, helping players between 6 and a half - 14 years of age improve their tennis through drills, game stage learning and match play. The non residential tennis camps will include snacks and a nutritional lunch each day with a wide range of options to select from.

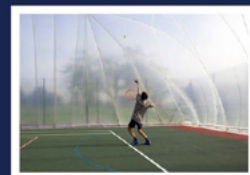
DATES, TIMES & COST

EASTER - 03/04/23 - 06/04/23
4 days (9:00 - 16:00)

£225 per person (for boys and girls)

SUMMER - 24/07/23 - 28/07/23
5 days (9:00 - 16:00)

£280 per person (for boys and girls)



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MILLFIELD
ENTERPRISES



Competition Chard 29th January 2023

Rider	Class	Result
Ella	80cm	DC 3rd Place
Hattie	80cm	DC 4th Place
Sarah	80cm	8FAULTS
Tilly	60cm	DC 3rd Place
Jack	60cm	5th Place
Tilly	70cm	3rd Place
Larissa	50cm	3rd Place
Larissa	60cm	3rd place
Tommy	90cm	DC 2nd Place
Sarah	90cm	3rd 4 faults
Vaasvi	90cm	4 Faults
Tommy	1m	2nd Place DC
Vaasvi	1m	3rd Place DC

Tilly and Mr Ed.



Oliver demonstrating a good position in the saddle.





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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



It has been another busy week in Pre-Prep with visits to the Vets and Mosque in Glastonbury. Pre-School and Minis have been busy bird watching and making bird feeders. Reception have been learning how to care for their pets. Year 1 and Year 2 have continued to learn about forces and had an amazing afternoon together in Forest School.

All of the children loved the Explorer Dome and learnt about friction, had fun with mysterious magnets and learnt why penguins don't fall off the Earth at the South Pole. Can the children tell you why? Or what else they learnt?

As a school we are all learning Makaton, a unique language programme that uses signs, symbols and speech, to enhance our communication skills. Ask your children what signs they have learnt already or if they can sign their name?

We have continued to learn about how to care for our world and how to reduce, re-use and recycle. We have set the children the task of creating something out of recycled materials. This could be a toy, picture, game, decoration, bird feeder, plant pot etc. We can't wait to display all of the creations over the next few weeks.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 8 February
Year 1/2 Open Afternoon 2-3pm

Thursday 9 February
Pre-Prep to watch Matilda at Senior School

Friday 10 February
School finishes at 12pm for half term holidays

Half term finish

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FIRE ENGINES

The children were fascinated by the flashing lights and loud sirens of a fire engine that went past the school this week so we have set up a fire engine in our classroom. The tadpoles have been busy putting out fires with the hoses, driving the fire engine and dressing up as firefighters. We did some colour mixing with the paints to see if we could make the colours of a fire and talked about fire safety.



BIRD WATCHING

Last week the Frogs spotted a robin and a blackbird on the patio. We fed them some biscuit crumbs and created a bird hide in the classroom so the children could quietly observe the birds. We decided to make some bird feeders and had a fun but rather greasy time mixing lard, bird seed, grated cheese and raisins together before squashing the mixture into empty yoghurt pots. We hung the feeders from our bird table and are now waiting to see who comes to visit us!



DANCING DRAGON

This week the Frogs and Tadpoles have continued practising their dragon dancing. The Tadpoles created a marvellous dragon to use in the dance. A wonderful time was had using the dragon costume to dance with. The children worked together, displaying great team work, to move up and down, in time with music. Well done everyone, fabulous dragon dancing!



STRAW PAINTINGS

We have been creating blow pictures. The children pushed the paint by blowing air through a straw. All the children chose what they wanted their creations to eventually become: monsters, hedgehogs and tortoise to name a few.



GLASTONBURY MOSQUE VISIT

This half term Year 2 have been learning about Islam in RS lessons. On Monday we went to visit Glastonbury Mosque and were welcomed by the Imam. The children had prepared questions to learn more about the rules and tradition of Islam and the Imam explained the significance of prayer and celebrations in the Muslim faith.



MINIS NEWS



MINIS CONSTRUCTION

The Minis had heaps of fun on our Minis building site! They mixed different amounts of water and sand to investigate the perfect cement for building a wall, and printed with duplo bricks. We enjoyed constructing cheese, ham and grape kebabs and also explored magnetic shapes. Our hammering worked on our fine motor skills, as well as our hand-eye coordination! Great learning Minis!

