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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back from half term and I hope that you all managed to find some time to relax and recharge the batteries a little. Many congratulations to Mr Young, from Pre-Prep, who got married over the break – it was lovely to see the support the Pre-Prep pupils gave him before his big day.

I must confess to be writing this introduction with slightly lazy eyelids, following a late-night slot in the 24-hour tennis event to raise money for the Force Cancer Charity, supporting Vicky Harris. It has been a wonderful event and one which has shown the whole school community coming together in aid of such a good cause. The final few hours of tennis are still going and I'd like to extend huge thanks to everyone who has taken part, but a very special mention to Gabbie Robbins who

has organised the event. Please do keep your donations coming – it would be brilliant to smash our target. The link to the JustGiving page is [here](#).

As ever, this newsletter is full of interesting stories of all that has been happening this week. Well done, in particular, to those who took academic scholarship exams – we hope you performed to the best of your ability and good luck with the results.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at events over the course of the coming weeks. It is a busy and exciting part of the year. I hope that the AGM for the Parents and Friends Association on Tuesday evening will be well attended. Do please spread the word about it. Details have been shared on Classlist.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Yours,

Dan

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## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's 'Picture of the Week' is this impressive print portrait of the late Queen Elizabeth by **Posy L 6REC**



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NEXT  
OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 4  
MARCH

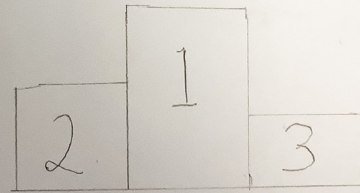


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FOR AGES 2-13



## JUNIOR WRITERS CLUB: UP AND DOWN POEM

Up and down  
Up and down everywhere, twirling through the air  
Tucks, Straddles, twists, and turns, upside down  
without a care.  
It takes time to learn the moves,  
It's harder than it looks  
Falling down and getting up, you can't learn this from books.  
Training for the competitions, it's what I'm working for  
But sometimes things don't go to plan and I wanted to do more  
Deep breaths you need and bravery to head back to the gym  
It's what you need to do to try next time and maybe  
I will win!



## YEAR 6 TOR WALK

Year 6 enjoyed a walk up the Tor as part of the multi-activity programme on Wednesday afternoon. It certainly felt like spring is on its way, even if it was a bit windy at the top.





# RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL COURSES

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Millfield Enterprises are offering a wide variety of courses and activities throughout the year for children aged 1-17. They are providing the best possible experiences whether that be in sports, the creative arts, or adventure.

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**MILLFIELD  
ENTERPRISES**

## 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](mailto:crispin.g@millfieldschool.com)) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

Spanish: **la bruma**

- 1) Mist
- 2) Rain
- 3) Hail

## PREP SMILES





# BOARDING CHARITY CHALLENGE

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Millfield Prep School is hosting a Boarders' Charity Challenge Day to support the emergency appeal following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Boarders will be completing a number of physical activities involving swimming, rowing, climbing and running, ending the day with a colour run. Whilst the situation is still developing in Turkey and Syria, there are immediate and severe needs for those affected. We would hugely appreciate any donations to help support this cause. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Boarders' CHARITY CHALLENGE

**Sunday 26  
February**

Our boarders will be:

- Climbing the Munros
- Swimming from Dover to Calais
- Rowing from Weymouth to Cherbourg
- Walking from Glastonbury to Land's End
- All followed by a fun colour run!

In aid of Turkey-Syria earthquake  
appeal



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## COMPUTING & ICT

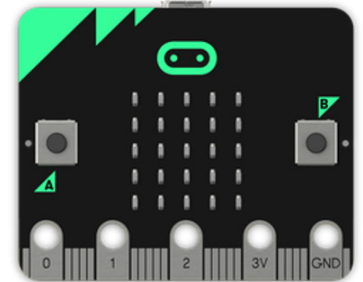
Pupils in Years 7 and 8 will be concentrating on programming & coding during their Computing & ICT lessons this half of term, with Year 7 working with the BBC micro:bit and Year 8 the Raspberry Pi.

### What is a BBC micro:bit?

The BBC micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces the pupils to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that can be programmed and physically interacted with.

### Is the micro:bit a computer or a microcontroller?

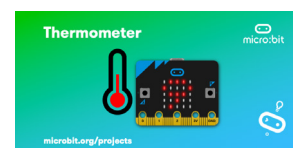
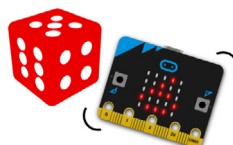
You might also hear the micro:bit referred to as a microcontroller. The board contains a microcontroller that can be programmed to perform specific tasks, but it also has input and output devices like buttons and an LED display which makes it more than a microcontroller.



A microprocessor plus memory, storage and physical input/output devices makes it a computer, and the micro:bit is just a pocket-sized one.

### Projects to be looked at will be:

- Rock, Paper, Scissor
- Graphical Dice
- Thermometer
- Step Counter
- Name Badge



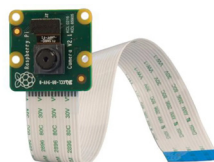
### What is a Raspberry Pi?

The Raspberry Pi is a credit-card sized computer that plugs into a computer monitor or TV and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program in languages like Scratch and Python. It's capable of doing everything you'd expect a desktop computer to do, from browsing the internet and playing high-definition video, to making spreadsheets, word-processing, and playing games.

What's more, the Raspberry Pi has the ability to interact with the outside world and has been used in a wide array of digital maker projects, from music machines and parent detectors to weather stations and tweeting birdhouses with infra-red cameras.

### Projects to be looked at will be:

- Connecting input and output devices
- Setting up and using the camera module
- Reaction Game
- Traffic lights sequence





Just prior to half term, Year 6's took part in some ratio painting as an introduction to the topic. Great fun was had, and a good understanding gained. We even managed to keep the paint on the paper!





Year 3 pupils enjoyed making nachos in Food Technology this week. They also learnt about the function of protein in the human body and how cheese is made.



Year 4 pupils enjoyed making pancakes.





This week at Shapwick Nature Reserve, a group of Year 7 pupils helped to set up a reptile survey. We were set the task of carefully lifting and inspecting the 20 black reptile mats spread out across numerous fields. Nothing had moved in yet, apart from the odd earthworm, beetle and slug. Each mat and flag are now going to be located in a different area on the reserve and it will be interesting to return in a few weeks time, to see if any creatures have decided to move in under the mats. The mats give warmth and shelter and could become home to grass snakes, mice, common lizards and slow worms. We shall wait and see!





# BOARDING LIFE

## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have returned to school well rested and ready for the second half of term. A big well done to our boys who took part in the scholarship exams. It was very challenging for them, but they gave their best and applied themselves very well. Tuesday saw pancake flipping aplenty...great fun and not too many spillages!!! On Wednesday, the boys celebrated with **Hugo** on his 13th birthday. The singing was as loud as ever, and the cake was amazing!! We have a very busy half term to look forward to, so the boys are concentrated on 'self-care' and wellbeing. Lots of rest and sleep to be able to be at their best!



## EDGARLEY MANOR

It was lovely welcoming our boys back after the half term break. They were all smiles and happy to see each other again. Pancake day has been the week's highlight so far. We saw some amazing (and some interesting!) pancake flipping in the kitchen. Our evening helpers put on a fantastic spread of toppings and fillings for the pancakes and I have to say that most boys went for 'the full works'. This consisted of strawberries, banana, chocolate spread, syrup AND whipped cream! On Wednesday we celebrated **Guillermo's** birthday with pizza, which went down a treat! Happy birthday to Guillermo!







## CHESTNUT

The 'traditional' pancake races on the Chestnut court were fast and furious this year. Two flips per person on every shuttle. They then had to flip the highest with the craziest catch. Thankfully, they didn't have to eat them afterwards due to the number of times they'd been dropped! Our two evening helpers got in on the action too with a spot of pancake tennis. On Wednesday we had an evening of team challenges in the sports hall. They completed tank rolls in pairs, assisted somersaults in trios, mat surfing in groups of ten and various other team challenges as a whole house before heading back to Chestnut for hot dogs. Please follow us on Twitter @MPS\_Chestnut to see more pictures of what the boys get up to each week.



## BOARDING HOLLIES

Pancake Day has been the highlight this week with races, cooking, flipping and eating. Ice cream, strawberries, banana, chocolate spread and syrup were just some of the delicious toppings on offer. A bit different from the traditional lemon and sugar! The fun continued with another Jolly Jumps competition, this time outside under floodlights! The girls created their own course and a highly competitive jumping session followed. Many of the girls have been working hard in the evenings in preparation for their assessments this week so the pancake games were some welcome downtime for all.







## CHAMPION

The Champion girls returned from half term refreshed and ready for another busy few weeks. **Tabby**, as last half term's Brilliant Boarder went out for a treat on Monday with the other houses' nominations. She had a great time. We love our cuddly toys in Champion and most beds in the house have a few toys on them and so how lovely to get a collection of them together! On Tuesday we set Mr L a task to make pancakes for each of the girls – it took a while but they were delicious. Frying pans at the ready, **Hattie** and **Rose** were very keen to have a pancake race outside. This weekend we are looking forward to the Boarders' Charity Challenge – look out for updates on our @Championmps pages.



## FLEXI-BOARDING

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# SPORTING NEWS

## FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, the U13A team defeated Selwood in the quarter final of the County Cup, 4-2. A very good performance out of possession, showing good development from recent training sessions and we look forward to the semi final in Gordano.

On Wednesday, the U13A team travelled to Clifton College. They went in 2-0 down at half time, Clifton being far stronger in the first half. After the break, Millfield showed desire to get themselves back in the game, pulling it back to 2-2. In the dying minutes, Millfield scored to win 3-2. The team's stand out performer was Tinashe.



## EQUESTRIAN

Everly Sinfield-Day had a fantastic result at the Petplan Area Festival with a first in the U21's and second place in the adult's section which means that she has qualified for the NAF 5\* Nationals in April. She had a brilliant class at Stretcholt with Teddy placed first with 70.4% and Diddles placed third.





A massive thank you to all the U13 boys and their parents for delaying holidays to play in the IAPS qualifying tournament at Cheltenham on the Friday before half term. After leaving school early we arrived to find that the pitches were still frozen. Fortunately, this afforded us some further organisation time. We also realised that a large number of the strongest hockey playing schools had elected to attend the qualifying competition in Cheltenham.

Appreciating the importance of leading our group the boys started strongly with three straight wins without our goalkeeper touching the ball. However, in the last qualifying game we conceded against Bromsgrove before battling back to draw level. This set up a quarter final vs Clifton with the winner gaining automatic qualification for the National Finals. Leading two-zero we conceded a deflected penalty corner to provide an anxious last few minutes. In the semi final against a strong Dean Close team we led twice before requiring three outstanding penalty flicks to reach the final. Playing the hosts Cheltenham, we led before injury and tired legs saw us defeated in extra time.

It was a great start to half term and we still have a trip to the IAPS finals to look forward to.

On Wednesday we played Clifton College for the Breshenhan Cup in support of the "a Life for a Cure" charity. The match was played in memory of Ryan, an outstanding Clifton player who tragically died of Meningitis. Despite a difficult first half and trailing 1-3, the boys fought back to win 4-3. Ryan's mum Michelle spoke to the players and presented our captain Max with the trophy. It was a privilege to be involved in such an emotional occasion.



## HOCKEY GIRLS - FIXTURE DATE CHANGE

### U12 Hockey Girls - Fixture Date Change - West Finals

Please note the date has changed for the U12 Girls West Finals from Monday 13 March to now Tuesday 14 March. At Butleigh fields.

## PARENTS HOCKEY

The parents hockey sessions are running from 9.00-10.15am on Tuesday mornings at the Prep School.

The sessions are a great opportunity to have a catch up with other parents and a bit of a run around. You will be able to see what your son or daughter has to do on the Astro when they are playing! All abilities are very welcome. We have some sticks but please wear a gumshield.

Please park in the bottom car park and I will meet you at the pavilion. If you have any questions please email Adam Duke, at [duke.a@millfieldschool.com](mailto:duke.a@millfieldschool.com)

Hope to see you on Tuesday morning.





Over half term, **Wills J** competed in a U12 Grade 5 tournament in Bridgewater and came runner-up.



**Ollie W** came runner-up in a U12 Grade 3 tournament.



Over half term, **Toby W** and **Zach K** competed in a National Grade 2 tournament in Corby. It was a very tough competition but they played well and learnt lots.



**Arabella G** also came runner-up in a U12 Grade 3 in Sutton.





# VICKY'S 24 HOURS OF TENNIS

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Millfield Prep staff took part in 24 hours of tennis to raise money for ORCE Cancer Charity. ORCE are a local charity committed to supporting anyone affected by cancer. Please click [this link](#) to find out more, any donations are hugely appreciated.





Runners from Years 6, 7 and 8 arrived at the annual Claysmore relay event ready to race! All age groups start at the same time from different start points so there is always someone to chase and there is always someone chasing you! The Year 7 girls team set a new record on their route to victory. The Year 7 boys were also victorious as a team. The Year 8 girls ran a controlled race to claim victory and the Year 8 boys were pipped on the last leg to take second.

Thank you to the parents who supported the event and to Miss Luxon and Mr Sweet for their team manager successes.





# Somerset County Swimming Championships 2023

Well done to the 43 Prep School swimmers who represented Millfield in the Somerset County Championships. They achieved a staggering 361 personal best times winning 42 gold, 41 silver, 37 bronze medals and the trophy for the top junior club in the county.

The following swimmers qualified for the County Championships:

Daniel A	Tristan A	Jack G	Charlie G
Layla K	Elliot L	Cooper L	Nancy M
Joshua S	Luke S	Max W	Dorian L

Our Finalists – Top 8 in the county

Jagger B	Ruby B	Letizia C G	Sophia E-N
Wills J	Hunter K	Elsie S	Vienna T
Isabelle P			

## The Podium Results:

**Billy C - Golds** - 200m Fly, 400m I.M. **Silver** 400m Free. **Bronzes** 100m Fly, 200m Free, 200m Back, 100m I.M, 50m Fly and 50m Back.

**Ella D Golds** 200m I.M, 100m Fly. **Silvers** 400m Free, 50m Breast, 50m Fly, 100m Back, 100m Free, 50m Free, 100m Breast, 200m Breast. **Bronzes** 50m Back, 200m Free.

**Jonah D Gold** 200m Back. **Silvers** 100m Back, 400m Free, 200m Free, 100m Free. **Bronzes** 200m I.M, 50m Back, 50m Fly.

**Noelle D Bronze** 200m Fly.

**Millie E-N Silvers** 50m Back, 200m Back. **Bronzes** 400m Free, 100m Back, 200m free, 100m Fly.

**Maisie F Golds** 50m, 100m, 200m Breast, 200m I.M, 100m I.M. **Silvers** 50m Back, 50m Free. **Bronzes** 100m Free, 100m Fly.

**Kaden F Silver** 100m I.M. **Bronze** 50m Free.

**Kruze F Golds** 200m Breast, 200m Fly, 50m Breast, 400m I.M, 1500m Free. **Silvers** 100m I.M, 100m Breast. **Bronzes** 50m Fly, 400m Free.

**Henry Fu Golds** 200m Breast, 100m Fly, 100m Breast, 50m Breast, 400m I.M, 400m Free. **Silvers** 200m I.M, 200m free, 100m free. **Bronze** 50m Fly.

**Emily H Silvers** 100m Free, 200m free, 1500m Free. **Bronzes** 800m Free, 50m free, 200m Backstroke.

**Sam J Silvers** 50m Back, 200m Back. **Bronze** 100m Back.

**Tommy K Golds** 50m Back, 50m Fly. **Bronze** 50m breast.

**Vivienne L Golds** 100m Back, 200m Back. **Bronzes** 50m Back, 50m Breast.

**Freddie M Silvers** 100m Fly, 200m Back.

**Jack M Gold** 1500m Free. **Silver** 400m I.M.

**Iona M Golds** 400m Free, 800m Free, 200m Free, 200m Fly, 1500m free. **Silvers** 100m Free, 400m free, 200m Back. **Bronzes** 200m I.m, 50m Free, 400m I.m, 100m I.M.

**Lois M Silvers** 800m Free, 200m Back. **Bronzes** 400m Free, 200m Free.

**James P Gold** 100m I.M.

**Charlie P Golds** 100m Back, 200m I.M, 400m Free, 50m Back, 200m Free, 50m Free, 100m Free, 200m Back, 50m Fly.

**Amelia S Bronze** 100m Breaststroke.

**Archie T Silver** 50m Breaststroke.

**Polly W Golds** 800m Free. **Silvers** 400m Free, 100m Free, 200m Free, 100m Fly. **Bronze** 100m Back.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Jones and Mrs Rosendale for all their support and hard work, from Mrs Gouldby.









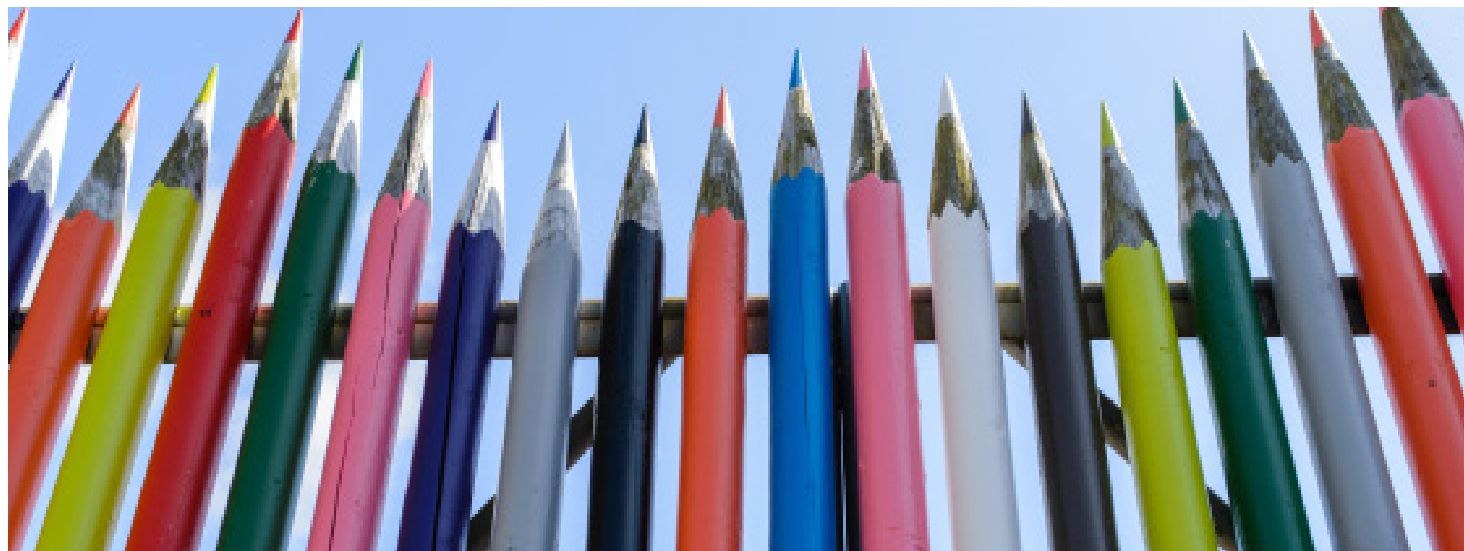


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## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all had a great half term holiday and the children are all refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges and experiences that lie ahead. This week, we have been talking about working together as a team and I hope the children all came home excited, telling you about the team they are now part of; Angles (Red), Danes (Green), Jutes (Blue) and Saxons (Yellow). The children will be receiving tokens for work, behaviour, attitude, values and effort, which will be collected and counted during our celebration assembly on Fridays. The winning team at the end of the term will receive an extra reward. Ask your child which house team they are in and what they have received tokens for this week? We will keep you updated on scores as the weeks progress.

The children from Frogs to Year 2 met their teammates on Tuesday as they competed against each other in our annual pancake race. Everyone had a great time, cheering their peers on, running and flipping pancakes. Thankfully the catering team made us fresh pancakes for our lunch!

We are all looking forward to the upcoming weeks, especially as the mornings become lighter, the sunsets are later and the school starts to be filled with the colours of spring.

## KEY DATES

Thursday 2 March

World Book Day  
Children invited to dress  
up as a book character





# RECYCLED CREATIONS

20

The top three creations were by **Oliver, Morgan and Monty**. And the overall winner was **Monty**!



## PRE-PREP GOLF





This week the tadpoles have been busy in the kitchen making pancakes. They helped stir the ingredients and enjoyed choosing yummy toppings to put on top. Afterwards, we used some of the pancakes to have pancake race in the garden. the pupils also had a lovely trip to Forest School in the sunshine and made some space pictures and rockets.





# MAKING PANCAKES

The Frogs and the Tadpoles had a fun time making pancakes this week. They learnt the 3 ingredients required to make the batter, and the Makaton signs for those ingredients as well. Once the pancakes were cooked the children chose their favourite topping: chocolate spread, strawberries, bananas, honey or the classic, lemon and sugar! The pancakes were a BIG hit, with lots of clean plates and requests for more! The morning was finished with the annual Pre-Prep pancake race; pan-tastic fun!





# PANCAKE FACES

After making pancakes, the Frogs continued with the theme and cut up different food pictures to create some fantastic and funny pancake faces. Wonderful cutting skills Frogs.





# PENGUIN PARTY

To conclude their topic on penguins, the Reception class decided to throw a penguin party. The children wanted to invite the Frog class along, so we made some invitations to take to them. The children worked hard at preparing everything for the party including: games, decorations, party hats, and party food. They had a penguin inspired snack of fishfinger sandwiches, penguin marshmallows, penguin chocolate bars and sea and iceberg jelly. They then waddled down to the hall to play lots of fun games of penguin bowling, throw the snowball in the penguin's tummy, penguin stacking cups and musical icebergs. The children all had brilliant time!





## PEWTER IN THE FOREST SCHOOL AND SHROVE TUESDAY

The Year 1s had a busy start to the term with pancakes and pewter. The day started with us learning about Shrove Tuesday and choosing our favourite pancake mixture. We then had pancakes and fruit for our snack. In the afternoon, we went into the Forest School and carefully melted the pewter using a pewter spoon. The children then chose their favourite natural object to imprint in clay. Once the pewter had melted we poured the metal into the mould and let it set. The children were amazed with their creations.





## TOY MAKERS & TYPING SKILLS

This week the children had to make their own pop-up toy using a variety of resources. The children had great fun making their favourite animals and characters from their favourite books and films.



Year 2 have really been enjoying working on their typing skills in ICT this week. They have started to use the home keys with both hands and have already improved their accuracy and speed. Well done Year 2!







# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS VALENTINE'S DAY

The Minis had great fun making cards for their special someone, and also used their cutting and sticking skills for a valentine's collage to take home. Our Minis ice cream parlour was bustling with ice cream sundaes which were jam-packed with toppings. There was also plenty of banging, squirting and brushing at our ice rescue mission station! Everyone enjoyed making the dinosaurs stomp about in their sensory tray and making shakers using the dinosaur eggs, listening carefully to the different sounds we could make. Our Wednesday Minis celebrated Bertie's birthday with a caterpillar cake. Happy Birthday Bertie!

