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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

After the glorious sunshine and another successful World Book Day yesterday, the week is drawing to a close with a really positive feeling in the air. As ever, there has been a huge amount going on around school which you will be able to read about below. I am only going to focus on two areas in my introduction today though.

Firstly, it was fantastic to have so many parents attending the Parents and Friends AGM, either in person or virtually, on Tuesday evening – thank you to all who took part. Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a section from the PFA detailing the members of the newly formed committee. There is a real energy and desire to see the PFA returning to, and then surpassing, the heights from its pre-COVID-19 days. It was great, for example, to be able to secure some representation for boarding parents in the new group. I know there are plenty of ideas for exciting events so please do keep an eye out on Classlist where these will be marketed. While talking of Classlist, it is great to see that we now

have nearly 90% of parents on the platform. Once the PFA events start to appear on there, I am sure you will see it coming into its own even more.

The other thing I wanted to mention today relates to the pupils. Often in this job, and I know this is a common view among Heads everywhere, I find myself consumed by things which take me further away from the pupils – the irony being that it is the interactions with children, after all, that encouraged us to get into schools in the first place! So whenever I do get a chance to really engage with the pupil body, it is hugely rewarding. Yesterday, four Year 8 girls (**Soha, Vaasvi, Saskia** and **Larissa**) came to see me to highlight something they feel very strongly about, and, if I'm honest, it had not even appeared on my radar until their visit. They spoke to me about the Willow Project (a proposed oil drilling project in Alaska) and the risks that it poses to Arctic wildlife and ecosystems. Within a few minutes they explained they wanted to present to their peers to try to encourage people to sign a petition against the project.

Tomorrow, just before the Open Day, we hope to be able to fit in an opportunity for the girls to speak to Year 7 and 8. I met with them again this morning, along with Head of Year 8 Miss McConnell, and I promised them I would also share their story in my introduction too. If you want to find out more, do click on the link [here](#), and sign the petition if you feel strongly about it like they do. As you will be aware, one of our school values is to be a challenger – it's clear these girls are really living out that value here at MPS and so they should be proud of themselves.

We look forward to a busy Prep Open Morning tomorrow, following the buoyant Pre-Prep one today. As ever, the older pupils who tour visitors around really do show themselves to be wonderful examples of what MPS produces – thanks to all of them for their involvement.

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 fantastic still life painted copy of a Cezanne by Olga P.



WORLD BOOK DAY

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To celebrate World Book Day, staff and pupils dressed up as their favourite character from a book! From Vikings and Tudors to Harry Potter and Willy Wonka, we had an amazing variety of costumes! Enjoy the next few pages filled with fantastic outfits...

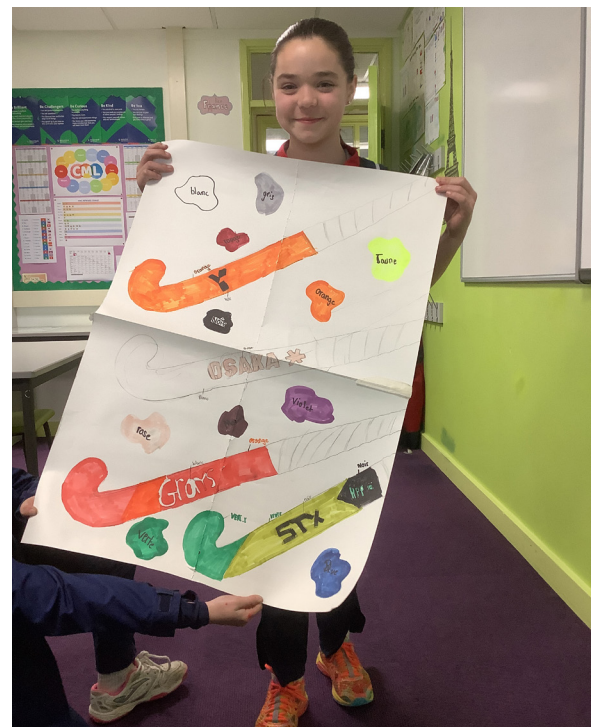
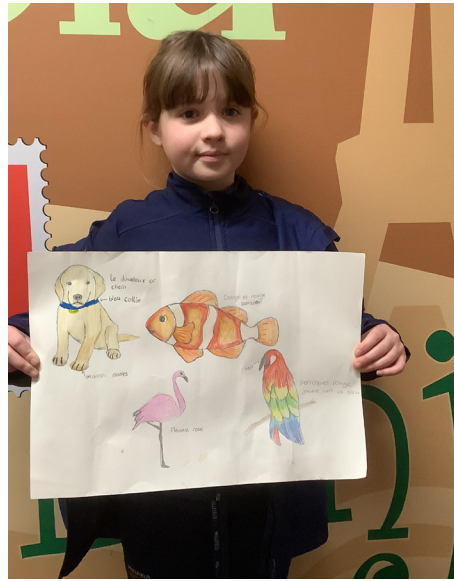




LANGUAGES

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Year 6 pupils have been studying colours in French. Here are some fabulous examples of the posters made for prep - thank you to **Florie, Hattie, Yugan, George and Florence!**



UK LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD

A few weeks ago, the following pupils took part in the UK Linguistics Olympiad. The pupils had to decipher three languages – Umbrian, Jam Sai and Gilbertese! The problems were challenging but fun and the pupils did really well. Stand out performances from **Zia Giarretta** and **Morolayo Akindele**! Miss Heywood will be rewarding each pupil with an HMC for their efforts.

Laura L
Enid M
Amelia B
Zach K
Riccardo C
Alexander L
Lottie B
Mohammad A
Luke B
Zia G
Orla S
Jemima W
Morolayo A
Alexander T
Isabelle P



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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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: **vraiment**

- 1) Slowly
- 2) Really
- 3) Possibly

SUNRISE



MATILDA

We cannot believe that it has been three weeks since Matilda took to the stage at the Meyer Theatre. Please click the title above to view the full album of photos from the amazing production!



JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week, Oreo and Chota are going home with **Oscar M** and **Keira R**. Oscar has been working very hard in his lessons of late and has produced some super poetry in English. Keira was nominated by her peers for always being kind, looking after others and holding open doors for children and staff. Well done to both!



LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

Zachary has been named Linguist of the Week for his excellent writing results on his Spring assessment writing Spanish paper where he scored 100%. Well done, Zac.



DT

Year 3 have finished their pirate ships and are ready for their sea battle. There has been lots of great effort, plenty of mistakes to learn from and great satisfaction in producing some excellent work. Well done Year 3 and onwards to the sea battle, Arrrrrrgggh!



During World Book Day, we caught Mr James reading his class a story on the putting green! You may need to zoom in to get a better look...



BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR

Another week has flown by. Some of the boys have enjoyed some drum practice, having fun on the kit that we have in the house. Our boys enjoyed going over to the Sports Hall on Saturday for a great evening of playing football and dodgeball. On Sunday, the boarder's charity event saw everyone taking part in a range of challenges to raise money for a great cause. It was straight into the showers when they returned to the house after the colour run finale!



BEREWALL

Berewall boys had a nice relaxing night following a hectic day on the sports field and a torturous experience (for Mr James) of watching the Wales vs England game. During our movie night, we had a large amount of French bread pizza, which the boys swarmed upon like locusts. No doubt they were carb loading for the exertions of the charity challenges the next day!





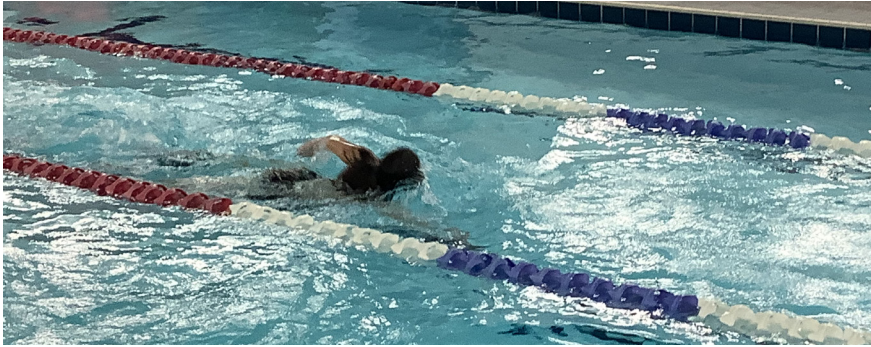
CHESTNUT

The Formula One season starts this Sunday and former Prep pupil Lando Norris will be racing again this year. One of the school buggies still has a sticker with his name on it from when he used it. We made a tricky race track on the court and held our own Chestnut Grand Prix. The boys had some frantic races with lots of overtaking and some very close finishes. **Ben** won the grand final race, but rather than spraying Champagne we came back into house where the matrons had made delicious pin wheel pizzas for all the racers to tuck into.



HOLLIES

The girls were inspired by our movie on Saturday night which was *True Spirit*, a story about a teenager battling the oceans to sail solo around the world. This prepared them to take on the Boarders' Charity Challenge on Sunday which involved: rowing the distance from Weymouth to Cherbourg, climbing stairs the height of The Munros, swimming the width of the English Channel from Dover to Calais and running a total distance from Glastonbury to Lands End. The day ended with a rainbow colour run in the nearly-spring sunshine! The girls put in tremendous efforts all round with a special mention to **Liv** for her endurance in the swimming pool.



CHAMPION

Just when you thought it couldn't get any busier, along comes a week jam-packed with activity! On Thursday evening, the Champion girls supported the FORCE 24-hour charity tennis event. A relaxing chilled Saturday allowed us to award **Laura** with her 'Yes' day. Laura has reached the top of our achievement chart and was the first to submit her list of requests. So, on Saturday we said 'Yes' to....extra tuck, later bedtime (slightly), more tech time, excused her Year 8 duty and hot chocolate. More requests are in and so we are looking forward to saying 'Yes' as much as we can! On Sunday we were greeted by sunshine and the girls headed out for the Boarders' Charity Challenge Day. This consisted of swimming, running, climbing and finally a colour run! As you can see overleaf, some of the girls caught more colour than others – thankfully, most of the colour came out in the wash! On Wednesday evening there was some frantic raiding of the dressing up bags to get inspiration for World Book Day on Thursday. Others had planned ahead – **Sehyr**, **Serena** and **Elsie** demonstrated some great teamwork as Thing 1, 2 and 3!



BOARDERS' CHARITY CHALLENGE DAY

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Millfield Prep School hosted a Boarders' Charity Challenge Day to support the emergency appeal following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Boarders completed a number of physical activities including swimming, rowing, climbing and running, ending the day with a colour run. We would hugely appreciate any donations to help support this cause. Click [here](#) to find out more.



FLEXI-BOARDING

It has been great to see pupils trying out flexi-boarding this term and learning 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

HOCKEY

The U12 boys hockey team took part in the county hockey tournament on Thursday, battling to become the best school in the county. They started the tournament well, playing some good hockey, hitting the post three times but only holding a 1-0 lead against Wells Cathedral going into the last few minutes of the game. An excellent goal-line clearance by **Ed P** maintained the lead, with a second goal being scored just before the final whistle, resulting in a 2-0 victory. An excellent start to the second game against Taunton led to Millfield racing into a 4-0 lead within 10 minutes. The team managed to score one more in the second half to finish with a 5-0 victory and set up a show down with Kings Hall who had also won their other two matches. A good match followed with Millfield holding a 2-1 lead going into the last 5 minutes. Kings Hall scored from a short corner which meant they would have won by virtue of a +1 goal difference compared to Millfield. Millfield won a short corner as the full time whistle blew which meant the corner needed to be played. **Ruari G** injected the ball quickly for **Joel G** to have a strike at goal, which was well blocked by the Kings defender. **Conor P** picked up the loose ball and bounced it towards goal allowing Joel to run onto it and hit it first time into the roof of the net. Well done to all involved as this was a great team effort with some great hockey being played.



Congratulations to our Year 4 boys hockey teams. They have been in sparkling form in recent matches and the MPS Hockey tournament at Millfield.



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.

WEST FINALS

Congratulations to the 1st team hockey boys who qualified for the West Finals at the county tournament on Tuesday!

The football season is really in full flow for the juniors with weekly matches against local primary schools. Last Saturday saw us hosting our annual U10 football tournament. This year we had a really strong turnout with twelve teams entering. We had three teams fighting it out across the two groups. It was fantastic to see each team develop as the afternoon progressed. Special mention to MPS Tigers who came second in Group B and to MPS Lions who won Group A. Group A went right down to the final round with the boys needing a win to ensure victory against a strong Paragon side. Many thanks to the staff for their support and all the parents who came along to support in bitter conditions.



Last Thursday, the U12s welcomed Ilchester Rockets to the Havyatt Pitches. The standard of football on display was a joy to watch. Both teams and all spectators left the match with a buzz. The match finished 5-3 Rockets. On Tuesday, the U10s travelled to nearby school, Brookside. There were spells of individual brilliance and well worked passing combinations. A comfortable win for the U10s. On Wednesday, we formed a mixed U12&13 A team and U12&13 B team to face Tiverton School at home. Millfield clearly the smaller side, not phased in any way, playing beautiful football. These pupils are really starting to show what they have been focusing on in training. Tiverton were leading 2-0 at half time. Millfield came out strong in the second half, pulling a goal back. As they pushed for an equaliser, they were caught on the break by Tiverton resulting in a 3-1 loss. The B team played nine against nine and were leading 4-2, until **Henry** went on their team for the last few minutes and scored a great goal.



RUGBY 7S

Two U13 teams and the U12 team were playing some superb rugby at the Port Regius rugby sevens tournament!



Toby W won an U12 grade 3 at Sutton on Wednesday last week. Toby also won an U12 grade 3 doubles tournament on Friday in Warwick.



A friendly fixture between Somerset and South Wales took place at Millfield for match play practice. The game was in preparation for the U8 and U9 County Cup competitions that are due to be held this month. Millfield Prep representative in the U9 was **Willow S**. Millfield Prep representatives in the U8 were **Finn S, Joshua G, Isabella W, Zara G, Noah F, and Joshua W**.



VICKY'S 24 HOURS OF TENNIS

Thank you to all of those parents, pupils and staff that took part in the 24 hours of tennis fundraiser for FORCE Cancer Charity. We have raised over £1900! The [Justgiving page](#) is still open for any further donations for this great charity that has been supporting our beloved colleague, Vicky Harris.



Our Year 7 and 8 runners were in action in the Somerset Junior Championships. The Year 7 teams both finished as runners up with **Bea S** becoming the Somerset Champion for the second time this season. Our Year 8 teams are county champions as well as **Vienna T**. Well done to all of the runners. We have a few more races to go this season before we start the summer track and field season.



The penultimate Mendip Cross Country League Race took place at Downside on Tuesday. It was really cold but our runners stayed warm by running fast! We have one more race before the totals for the season are added up. Thank you to Mr Foster and Mr Warner for their help and to all the parents for braving the conditions to support.



Our Year 4 girls loved their festival here at MPS. With 10 teams in total, the girls played lots of netball. No scores are recorded and everyone just enjoys the morning. Weather was chilly but the girls didn't complain and improved their skills. Great job girls. Thank you to Mrs Bodman and Miss Rawson for supporting them.



After a fun-filled festival at Clifton College on Saturday, the Year 3 girls were back in action v All Hallows' on Monday. With only a small number of girls from All Hallows', we all joined together and played some netball as mixed teams. Again the girls have improved tremendously over the past term and its great to see them play with energy and a smile.



The U13B team have enjoyed lots of fixtures since returning from half term with wins this week against Kings Hall, West Buckland and a close game against All Hallows.



The U12A team travelled to Collegiate for their annual tournament. Unfortunately due to illness and injury, we were missing two of our shooters for the tournament. This made way for other pupils to have the opportunity to play an attacking role and support the A team players. With only limited teams entering, the girls beat Badminton 9-0, Howells 10-0 and Collegiate 9-1 in the group games. In the semi-finals, MPS played some magnificent netball, linking down the court to beat Howells 16-1, putting them comfortably through to play Badminton in the Final. The girls showed fantastic determination and team work to win 13-1. I am extremely proud and over the moon with the girls performance and commitment throughout the day.

TEAM

Serena D
Emma C
Izzy G-J
Arabella G
Muna I
Emilia H
Chloe S-S
Ella L
Sarah H

Player of the Matches

Ella - Howells and Badminton
Arabella - Badminton
Izzy - Collegiate
Chloe - Howells

Huge thank you to Emma and Serena for stepping in last minute!
Enormous well done to Emma and Arabella on scoring numerous goals, but a special well done to Izzy for scoring 38 goals in the Tournament.



Well done to the U13A netball team who also competed at the Collegiate tournament on Wednesday. They worked hard together and all the girls contributed to their team success. The Year 8 girls were winners on the day!



Two riders who should be extremely proud of themselves, conquering their fears through hard work and determination. Well done to **Saskia** and **Zoe**.



More great results from the show jumping at the weekend. The 90cm team finished second again just missing out on qualifying for the royal Windsor horse show. **Elsie** finished third individually.



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

Hope to see you on Tuesday morning.





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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



What a busy week it has been in Pre-Prep. We have said goodbye to February and are looking forward to moving into spring. We started March learning about St. David, the patron saint of Wales. His last words to his followers in a sermon were 'be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things in life', reminding us that we need to be thankful for what we have and it's the small things that make the biggest difference.

During World Book Week, we were visited by two authors, Annette Stacey, who shared with us the adventures of 'Dudley the Dog'. The children loved the stories and are looking forward to his next adventure. Sarah Mooney came into Pre-Prep and shared with us her stories, involving the children with creativity and humour. The children had so much fun listening to stories, sharing their favourite stories and bringing the characters to life with the amazing costumes.

During our assembly, the staff performed two stories to the children, 'Room on a Broom' and 'Dear Zoo', which everyone enjoyed, especially the staff! Ask your child what was their favourite part of World Book Day? Whose costume did they like? Why?

A huge thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable day and we have hopefully inspired the children to read more books.

KEY DATES

Friday 17 March
Mother's Day - 2pm
Prep Assembly Hall

Wednesday 29 March
Easter Fun and Games
- 2pm

The children are enjoying being in their house teams and earning tokens for attitude to learning, behaviour and school values.

Team Points

Angles	Danes	Jutes	Saxons
24	25	22	20

MUSIC AND SINGING

The Tadpoles have been making beautiful music this week. We have been playing instruments together and singing lots of songs. For World Book Week we have been singing 'The Gruffalo Song' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we have had fun learning all the actions. We have also been making our own bookmarks and reading lots of books. Thank you to all the Tadpoles that has brought in books to share with their friends, we have really enjoyed discovering some new stories.



Well done Pre-Prep on your fantastic costumes for World Book Day, you all looked amazing!



WORLD BOOK WEEK

Celebrating Book Week has provided the Frogs with lots of fun, literary based activities. The children were set home tasks of reading a book in an unusual place, bringing in their favourite storybook and creating a storybook character puppet, and they all did an amazing job! We have had books read in the bath, up in a tree, in a kayak, on a swing, we even had a story being read to some cows! Fantastic puppets have been created and we have all shared new and exciting stories. Thank you to everyone for joining in. In class we have been visited by authors who have read us their stories, moved and danced to 'we're going on a bear hunt' and 'The Gruffalo Song', we have painted a picture of our favourite storybook character and made up our own stories using story stones; we've even dressed up as a storybook character. Wow, what a week!



TEACHER PERFORMANCES!

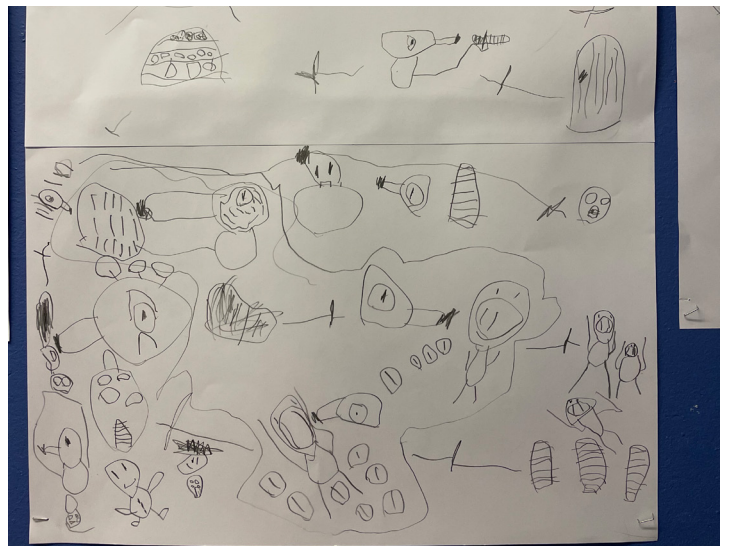
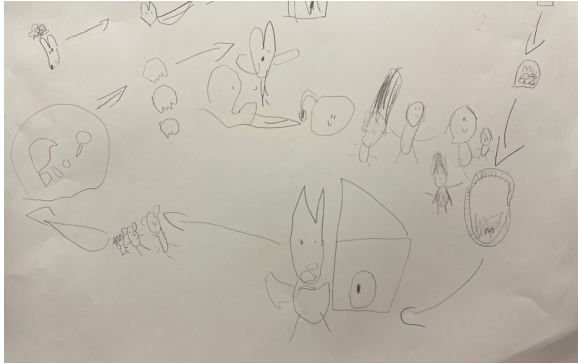
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The children were treated to the Pre-Prep teachers acting out stories in assembly to celebrate Book Week. The EYFS acted out *Dear Zoo* and KS1 acted out *Room on a Broom*. The performances were much enjoyed by all!



MR WOLF PANCAKES

Following on from Pancake Day, we have been looking at the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. The children first role-played the story whilst it was being narrated. They loved it so much that we created a role-play area in the classroom with all the props for them to play it on their own. The children made story maps from memory to help with their comprehension and story ordering. They all did amazingly well, it was a tricky task! Reception have also been using pancakes on the 10 frames to help with learning number bonds to 10.



OLD AND NEW TOYS

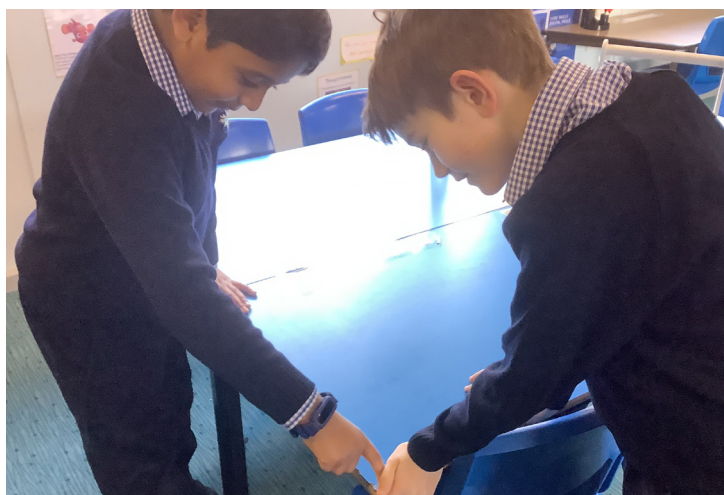
This week the children have been finding out about toys from the past and comparing these with their own toys. Ms Denbee brought in some of her old toys and her grandparent's toys to show the children. They were amazed at how old the toys looked and what they were made out of.



YEAR 2

MEASURING

This week Year 2 have moved onto length and height in their maths lessons. The children have been measuring everything in the classroom in cm and m! We have also been working on our estimating remembering that an estimate is a 'clever guess'. Super maths work Year 2!



MINIS NEWS



MINIS STABLE TRIP

What a busy week at the stables! We saw a blacksmith changing horseshoes, horses having haircuts, horse riding lessons in the paddocks and even the tractors and diggers were reversing and lifting in the back field. How very exciting! The Minis were super careful when feeding carrots and apples to the horses and it was fun hearing the horses chomp and crunch! We couldn't resist a splash in the puddles we spotted around the stables and on our way back to the Pre-Prep playground for a play.

