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# NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As we hurtle towards Exeat this afternoon, and a much-needed breather for everyone, I have been reflecting on a hugely enjoyable and positive week for Millfield Prep. On the sports front, various tournaments, competitions and galas have been heading towards their conclusions and there have been some outstanding performances from individuals and teams across the board. An impressive number have reached national finals, which will mostly take place in the week after Exeat all

over the country and I know our coaches are extremely proud of the children's achievements so far – we wish them all the best in their endeavours, wherever they may be! Additionally, yesterday's assembly was also jam-packed with awards for art, music, drama and academic progress – it's clear that pupils are on really impressive form in these areas at the moment.

On Tuesday evening it was a pleasure to celebrate the wider academic successes of pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 at the Academic Endeavour Dinner. As the name suggests, this dinner is about celebrating positive attitude, hard work and progress made by pupils – all things that really matter as we encourage children to adopt the right approach to their learning. I look forward to seeing many more pupils rewarded for their hard work at similar dinners in the future.

The Open Days in Pre-Prep on Friday and Prep on Saturday went really well. I was, as I always am, hugely proud of the pupils who helped show our visitors around. Every single guest I spoke to without exception mentioned, by name, their tour guides and how impressive and helpful they were. For me those moments are the real highlights of doing this job – well done to all the children involved.

I was sorry to miss the scientists from Millfield who came down as part of Science Week to give an assembly to our junior pupils this morning. It sounded and looked like great fun! It's fantastic that we can make the most of our close links with students at the Senior School to help inspire those who are going to follow in their footsteps.

I am pleased to hear that the Parents and Friends Association have already got their first event planned. There will be a Mother's Day gift shop in school on Thursday 16 March which will enable pupils to view, buy and then wrap a range of gifts ahead of Mothering Sunday. Further details will follow, but we are exploring making this a cashless event for simplicity of management.

I am equally excited about an opportunity to reinstate something that used to happen here in pre-COVID days. On Saturday 18 March, after the Millfield Prep Sevens tournament, we will be opening the Shayler Pavilion to show the Six Nations clash between Ireland and England on the big screen at 5.00 pm. A parent has kindly agreed to look into setting up a cash bar too. In order to do this, we need an idea of numbers who might attend. A response form will be shared on Classlist shortly – I hope we can have a great turn out for what I'm sure will be an enjoyable evening, whatever the result!

Finally, you may have noticed on our social media feeds that MPS has recently picked up another accolade. We have been listed as one of the 'Best of the Best' Prep Schools in The Week Magazine's educational supplement. They were particularly impressed with our pastoral care. While we won't get too carried away with things, and I am in no doubt that we can still improve, it is always nice to receive positive recognition in an area we work extremely hard on. Well done to all the staff across the whole school who are so committed to our children's wellbeing.

I hope that some of you and your children get to enjoy a lie in tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours,

Dan

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### RED NOSE DAY

We will have a non-school uniform day on **Friday 17 March** to promote and support Red Nose Day.

The suggested donation is **£2** per child, and we are asking that they wear some form of red. Red noses will not be for sale in school, so please bring your own!

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this impressive painting by **Lucia M.**





# ELEVATE EDUCATION - STUDY SKILLS

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On Monday, Years 7 and 8 had the benefit of a specialised team from Elevate Education talk to them about 'Study Skills'. This is part of a programme that uses workshops and seminars (with follow up materials for pupils and staff) to help our pupils understand how to study in conjunction with what we are doing with them in school. This was a quick-fire 'Kick-Start' delivered by young graduates who were able to engage with pupils as a 'different voice from their old teachers.' Pupils responded well to the sessions on Dynamic Reading; Formatting Notes and Mind Mapping and feedback to the presenters was that they found the sessions useful. Guidance for parents can also be found at [Parent Info](#) | [Elevate Education](#).



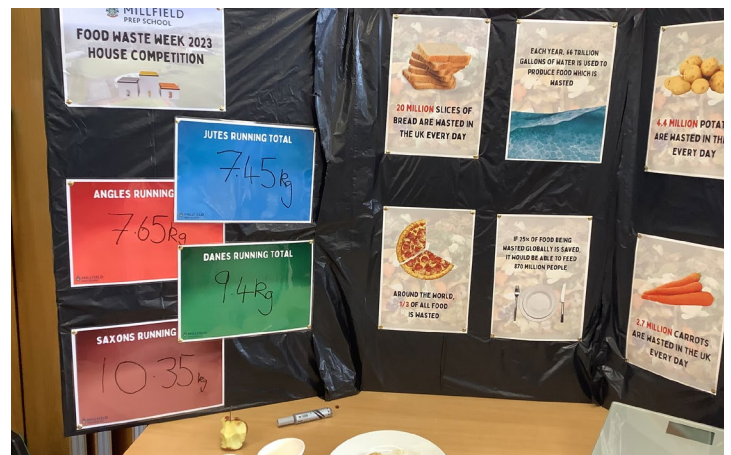
## ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR DINNER

On Tuesday evening, a group of Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils were invited by the Head to attend the Academic Endeavour Dinner in the Shayler Pavilion. The pupils were thanked for their hard work and being good academic role models to other pupils in the school. We had a wonderful evening, the chicken was delicious and the chocolate pudding for dessert went down well! The catering team certainly designed a mouth-watering menu that was enjoyed by all. Ms Newman (Head of Juniors), Mr Guthrie (Head of Year 7) and Miss McConnell (Head of Year 8) have been very impressed by the pupils work ethic, studious nature and positivity. Their behaviour during the evening was impeccable and they certainly all felt very proud to have been selected to attend such a special occasion. A fun interactive quiz at the end topped off a very happy evening.



## ECO-SCHOOL COMMITMENT - FOOD WASTE

As part of our eco-school commitment, we look at all areas of school life and consider the impact it has on the environment. After an assembly from the school nutritionist about food sustainability for the juniors, the whole school is taking part in a food waste reducing competition this week. Let us know if you have any tips for at home, maybe a good meal using left overs, or perhaps you keep growing spring onions from the roots of just one!





# RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL COURSES

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## JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Oreo and Chota are going home with **Hugh M** and **Seb G**. Seb has been awarded Oreo for showing great resilience and a determined attitude with his reading and has worked extremely hard to make some brilliant progress. Hugh has been awarded Chota for some great kindness towards others, offering his help to them and lending equipment when needed. Well done boys!



## 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.

Latin: **Fuscus**

- 1) Clean
- 2) High
- 3) Dark

## HISTORY

### TOWNSEND WARNER HISTORY PRIZE 2023

At the beginning of January, our Year 8 entries took part in round one of the Townsend Warner History Prize. This is a national academic competition first established in 1885, organised each year involving up to 250 schools across the country and provides our pupils with the opportunity to test their knowledge of the past. Well done to **Frederick H, Emily H, Vienna T, Alex T, Luke B, Amelia B** and **Tumi M** who represented the school in the largest group we have yet entered into the competition. Since November, they have all been preparing in their own time for the competition and have managed to attend early morning revision classes over the last few months. The pupils sat a one-hour paper with 100 questions on a broad range of topics from the Ancient Greeks to the 1980s and congratulations to all of them for their efforts. The History Department were delighted that Amelia and Luke had been successful in the first round and on Monday 27 February, both pupils sat the final paper. This involved writing a number of essays and using many of the skills they have been developing in their writing this year. We are looking forward to receiving the round two results in due course and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils and parents involved for their support.



**The Townsend-Warner History Prize**

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# SCIENCE ASSEMBLY

Millfield Prep School has started British Science Week with a bang! It was great to have the Millfield Chemistry department deliver an action-packed assembly this morning to our Juniors. Explosions and demonstrations made for an engaging start to the day!





Year 8 are learning about the chemistry of fire and combustion. They have seen lots of examples of fires and have been thinking about fire safety, learning that adding water to burning cooking oil is not safe! We have made models to explain the carbon cycle and how humans are effecting the amount of greenhouse gases in the air, through burning fossil fuels. Here are some boys working out how to explain the floating candle trick. Watch this space next week, as it is British Science Week and we have lots of activities lined up. You could enter our poster competition on the theme of 'connections'. Open to all years, please see Miss Parsons for more info.



## MUSIC - CUSION CONCERT

On Tuesday 28 February, 22 budding musicians from Years 1-5 took part in the much-anticipated Cushion Concert and gave some outstanding performances to a friendly and supportive audience in the Recital Hall. It was wonderful to see such a variety of instruments on display (piano, voice, violin, cello, trumpet, drum kit, harp, and oboe) and the array of talent, dedication, and enthusiasm was incredibly impressive. Many of the pupils were taking part in a solo concert for the very first time and several performed more than once! We feel extremely lucky to have such musical talent in our younger years and have no doubt that they will continue to make fantastic progress and develop their love for music as they move through the school. The concert was rounded off with some well-deserved muffins, cookies and donuts and everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful afternoon of music.

Congratulations to the following:

**Isobel A (IJ)** Year 4

**Naledi C (N)** Year 5

**Cameron D (CJ)** Year 2

**Mariia G (M)** Year 5

**Barney G (BR)** Year 4

**Baris H (B)** Year 3

**James H (JAH)** Year 4

**Tanner H (TP)** Year 4

**Charlotte J-A (CK)** Year 1

**Noah K (NK)** Year 5

**Honey L (H)** Year 2

**Sofia L (SG)** Year 5

**Amelie M (A)** Year 3

**Theo M (TSF)** Year 3

**Zara P (ZJ)** Year 5

**Dylan P (DL)** Year 3

**Keira R (K)** Year 5

**Matilda R-C (MA)** Year 4

**Lowri S-M (L)** Year 4

**Joshua W (JJ)** Year 3

**Joy X (S)** Year 4

**Rahila Y-K (R)** Year 5





## MUSIC - TRINITY EXAMS

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### TRINITY GUILDHALL EXAMINATIONS Spring 2023

Name of Candidate	Instrument	Grade	Result
Lottie R	Flute	2	Distinction
Max M	Drums	1	Merit
Jessica H	Singing	4	Merit
Toby W	Guitar	1	Merit
Barnaby D	Drum Kit	2	Merit

## DRAMA - LAMDA

In our most recent set of exams in January 2023, we had 128 students from Year 2-Year 8 sit an exam with a 100% pass rate and over 90% attaining the highest distinction award.





Year 8 students enjoyed producing and plating Spaghetti Carbonara this week. Focusing on increasing the visual appeal of dishes through plating techniques.



Year 5 students enjoyed making cookies this week.





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

We have had a cold few days here at MPS and the boys were delighted to wake up to a sprinkling of snow. Not enough for a snowman, but a few tried to scrape enough together for a snowball! One of the boys suggested that we bake cookies this week, so they did a great job at following the recipe and working together to make a couple of different flavour variations. Saturday night saw the return of the 'Supermarket challenge'. It's amazing what can be bought when working together. The boys returned with a haul of goodies to eat and then settled down to a film.



## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have seen a very busy week, with trips, fixtures, lessons, and clubs. Last week, Mr Sutton visited us to talk about nutrition and general wellbeing. It was great to see our boys listening and engaging to the presentation, asking questions, and understanding the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. A big thank you to Mr Sutton! Last Wednesday, the boys celebrated with **Jason** on his 13th birthday. A lovely cake was enjoyed by all!





Sadly, there was not enough snow for sledging, so we had to try some other unusual activities to keep the boys active. The classic indoor triathlon of Rope Swing, Hoop Bounce and Five-a-Side Football ensured a busy evening in the hall. Some managed to stay on the rope, some made it through the hoop, and they all had a good kick around. Whilst they were busy in the hall Mrs Duke and Alison, our Evening Helper, were busy prepping and mixing to bake muffins in the air fryers for when the boys returned. The muffins were a triumph. Who knew you could bake cakes in an air fryer? The boys could choose between blueberry or chocolate orange... or maybe a few of each. We hope they enjoy their recharge over exeat and then we have a final couple of busy weeks before the Easter Holidays.



## HOLLIES

World Book Day unleashed the girls' creativity this week with costumes to recreate their favourite book characters. A chocolate fountain at the weekend with marshmallows, strawberries and many other fruits was much enjoyed by all the girls. Following this, two exciting birthdays this week have treated the girls to both a Chinese and a pizza treat. Happy birthday wishes to **Liv** and **Maisie**! On Wednesday evening the Hollies girls enjoyed a fun session of Just Dance.







## CHAMPION

Another really busy week at Champion and we even saw some snow! Thursday saw some brilliant World Book Day outfits, Bea came back to Champion at breaktime to show Mrs L her trio of little pigs – so sweet, especially their pink curly tails! Over the weekend the girls made their own supper – delicious pizzas with all the toppings, and lots of clean plates! On Sunday we held a baby shower for our lovely Evening Helper Mrs B who leaves at Easter – lots of amazing games! On Sunday the Boarding Trip visited SS Great Britain followed by bowling. On Wednesday night a game of Twister prompted an awful lot of laughter and probably a few sore muscles tomorrow! Wishing all our Champion families a restful exeat.




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# SPORTING NEWS

## NETBALL

The U11A netball team travelled to Port Regis for the Regional Netball Qualifier. With only 14 teams entered at this specific location, the harsh reality was that only one team would qualify for the national finals at Rugby School.

The group have an abundance of natural flair, talent and athleticism, which makes them a strong force and tricky to mark! The team were full of energy, with 'are we there yet' only being asked approximately five times, but we knew they couldn't contain their excitement.

They went into their first game, with some nerves, but found their rhythm, winning 11-0 v Monkton Combe. They built on that momentum, by beating King Edwards, Bath 14-0, Hanford 11-0, Blundells 6-1 and Castle Court 5-1.

The team was beginning to tire, so after some refuelling and motivational music, they were ready for the semi final v Cheam School. In a very competitive game against a well renowned netball school, but the girls held their nerve to win 4-2.

The final was against local rivals Kings Hall. Nerves began to play their part, with unforced errors and a lack of clinical finishing. However, the enormity of making a final and both teams knowing only one team would be lucky enough to qualify, caused both teams to make mistakes. The final score of 5-4 reflected the fantastic competitive standard of netball both teams are capable of playing.

The girls thoroughly deserved their place at the Nationals and will relish the opportunity to play against the top 24 prep schools in the country. The girls conducted themselves fantastically all day, and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to the parents for all their cheering and encouragement, as well as Mrs Collins for her umpiring and support on the day.





After a few years break, Millfield hosted the U13 regional qualifier for netball. With 20 teams contesting for four spots at nationals, the girls were up for the challenge. The group games saw the girls go through the gears and set their stall out to the other schools. With some commanding scorelines, the U13A team finished top of their pool after the following scores: Monkton Coombe 18-0, Kings Hall 16-4, The Downs 16-2 and Hanford 19-3.

This resulted in a quarter-final game v Cheltenham Prep. After a slow start, the girls settled and won 18-2 to secure a place at nationals. However, the girls didn't settle for this, and wanted to progress further in the event. Next was a semi-final v Dean Close and every member of the squad contributed to a 16-8 win to set up a final v Cheam who had looked strong through their earlier rounds. With a low scoring first half and a narrow lead at half time the girls started to take their chances in the second half and pull away to five goals clear. With three minutes to spare, a lapse of concentration allowed Cheam a run of three goals but finishing on a centre pass to goal the girls won 13-10. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and all the staff who ran the tournament on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Morgan-Hughes for coaching throughout.

We wish all the teams good luck at IAPS nationals at their respective venues.



## SWIMMING

On Sunday 5 April, Millfield Senior and Prep school swimmers travelled to Cardiff to compete in the Arena League National Club Final. The age groups were U11, U13, U15 and open.

The atmosphere was electric, with face paints on and hooters blowing it was really an amazing competition. It started for the Prep school swimmers with the relays and Millfield came out in the top three. From then on, the Millfield team got stronger and stronger, with many skillful performances and our swimmers showing great speed at the end of their races. **Charlie P** won both his individual races in personal best times, while **Maisie F** smashed her best time, coming in second place.

The event was incredibly exciting with Millfield and Guildford swapping places at the top of the leader board. It came down to the last race to decide the winner, with truly remarkable team spirit helping Millfield to go on and win the competition by only four points - one of the closest margins ever! This is an astonishing result from a school in Somerset racing against some of the biggest clubs in the country. **Charlie P** won Top Swimmer in the U11 age groups.

Every point in this competition counted, so congratulations to the Prep school swimmers who raced in the final.

Girls team: **Letizia C-G, Isabelle P, Polly W, Maisie F, Emily H** and **Tumi M**.  
Boys Team: **Kruze F, Freddie M,** and **Charlie P**.

Big thank you to the Director of Swimming at Senior school, Euan Dale. Who led the team superbly on the day, with the current Senior school swimming captains and former Prep school swimmers **Alex P** and **Isabelle W**.

### Top Club

Place	Team	Points
1.	Millfield	315
2.	Guildford Ct	311
3.	Mt Kelly	276
4.	Plymouth Lea	245
5.	Wycombe Dist	233
6.	Chelsea & West	232
7.	Bromley	214
8.	Co Norwich	188
9.	Stockport Mo	172
10.	Co Coventry	124





Charlie P - top boy.



The Millfield team!



## TENNIS

On Sunday, eight Year 7 and 8 tennis players travelled to the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca to compete in a tournament this week. We wish them the best of luck!





Congratulations to **Isabella W** who won an U8 tournament over the weekend and to **Finn S** who came runner up. It is great to see so many of our youngest players competing. Well done!



# HOCKEY

Congratulations to our U11A hockey team. In this week's competition they were outstanding in the group stages, drawing with Exeter in the quarter final before losing on penalties after extra time. The boys learned loads and are looking forward to the County Finals next Thursday.







The U12 boys hockey team continued their good season with a strong performance in the Booker Cup at Bristol Grammar School. The team successfully negotiated their pool in the morning, finishing top and progressing to the afternoon pool stage. Two good wins in that pool then allowed them to progress into the final where they came up against Clifton College. They had the better of the first half but were unable to score, and went into half time in confident mood. In a tight second half, Clifton scored the first goal which proved difficult to come back from. As Millfield chased the game, Clifton were able to score two more goals, leaving the final score 0-3. Well done to all involved for navigating a long day of hockey and finishing the day having won six, drawn one and lost one.

Some of the U10 boys were in action across at the Senior school on Saturday morning for their annual tournament. We had two teams in the competition. The first game started in dramatic fashion with a nasty injury that required an ambulance. The boy involved is fine and we have heard that he is recovering well. The day was a round robin format and going into the final game both of the Millfield teams could claim victory with a win. Neither team could quite get the ball across the line and a draw meant that both teams finished on equal points. They could be split on goal difference and so Millfield finished as first and second on the day. Well done to all of the boys and we hope they enjoy the rest of their season.



### 1st Team Hockey v West of England Finals

The 1st VII boys team played in the U13 West of England Finals on Tuesday. Playing against the qualifiers from other counties, the boys started superbly by winning their group. In the knockout quarter final v Taunton they went a goal down before fighting back hard in the second half. Sadly, a well struck corner narrowly missed. It was a frustrating tournament exit because the boys had previously beaten all the other semi final teams. However, they all fought hard and were a great credit to the school.



**Sarah H** on Sonny enjoy some Cross Country practice.



Committed riders in the snow.



**Sanaa** and Mr Cow having a hug.



**Matilda R-C** in Year 4, competing for Millfield Prep at the National Schools Equestrian Association(NSEA) Show Jumping Qualifiers recently at Kings Sedgemoor EC.



Wednesday afternoon riders having had a super jumping session. Well done.





60cm

**Zoe R** 5th Place DC**Jack G** 6th Place (refusal)**Saskia W** 8th Place (refusal)

70cm

**Jack G** 4th Place**Zoe R** 6th Place**Saskia W** 10th Place

80cm

**Hattie T** 5th Place

90cm

**Sarah H** 2nd Place**Hattie T** 5th Place**Lola S** 7th Place

1m

**Livi S** 1st Place**Tommy FG** 2nd Place**Sarah H** 3rd Place**Lola S** 4th Place

110m

**Lexi C** 1st Place**Livi S** 2nd Place**Tommy FG** 3rd Place**Hattie** and **Vaasvi** together.**Hattie** having a great jump.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The National Prep Schools Cross Country Final was held at Malvern on Sunday and Millfield had a very good day. It is a big race on a very tough course. It was a busy weekend with lots of other Millfield sporting events going on, we are lucky that we have such depth of ability in the school to enable us to compete in all of the various events. The commitment of the staff to create a balanced programme means that all of our pupils become aerobically fit and can compete in many areas. Thanks must go to the sports staff across the board for the work they do as this is a large reason for our success on the day.

The Year 8 boys finished 8th overall with Year 7 **Henry M** the first runner back for us. The Year 6 girls battled hard to finish 6th overall. The Year 6 boy team of **Hugh M**, **Arthur S**, **Elliot W** and **Bailey B** made the podium and claimed the third spot. They packed well as a team and this made the difference. We have not medalled in this event for a number of years.

Our Year 8 girls team have been running very well this year and some will be running for Somerset next week in the National English Schools Final. On the day we heard that a member of our team was unable to compete, this meant we were one short in the team. **Ellie D** was at the event to support her younger sister but was ready to run just in case! We needed her and she stepped up to fill the gap. The course is a little longer than our normal races and our strength started to show through in the second part of the course.

**Bea S** pulled away from the field and dominated the final kilometre to win the race. She is in Year 7 so will look to defend her title next year. **Ruby B** ran a great race and was involved in a tight sprint finish, **Ellie D** and **Hope L** ran very sensible races and were strong on the run in which really helped keep our score down.

Whilst we have won this event before it was many years ago which shows how tough it is. We are now National Prep Schools Champions again and we hope that this inspires the next batch of Millfield runners. Thank you to the parents for their support on the day, they were everywhere and ran just as far as their children (although maybe not as fast!) and to Mr Harrison who was there to manage all of the successful runners.









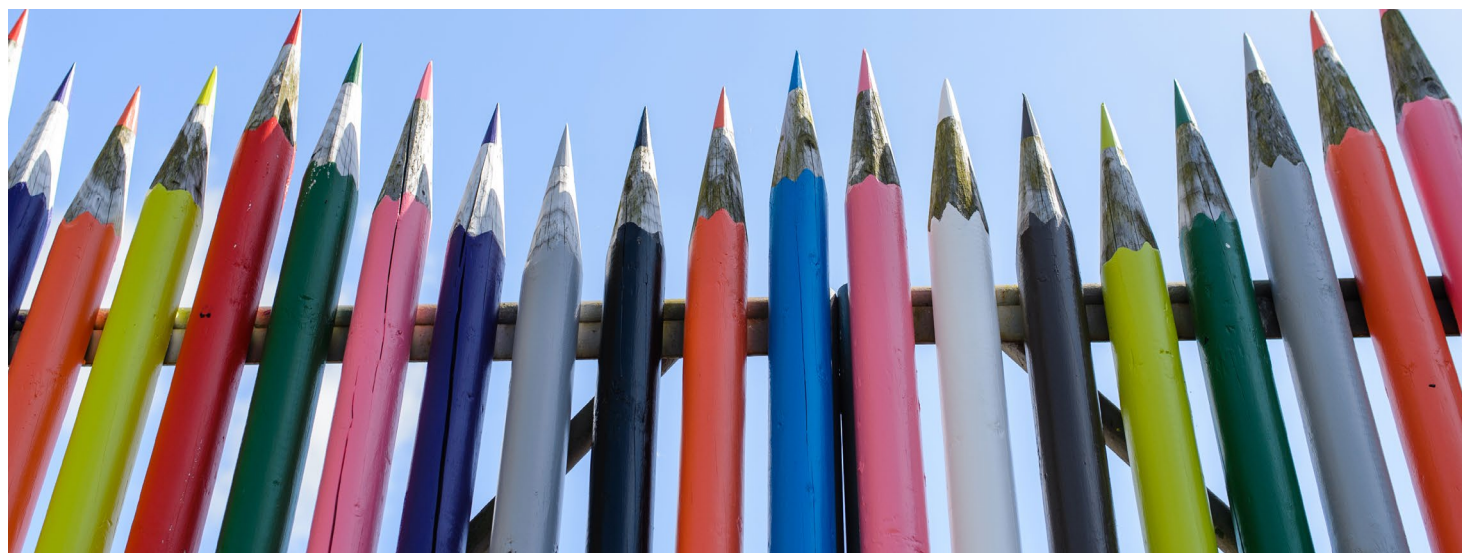


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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



This week has definitely been a busy one. The children were enjoying looking for signs of Spring and then winter came back with a flurry of snow. The children loved chasing the snowflakes and remembering that every snowflake is different, just like us! We continued to celebrate our differences in assembly, where we talked about our brains and how we all cope with different situations and what we can do to keep calm. Ask your child what they do to keep calm or what makes them happy?

As we build up to celebrating Easter, the children have been asked to change eggs into something egg-tra-ordinary. It could be a cracking character or just perf-egg-tly painted or they can make something using eggs or make an egg out of other materials. We can't wait to see the entries ready for judging in the last week of term. Good c-luck everyone!

We are looking forward to inviting families into school next Friday for Mother's Day. We will be welcoming the special women in our lives to a special celebration in the **Prep Assembly Hall at 2pm**, followed by refreshments in the Pre-Prep Hall.

## KEY DATES

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 17 March – 2pm**  
Mother's Day Celebration in Prep  
Assembly Hall

**Comic Relief**  
Children invited to wear red  
Donation £2

**Wednesday 29 March – 2pm**  
Easter Fun and Games

**Friday 31 March**  
End of term 12pm





# CLIMBING SKILLS AND FOREST SCHOOL

This week the Tadpoles have been looking for signs of spring at Forest school. We found snowdrops and daffodils growing and after hearing the birds singing in the trees, we looked for them using the binoculars. We also had fun on the apparatus, practicing our climbing skills, crawling through the big tunnel, and balancing on the wobbly bench.





## LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF SPRING



Frogs have been learning the sound 'U' for upside down umbrella.





## STRETCHING

Mr Harrison taught the Frogs about stretching and why it is healthy for our bodies.



RECEPTION AND FROGS

## HOLI THE INDIAN FESTIVAL OF SPRING

The Reception and the Pre-School Frogs have been finding out about Holi, also known as the Festival of Colours, Festival of Spring and the Festival of love. It is one of the most popular and significant festival in Hinduism. The children had lots of fun creating their own colour masterpieces and having their face painted to mark the day.



RECEPTION

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Most days the children vote for which story book they would like us to read. Today I only let the boy's vote! The girls got very grumpy and asked why? We talked about a long time ago women were not allowed to vote and I asked if this was fair. They said definitely not, so we then all voted to make it fair.







## YEAR 1

# FRIENDSHIP WEB

In RE, the children have been learning about how Jesus was a good friend. They heard a variety of stories from the Bible and discussed how Jesus was a good friend, even when it was difficult to do so. The children then made a web of friendship by saying what they admired about another child in the class and why they were a good friend. This was a lovely activity- thank you, Mr Young.





## ICT AND DRAMA

On Friday, Year 2 were treated to sessions with Head of ICT, Mr. Ford and Head of Drama, Mr. Carruthers. Mr. Ford got the children coding with the programmable robots called Dash and Mr. Carruthers got the children playing fun and exciting Drama games like Splat! Such fun sessions building on our transition to the Prep in Year 3.







# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS FOREST SCHOOL

The Minis ventured into forest school last week to celebrate Eric Carle stories. "Pancakes, Pancakes!" were made in our mud kitchen, our bad tempered ladybird was certainly very grumpy and our "All around the Farm" farmyard was full of root vegetables, tractors and farm animals! The Minis practised moving their paintbrushes down, over, left and right to paint stars oh so bright, just like in "Draw me a Star", and made their very own busy spiders to live in our giant spiderweb. We explored how and why minibugs get trapped in it! Our session finished with hotdogs around the fire and we all thoroughly enjoyed our story "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?".

