



# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their slightly longer Exeat weekend. As ever, there is much to report on from this week and the campus has been buzzing with activity.

Thank you so much to the many volunteers from the PFA who put on a fantastic Mother's Day Shop in Pre-Prep on Wednesday and then in Prep yesterday. I believe a few more hardy souls were able to scoop up today the final groups of children who couldn't attend yesterday. There was a really positive atmosphere in the Junior Hall and I hope all those mothers and special ladies in the children's lives will enjoy their gifts on Sunday. Thanks again to the PFA for a lovely idea and a wonderful event.

It was great to hear our Prep children talking excitedly about the visit they had from some scientists from Millfield earlier in the week. In another example of fantastic collaboration, many congratulations to those Prep pupils who were part of the Millfield fencing team that won the Public Schools National Championships for a record 10th consecutive year – a wonderful achievement!

Two points about pick up and drop off which will hopefully both ease congestion and also make the car park safer. Firstly, when collecting pupils from Reception in the main car park, please can parents come to the Reception building to escort their child to the car rather than let them walk unaccompanied across this busy area. It would also be extremely helpful if drivers would not park in the passing bay area (on the left of the drive as you come into the main car park at Reception). Parking in this passing area makes it very hard for cars to manoeuvre past each other and causes significant congestion and frustration. Thanks for your help with this.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the Red Nose Day Assembly this morning. It was great fun and all to highlight a very important cause. I was extremely sorry not to be able to make it to the Pre-Prep Mother's Day Service, but I gather it was a lovely occasion. Well done to all who took part.

We have a busy day of sport tomorrow with some really important competitions as well as regular fixtures taking place. Good luck to all those involved – I hope to be able to catch some of the games. On a similar note, it is great to see we already have over 50 coming to watch the final Six Nations game, England v Ireland, in the Shayler Pavilion tomorrow. There will be a bar (cash only please) open from 4.30pm and the game, which kicks off at 5.00pm is being shown on big screen. Hopefully I will see many of you there.

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 intriguing painting by **Sofia V.**



## EVERLASTING HOPE

Thanks to four incredibly successful performances of Matilda and the generosity of the audience who came to watch the musical, we are delighted to announce that £536.05 was raised for the charity [Everlasting Hope](#). **Davin**, a Year 8 pupil at our school, sadly recently lost his Mother after she endured a long battle with cancer. Everlasting Hope is a charity that was selected by Davin's family as it has played an important part in their lives as well as his Mum's, who actively supported the charity throughout her illness. Davin's father came to school to meet Miss McConnell (Head of Year 8) and four members of the cast so that he could thank them personally. The two Matildas, **Megan B** and **Charlie L**, along with the Trunchbulls played by **Laurie S** and **Luke B** were proud to represent the cast of Matilda and present the money to Davin and his Dad.





# SCREEN PRINTING

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A group of pupils recently visited the art department at Millfield and took part in a screen printing workshop. They had prepared a colour background and screen printed an image of the late Queen Elizabeth II over the top. Well done all, great work!



# DAY IN THE LIFE VIDEOS

We have recently been filming Day in the Life videos with pupils. Click the photos below to watch **Ajua** and **Joshua**!





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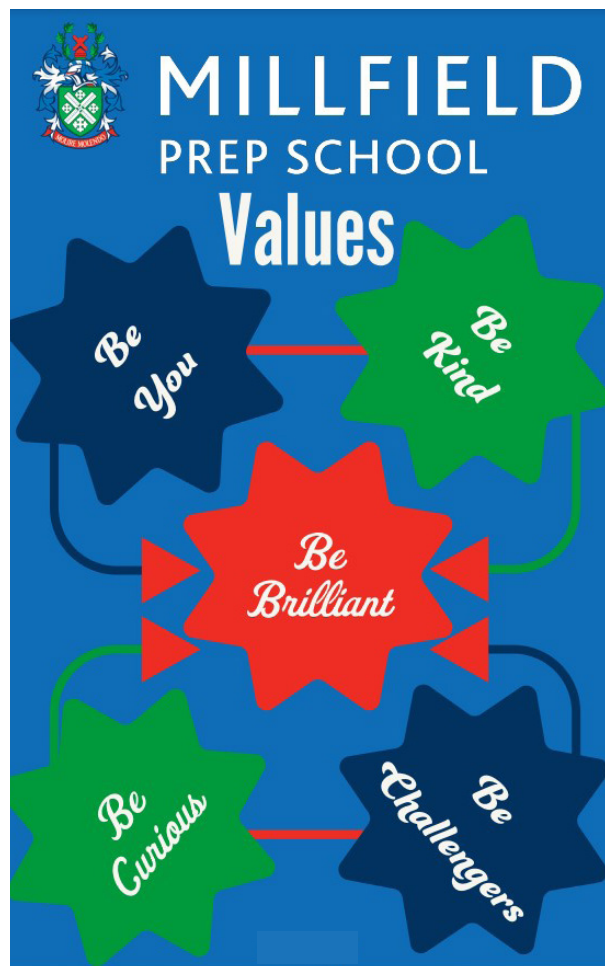
## ECO-SCHOOL COMMITMENT - FOOD WASTE

As promised, the results of food waste week are in. Monday - Friday at lunch, the winning house had 10kg less than the last house of food waste!

- 1- Angles
- 2- Danes
- 3- Jutes
- 4- Saxons

## VALUES

Year 6 are currently designing their own MPS values posters in ICT using the Millfield colours. Below is an example from Mr Ford!



## FOREST SCHOOL

Year 6 children attended forest school yesterday and completed a litter pick of the lower wood. They were amazed to find so much discarded plastic and other waste and managed to fill four garden bags full!





The Parents and Friends Association set up a Mother's Day Shop on Thursday. Pupils were able to purchase a gift-wrapped present ahead of Sunday.



## RED NOSE DAY

There was an interesting Taskmaster-themed assembly this morning for Red Nose Day. To donate towards Comic Relief and help support an important cause, please [click here](#).





# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

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As part of British Science Week, some classes went to the Millfield to meet some endangered species from Longleat Safari Park. We had the opportunity to ask questions about the work Longleat are doing in a number of conservation projects and linked the work back to class topics of classification and evolution. Can you spot the stick insect?



Millfield biology students have been delivering workshops to Prep pupils on digestion in honour of Science Week!

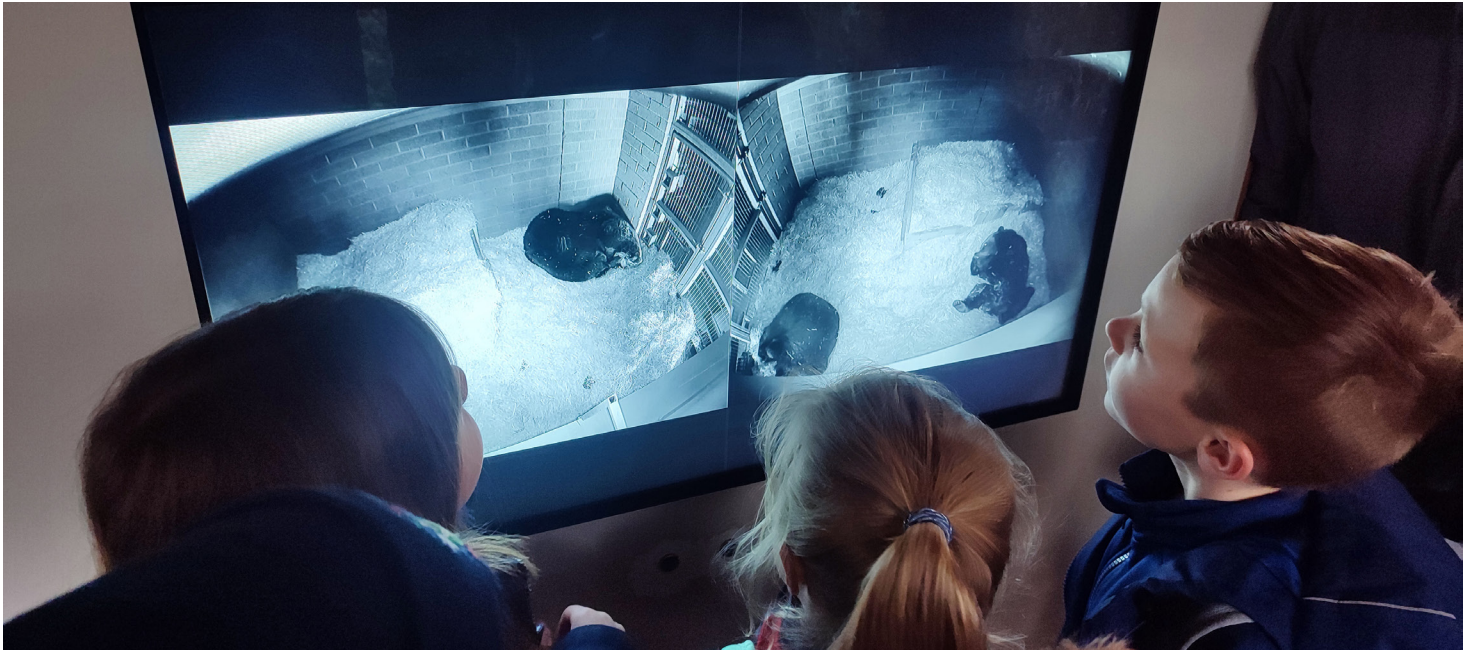




# VANISHING RAINFORESTS

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Year 3 had a super trip last week as part of their IPC unit Vanishing Rainforests. They enjoyed a workshop about Madagascar and all of the wonderful creatures that live there. The children also learnt about the threats to the rainforest and what we can do to help. We also got to enjoy the park and 3HES were lucky enough to spot the bears awake from their slumber! Despite the less than tropical weather, we all had a great day!





A rather unique activity for a group of Year 8 boys at Shapwick Nature Reserve this week, which involved removing mole hills from a very large field. Armed with a spade and wheelbarrow, the boys were instructed to remove the soil, put it into the wheelbarrow and then start to build up a mound of good quality mud. Why might you ask? Well, the soil that the moles have helpfully dug up for us is very rich in minerals and makes excellent free compost. This good quality soil is going to be used as topsoil on plants that have been recently planted on the reserve to hopefully give them a growth spurt. You can see how much mole hill soil we gathered by the large mound we had built up at the end! A large rock was also discovered during our mole hill dig. This sparked a lot of interest about how it got there and what it might have been used for.

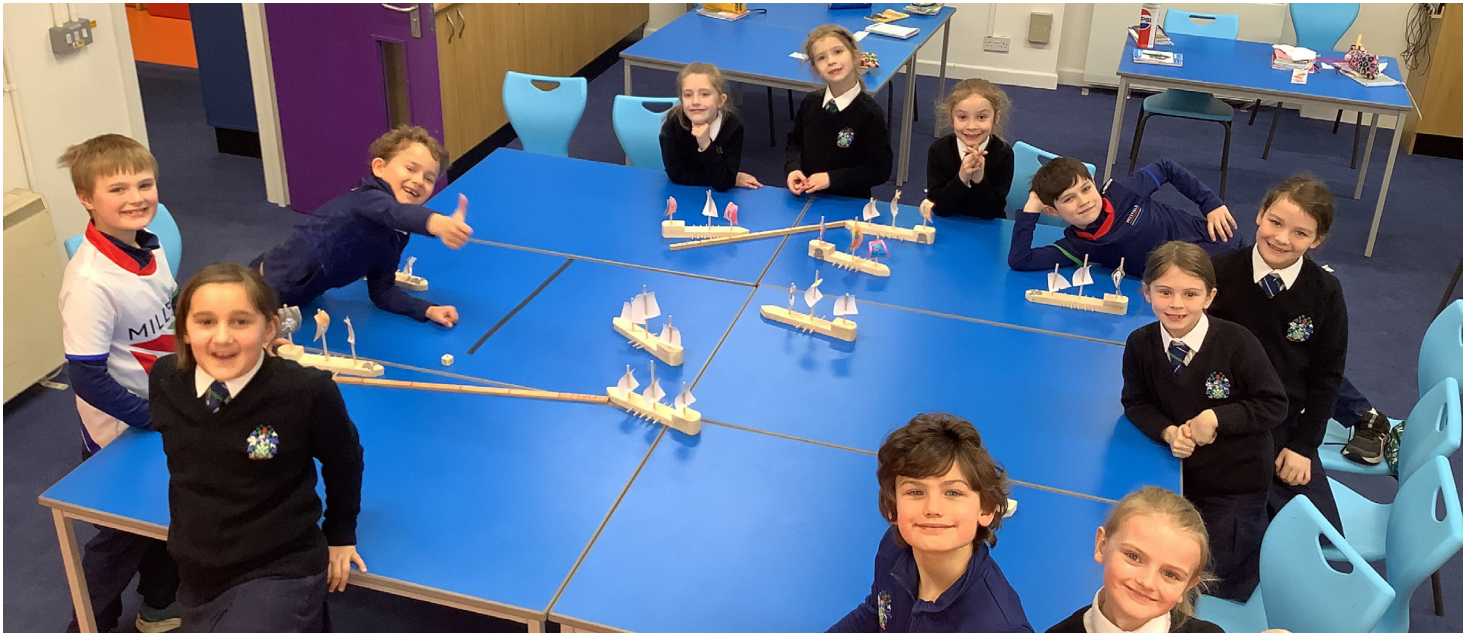




Year 8 have begun their storage projects in DT. Pupils have been working hard to calculate the cutting list and work out exact sizes for all of their parts. Recently, they have moved on to completing skills tests in the workshop to improve practical skills which will help prepare them for their main project.



With a full fleet of boats, Year 3 were able to have their sea battle last week before they looked at peer and self-assessment of their work. Lots of good convocations were had during the evaluations and plenty of fun during the battle!



Year 5 have designed these fantastic stationary holders on the computers and cut them out on the laser cutter. This week, they have been tidying them up with sandpaper and then assembling them. Some great convocations have been had about CAD/CAM and they enjoyed looking at a video of 3D printed houses trying to predict what the future holds from a design aspect.





This week in food tech, Year 5 pupils worked in teams to prepare, produce and plate a chicken caesar salad. The 'best of the best' was promised to be featured in the newsletter... as you can see it was not possible to select just one winning team!



The Year 8 pupils were tasked with making shortcrust pastry treacle tarts.



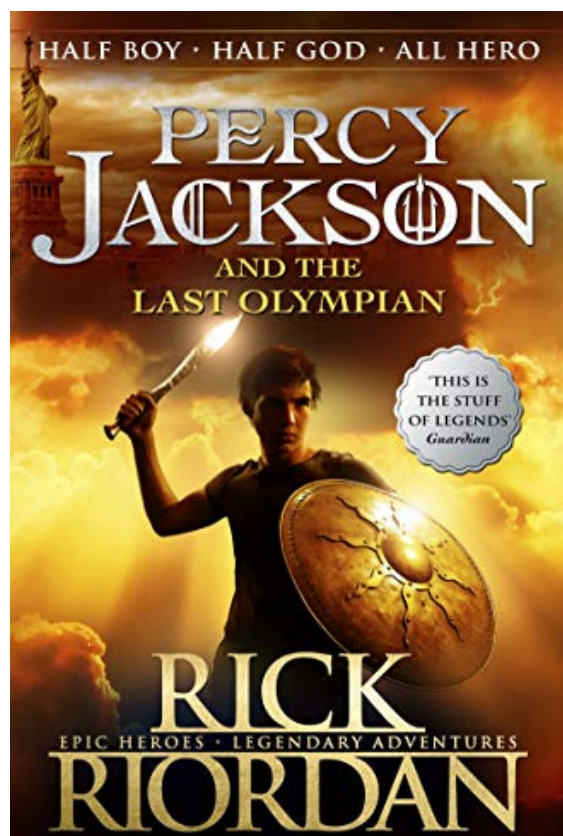


Year 5 submitted their excellent poems on climate change and the environment to The Big Green Poetry Machine a few weeks ago. This week, they found out that their work will be published! Below are the Year 5 pupils with their certificates.



## PLAYGROUND RECOMENDATIONS

This week's book recommendation comes from **Alexander L** – Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian. Catch Ms Hughes in the playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays to suggest next week's recommendation!



## WORD OF THE WEEK

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 perdiz**

- 1) Partridge
- 2) Chicken
- 3) Eagle

## SYCAMORE

A beautiful poem by **Jemima W**, inspired by Robert MacFarlane's book *The Lost Words*. Jemima cleverly uses internal rhyme and if you read this poem aloud, you can appreciate its beauty.

Silky and glossy as you are, you are soon slipping off your colleagues. And as you see light, you fight and volley them off and they take flight with delight, cutting the crisp cold morning air.

You who take one breath spinning in the light, the polite shine defining all of the above love - you create life.

Come drum on the sound of the crunchy crisp ground, round the world you look at the isolated place in awe and wait to bloom .

A crisp new light is born to embrighten others, brothers, mothers to celebrate the new sight of life, of flight , right to the neverending.

Moments after, you look up to see how beautiful the world that you came from has become .

Over your shouldered leaves, you see more seeds blooming and think "I will be the one they will look up to with joy!" as seeds fly, spiralling down to the ground .

Rightly you flourish, your maple leaves brighten with green as you seem to glow and shimmer in the spring sunshine.

Even you think "Will I ever be the great green sycamore tree like they can be, showing off their Deep, brown branches in the spring gleam.



# TEA & MUSIC CONCERT

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On Tuesday 14 March, 22 pupils from Years 6-8 took to the stage for the spring term Tea and Music concert. The standard was outstanding, and the pupils provided over an hour of music, with many presenting extremely challenging repertoire and all performing with exceptional poise and confidence. The programme was wonderfully varied, containing music spanning a period of almost 400 years and once again, a huge array of instruments was represented including violin, double bass, oboe, flute, French horn, trumpet, piano (both solo and duet), voice, marimba, and drum kit. A special thank you must go to our amazing catering team for providing the absolutely delicious cakes and biscuits at the end of the concert – a well-deserved and very welcome treat after a quality afternoon of music!

Well done and congratulations again to the following –

Amelia B  
Lottie B  
Bailey B  
Will B  
Zac B  
Hugo B  
Georgina F  
Frederick H

Olivia H  
Hattie I  
Laura L  
Emi L  
Tumi M  
Katie M  
Enid M  
Orla S

Luke S  
Amelia S  
Laurie S  
Florence T  
Joe T  
Sam X





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys came back from Exeat rested and ready for the final push to the Easter holidays. We have had a relaunch of the pool table at Edgarley Manor this week. We have a new set of balls, new cue tips, and the table received some TLC and re-levelling thanks to Mr Beeson and Mr McNulty. The boys enjoyed putting it all to the test. We predict some competitive games ahead.



## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys enjoyed the Exeat break, but were soon back to it! The calendar is full for our boys up until the end of term. Rugby, golf, music, fencing and hockey to name a few. When we are back at the house, the boys are using their free time to relax and recharge. The games room is popular as is our outside court with our new lighting. On Sunday, the boys celebrated with **Zachary** for his 13th birthday. It was great to see them enjoying themselves, and especially the HUGE chocolate cake! We will get the singing right one day...





Due to secrecy issues, we cannot tell you exactly what the boys have been up to this week, but all will become clearer on Sunday! We hope that the recipients enjoy a special day on Sunday. As always though, the boys still managed to find time for some games on the court. Sports from across the pond seemed to be the most popular with plenty of Basketball and American Football being played.



## HOLLIES

A well-deserved Exeat weekend gave everyone the chance for an extra lie-in and time to spend with their families this week. The girls then arrived back full of energy for the last three weeks of term. Karaoke on Wednesday evening gave everyone the chance to be a star performer. Lots of great voices and a party atmosphere made for a great evening.





After a relaxing Exeat, the Champion girls were keen to get back into the swing of things. There has been lots of sporting fixtures this week and it's been brilliant to see all the enthusiastic netball training beneath the floodlights. Some of our U12s were away last night and the U11s travel this afternoon – good luck everyone! On Sunday, **Masha** turned 10 – she shared a delicious cake and pizza with the house. This was topped-off by the opening of presents on Monday, one parcel contained a Barbie doll – there were some admiring glances and several staff remembering their Barbie's back in the day! On Tuesday, **Ajua**, as part of her 'Yes Day', got to choose snacks for the house and everyone had delicious pancakes – great suggestion Ajua! On Wednesday night we raided the dressing up boxes – the girls created lots of 'vintage' outfits with some very interesting combinations – there was even a pair of high heels in there! Today we are celebrating Red Nose Day, and for the weekend we wish all our Champion Mums, and Grandmas, a very Happy




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# SPORTING NEWS

## RUGBY 7S

It was great to welcome rugby sevens legend Lote Raikabula to campus this week! The former New Zealand International held some skills sessions with pupils and spoke about the benefits of sport in everyday life!



## RUGBY

The U13A and U13B recently entered the Port Regis tournament. The U13B held their own and played some very good rugby against opponent 'A' sides. Eventually they lost out in the Bowl semi-final – congratulations to the boys in this team. The U13A team played some sublime rugby, limiting their opponents to very little time and exploiting space with every attack. They went on to pick the Winners Trophy, conceding only one try throughout. The U12A team also played some very good rugby, some very close and competitive matches against good opposition meant each match was hard fought and the squad had to pull together and play for each other. They ended up playing well in patches and narrowly pipped the opponent teams to pick up the Winner's Trophy. A great first tournament outing for the MPS teams.





Last week, eight tennis players travelled to Mallorca to compete in a Ten-Pro Global Junior Tour. It was fantastic for the pupils to be able to play in Rafa Nadal's training environment with amazing facilities. They were lucky enough to meet Rafa Nadal and watch him train. The pupils played, trained and competed in matches everyday from 7am to 7pm. It was great for the pupils to be able to play against players from 42 different countries and a huge congratulations must go to **Zachary K** and **Arabella G** for finishing third in their age group. What an unbelievable opportunity and experience for these players!





On the weekend, lots of our juniors were out competing again. Congratulations to **Joshua G** who won a tournament in Somerset and to **Finn S** for coming runner-up.



**Alemendra C G** and **Oscar F** were both runners-up in the grade 5 LTA Millfield Prep School Tennis tournament last Saturday. Alemendra lost by two points in the tie-break, after they were tied at three games all. Other Millfield Prep competitors were **Flynn E**, **Wills J**, **Jacob H** and **Lowri S-M**, who showed great fortitude in difficult conditions.

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## TRAMPOLINING

Millfield Prep pupils had a great session at Millfield this week. Great work everyone!



Well done to **Alfred W**, who won bronze at the South West Regional competition. He did well with a harder routine, starting with a back somersault!





Well done to the 36 swimmers who took part in the IAPS Regional heats last Thursday at Millfield Senior School. The swimmers performed well across the board, placing in the top three of the majority of races. It was great to see some personal best times in the individual swims and lots of team spirit on show in the team relays. A special mention to the three swimmers who raced in their first swimming gala. We are awaiting the final results to be published to see who has qualified for the National Finals held at the London Aquatics Centre in June.



Congratulations also to **Emily H**, **Kaden F** and **Henry F** who were all selected to represent the South West division in the ESSA Championships, held in Coventry over the weekend.

All three had an outstanding weekend with lots of personal best performances.

The results were as follows:

Henry - 3rd in the 100m BRS, 7th in the 200m IM and 2nd in the 200m BRS.

Emily - 4th in the 100m FC, 3rd in the 200m FC and 4th in the 400m FC.

Kaden - 8th in the 100m FLY, 7th in the 200m FC and 4th in the 400m FC.

Well done to the following swimmers for a great weekend of racing at the Millfield National Preparation Meet: **Iona M**, **Jack M**, **Billy C**, **Isabelle P**, **Vivienne L**, **Vienna T**, **Maisie F** and **Charlie P**. There were some great personal best times achieved and lots of learning, with an emphasis on holding aerobic details in a race environment, alongside stroke rates and pacing skills. Well done as well too **Jonah D**, **Ella D**, **Isabelle P** and **Millie E-N** who all raced last Friday evening in their first 800m FC in a race environment.

## HOCKEY

The U12A girls have kept their hockey ticking over this term in preparation for the West Finals. The girls were all in great form and excited to get back to playing competitive matches. The tournament aims were to enjoy, have fun and develop their games over the day. They were fast out of the blocks winning their first match 7-0 against Warminster, with six different goal scorers. Wins followed with a 1-0 victory against Balcarras School, a 2-0 win against Truro School and a 1-1 draw with Kingswood. The girls had excelled themselves, winning the group and going on to the local derby semi-final against Taunton, dominating the match and securing a 1-0 win. This set up a final against Kingswood, who the girls had previously drawn with in the group. After the abundance of hard work all day, fatigue was beginning to set in with the girls becoming quite defensive and absorbing a lot of pressure, until Kingswood finally capitalised. A sparkling day for each member of the team and well deserved silver medals. Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer them on and to Miss Downes for all her support and umpiring on the day.





On 4 and 5 March, Millfield fencers travelled to Rickmansworth to compete in the British School Team Championships. 18 Millfield teams entered across all three weapons. 10 teams came away with medals, with seven of those being first place finishes.

U13 Boys Foil Team A - 8th Place

**Max E**  
**Hunter K**  
**Jason S**

U13 Boys Foil Team B - 9th Place

**Frederick H**  
**Muhammad I**  
**Joe T**

U13 Boys Epee 3rd Place

**Alex T**  
**Gary G**  
**Hunter K**

U13 Girls Sabre - 1st Place

**Maddie M**  
**Zia G**  
**Eva D**  
**Lulu H**

U13 Boys Sabre - 6th Place

**Harry W**  
**Joe T**  
**Hunter K**

U11 Boys Epee 3rd Place

**Kruze F**  
**Hugh M**  
**Tommy K**  
**Elliot L**



## NETBALL

Both the U13 and U11 netball teams recently won their IAPS regional qualifiers. This meant the U13, U12 and U11 teams were all competing at National Finals, which is a fantastic achievement!





On Wednesday, the U13s faced Gordano in the County Cup semi-final. After being 3-0 down at half-time, they showed great resilience to get themselves back into the game, dominating in every way. The match finished 3-2 with Millfield unfortunate not to take the game to extra time. Good luck to Gordano in the final.



## BIATHLON

The weekend of the 11-12 March, Millfield attended the British National Schools' Championships at Abbey Stadium in Redditch. We had a lot of success as a team, with many individuals coming away with PBs. For some it was their first National Finals representing Millfield! There were also individual and team medals. We are so proud of the growing multi-sport squad and the support the athletes show each other is admirable, well done team.

Year 3 Girls -  
**Evelyn D** - 19th  
**Isobel R** - 33rd

Year 4 Girls -  
**Willow S** - 60th

Year 4 Boys -  
**Cooper L** - 5th  
**Max W** - 12th

Year 5 Boys -  
**Charlie G** - 32nd  
**Noah K** - 33rd  
**Dylan D** - 51st  
Team placed 8th

Year 6 Girls  
**Polly W** - 1st place British Biathlon Champion  
**Elsie S** - 11th  
**Ella D** - 27th  
Team placed 2nd

Year 6 Boys -  
**Kruze F** - 4th  
**Tommy K** - 16th

Year 7 Girls -  
**Eva D** - 22nd

Year 7 Boys -  
**Henry M** - 13th

Year 8 Girls -  
**Ruby B** - 8th  
**Nancy M** - 24th  
**Hope L** - 26th  
Team placed 2nd

Year 8 boys -  
**Sam J** - 6th  
**Daniel A** - 11th  
**Jack G** - 20th  
**Mateo E** - 30th  
**Alex T** - 34th  
**Tim D P** - 43rd  
Team placed 1st - National Team Biathlon Champions





A great weekend of British Dressage for **Everley S-D**. Teddy placed first and second and qualified for the Petplan Summer Dressage Festival, and Diddles placed first in Novice.



Wednesday afternoon riders having fun at Multis!





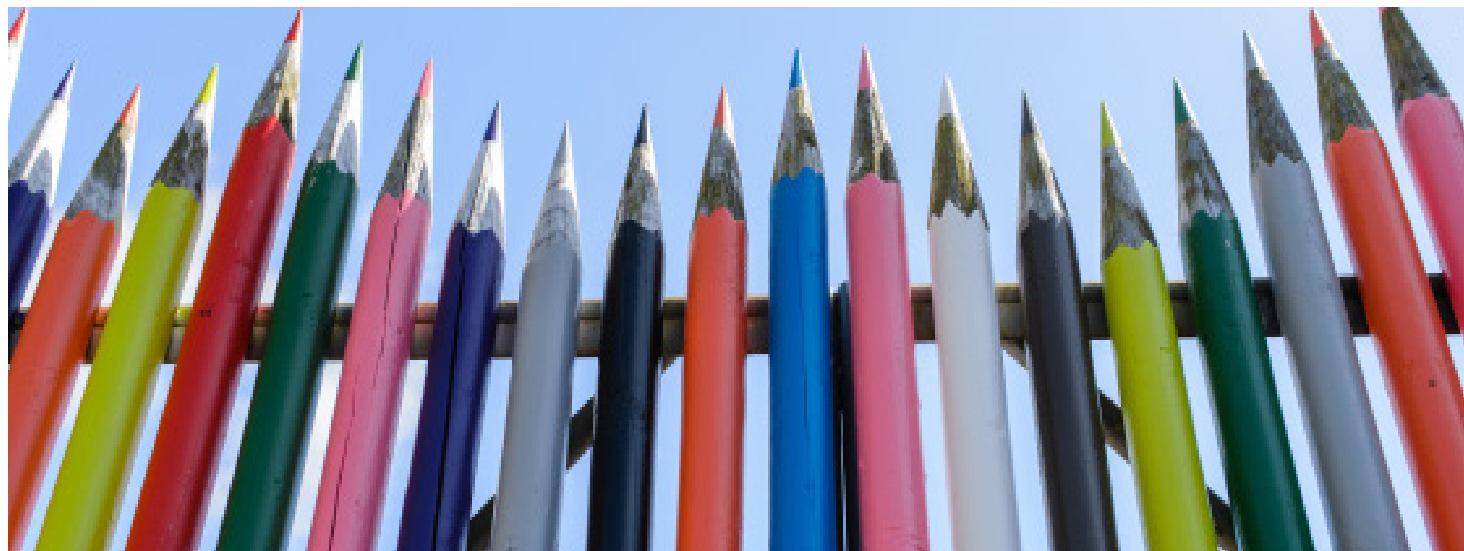


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PRE-PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Pre-Prep has been full of singing, signing, making, baking and creating as we have been preparing to celebrate Mother's Day and all the special women in our lives. We started the week in our assembly learning about the traditions, celebrations and ways in which we can say thank you. We all need to say a huge thank you to the PFA for organising the Mother's Day Shop in Pre-Prep. The children loved choosing their gifts, which we know you are all going to enjoy.

We finished the week with a special assembly in the Prep Assembly Hall. The children were amazing and we filled the hall with sensational singing, spectacular signing and super speaking. Huge thank you to all the Pre-Prep staff, catering and music department for helping make it such a special afternoon. It was lovely that so many families were able to join us and we were so proud of the children who never cease to amaze us. We all hope you have a lovely relaxing weekend together and we look forward to another couple of busy weeks as we build up to Easter.

## KEY DATES

### Diary Dates:

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

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





## CONSTRUCTION

This week the Tadpoles have been really interested in construction, so we got the work bench and all the tools out. The children had lots of fun building and everything has been fixed with the tools. They were really interested in the spirit level and wanted to know what it did. We explained that it tells you if things are level and everyone wanted to try it out all around Pre-School to see which surfaces were level. We have also spent lots of time outside this week doing lots of mark making with the paints and chalks.



## PRE-PREP

## PLAYGROUND FUN





## DOCTORS

The Frogs chose to turn the role-play area into a doctor's surgery last week. This week, they have enjoyed making visits to the Pre-School doctor with all manner of ailments - from poorly fingers, to having a baby! The Frogs have also been very busy getting ready for the special Mother's Day service on Friday, preparing lots of lovely surprises.



## RECEPTION

## WEIGHTS AND OBJECTS

Reception have been looking at the different weights of objects this week, seeing which are heavier and lighter. They then used Play-Doh to see if they could get the scales to balance and have the same amount on each side.





## MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone that attended Millfield Pre-Prep's Mother's Day service this afternoon. The children were excellent and we hope they made you proud!





## VICTORIAN TOYS

We were lucky to welcome Sharon from South West Heritage Trust this week. She came in to talk to the children about toys from the past and Victorian children. The children looked at what the toys were made from, they investigated a zoetrope and thaumatrope, and they played games from the past. They loved making their own thaumatropes and dressing up in the Victorian clothes.











# MINIS NEWS



## FUN IN THE FOREST

The Minis absolutely loved being in the forest, exploring their surroundings and using their imaginations. Our book week session was certainly very busy and great fun was had by all!

