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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As often seems to be the way, this week has flown by in a flurry of excitement and busyness. As we move towards the end of term, there has been no easing off – indeed the children and staff seem intent on making the most of every minute!

I was delighted by what a success the Millfield Prep Sevens was last Saturday. It was great to see the campus and pitches looking so resplendent – thank you to the Grounds and Gardens team for their hard work. This was followed by a screening of Ireland's Grand Slam win against England in the Shayler Pavilion. It was a real pleasure to

welcome so many parents to what was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I am looking forward to hosting many similar parent events in future.

Over the weekend we also learned the great news that Prep pupils Harry Silk and Barnaby Duke were part of the Year 7-9 boys' team who became National Champions in trampolining. This followed some outstanding individual and team performances in the various major triathlon, laser run and tetrathlon events recently. Many congratulations to all those who achieved podium finishes including the Year 6 girls who placed 2nd nationally and to Polly Warman who was crowned National Champion!

We are extremely proud that so many of our pupils and teams perform so well on the sporting front and you would be forgiven for thinking that this week was all about sport. But I have been equally impressed by the academic and co-curricular offerings this week which the children so enjoyed too. Many of our pupils and staff were part of the magnificent Millfield Community Choir which performed in Wells Cathedral on Tuesday – thank you and well done to all who took part. Year 6 enjoyed their fantastic Latin and History trip to the Roman Villa at the Newt in Bruton. And on Thursday, Year 7 enjoyed a superb cross-curricular art and maths day. Alongside this, we have had significant success with academic and co-curricular scholarships to Millfield from an impressive number of our Year 8 cohort – they should all be very proud of their achievements as we are of them.

Well done to all those who took part in the Mendip Cross Country league event on Tuesday. Thanks to Mr Duke for hosting a vast number of visitors so efficiently and well done to our competitors. I learnt that the U11 boys were crowned South West ESFA football champions this week and, not to be outdone, the U11 girls swept all before them in the rain yesterday to become regional champions – both superb achievements.

Undoubtedly for me though, the sporting highlight of this week was watching the U13 boys at the Rosslyn Park Sevens yesterday. They were outstanding all day, winning every match. It left them unbeaten in both 15-a-side and 7-a-side formats this season and while this is not how we measure success here at Millfield Prep, it is an undeniably impressive achievement. The players and staff were superb and I was very proud to witness it. Well done to all involved!

One week to go and I am already eagerly anticipating our Spring Concert and the Easter Service...not to mention the holidays! Have a great weekend.

Yours, Dan

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EASTER SERVICE

We are delighted to invite parents and guardians to our **Easter Service** on Friday 31 March, which is being held in the Sports Hall from 11.15am-12.00pm. Light refreshments will be available in the dining room from 10.30am. Please follow the parking signs.

Pupils will need to wear formal uniform, including blazer.

Please can parents park (and collect) from the following car parks:

Years 3-6 parents - please use the Pavilion car park and then walk up to the Sports Hall. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from Martins Lane.

Years 7-8 parents - please use the Reception car park where possible and the Pavilion car park once the Reception car park is full. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from the Reception car park.



SPRING CONCERT

Next week, on Thursday 30 March we will be holding our much-anticipated Spring Concert. This year, we have decided to make the concert a choral event and it will involve nine different vocal groups and over 200 children. The concert is from 6.pm -7.30pm in the Sports Hall and parents are warmly invited to attend from 5.30pm onwards to enjoy a cash bar and refreshments. Parents of children involved will be written to with further details by Monday next week – the rehearsal schedule is below. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of singing!

Spring Concert 2023 Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsal times on Thursday 30 March in the Sports Hall:



MUSIC LCM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving the below fantastic LCM results.



Millfield Preparatory School Results - Spring 2023 (Practical)

Candidate name	Subject	Level	Grade
Talula Keates	Music Theatre	Grade 2	Merit
Amelie McNulty	Music Theatre	Grade 2	Merit
Olivia Elliott	Music Theatre	Grade 3	Pass
Georgina Fraser	Music Theatre	Grade 4	Merit
Myrtle Bizley	Music Theatre	Grade 4	Merit
Rose Smith	Music Theatre	Grade 4	Merit
Layla Keates	Music Theatre	Grade 4	Merit
Lily Young	Popular Music Vocals	Grade 3 Leisure Play	Distinction
Louis Wilson	Popular Music Vocals	Grade 4 Leisure Play	Merit
Charlie Lucas	Popular Music Vocals	Grade 5 Leisure Play	Distinction
Chloe Bennie	Music Theatre	Grade 5	Distinction
Lily Speyers	Music Theatre	Grade 5	Merit

FUNDRAISING FOR WAR CHILD

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Two families, the Ballards and the Horgans, are going to 'Race Around Europe', starting at the Paddington Bear statue in Paddington station at 12pm on 8 April. With a limited budget, phones only for taking photos and only our first ticket booked, we will race to see who gets to Dubrovnik first. We will be in pairs - one parent and one child - and we will also have a series of surprise challenges to try to complete on our way - things like go to a live event or swim in the open air. We are doing this to have fun but also to raise money for an amazing charity - War Child. If anyone would like to sponsor us they can do so through our just giving page: [Alison horgan is fundraising for War Child](#)

We have a [Twitter account](#) which we are going to update as we make our journeys - please like us and share with others. We really want to raise as much money as we possibly can!

Frederick and Hester H and Amelia and Lottie B.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Each word will have three potential meanings and the first pupil to email Mrs Crispin (crispin.g@millfieldschool.com) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

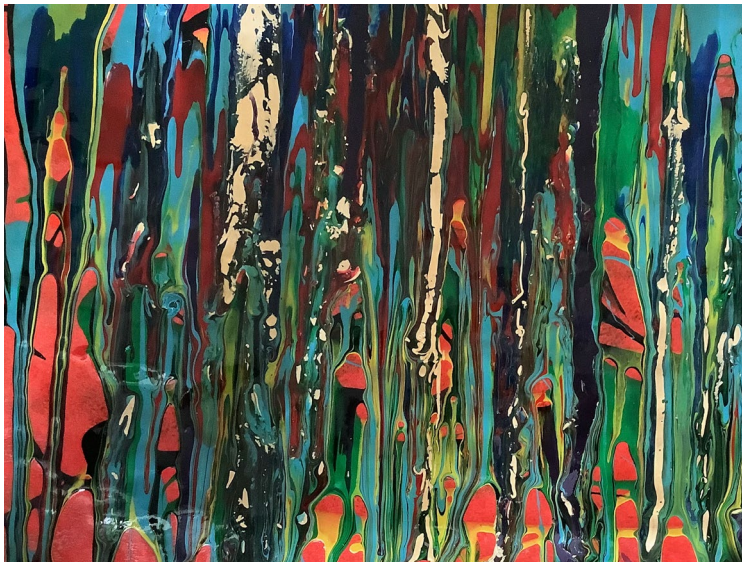
French: **l'infirmière**

- 1) Police officer
- 2) Paramedic
- 3) Nurse



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent experimental drip painting by **Max E.**



JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Chota and Miffy have been awarded for some lovely acts of kindness in the Juniors. Both **Millie E-N** and **Fizzy O** have been supportive friends and have reached out to others at the time they have most needed them. Well done to both!



RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL COURSES

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.

With both residential and non-residential courses available, there is an option for all. From Millfield Hockey Camps with Susannah Townsend, Multi-Activity courses, Millfield Minis, Performing Arts and so much more.

If you are looking to fulfil your curiosity and develop your passions, discover more [here](#).

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SUMMER &
CHRISTMAS**

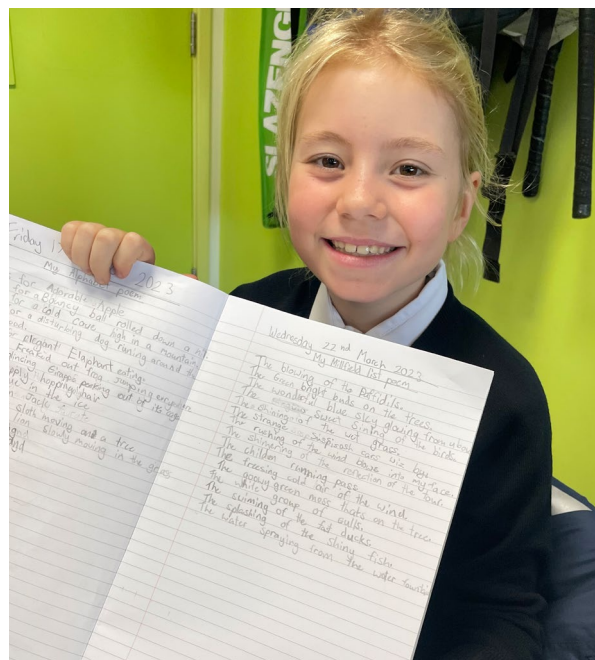
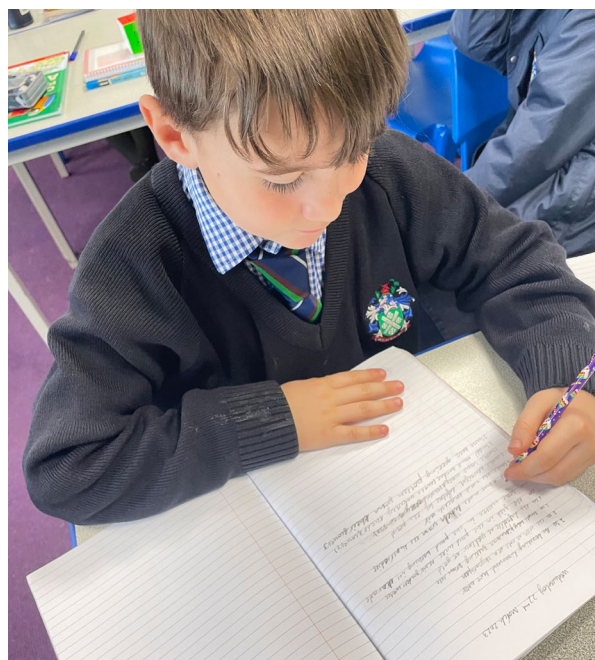
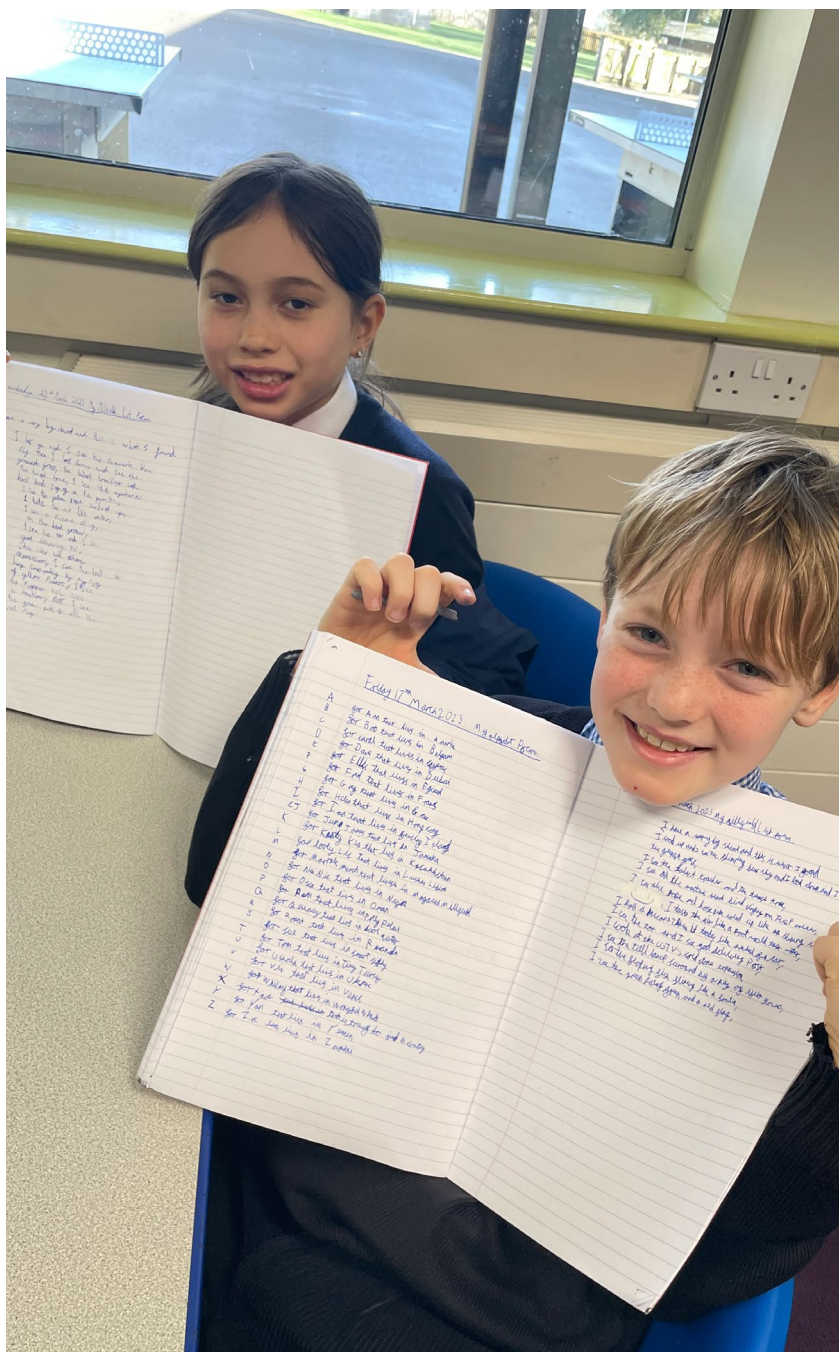
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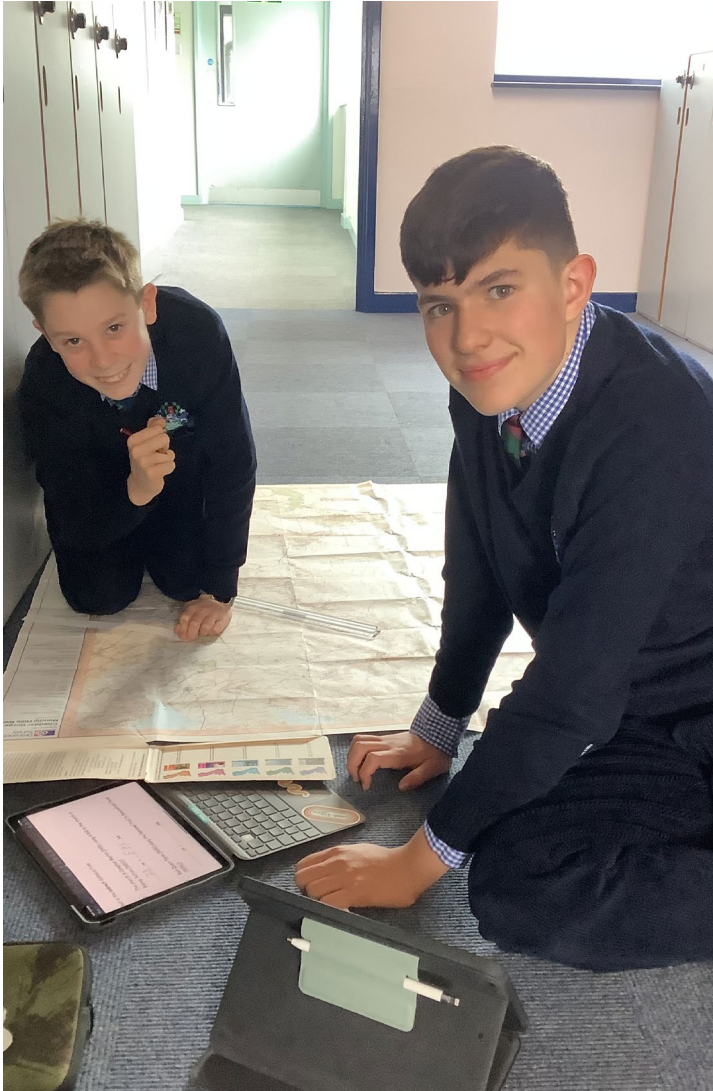
MILLFIELD
ENTERPRISES

MILLFIELD LIST POEMS

Year 4 have been doing some wonderful poetry work this week and have come up with their very own Millfield list poem.



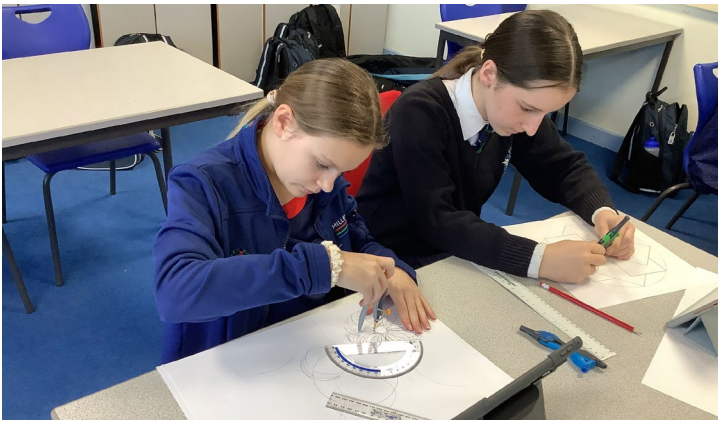
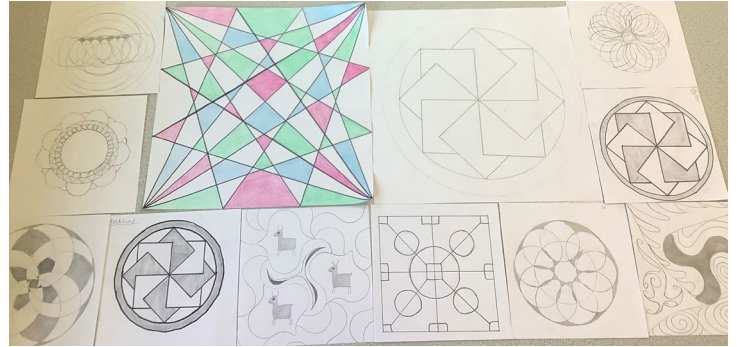
Year 8 have been improving their Ordnance Survey map reading skills, including: interpreting symbols, contour lines, using grid references and understanding location factors. Here they are measuring direct and indirect distances.



MATHS

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Year 7 pupils have been honing their measuring and constructing skills in maths lessons this week to create a final design ready for the art/maths collaboration day on Thursday. The theme is Native American Art and here is a small selection of the designs so far.



DT

Year 4 have been working hard this week and have completed their iPad stands. Some excellent peer evaluations took place with very sensible comments and group discussions. Well done to you all for your hard work this term.



The Townsend-Warner History Prize Results

This year, a group of seven Millfield Prep pupils have been entered for the Townsend-Warner History Prize. This is a national competition and very much an academic IAPS that allows pupils to test their historical knowledge and skills in a variety of ways. We are delighted that we have received the results of round two and would like to congratulate both Year 8 **Amelia B** and **Luke B** who made it successfully through to the second round. In this round, our students were asked to write a number of essays across many different time periods on a range of historical events, people and places - all in two hours. Both pupils should be extremely proud of their achievements and well done to Amelia who was awarded a book token prize for her combined score which represented the best overall score we have had by a Millfield Prep pupil in the competition to date. A brilliant effort by all who took part and thank you to the parents and families who supported them through the competition this year.



The Townsend-Warner History Prize

THE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS PRIZE ESTABLISHED IN 1885

HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

Year 6 at Villa Ventorum, The Newt

We were delighted to take all of Year 6 to the recently opened Villa Ventorum at The Newt, Bruton for the first time. This has been months in the planning for party leaders Mr Sweet and Mrs Crispin and the first cross curricular trip we have arranged together. Thanks to the support of Mrs Newman and the Year 6 staff, we were able to arrange a full day of learning onsite and in collaboration with Mrs Everett and the schools team at The Newt, tailor the programme to the IP unit Moving Places. This focus on the Romans and the ways they lived fitted superbly into a day that comprised guided tours of the villa itself, workshoping in the state of the art museum and outdoor classroom activities delivered by our staff in the afternoon.

The day began with a welcome from the staff at The Newt dressed in Roman costume and setting out the busy programme for the day ahead in the atrium of the museum. Pupils were divided into their form groups with half the group touring the Roman Villa whilst the other group were given a guided tour of the finding of the museum. One of the most remarkable aspects of the site has been the sheer number of archaeological discoveries they have made as well as the exactness and attention to detail in every room of the Villa. Our students were given student booklets to complete, a range of up to 10 activities through the morning including how to weave, make mosaics and to shop using the Roman currency and their Latin skills amongst many other learning opportunities. Millfield Prep are one of the very first groups to be invited to the Villa Ventorum and the school had exclusive access for the entire morning.



During the morning sessions, the Year 6 pupils were truly immersed in the Roman world. To be able to stand on the glass floor and look down at the site whilst being given an in depth talk about the Roman Baths, cold storage and many other uses of the Villa was impressive. They understood how to ask questions of the archeology around them, asked their own questions and drew upon their prior knowledge of the Romans. The many layers and uses of each room from small fragments of tile, pottery and baked rock tell us enormous amounts about the world of Lindinius Civitius, (Roman West Country) during the Roman occupation and after the Romans left from 410 CE. The interactive displays that were on offer in the museum allowed students to understand the geography of Roman Somerset, how the Romans traded, and were able to build structures that were highly advanced. Indeed the Villa Ventorum has been painstakingly reconstructed from the archaeological evidence from the latest dig down to the very details of the kitchen and to the frigidarium. The Villa even has the only working hypocaust in the world that provides under floor heating to each room such is the level of detail that students saw on their tour.

We were also very fortunate to have Miss Parsons and Mr Maxwell, Heads of Science and Art respectively, who were able to provide afternoon workshops inspired by the morning sessions. Pupils designed sun dials, completed their own mosaics and were able to ask a range of questions that highlight just how much they had taken in on their visit to Villa Ventorum. The trip itself benefited enormously from Year 6 teachers, Mr McNulty and Mr Churchill been able to link what they learnt in class directly to what they were seeing at the Villa Ventorum. The fact that the Roman Villa is only thirty minutes from Millfield Prep means we have been able to develop this bespoke, cross curricular trip that incorporated Humanities, Science, Latin and Art. We also wanted to add our thanks to all the Year 6 pupils who represented the school superbly and as such, we hope to be able to return next year.



BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR

Another busy week has flown by. The boys enjoyed some football and Kwik Cricket on Saturday evening with Mr Carruthers and Mr Foster in the sports hall. Sunday saw the boys paintballing, along with what feels like a record number of other sporting activities and events. The boys have been enjoying playing some competitive games of "Beyblade" while the weather has been too dark/rainy outside. It was lovely to see some of the boys with tennis rackets and enjoying the sun while it lasted too!



BEREWALL

A busy sporting weekend meant a relaxing time back at house initially, with films and food the order of the day. Sunday saw Freddie and Davin off to CCF weapons training, the rest of the boys off paintballing before returning full of beans for some floodlit touch rugby!



As we get closer to Easter and with the evenings getting lighter, the boys are filling their evenings with activities. They enjoy being able to play on the Chestnut court in the evenings and the selection of sports that they play is huge. On Wednesday we had the termly round of the quiz show 'Buzz'. The boys split into small teams and are given their own quiz show buzzers to answer general knowledge questions that appear on the TV. It is like they are in their own game show! They shouted animatedly at the TV when they got their questions wrong. (They also shouted at the TV when they got them right.) In some rounds they can steal points from other teams which caused some chaos! Congratulations to the winners of the three rounds who won some random prizes ranging from a virtual water park to a giant croissant!

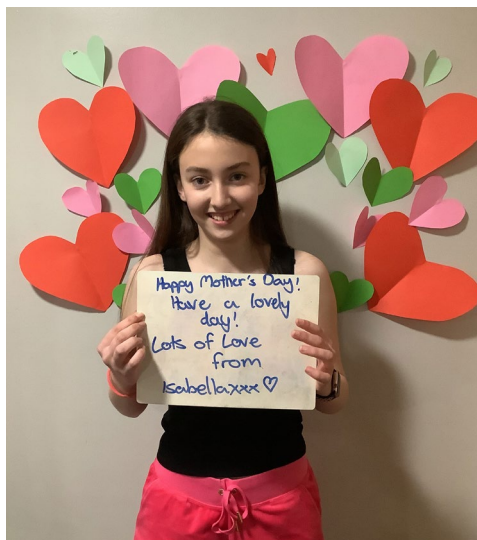


HOLLIES

The lighter evenings and brighter weather has enabled the girls to get out on the tree trail and skateboarding this week in their free time. This is great for their wellbeing so long may it continue. At the weekend, many joined the paintballing adventure for a battle with their friends. Meanwhile, **Vivienne** was having her own battle in the swimming pool, returning to house with a handful of medals from the competition – well done Vivienne! Finally, the week ended with a rowdy session of bingo – enjoyed by all and meaning we need to restock the prize cupboard!



It's been another busy week at Champion. There's been lots of sport, a boarders paintballing trip on Sunday, however the highlight was preparing some lovely Mothering Sunday messages to send to Champion Mums and Grandmas all over the world! Thank you Mrs S - sending photos was a great idea. This weekend we will make a start on packing for the Easter holidays, and everyone is really looking forward to a slower pace when the boarders will enjoy a lazy Sunday morning in house.




BOARDING PASS

For one **free** night at boarding.

Email Carl Bingham at Bingham.C@millfieldschool.com to find out more.

SPORTING NEWS

NETBALL

Nationals U12 Girls

The girls travelled to Ipswich for their annual U12 Nationals.

Unfortunately due to illness, injury and exhaustion, the girls had to really battle through the tournament. Their behaviour, team spirit and encouragement to each other was amazing throughout the day. With hard work and determination in their last game, the girls were awarded with a bronze medal.



Our U13s had a short trip to Bryanston for their national IAPS finals. With a tough group the girls had to play to their full potential to qualify for the cup. Unfortunately the girls did not start the tournament well against Highgate, losing narrowly 11-10. This made the next few games quite pressurised as they had to win them all to progress. They won the next two, beating Great Walstead 10-7 and Downsland School 10-5. This then set up a decider v last year's champions Bromsgrove. Unfortunately after a strong start, Bromsgrove proved too much in the second half, resulting in the girls finishing third in the group and dropping into the plate competition. They finished 11th overall (out of 90 teams) and although on a different day things could have worked out better they were all very mature about it and as always a pleasure to be with.

Two days after the girls wanted to finish their season on a high! They did it true style by becoming County Champions! After a round robin tournament against Downside, Wells, Taunton, Westfield and Wellington they were able to retain the shield.



The U11A netball girls travelled to Rugby for the National Netball Finals. Their behaviour was impeccable on the day from start to finish. Following a four-and-a-half hour trip filled with giggles, singing and numerous funky hair styles, we eventually arrived. After dinner, a good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast, the girls were ready to go. Every game at the Nationals proved to be of the highest level they had encountered. The girls worked tenaciously every game, putting into place the coaching points and playing some fantastic competitive matches. The whole experience for this very talented group of girls will stand them in good stead going forwards; I know they will go on to shine and sparkle across a range of sports in the future. Thank you to all the parents for coming and cheering these lovely girls on.



House matches

Year 4 had their first taste of Bee Netball five-a-side. They were teamed up with their Year 5 counterparts from their games house and learnt how to play the new positions. The Year 5s were all very helpful and each house played each other to see who could win the house points. There were some really close matches! The results were as follows:

- 1st Saxons
- 2nd Danes
- 3rd Jutes
- 4th Angles

Mr Close will add these points to the overall house shield at the end of term.

TRAMPOLINING

WOW...what an amazing weekend. 12 members of the Prep School trampoline squad travelled to Northampton for the Nationals Schools Trampoline Finals – our highest number of qualifiers for at least eight years. Starting the competition were our Year 1-6 intermediate girls. After a very nervy start, the team consisting of **Hester J**, **India E**, **Tammy R** and **Elsie S-H** completed 8 out of 10 routines between them, earning themselves a sixth-place team finish. Next up were the Year 1-6 intermediate boys – **Lucas C** and **Elliot W**. Both boys qualified individually to this event, and both competed well earning themselves 12th and 13th place respectively. The last group before lunch were the Year 7-9 Boys' intermediate. **Barnaby D** and **Harry S** teamed up with **Brychan Js** and **Noah C** from the Senior School. The team performed brilliantly and earned themselves THE NATIONAL TITLE! An amazing achievement and Millfield's first team National Champions since 2004! What a thing to be able to call yourselves! A huge congratulations to the boys. Finishing the day were our Year 1-6 novice girls' team of **Jessica H**, **Posy L**, **Emily W** and **Sofia C**. Again, the girls all performed exceptionally – completing 10 out of 10 routines, finishing with a personal best team score. They finished in team third in a very large and very strong category. The girls' teamwork, support of each other, attitude and behaviour was exemplary, and we couldn't have asked any more of them – well done girls.





FOOTBALL

On Friday, the U11s travelled to Clifton College for the South-West Sevens. From losing their first match to winning the tournament, this group showed the importance of a positive mindset. South-West Champions, and now onto St George's Park in May.

On Sunday, a mix of our U12 and U13s faced Plymouth Argyle and Oxford United at Kingweston. This was a great challenge for the boys. The lost 3-0 and 4-0 respectively. It was an amazing experience.

On Wednesday, the U13 girls hosted Atlantic Academy Portland. Millfield were superb from start to finish, winning 10-0. They progress to round 3 of the ESFA Small Schools Cup.



Well done to all the swimmers who took part in the Taunton Deane, Street and Millfield Level 3 Regional Qualifier at the weekend. For some it was their first experience of a competition and it was great to see all their hard work in training paying off. For others, this was their final opportunity to qualify for the South West Regional Championships. There were a huge amount of personal best times achieved along with great execution of race plans. The swimmers held their aerobic details in a race environment well, but also learnt how to manage their recovery with fast paced back-to-back racing.



Weekend Swim Meet. Dylan D, Year 5.



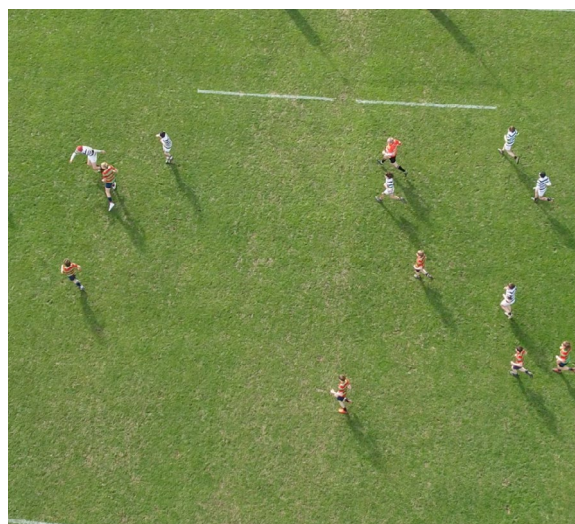
RUGBY 7S

Millfield Rugby Sevens

The U12 boys performed really well in the competition and lots of progress has been made over this term. The boys are becoming more familiar with the style of play needed in the rugby sevens format of the game. There were some hard fought matches, against some very good opponents from all over the country. The lads worked hard for each other and eventually ended up third in the overall standings. Congratulations to the teams who were that little bit better on the day. Lots of learning and progress – exciting for the future!

The U13 lads had some opponents from around the globe, with Dubai College joining the tournament this year. It was a great occasion, with all the teams showing intent and some superb attacking rugby throughout. The Millfield Prep boys were not to be outdone and again defence was the order of the day. Some hard hitting tackles and turnovers at breakdown, meant the boys had space and time in attack. Some flowing moves set up some really superb tries! The boys went on to clinch the trophy. Well done boys. The final challenge for this team will now be at Rosslyn Park National Sevens.

Click [here](#) to watch the footage on Youtube.





EQUESTRIAN

During the winter some of our riders qualified for the British Show jumping - Just For Schools Winter Championships. This weekend, we attended the championships. However, due to unforeseen circumstances we were sadly unable to take the teams who had qualified. The riders who could complete had a brilliant time.

Tilly B just had four faults in each class with Mr Ed.

Lexi C came second in the 1.10m.

Jack G had four faults in the 70cm and clear in the 60cm just out of the placings.

Hattie T just out of the placings on Elvis.

Liv Shad a good weekend fifth in the 1m, second in the 90 and second in the 1.10m.

Lola S came 10th in the 1m.

All the riders rode classy rounds, and all helped and supported each other. We were super proud of them all. **Vaasvi** still came along even though she was unable to compete herself and showed true Millfield spirit in supporting the other riders.

Everley had a brilliant day of British Dressage, she rode four excellent tests to come home with three first places, one second place, a qualification for a dressage festival in Hampshire for Diddles and a personal best BD score of 73.19%. Great work **Everley** Congratulations.





MODERN PENTATHLON

Millfield prep pentathlon attended the local open laser run, triathlon and Tetrathlon competition, on 19 of March at Leweston school. The team had a fabulous day in the sunshine competing in Dorset. This was a local grassroots competition and was a great event for many athletes attending their first competition and for our older prep school athletes. This was a super competition experience as we lead up to a busy summer term of competitions ahead! Thank you to all parents and guardians that attended and support the children, especially as it was Mother's Day! Super mums!

Results

U9 Girls

Laser run – 1st **Grace S**, 2nd **Lulu K**

Triathlon – 1st **Lulu K**, 2nd **Grace S**

U9 Boys

Laser run – 1st **Ethan J**

U11 Girls

Laser run – **Evelyn D** 9th, **Isobel R** 11th and **Trinity B** 12th overall team 3rd

Triathlon – **Evelyn D** 4th, **Isobel R** 5th.

U13 Boys

Laser run – **Raff B** 3rd, **Cooper L** 5th, **Harry G** 11th, **Max W** 16th, **Barney G** 17th, Anson Tong 18th, **Rohan D** 19th, **Dylan P** 20th. Overall team 1st.

Triathlon – **Cooper L** 2nd, **Raff B** 3rd, **Max W** 7th, **Anson T** 11th.

U13 Boys

Laser run – **Elliot W** 5th, **Noah K** 7th, **Zac B** 11th, **James D** 12th overall team 2nd

Triathlon – **Elliot W** 6th, **Noan K** 8th, **Zac B** 9th, **James D** 10th.

U15 Girls

Laser Run – **Bea S** 2nd, **Eva D** 3rd, **Lois M** 4th, 18th **Layla K** overall team 1st

Triathlon – **Eva D** 2nd, **Layla K** 14th

Tetrathlon – **Eva D** 2nd.

U15 Boys

Laser Run – **Mateo E** 6th, **Henry F** 9th, **Hunter K** 10th overall team 3rd

Triathlon – **Mateo E** 6th, **Henry F** 9th, **Hunter K** 10th

Tetrathlon – **Mateo E** 5th, **Hunter K** 6th, **Henry F** 8th

U15 Girls

Laser Run – **Iona M** 1st, **Ruby B** 3rd, **Hope L** 6th, **Emily H** 11th, **Maya S** 12th, **Lily W** 14th.

Overall team 1st.

Triathlon – **Iona M** 1st, **Ruby B** 3rd, **Hope L** 6th, **Emily H** 8th, **Maya S** 10th.

Last week, **Polly W** became a British Champion winning the Year 6 girls National Biathlon held up In Redditch, out of 97 competitors.

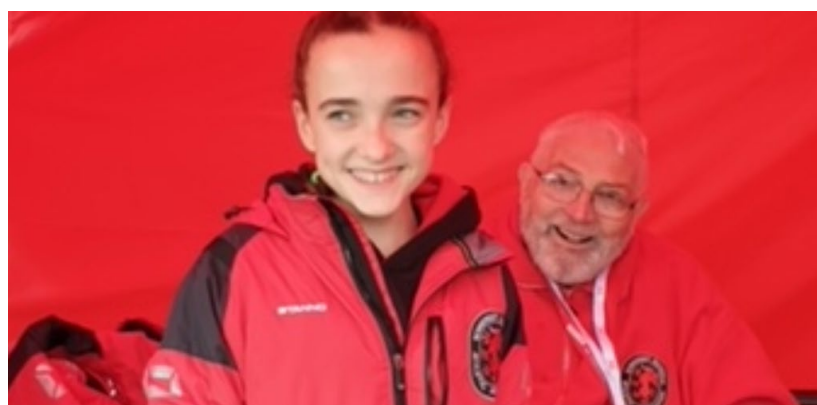


Mendip Junior League Cross Country

We have been racing around the county with our runners in Year 3, 4 5 and 6 since September. We have been training hard and all of the runners have improved their finishing positions as the races have progressed. The final race of the five race series was held at the Prep School on Tuesday. They all ran well and can be very proud of how well they have done this season. After a delicious and filling pasta we sat and waited to hear how we had done in the presentations. **Grace S** was the top Year 3 runner. **Cooper L** was third in the Year 4 league. **Elsie S** was the champion in the Year 6. The Year 6 boys dominated their league. **Arthur S** was first, **Elliot W** was second and **Bailey B** was third. We were also the top school overall. Thank you to all the staff that have helped at the events, to the areas who have supported in a huge selection of weathers and to the sports staff who have worked hard in their sessions to help the runners become aerobically strong which really helps their running performances.



Over the weekend some of year eight girls represented the Year 9 Somerset Cross Country team at the national finals of the English Schools Cross Country Championships. They have all done fantastically well to qualify for this team and the experience they have gained will really be an advantage next season. Congratulations to **Hope L**, **Emily H** and **Vienna T** for a great season and they can be very proud of how well they have run this year. To represent the county a year early is fantastic.





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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



It was lovely to have so many families join us for the Mother's Day celebration last week. The Prep School Assembly Hall was filled with beautiful singing and superb signing, there were a few tears too. We all enjoyed the social gathering afterwards in the Pre-Prep Hall, looking at all the portraits, whilst having a chat with a cup of tea and cake.

This week we have been learning all about Easter and learning why it is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity and we have been learning about the key days, symbols and why we celebrate Easter. Ask your child why do we celebrate Easter? Why are eggs so important? What do they enjoy about Easter?

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term and it is going to be a busy one. We are very much looking forward to inviting you into Pre-Prep for some Easter fun and games on Wednesday and don't forget to send in your competition entries for judging. Good *C-luck* everyone!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 29 March – 2pm
Easter Fun and Games

Thursday 30 March – 6pm
Spring Concert – Year 2 singing

Friday 31 March
11:15am – Prep School Easter Service
(All welcome to attend)
12pm – School finishes for Easter holidays

We have just finished the points for this term. Danes have won and will have a non-uniform day next Wednesday.

Team Points			
Angles	Danes	Jutes	Saxons
194	228	214	193
40	49	51	50
234	277	265	243

EXPLORING FORCES WITH RAMPS

The children have been busy exploring forces this week and wanted to experiment with ramps. We made some indoor and outdoor ramps for our balance bikes, cars, trucks and balls and the children enjoyed taking it in turns to test them out. We also used our 'stop' and 'go' signs to signal to each other to keep us safe, some of the children were keen to make their own signs so off we went to collect some materials.



DAFFODILS AND PRACTISING BALL SKILLS

Spring has started to arrive in Pre-School as the daffodil bulbs the Frogs planted way back in September have finally bloomed; they look beautiful!



This week the Frogs have been practising their ball skills. They have been rolling, throwing, catching and bouncing. Some of the skills were quite tricky and perseverance was needed. However, as the week progressed the children began to improve their skills and felt really proud when they achieved their goal. Well done Frogs.



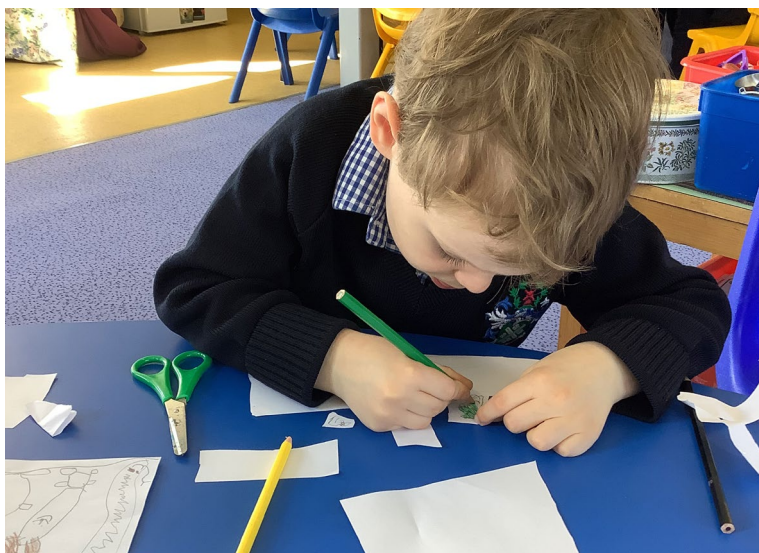
FISHING FOR SOUNDS

The Frogs have had fun fishing for sounds! They had to catch a sound and then find an object beginning with that sound. They found fish, worms, whales, foxes, cats, robots, oranges, Sam, Zoe, Joseph and even Mr Jory! It was great fun!



BUNNY ON AN EGG HUNT

The children this week have been making their own lift the flap storybooks, about a bunny on an egg hunt. They have done a brilliant job at imagining the different adventures the bunny has been on. We can't wait to see the final books. The Year 8s even came up to help. Well done Reception!



BEE-BOT PROGRAMMING

Year 1 have been learning to programme both Bee-bots and each other. They have learnt that the instructions need to be clear and concise, and that they may need to debug the Bee-bots if they want them to go to the right place. They had a lot of fun especially when they tried to programme Ms Denbee to put her shoes back on and they ended up on her arms.



EASTER GARDENS

Year 2 have been looking at the story of Easter and thinking about the season changing into Spring, new life, and beginnings. They have looked at flowers blossoming, buds on the trees and talked about the animals that are being born. The children have made Easter gardens and have been watching them grow.



MINIS NEWS



MINIS SWIM

Our Minis certainly had great fun at the Senior swimming pool. It was wonderful to see the Minis confident in the water, blowing bubbles, kicking their legs and reaching for their squirty toys! We enjoyed balancing on the wibbly wobbly floats and playing with all the toys by the poolside. Some of the Minis predicted which toys would sink down to the bottom of the pool and which ones would float. All of our Minis were very proud of their super swimming!

