

## NEWSLETTER







#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to the summer term and, in spite of some standard April showers, it has been a bright and positive start here at Millfield Prep.

The mood is naturally buoyant following the publication of our ISI report and the prospect of longer, brighter days. Alongside this, a jam-packed schedule over the coming weeks has filled the school with optimism. I was delighted that we were able to dodge the rain and get some of our first fixtures underway this week.

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Year 4 'Entrepreneur Morning' in the Junior Hall yesterday – I came away energised and smiling along with some beautifully painted nails and a blue rinse from the spa and hair stalls! Well done Year 4 on your fantastic efforts.

We are all looking forward to the return of the May Fair on Monday. Thank you to all those parents contributing to the P&FA stands – let's keep our fingers crossed for a dry day and I am sure it will be wonderful fun for all. Please also note the reminder below about arrangements for the coronation weekend.

I hope you have all enjoyed the first week with your children back at school as much as we have. Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Yours, Dan

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#### PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great painting of a lion by Naledi C.



#### **CAMPUS FILMS**

Filming for our new campus videos will be taking place on Wednesday 3 and Tuesday 9

On these days can you ensure that your children are in correct uniform and prepared to be filmed. Thank you in advance for your help.

#### **MAY FAIR**

Families are invited to the May Fair, taking place on Monday 1 May between 12.30-3.15pm. Lessons will take place in the morning and the May Fair will officially start at 12.30pm, with Maypole dancing from the Pre-Prep pupils. The May Fair will then finish at 3.15pm and pupils will finish school for the day. There will be no clubs or sports after school on Monday 1 May. Pupils are allowed to be in sports kit. Please can you drop off any donations in the dining hall on the morning of the May Fair, and ensure that the products have the ingredients clearly labelled as we are a nut free site. More information overleaf.

# MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL MAY FAIR

### MONDAY 1 MAY 2023

12.25pm - all pupils to go to stalls ready for opening, no trading until 12.30pm.

Barbecue available from 12.30pm.

12.30pm - Pre-Prep Maypole Dancing on the putting green.

1.30-3.00pm Pony rides on grass area near bottom car park.



In the event of wet weather, stalls will be situated in the Assembly/Sports and Junior Halls.

Unaccompanied day pupils to be collected 3.15pm – Reception or Martins Lane.

3.15pm - Boarders back to their houses.

Children must be signed out with their Group Tutor prior to leaving.

Lost children go to the staff room.

Medical Centre - usual opening hours.

Proceeds donated to charities chosen by the children and to fund school projects supported by the Parents & Friends Association.



"If you could pay for one other one, half another one or 10 other children, it will suit me very well indeed"

Boss Meyer, Founder of Millfield School

#### MILLFIELD GIVING DAY



Our dedicated Giving Day website is now live and allows anybody connected with Millfield to find out more, spread the word, and donate! Last year Giving Day brought together the whole Millfield community for over 35 hours of fun and exciting challenges raising over £220,000 through your generous donations.

This year we have lots of exciting activities planned on campus, including a 'It's a Knockout' inflatable challenge, philanthropy talks and house challenges. You can stay up to date with Millfield's Giving Day news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

As part of Giving Day, we are proud to announce the launch of our 'Case for Support', a document summarising the department's long-term goals and intentions of preserving the Millfield Mix and discovering brilliance in every child, a copy of which can be found via the Giving Day link below.

Please do visit our Giving Day website, donate early and help us build momentum for this year's event.

Another way to support our Giving Day is to attend our fantastic Millfield Brilliance Dinner. If you have not yet already purchased a ticket, you can do so by clicking here.

Thank you for all your continued support. We hope as many of you as possible will get involved with Millfield's Giving Day!

#### KING CHARLES' CORONATION - SATURDAY 6 MAY

Due to King Charles' coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, there is an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May, 2023. As bank holidays that fall in term time are treated as normal school days, Saturday 6 May 2023 will be a non-teaching day to provide the majority of our community with an opportunity to celebrate. This means that there will be no lessons, sports fixtures or activities taking place and no attendance is expected.

We encourage all boarders to make use of the Exeat, however, there will be onsite provision for those who require it. Thank you to all boarding parents who have informed us of your arrangements. If you have not already done so please can you complete this form.

#### Monday 8 May

Whilst Monday 8 May is a Bank Holiday, on this occasion it will be a normal school working day. However, should you wish to request absence for Monday 8 May please complete the 'Leave Request Form' on the Parent Portal. This will be approved unless otherwise notified. Your early help in completing both forms is much appreciated as it will assist with our planning.









## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

To celebrate the relaunch of our Parents & Friends Association (P&FA), the committee and Headmaster would like to extend an invitation to all Prep and Pre-Prep parents to join us on Wednesday 10 May at the Shayler Pavilion for drinks and canapes from 19:00-20:00. The evening will give you the chance to meet members of the P&FA Committee and to find out more about our plans to create a broader range of social and professional networking opportunities for parents. Whilst this is <u>not</u> a fundraising event, you will also hear about school fundraisers and the work of the Millfield Foundation; in which the P&FA sits, this year's Giving Day and plans to support more life-changing transformational bursaries at Millfield.

Please register your interest via the Classlist platform.

Kindest regards Andrew Cook Head of Alumni & Foundation

Sarah Hughes Chair of the P&FA

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

The summer term is underway at Millfield Prep School! We are delighted to welcome 14 new pupils to MPS - they have received a very warm welcome from the whole Millfield community. In addition to the newsletter, make sure you stay tuned to our social channels for updates on an exciting term ahead...









Year 6 have started a new science topic this term looking at roots, shoots and fruits. To immerse themselves into the topic, pupils went to the woods to create journey sticks. The children searched the floor for any items of interest and then explained why they had chosen these items upon return to the classroom. It led to some interesting discussions about what they had found and started the children off investigating the names of leaves and some of the foliage they had found. Hopefully we have sparked off some future careers in botany!



#### LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

**Hester H** is the Linguist of the Week for her effort and dedication in Spanish lessons. Hester has produced a great amount of high quality work in class.



#### **MATHS**

It's a busy first week back for the maths department, with nearly 90 children competing in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday. The JMC is a 60-minute, multiple choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the JMC are designed to make pupils think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those who have competed for several years. Results and certificates to follow!



#### **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: La pelouse

- 1) playground
- 2) lawn
- 3) terrace



#### **ENGLISH**

Year 8 pupils have produced poems after studying *The Lost Words* by Robert McFarlene.

#### Buttercup - by Saskia W

Bright, luminous, coloured petals, Under the sunlight, gleaming with pleasure. The seeds glide on the wind They travel through the luscious grass, Ever green stems hold up their pretty petals. Rushing insects, desperate for the pollen, Climb

Up and down and across the hills, in their search. Petals fall, as the plants come to the end of their season.

#### Magpie - by Hope L

Magpie's eyes, hover over the land Abandoning the tree as her wings flutter high up in the sky. Garden after garden she glances at ripened, juicy berries. Pacing down as fast as a cheetah, It's wings go out like a parachute and her pointy beak pointing down. Examining the placing of her webbed, wonky feet the bird comes to a stop after a long day and takes a tweet.

#### Silver Birch - by Maria M A

Striking and dazzling, sensitive, trunks
Impressive! Amazing!
Listening the luscious and silvery seeds beginning their journey.
remember the magical tales,
the mature bark.
Running down the deciduous tree the seeds are.
Beautiful. Elegant branches transmit their charm.
Imagine the divine seeds, falling off, showing off in the tiny breeze,
Returning to the earth.
Crying for the passage of time, they
Have forgotten their stories.

A lovely piece of creative writing, reflecting on a port leaving Amsterdam.

#### Thoughts on Amsterdam - by Freddie G

The ship engines buzzed as we left the port, slow waves lapped against the side of the ship. The city heaved as smoke piled out of the factories. To the left you could see the residents of the city, driving to and from work. The city drowned in light of all colours, red, green and blue. Light and shadow mixed to create a city, a city built on choice.

You could choose what to do with your life, so many possibilities, ranging from a simple taxi driver life to being the CEO of some of the largest companies in Europe. It amazed me how simple life was. It was different. It almost made me want to stay, explore and live my life under the smoky clouds. I gazed to the scattered stars above me, like handfuls of glitter, a contrast to the port lights, regimented like streetlights, orderly. I gazed further to the pale orb of the moon, flooding the sky with light. As the ship pulled further away from port, my gaze fell upon the ocean, tiny waves tipped with silver, a reflection of the glistening sky above.

I think the most beautiful thing was the architecture, great churches reached into the sky, trying to grab a star of their very own, or maybe it was the statue in Dam Square, as white as the moon itself, grappling with the clouds, stretching high above the hundreds of tourists posing for photos. The tulips were everywhere, planted in barrels around the city, huge satin blooms in vibrant hues. Beyond the centre too, they lined up, enclosing the city with prettiness. I loved it. In places, tulips bloomed for miles, fields full of them, a show-off rainbow built of silky petals as far as the eye could see.

I sipped my drink, then raised my glass, 'To Amsterdam, a toast!'



**BOARDING** 

## **BOARDING LIFE**

#### **EDGARLEY MANOR**



It has been lovely welcoming the boys back after the holidays. Spirits have been high and it has been lovely to see them reunited with their friends. Mr McNulty took a group of boys out for a special treat for supper on Wednesday evening. These boys were our 'Star Men' from last term. A 'Star Man' shows great independence and ability to organise themselves without being reminded. Well done to Ollie, Sam, Guillermo and Gonzalo. This week we celebrated Creston's birthday with a beautiful cake and pizza all-round. It has been a great start to the term!







#### CHAMPION **2**



The girls are back, the boarding house is full of noise and laughter, and we love it! This term we welcome Katie and Hano, Elsie and Yara to full-time boarding. The girls are quickly getting to know their new routines, supported by several willing buddies (including our Year 8) and our junior corridors are bustling with activity. Masha and Tabby are building their own Equestrian Centre in their dorm and I feel that's just the start! We have a lot of exciting plans for this term; once the weather warms-up a little we will be opening up the garden, which means, of course, the start of the barbeque season!







The lighter evenings and better weather have enabled the Chestnut boys to get out and about around the campus. During our house activities on Wednesday, they played games as the sun went down. They had to work in small groups to try and win prizes. They had to dodge, duck and dive a spinning rope; there were some spectacular crashes. It was nice to hear lots of laughter and the boys enjoyed being back together after the Easter break. We have three new full-time boarders this term and we hope they have an enjoyable first term as part of the vibrant boarding community.









#### BEREWALL **V**



The Berewall boys have settled back into the routine very nicely. It is lovely to have the house buzzing again after the holidays. We welcomed them back on Sunday evening and they got stuck into the routine quickly, packing bags and preparing for the week at school. The beautiful grounds at Berewall will come into their own this term. There has been some great Football matches already - where do we find the time? On Monday, the boys celebrated with Hunter on his 13th birthday. They all enjoyed HUMONGOUS cupcakes, they were very popular and did not last long...and as always, the singing was awesome! We hope that the weather is kind to us this term because we have lots to look forward to.







Welcome back for the start of the summer term and the final term in Hollies for many! Congratulations to our new Heads of House: **Casilda** and **Lola**. The girls have demonstrated their leadership potential and we hope they will enjoy this responsibility through their last term with us. In addition, we received the wonderful news that **Hope** is one of the Heads of School for the summer term; well done! The girls have taken full advantage of the lighter evenings right from the start this week with much outdoor play despite the still chilly air. Jolly jumps remain a firm favourite!











### **SPORTING NEWS**

#### **SPORT NOTICES**

#### **Swim Gala**

Tuesday 9 May is the Year 3-5 House Swimming gala here in the MPS pool. Please adhere to the times below for spectating as there is limited viewing space – please be aware it is very warm!

Year 3 - 1:15 - 1:45 Year 4 - 1:45 - 2:30 Year 5 - 2:30 - 3:30

Please park in the top car park, there will be parent teas in the dining hall after the section for your child's year.

#### **Wednesday and Saturday Sporting Commitments**

Dear Parents, with so many different activities and sporting fixtures on offer at school on Wednesdays and Saturdays, it would be great to have all of the pupils involved. It is expected that if pupils are selected for a match that they prioritise their school fixture. If there are occasions when they miss one, please can you contact relevant staff, so that they have the information in advance and teams can be amended if permission is gained.

#### **Cricket Kit**

A reminder about Cricket kit for FIXTURES going forward: Boys - Whites (both top and bottom)

Girls - Blue games bottoms and reversible games top

#### **Cups and Trophies**

If your son or daughter was presented with a cup or trophy on Speech Day last summer, please may you return the cup/trophy to the Prep School reception before half term.

Please may you ensure the cup/trophy is engraved with your child's name on it. There is a very good engravers in Wells that are extremely efficient

#### **HOCKEY**

It has been quite literally non-stop for the U13A hockey girls. They have had the opportunity to continue developing their hockey throughout all three terms and after winning the county championships, went on to represent Somerset in the England In2Hockey finals on Monday 24 April.

Faced with relentless rain, the girls displayed resilience in winning all five group games against Salisbury, Sherborne, Clayesmore, Truro and Redmaids, scoring some superb team goals. This meant they had won their group and were through to the semi-final against the runners-up of pool two, Clifton.

It was a tough match between the two teams, as it had been all season. Clifton were clinical in the circle and went through to win the overall tournament.

The girls have been fantastic to teach all year and they will all go on to flourish in their Senior School hockey.

Well done to: Morolayo, Tilly, Gracie, Agi, Lola, Ruby, Jasmine, Liv and Karmele.



#### MODERN PENTATHLON

The Millfield Modern Pentathlon team had a busy Easter holiday with various competitions! Firstly, athletes competed at the National Tetrathlon Championships on 1 April at Bath University, this was a great competition to put into practice all four events of pentathlon: run, swim, fence and laser run. There was also a triathlon option for athletes to compete in. There was a fabulous team effort all round. Senior School athletes supported and assisted Prep athletes which was great to see – well done Millfield team! Secondly, athletes attended the biathle competition at Leweston School on 8 April, preparing for the GB Series Biathle competition in Cheltenham on 14 April. This competition was a qualifying event for the European Championships, being held in Germany later this year. Well done to all athletes that competed and a big congratulations to athletes that have now qualified to represent Team GB at the European Championships: Raffie Bodman, Lois Murray, Polly Warman, Eva Dowden, Elsie Seager, Kruze Frampton and Ruby Bodman. On 22 April, Millfield attended the National Laser Run Championships, which was also a World/European Championship qualifier. I am so proud of everyone that competed, this was a tough event and there were many smashing performances, successes and lots of lessons learnt. Congratulations to Eva Dowden and Ethan Jory on becoming 2023 British Laser Run Champions. International selection/confirmation will be released at a later date. Well done to everyone that competed over the Easter break; we now head towards a busy term filled with Biathle and Triathle competitions.

British Modern Tetrathlon Championships

U13 Girls – Triathlon

Lois M 2nd Eva D 3rd Ella D 5th Overall Team 1st

U13 Boys –Triathlon

Hugh M 1st

U15 Girls – **Ruby B** 5th

U15 Boys - Tetrathlon

Mateo E 5th Hunter K 7th Alex T 10th

Henry M 11th (triathlon)

Overall Team 2nd

Leweston Biathle U9 Girls –

Grace S 3rd

U11 Girls –

Sophia E-N 11th Isobel R 11th Evelyn D 17th

U11 Boys –

Raffie B 3rd

U13 Girls – Lois M 1st Eva D 2nd Millie E-N 7th

Overall Team 1st Place

U13 Boys – **Noah K** 16th

U15 Girls – **Ruby B** 1st **Nancy M**10th

U15 Boys – **Alex T** 7th

GB Series Biathle Race – European Qualifier

U9 Girls – Grace S 3rd

U11 Girls –

Sophia Ed-N 8th Willow S 14th

U11 Boys – **Raffie B** 5th

U13 Girls – Lois M 1st Polly W 2nd Eva D 3rd Elsie Se 4th Millie E-N 12th Ameila S 17th

U13 Boys – Kruze F 5th Hugh M 21st

U15 Girls – Ruby B 4th Iona M 12th Hope L 24th Nancy M 26th U15 Boys **Alex T** 20th **Hunter K** 25th

2023 British Laser Run Championships U9 Boys –

**Ethan J** 1st place British Laser Run Champion

U11 Girls -

Willow S final result 16th Evelyn D Final result 17th

First Round – Isobel Robertson and Trinity Beckford

U11 Boys – **Raffie B** 3rd **Harry G** 13th

U13 Girls

**Eva D** 1st place British Laser Run Champion **Lois M** 4th

U13 Boys -

Noah K final result 19th Zac B first round 23rd Hugh M first round 25th

U15 Girls – **Ruby B** 3rd **Hope L** 8th

Emilia H first round 21st

U15 Boys –

Hayden R first round 20th

Rhodri M 31st







### **EQUESTRIAN**

**Elsie C** recently competed at the Pony of the Year Show at Arena UK. Elsie finished second out of 80 entries in the Intro Class, also winning the highest placed novice! A fantastic effort and a great experience.







Elsie also jumped Ruby double clear in the Blue Chip Discovery Winter Final, finishing just outside the placings in 11th in a competitive class of 90.





**Livi S** and **Lola S** competing at the Pony of the Year Show.





#### **EQUESTRIAN**

**Vaasvi K** took part in four different competitions winning gold in two and placing in the others as well. She also ventured to the FEI show in Belgium.



Everley S-D on Diddles at Hartpury



#### **TENNIS**

**Valentina B** competed at the French Regional Championship during the Easter break. She also won the U14 Calvados Championship, which gives her a place to compete in the Normandy Regional Finals from 17-19 May. The top two for Normandy get a place to play in Roland Garros for their respective age group in June, for the French National Finals.



### COUNTY CUP

Congratulations to all the U8s who were selected to represent Somerset in the County Cup over the Easter holidays. Boys - Noah F, Finn S, Joshua G and Josh W. Girls - Isabella W and Charlotte J-A. A great weekend was had by all with the girls finishing second and the boys finishing third.

**Ollie W** played some fantastic tennis over the Easter holidays. Ollie competed in a Tennis Europe event in Wrexham, won an U14 grade 4, U12 grade 3 and an U12 grade 3 doubles event. Congratulations Ollie!



On the last weekend over the holidays, the Millfield U14 and U12 Boys' teams competed in the National Club League. The U14s narrowly missed out on a win against Wimborne Tennis Club, whilst the U12s comfortably beat East Gloucester Tennis Club 12-0. Well done all!



Toby W and Zach K competed in a Grade 1 National event at Wrexham over the holidays. They both played great tennis with Zach closely losing out to a place in the quarter-finals. Toby also won a Grade 3 U14 doubles and Grade 3 U12 doubles. Well done!





#### **SWIMMING**

Throughout the Easter holidays, 29 swimmers (15 from MPS) jetted off to Turkey for a 10-day warm weather training camp at the Gloria Sports Arena training facility. The trip served as an educational preparation camp for those attending the Swim England Southwest Regional Swimming Championships. The camp started off on a high when the swimmers were able to meet and train alongside the current "fastest man in the world", Ben Proud. This was followed by several challenging race specific key sets, some outcome focused stand up swims and lots of technical and race specific analysis. Every day began with a yoga session, breakfast and a handful of movement-based gym sessions in the amazing facilities. The swimmers rest days consisted of high diving (1m/3m/5m), cold water immersion (3-4 rounds of 10/30 sec, then into the sauna), a visit to an ancient city and a beautiful waterfall, an exciting trip to the land of legends theme/water park and an evening filled with talent show performances. The swimmers came away from the trip with new knowledge on race analysis, nutrition and positive self-talk as well as many amazing memories made with peers in the sun. The outstanding results from the first weekend of the Southwest Regional Championships speaks volumes in how beneficial this training camp was to the swimmers, well done team.









The first Wednesday afternoon of summer term meant cricket fixtures at Millfield Prep. It was great to see so many pupils taking part with some brilliant play on show!









## 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 <u>here</u>.





## NEWSLETTER











#### **MESSAGE FROM MR JORY**



A warm welcome back to you all for the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the longer days. The weather was definitely mixed, but we hope that the summer term brings lots of sunshine. I would like to remind you to apply sun cream in the morning and to bring in sun hats, which will allow us to take our learning outside even more.

In assembly this week, we have been discussing determination and the necessity of making mistakes in order to learn. We want every child to constantly try their best, to accept that learning has challenges within it, but to not give up when things get difficult. Endurance is about having a go, not giving up and keeping a positive attitude. We can't wait to see what the pupils achieve as they continue to challenge themselves and be curious about their learning.

We have welcomed 12 bantam eggs into Pre-Prep and are looking forward to looking after them, learning about how they develop and how determined they need to be to hatch after 16-18 days. Ask your children what they already know about incubating eggs?

Well done to Danes last half term for winning the team points. We will all continue to work hard, follow our school rules and values with the aim to be the winning house at the end of this half term.

Good luck everyone, Mr Jory

#### PRE-SCHOOL

#### **HOUSE TOTALS**

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
51	62	47	63

#### **KEY DATES**

#### Monday 1 May

May Fair - 12:30 - 3:15pm

#### Friday 5 May

School finishes at 3:15pm. No clubs, creche or late club.

#### Monday 8 May

Should you wish to request absence, please complete the 'Leave Request Form' on the Parent Portal.

#### **Thursday 11 May**

Individual and sibling photo. Email: preprep@millfieldschool.com if you would like a sibling photo.

#### **WELCOME BACK!**

All the tadpoles were excited to be back and see all of their friends this week. The children have been looking at pictures and videos that parents have kindly sent in so they could share all of their holiday news. This week, the children have been decorating flags ready for the King's coronation, painting beautiful pictures in the garden and having fun with some parachute games.













#### **TADPOLES**

#### **STICK INSECTS**

The Tadpoles also met the Pre-School stick insects this week. The children learnt lots of facts and drew some great pictures of them.









FROGS

#### **MAYPOLE**

The Frogs have been practising their skipping skills ready to dance around the maypole at the May Fair on Monday.





#### **STICK INSECTS**

On Wednesday morning Pre-School had an exciting delivery, Miss Richards gave us some stick insects. The children were intrigued to know what stick insects were. First of all they had to find them! The stick insects were well hidden amongst the greenery and the children observed how they looked like the plants. They talked about the stick insects being able to camouflage themselves and look like branches of a tree so they won't get eaten by birds and other predators. The children had a good look at the stick insects and were amazed at how long and thin their legs were, how quickly they moved and how long their antennas were. They thought about where they'd like to live and decided they needed to go to Forest School to collect some greenery and sticks. It was then time to set-up their new habitat and added the stick insects. We have 10 stick insects in total and will keep you updated on our stick insect news!





















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#### **PUTTING PRACTICE**

Millfield Pre-Prep pupils have started the summer term with some putting practice! The pupils are able to learn the basics of golf with specialist coaching on the campus putting green.









## RECEPTION MAYPOLE

The children in Reception have been working very hard learning the maypole dance ready for the May Fair on Monday!.







PRE-PREP

#### **BANTAM EGGS**

Pre-Prep are very excited to tell you that we are going to try to hatch some bantam eggs. The Reception class have placed 12 eggs in the incubator. We need to keep them very still and keep it at the right temperature. Our incubator is pretending to be our hen, we need to wait 19 days and see what happens...





#### **SIGNS OF SPRING**

Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful time exploring Ms Denbee's farm for signs of spring. The children found many different spring flowers including cow parsley, cowslips and cuckoo. At the top of the farm they went down to a copse where the badgers and deer live. The children found fox and deer prints in the mud and a snake's hole. On the way back to the farm, the children saw fairy rings where St George's Day mushrooms grow, the new born lambs, the farm's wind turbine and the newt ponds. Everyone was very muddy and exhausted on the return to school but it was an enjoyable trip out.













## MINIS NEWS



#### **MINIS FOREST SCHOOL**

The Minis had great fun exploring and learning in our forest school session last term. They loved swinging in the hammocks, playing with the mud kitchen, balancing on the rope bridge and cooking snacks on the fire. Turning over the tree stumps is also very interesting as we love to discover which mini beasts are hiding underneath.

















