

NEWSLETTER





MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

My wife, Emi, mentioned something she saw on social media this week which made me chuckle. It was a post about why this month is called May – because it may rain, it may snow, it may be sunny, it may be 25 degrees, it may be -5 degrees. Hasn't this week shown us just how close to the mark that joke is! Beautiful sunshine and warmth one minute, freezing cold and torrential downpours the next.

Thank goodness, then, that we were so blessed with a gorgeous afternoon for the May Fair. I thought it was a really wonderful occasion. It was so nice to see the site humming with parents, grandparents and other visitors. The children seemed to have a great time and I felt it brought the MPS community together superbly. Thanks as ever to the P&FA and their

volunteers who worked so hard, as well as the staff and pupils for creating and then supervising their stalls – there were some fabulous ideas. We will hopefully be able to share how much money we have raised with you all soon and I am looking forward to next year's May Fair already!

This week has flown by and I know the children have enjoyed a wide variety of events and activities over the past few days. Aside from the fair, a highlight for many was a visiting Stormtrooper, who came to lunch for Star Wars Day on May 4th.

For me, a particular favourite was our Coronation Service led by Rev Kitto this morning. It was fantastic to gather the school together to hold our own commemoration for tomorrow's historic event. Members of Chapel Club and the Heads of School read their parts superbly, and the Junior Choir raised the roof and left us beaming with their performance. I do hope that wherever you are tomorrow, and whatever your views on monarchy, you will be able to enjoy time as a family experiencing the historic significance of our King's coronation together.

I gather the WhatsApp groups have been fairly active over the last day or two, so a reminder, as had been clearly communicated previously, that school will be open as normal on Monday 8 May. Some families may have chosen to take advantage of the additional Bank Holiday, and permission has been granted for absence if requested, but we will be delivering a normal school day for those who are here. In future, if you do have any queries or are at all confused, it's usually easier and more helpful to get in touch with us rather than venting, often inaccurately, on WhatsApp.

Have a lovely and special weekend.

Yours.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great painting by Laura L.



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE Who's looking after the children?

With the ever-changing digital world that our pupils encounter, the interesting and very thought-provoking short film on the link below might be of interest to some of you.



PARENT NOTICES

FILMING ON CAMPUS - CORRECT UNIFORM

Filming for our new campus videos will be taking place on Tuesday 9 May!

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

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

The whole school photograph for Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep will be taken on **Friday 12 May** in the morning. Please be aware that the Reception car park will be closed from **8am** on that day and must be clear of vehicles by that time.

Pupils should wear formal uniform including ties, on Friday 12 May 2023.

Please advise Katherine Warman, Deputy Heads' PA, if you would prefer that your son or daughter does not appear in the whole school photograph.

As the weather continues to improve, please send your child into school with a named sun hat and apply sun cream in the morning. Sun cream may also be brought into school in a named bottle, to be applied during the day. Please also ensure that pupils bring a water bottle to school.

The diarrhoea and vomiting policy states that all pupils need to be 48 hours free from symptoms before returning to school. Even if the pupil is feeling better, the advice remains the same. This is due to the incubation and live period of specific gastroenterology viruses and how they are spread.

LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

Vivienne L is Linguist of the Week for the beautiful song that she has created to practise the present tense of the verb IR in Spanish.



JUNIOR AWARDS

This week's recipients of Miffy and Oreo are **Micah G** and **Sol C**. Sol has been very kind towards our new pupil in Year 4, ensuring he wasn't left on his own and knew where to go around the school. Micah has shown a superb work ethic since returning from the Easter break, focusing particularly hard on his English. Well done boys.





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.

Spanish: El horario

- 1) Break time
- 2) Evening
- 3) Time table



STORMTROOPER ON CAMPUS

May the 4th be with you... In honour of Star Wars Day, Millfield Prep School was visited by a stormtrooper!





















MAY FAIR

Millfield Prep School hosted the annual May Fair celebrations on Monday. Staff, pupils and parents were treated to some Maypole dancing from Pre-Prep pupils and enjoyed a variety of stalls and activities in the glorious Glastonbury sunshine. Proceeds from the day will go towards charities selected by the pupils and to fund school projects supported by the Parents and Friends Association. Thank you to everyone involved in what was a special day for the Millfield Prep Community.















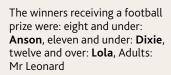


MAY FAIR STALLS





























"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 an inflatable challenge, philanthropy talks and exciting 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 <u>clicking here.</u>

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.







YEAR 4 ENTERPRISE DAY

Year 4 reached the pinnacle of their Entrepreneurs studies as their business day arrived. Stalls were set up, adverts posted and the crowds flocked in. Millfield money changed hands at an alarming rate and some handsome, and not so handsome profits were made! Well done to all of them!





















YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4-FRUIT SALAD

This week the Year 3 and 4 pupils have been making exotic fruit salads and working on their knife skills and techniques.











YEAR 8-HOMEMADE BURGERS, BUNS AND CHIPS

This week the Year 8 pupils have been challenged with making burgers, buns, and chips from scratch. All pupils seemed to really enjoy this, and some have even gone on to make these at home for their families.





YEAR 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 5 pupils enjoyed making vegetable kebabs and many pupils enjoyed vegetables that they were not expecting to like.





YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 7 pupils enjoyed producing and plating spaghetti carbonara.



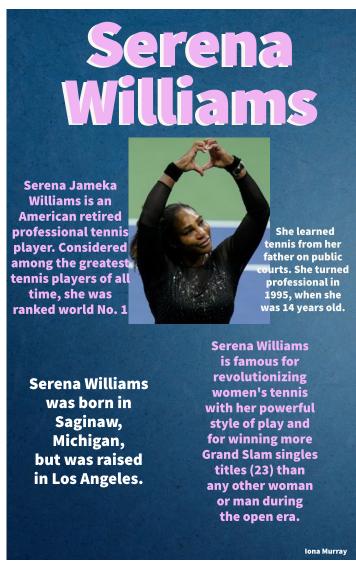




COMPUTING & ICT

During their weekly Computing & ICT lessons this term, Year 8 pupils have been looking at developing their graphic design skills using Adobe Express. The pupils were asked to create an infographic on a famous person and below is a link to some examples of the posters created so far.









PLAYER.



BOARDING 11

BOARDING LIFE

EDGARLEY MANOR



It has been a great week, with some intermittent sunshine which has been good for getting out in the fresh air. The boys enjoyed an early evening walk up to Glastonbury Tor at the weekend. They had a brilliant time at the May Fair, where they did a great job of running stalls and taking part in all of the games and activities that were on offer. Back at Edgarley Manor we had delicious BBQ food and ice creams, with lots of fun and games out on the grass.









CHAMPION



What a lovely May Fair we all enjoyed on Monday. We were lucky with the weather, there were amazing stalls, and delicious cakes and sweets to buy. The girls had a brilliant time; thank you to everyone who helped organise this special event. Champion held the first barbecue of the term afterwards and it was great to make use of our space outside. We hope everyone enjoys the coronation weekend, a special moment in history!











The summer term has accelerated to full speed and amazingly we are already at the end of week two. We started the week with the May Fair which the boys really enjoyed. After the fun of the fair the boys spent a few hours playing games outside with Mr Maxwell before we had our first BBQ of the season. They sat outside on the beanbags and cushions and ate a mountain of grilled delights. They finished with ice creams in the setting sun. The lovely weather means we have been able to be outside more. This week we went to the forest for some huge games of manhunt. Our two Year 4 boys won the prizes as the rest of the house couldn't find them. We think Max's camouflage clothing definitely helped!







BEREWALL

The Berewall boys got back into the swing of boarding life this weekend making the most of the fine weather to get outside and play. Saturday night was movie night and ice cream factory. The boys ate their fill and then some and thankfully no one was sick!











The sunshine has arrived at the right time this week for our May Fair bbq. After trying out lots of games and running their own stalls at the May Fair, the girls enjoyed a Hollies bbq treat for supper. Rounders in the field followed as did practice in the cricket nets later in the week. On Saturday the girls took a trip to the cinema, followed by a waffles extravaganza in the evening. We had the first birthday celebration of the term with a takeaway Chinese for Ella turning 12 – Happy Birthday **Ella!**











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

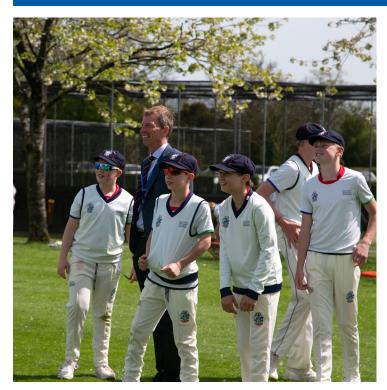
A reminder about Cricket kit for FIXTURES going forward: Boys - Whites (both top and bottom)

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.





CRICKET

An outstanding start to the season for the Girls Senior Development Team v Gloucestershire Performing Team. In the first 15-over game the girls restricted the opposition to 83 and chased the total losing three wickets to clinch victory, with **Erin** scoring an unbeaten 35. **Grace** bowled superbly taking two wickets. In the second game the girls posted a slightly under par 75 with **Chloe** making a strong 19 runs. Despite fine bowling figures from **Agi** of 3-10 the girls narrowly lost in the penultimate over. A brilliant start to the season and always good to achieve an early victory against county opposition.



The U11A cricket team played exceptionally well on Saturday. We had two very tight games against Gloucestershire. Well done on a great performance.





The U13B team had an excellent victory against Taunton this week, winning by 10 wickets. What made it all the more special is that we had to play with 10 players due to illness and every member of the team bowled at least one over during the Taunton innings as we restricted them to 89 runs from their 20 overs. **Thomas K** caught four catches, backing up good bowling with fine fielding. Captain **Rayaan V** scored 32 off 29 balls and shared a 62 run opening stand with **Jacob G** (17 runs) before both players retired. Well done to all involved.





The Senior Development team played East Wales in a 35-over match. East Wales posted 123-7 and in reply Millfield chased the target down with seven overs to spare for the loss of two wickets. Connor P scored 48 and Rupert J scored 39n.o. A very good win.

Dorset came next for the team in another 35-over match. Dorset 147-8 in their allotted overs. **Alex** took 3-17. Millfield were seven runs short in the chase for seven down. A great effort against a very strong bowling attack.

Wells Cathedral came next in the County Cup. Millfield scored 148-7 in 20 overs. **Hugo B** scored 32, **Rupert J** scored 31 and **Connor P** scored 30. In reply, Wells scored 49 in 16.1 overs. **Reuben L-J** took 4-14.

With this win the boys played Taunton in the next round in a 25-overs match. The boys struggled to 98-9, with **Ed W** scoring 33. Taunton chased the target down with 4.4 overs to spare and won by three wickets. **Reuben L-J** was superb with 4-8 while **Joel G** also claimed four dismissals.

The boys are showing good potential and with these matches they can learn from their experiences to develop their game.

EQUESTRIAN

Vassvi K had a lovely few days at the FEI show in Sentower Park, Belgium. She came first in the 1:00m two phase special and second in the 1:00m against the clock. She unfortunately had a pole down in the 1:10m.





Everley S-D had a huge three days of Dressage with the British Dressage Youth Team. With a test everyday of the competition, the scores were combined for the final result. Her final score of the three day competition was a personal best of 95.3% which is incredible.

After a very competitive three days with youth and adult teams from across all counties Everley received:

First - Individual Champion

First - Somerset Youth Squad Champions

First - Somerset Overall Champions





ATHLETICS

On Wednesday some of our athletes competed in the Mendip Championships. It was an event for Year 9 athletes but the pupils competed well. They had some victories and athletes have now qualified to represent Mendip in the upcoming Somerset Schools Championships.











Over the weekend we took teams of Year 7 and 8 boys and girls to the Somerset Combined Events Championships. The Year 7s competed in a quadrathlon and the Year 8s a pentathlon. The boys and girls in Year 7 had a great day. The athletes finished first, second, third and fourth on both days. **Serena D** also broke the long standing championship record and her score will be difficult for future athletes to beat. The Year 8s were competing against the Year 9s, but they still made the podium on both days. **Max E** and **Ellie D** both claimed bronze medals. Congratulations to all the athletes.











At the Combined Events Championships over the weekend our athletes were lucky enough to spend time with Daley Thompson. He is one of the all time greats of world athletics. He was extremely generous with his time and gave great tips to our athletes. Some of the parents were also really pleased to meet him! I wonder if we have any current athletes who will become double Olympic champion like him? Sadly quite a few of our athletes had never heard of him, but we didn't tell him that!





CROSS COUNTRY

It is very strange to be writing about cross country in the summer term but the Mendip League spills over into this term. Our top finishes from the Mendip League were selected to represent the Mendip area in the inter area championships. Millfield Prep runners helped the Mendip area to finish first in both of the girls' races while the boys' teams finished second. The runners will now turn their endurance into speed to get ready for the track season. Thank you to Mrs Speyers for all the photos.















TENNIS

Finn S finished runner-up in a tournament at West Hants over the weekend. Well done!



On Saturday, **Valentina B** won an U16 Grade 4 tournament in Bridgewater. Congratulations!



Dunlop Demo

WHERE: Millfield Prep School, Triple Courts

WHEN: Thursday 11 May 2023

TIME: Parents - 9-10:30am, coffee and refreshments available Students Years 6, 7 and 8 - 12-1pm

Join us for a fun morning of demoing the latest Dunlop rackets for all abilities and levels. Discounts and offers for on the day sales

Matt Elston, performance coach, will be available to answer any questions and help choose the best racket for you

Sign up below or email weston.l@millfieldschool.com to confirm your attendance



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.





JUDO

Many congratulations to **Max E** who was crowned IAPS National Judo Champion at the annual event last Sunday. Max was also awarded Ippon of the day - which is the highest points a competitor can achieve in judo.













Over the Bank Holiday weekend, Millfield Prep fencers joined Senior Fencers at the British Youth Championships in Sheffield. Pupils qualified for this event through their placement at the South West Fencing Championships in January. The British Youth Championships is a three day competition with 24 events and over 1,200 entries. Millfield was represented in 18 out of the 24 events.

Millfield fencers placed well in an incredibly tough national field, showing great support for each other. A great way for many pupils to round-off the youth competitive year.

A special congratulations to ${\bf Maddie}~{\bf M}$ who won her event, becoming U12 National Champion.

Results:

U12 Girls Sabre1st **Maddie M** – Y7 GOLD MEDAL, National Champion 23rd **Eva D** – Y7

U12 Boys S 20th **Joe T** – Y7

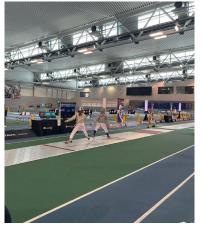
U12 Girls Epee 15th **Eva D** – Y7

U14 Boys Epee
29th Jason S – Y8
38th Hunter K – Y8
39th Mateo Sanchez E – Y8
46th Alex T – Y8
58th I – Y7

U14 Boys Foil 50th I – Y7 53rd **Jason S** – Y8 62nd **Hunter K** – Y8

U14 Boys Sabre 33rd **Jason S** – Y8 39th **Harry W** – Y8







FOOTBALL

Following their success at regionals, the U11 boys travelled to St George's Park for the ISFA Sevens National Finals. After drawing their first match, the boys found their following fixtures very challenging. Nevertheless, their attitudes were superb and this was a tournament for their development. Mr Cooper and Mr Beeson were very proud!













NEWSLETTER









MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



We started the week with the May Fair, where Pre-Prep performed their maypole and country dancing, which was amazing. This definitely started off a fantastic afternoon of fun and games. Thank you to everyone for supporting the event and getting involved with the stalls and fundraising.

It was lovely to have so many families join us for our EYFS maths morning. We hope that you found it informative and enjoyed working with your children; finding out how they work in class and learn maths concepts and skills.

The chicks have continued to be looked after by Reception and the children have learnt so much about how they develop. We are counting down the days for them to start hatching. Ask your child what stage they are at and how long is left before they start to hatch?

The children have enjoyed being outside and seeing how the environment has changed. They have been in Forest School, Apple Tree Green, Pre-Prep playground and the walled garden, which now has a new pond and raised beds. We will be spending the next few weeks learning about seeds and how they germinate and grow. We hope to create some lovely hanging baskets and pots for you all to enjoy at the Pre-Prep entrance.

KEY DATES

Thursday 11 May Pre-Prep Class Photos School uniform not sports kit

Friday 12 May Whole School Photo School uniform not sports kit

PRE-SCHOOL

HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
73	68	73	68



TADPOLES

LITERACY

After reading the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, the Tadpoles wanted to build their own houses from straw, sticks and bricks. The children then tried to blow them down by blowing through straws and using a fan. The houses were very well made and no one could blow them down, no matter how hard they huffed and puffed! On Monday the children made flags for the May Day celebrations and have also been busy decorating crowns and learning songs ready for the coronation.















FROGS 24

PET STICK INSECTS

The Frogs have loved having the stick insects as their class pets and have named them with words that begin with s: Sky, Sparrow, Snap, Simon and Sarah. The children have enjoyed observing them and asking lots of questions like: "do they have ears?", "which country do they live in?" and learning lots of facts about stick insects. Each Frog chose an image of a stick insect on the iPad. They then painted a picture, focusing on the colour, size and number of eyes, legs and antennae. The Frogs paintings were fantastic and have made a wonderful display.

























FROGS & RECEPTION 25

ROYAL FOREST SCHOOL

The Frogs and Reception children have enjoyed a royal themed Forest School. We have been talking about the forthcoming coronation and the children engaged in some themed activities. They have made nature crowns, stick flags and used the bandsaw to cut wooden biscuits to make medals. What a lovely celebration.















MATHS MORNING

The Reception and Frogs class have had a wonderful morning of maths. The parents were invited in to discover all about how the children learn maths in the Early Years Foundation Stage. It was lots of fun and the children loved showing their mummies and daddies their learning.





















YEAR 1

I'M ALIVE!

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to our topic, 'I'm Alive'. On Wednesday, we went for a walk around the school grounds to find things that are alive, were alive or were never alive. We had a lovely walk and saw the horses, a toad, moorhen chicks, stick insects and the fish in the pond. Following the walk, we discussed what the seven characteristics of living things were and why water, pebbles and plastic were not living things and why sticks, fruit and dried flowers were alive. Over the coming weeks, we have some more exciting activities planned.











YEAR 2 28

PLANTING SUCCULENTS

This term our topic is all about living things. We have started our topic by making our own terrariums. The children planted succulents in their terrariums, now let's watch them grow!













MINIS NEWS



MINIS PLAY

The Minis had great fun scrubbing our babies clean and unpegging clothes off the washing line to dress them. We were certainly very busy rolling trucks over the cornflake hills and crushing them using hammers! CRUNCH! The Minis used good describing words to find their favourite dinosaurs and they enjoyed the pterodactyls swooping down to get some food. We finished our session with a sing song in the hall. Well done Minis!















