



# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

A brief introduction to the Newsletter from me today. We have now completed our third week of the Summer Term, and despite the changeable weather children's spirits have certainly not been dampened. I hope you enjoyed the Coronation weekend – it was lovely to see those boarders who remained in school being given a chance to relax and enjoy the weekend alongside immersing themselves in the historic moments of it too.

As ever there has been a true mix of activities this week, with the Junior Department Swimming Gala taking place on Tuesday whilst Year 7 were on their History trip to Chepstow Castle. Pre-Prep held their very own delightful Coronation Service with two happy children being anointed by Rev Kitto! We

also had our first in person whole school photograph since 2019 this morning, and it was a joy to see the entire school, including Pre-Prep, gathered together.

The PFA enjoyed a lovely drinks reception on Wednesday and although I was sorry to be unable to make it, I am very grateful to Mr Horgan, Mr and Mrs Close and Mr Cook for being there and to the PFA for organising it. It was our pleasure to welcome prospective parents to the Pre-Prep Opening Morning earlier today, and we are looking forward to our Open Morning tomorrow and being able to show our visitors just what an amazing place MPS is!

Finally, following last year's success, and now that the evenings are lighter, the parents and staff mixed touch rugby sessions are up and running again on Fridays between 6 and 7pm. Anyone who fancies a run/hobble around for some light-hearted fun is more than welcome, and the first session will be taking place this evening. Information is also on Classlist.

Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Yours,  
Dan

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## JUNIOR LOGO WINNER

The Junior Department recently held a competition to design a logo for the school's Junior Twitter page (@JuniorsMPS). The winning design was created by **Cooper L** in Year 4 and shows brilliantly what being at MPS is all about. Well done to Cooper who, alongside having his design on Twitter, has also won a £10 Amazon voucher.



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent charcoal drawing by **Sanaa F.**



# INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

Happy International Nurses Day! We would like to say a massive thank you to our amazing medical team who care for everyone at Millfield Prep.



## 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.

Latin: **Situs**

- 1) suitable
- 2) sitting
- 3) situated



## PARENT NOTICES

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.

MILLFIELD  
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# GIVING DAY

24-26 May 2023



"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.

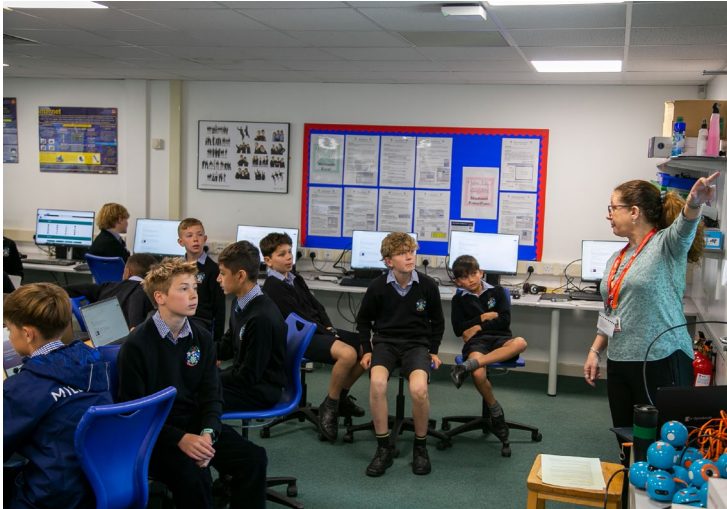
Please do visit our [Giving Day website](#), donate early and help us build momentum for this year's event.

We look forward to seeing everyone who is attending the Millfield Brilliance Dinner on Friday 26 May, tickets for this event have now sold out.

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



Year 7 pupils have been looking at Artificial Intelligence in ICT this week! It was great to have TA Education join us on campus to deliver the intel Youth Workshop. The workshop covered topics such as Machine Learning, Neural Networking, Robotics and Fuzzy Logic.



## GEOLOGY COLLECTION



The school's Homfray-Davies geology collection, located on the first floor of the teaching block, has undergone a facelift, thanks to Science Technician, Rose Richards, and the School Archivist, Roger Parsons. The collection, donated to the school by the late Derek Homfray-Davies, a former member of staff, will display different exhibits under the titles of Petrology, Palaeontology and Mineralogy, on a termly basis. However, one special exhibit, the cast of a trilobite from the Pleistocene era, will be on view permanently, since this creature's geological name, *Asaphus-homfrayi*, honours Derek's great-great uncle, David Homfray, who was the very first person to discover the fossil of one, in North Wales in the 19th century.

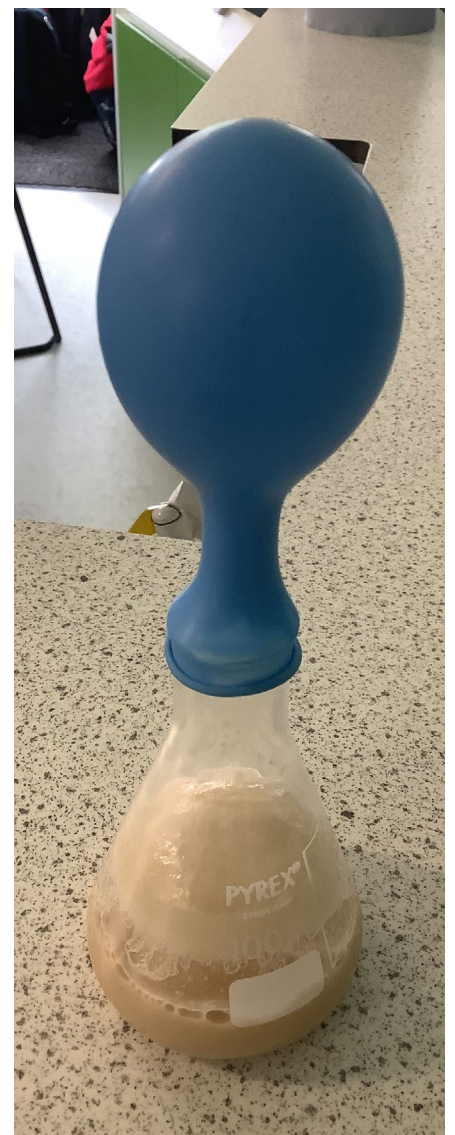
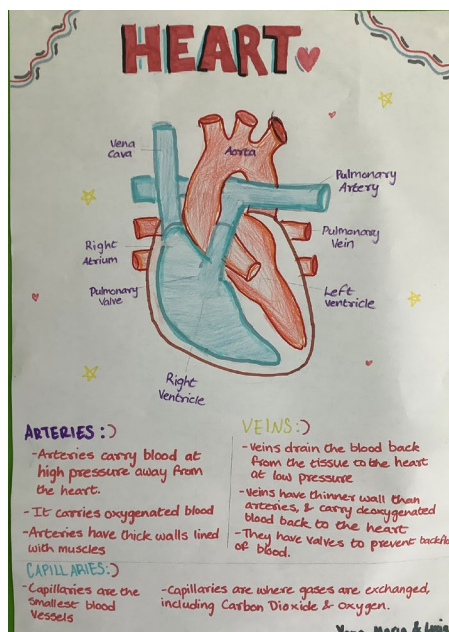
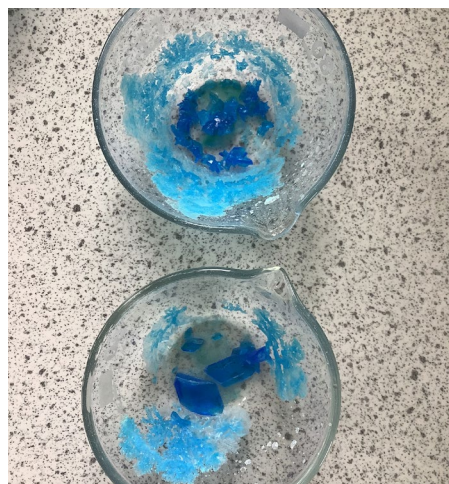
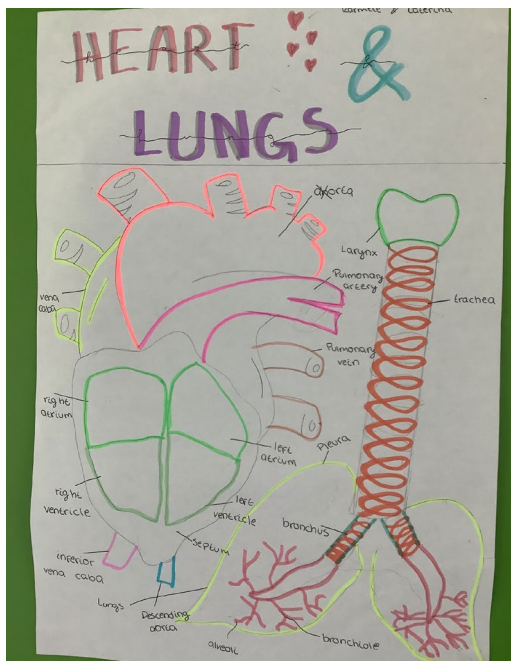
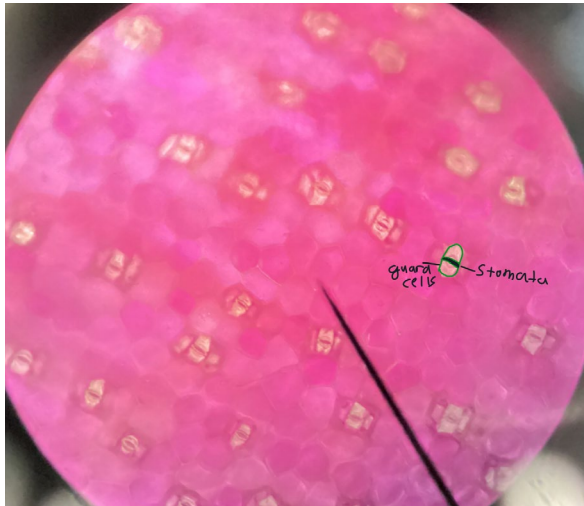




Year 7 have been learning about acids and alkalis and have made these beautiful copper sulphate crystals, an example of a neutralisation reaction. They are moving on to learn about photosynthesis and have taken this beautiful shot of the bottom of a leaf through the microscope showing some specialised cells that let gases in and out.

Year 8 are learning about respiration – this is the process that releases energy, in all our cells, all of the time! They have been investigating the impact of exercise on their heart and breathing rate, as well as investigating how other organisms respire. The yeast in these flasks produces carbon dioxide, which can blow up a balloon! Classes are also dissecting a pig heart and looking at the different blood vessels and the flow of the blood. Here are some excellent revision posters some of them have made, as we also focus on some learning skills in preparation for our assessments after half term.

Eco Club have some painted lady caterpillars, we have learnt about their life cycle before they become butterflies and are now waiting for them to turn into chrysalis before releasing them at the vegetable plot. Our peas have all been eaten, but the broad beans, garlic and berries are growing well!





# SUMMER CONCERT PREPARATION!

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Year 4 are in the process of finalising the preparation for their orchestral performance at the upcoming Summer Concert on Thursday 25 May (6pm in the Assembly Hall). They have been working extremely hard mastering different notes, rhythms, dynamics and learning about the importance of working together as a team to produce a balanced sound with lots of expression! We hope that you will be able to join us at the concert which will include performances from all our major ensembles as well as Junior Choir, Tour Choir and Edgarley Voices. In addition to the wonderful music on offer, there will also be a cash bar and ice cream available... and as if that wasn't enough, you can possibly look forward to a little bit of audience participation! Well done Year 4 - you can all be very proud of yourselves.



## RS-CORONATION SCHOOL SERVICE

On Friday 5 May we had a whole school assembly to celebrate the upcoming Coronation of HRH King Charles III. The Heads of School began the special assembly with an opening address and the Chapel Club led prayers for His Majesty the King, Queen and members of the Royal Family. Reverend Kitto lent her experience of being anointed, and anointing others, to help explain what would be happening throughout the Coronation Service. Mr Thornburn reflected on the special historical significance of the Coronation, and we do hope that all pupils felt part, in some small way of the wider celebrations happening here and across the world.





# HISTORY TRIP - CHEPSTOW CASTLE

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On the 9 May, the History Department provided all of Year 7 with the opportunity to visit Chepstow Castle as part of their historical study of Medieval Castles. Pupils learnt about the fascinating history of the castle led by our three experts at different locations in the grounds of Chepstow. Mr Sweet spoke about the early life of the castle from 1067 when William FitzOsbern was granted the land and went on to build the first stone keep. Pupils asked some excellent questions in the Great Tower before they moved on to the next location. In the Lower Bailey, Mr Guthrie provided pupils with a grand tour of the Great Hall and the Round Tower to inform pupils about the luxury lifestyle of the later owners of Chepstow Castle before the Civil War. Finally, Mr Close examined the outer walls and the defensive features and how best to overwhelm an impenetrable castle!

Fortunately, we managed to avoid the rain so we were able to sit outside in the grounds of castle in the lovely sunshine and enjoy lunch. This trip has been deliberately planned at the mid-point of their Development of Castles unit and directly informs their projects. Pupils were able to complete their Castle workbooks as they moved from location to location, which has been a new addition to our 2023 trip. Chepstow Castle effectively became an open-air classroom for the day and we once again received some lovely feedback from members of the public who were visiting Chepstow at the same time as we were.

At the end of the trip, Mr Sweet and Mr Close staged a historical debate which is now becoming a firm fixture. Mr Sweet assumed the role of William, Duke of Normandy whilst Mr Close stepped into the shoes of William Marshal, the Greatest Knight and owner of Chepstow Castle in the reign of King John. We hope we were able to illustrate to Year 7 who had the largest influence over the castle. Mr Close was unanimously voted the victor and carried the debate after unleashing a highly persuasive (the Duke of Normandy might even call it 'underhanded') and brilliant argument upon Mr Sweet!





# SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

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This week at the nature reserve, a group of Year 8 boys were asked to take part in a freshwater mollusc survey. The pupils were given a clear set of instructions by one of the volunteers who is an expert in this area. They had to dig into the ground alongside the drainage ditches, to see what evidence of mollusc shells they could find that had been dumped on the banks due to dredging. The boys learnt a lot about freshwater molluscs and there was much excitement when a toad made an appearance!





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

A bit of a mixed bag with the weather this week, but we have made the best of it, with the boys getting outside to play when they could. As a house we went to the Meyer Theatre at Millfield Senior school to watch a Year 9 production. It was lovely to see a sibling from our house (and an old Edgarley Manor boy) playing a leading role. The weekend was a quiet one, with most boys away for the Coronation weekend. For those that remained, we fired up the pizza oven which was great fun. The boys worked and rolled their own dough before adding their choice of toppings. This was finished off with ice creams and a movie.



## CHAMPION

It's been a week of sunshine, heavy showers, and celebration! The boarders who stayed for the Coronation weekend had a great time; thank you to everyone who organised the brilliant activities. Everyone looked very smart in their formal uniform during the parade in Glastonbury on Sunday morning. It was a quieter than usual register in house on Monday morning but by the evening the house was full to the brim. We helped **Willow** in Year 4 celebrate her 9th birthday that evening – thank you for the doughnuts Willow – they were very popular and thank you for boarding on your birthday! On Tuesday the juniors were busy making scones to eat at snacks – there was nothing left, not a crumb! The lighter evenings really make a difference during the week and it's great to see the girls making the most of the space around us. We had an informal football match on Wednesday evening and it was great to see some impressive skills. It's forecast to be a little warmer at the weekend which can only mean one thing – a house barbecue!





Last weekend, the four boys who remained in house started their coronation celebrations with a trip to the supermarket to choose their supper for Saturday night. They had to work together to make their budget cover a starter, a main, a pudding and a treat! On Saturday morning, they enjoyed a delicious Chestnut breakfast in their PJs and watched the crowning of the King. The weather has been a little patchy this week but during a gap in the rain, the boys played Capture the Flag around the fields. They had face paint stripes to show which team they were in. The games were frantic and the boys covered a lot of ground! Hopefully the weather will get consistently better as it's great to see the whole house out together playing games in the sun.



## BEREWALL

The coronation weekend gave our boys the opportunity to go home and celebrate with their families. The boys that stayed in school had a fun weekend, with a trip to the cinema, bowling, take-away food, street party and an amazing service at the Church in Glastonbury. We had the whole house back together on Tuesday and the boys got stuck into their routines. The Year 7s enjoyed a trip to Chepstow Castle and it was great to hear their reports on the history! A belated Happy Birthday to **Jacobo**, who celebrated turning 13 with pizza and cakes. The evenings have been a mixture of indoor and outdoor play due to the weather - where is the sun?





It's been a historic week of celebration which the girls have loved being part of. Those who remained in school for the weekend competed in a ten-pin bowling tournament, experienced a Glastonbury street party complete with posh picnic and then finished with some s'mores round the campfire, in addition to watching the coronation of course! After the weekend of Coronation celebration, the girls have been returning to normality. They enjoyed a trip to the Meyer Theatre at Millfield to watch the Year 9 production of *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* and had a very informative talk with a nutritionist to help them to make healthy choices for themselves as they grow and continue to compete.



## CORONATION WEEKEND

On Saturday evening the Hollies and Champion girls, who were in for the Coronation weekend, came together. They had an amazing time making and eating pizza, then for dessert they lit the fire and made s'mores - there was lots of giggles!





# SPORTING NEWS

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

It is with great joy to celebrate the U14 girls on becoming champions of the Somerset County Cup. This was the first ever that they had entered into the competition and the values showed before, during and after the game couldn't have been better. Well done to **Karmelee, Saskia, Ellie** and **Lola** who all contributed to this fantastic achievement!



## EQUESTRIAN

This is Luke from Elmhurst school. Luke comes in Prep riding to do some stable management. When Luke first started, he was very nervous of the horses but now in week three, Luke's confidence has improved so much and he's loving coming to the stables. Well done Luke we are very proud of what you have achieved already, keep up the great work!







Chase me Charlie during Multis.



## GOLF

The Millfield Prep golfers have had a busy Easter break and start to the summer term with pupils from Year 1 all the way through to Year 8 competing in tournaments. **Morgan C**, **Max W** and **Joshua W** all played in the Somerset First4Golf 9-hole tournament at Fosseway. Max and Morgan both played brilliantly to win their age groups with Joshua played well for 4th place. **Isobel R**, **Georgie P** and **Charlotte J-A** all played in a Somerset girls' event. Isobel won her age group, Georgie finished runner-up in hers and Charlotte played confidently in her first ever 9-hole competition.

**Jack I** has had an excellent few weeks of golf, winning the Parkstone Junior Open shooting nine under his handicap, teaming up with **Alexander L** to get through to the Schools pairs National Finals and last Sunday becoming the Somerset Under 12 Champion at Worlebury Golf Club! **Zane B** has been playing very consistently finishing 5th in the Somerset U14 County Championships and he also teamed up with **Martin FB** to lead the National Pairs Regional Qualifiers by a massive 28 shots. **Tate S-D** shot one of his lowest ever rounds to become the Nett U14s County Champion. Tate and Alexander have both been playing in the US Kids Golf South West Order of Merit with Alexander comfortable leading his age group with Tate in 3rd place in the older age group. It's a busy time for the golfers with three more tournaments over the next couple of weeks.

Prep Golfers at West Wilts GC for the National Pairs qualifier  
**Alexander L**, **Jack I**, **Zane B**, **Martin FB**, **Tate S-D** and **Maria MA**.



**Jack I** with his Under 12s Country Trophy and **Tate S-D** the Under 14s Nett County Champion.





**Lulu, Libby, Lilly** and **Zac** behaved impeccably at Mendip Ski Centre on Wednesday afternoon as they practised before the IAPS Indoor Skiing Championships next Monday. They worked well together to create a human slalom, which is a very effective training drill. We wish them lots of luck before the competition.



## PENTATHLON

Pentathlon GB are delighted to share the athletes that have been selected to represent Great Britain at the 2023 European Laser Run Championships in Erding, Germany and the 2023 World Laser Run Championships in Bath, England later this year.

We wish these competitors all the very best as they prepare for the upcoming European and World events and congratulate them on achieving team selection. Congratulations to the following athletes:

U9 - **Ethan J**  
U11 - **Raffie B**  
U13 - **Eva D & Lois M**  
U15 - **Ruby B & Hope L**

Over the bank holiday weekend on the 8 May the Millfield Modern Pentathlon Team attended the Leweston Triathle (shoot-swim-run) Championships in Dorset, this also was a European Championship Qualifier.

It was a fantastic day with over 40 athletes competing. Congratulations to everyone that competed and a big well done to the following athletes that have qualified to represent Team GB at the European Champions later next month in Germany. **Raffie B, Cooper L, Kruze F, Eva D, Lois M, Iona M and Ruby B.**

Results:

U11 Boys -  
**Raffie B** 3rd Qualified  
**Cooper L** 6th also qualified

U11 Girls -  
**Willow S** 8th  
**Isobel R** 12th  
**Rosie K** 13th  
**Evelyn D** 14th  
OVERALL TEAM 3RD.

U13 Boys -  
**Kruze F** 3rd – qualified  
**Elliot W** 11th  
**Noah K** 16th  
**Hugh M** 17th  
**Charlie G** 18th  
OVERALL TEAM 3RD

U15 Girls -  
**Eva D** 5th Qualified  
**Lois M** 6th qualified

**Amelia S** 16th  
**Ella D** 19th  
**Elsie S** 20th  
OVERALL TEAM 2ND

U15 Boys -  
**Sam J** 10th  
**Mateo E** 12th  
**Henry F** 13th  
**Henry M** 15th  
**Hunter K** 16th  
**Alex T** 17th  
OVERALL TEAM 2ND

U15 Girls -  
**Iona M** 1st qualified  
**Ruby B** 2nd qualified  
**Hope L** 8th second reserve  
**Nancy M** 13th  
OVERALL TEAM 2ND

## HALF TERM SAILING

RYA Courses ★ Folling ★ Sailing Clubs ★ Instructor Training ★ Multi-Activity

ASC Portland: WPNSA, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA

May Half-Term Activities!



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### Half Term Sailing and Activity Weeks at ASC Portland

We have a range of activities and courses available for all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced sailors! Activities include:

- Youth RYA Sailing Courses
- Adult RYA Sailing Courses
- Multi-Activity Courses (Age 5+)
- Instructor Training
- Private Tuition
- Sailing Clubs

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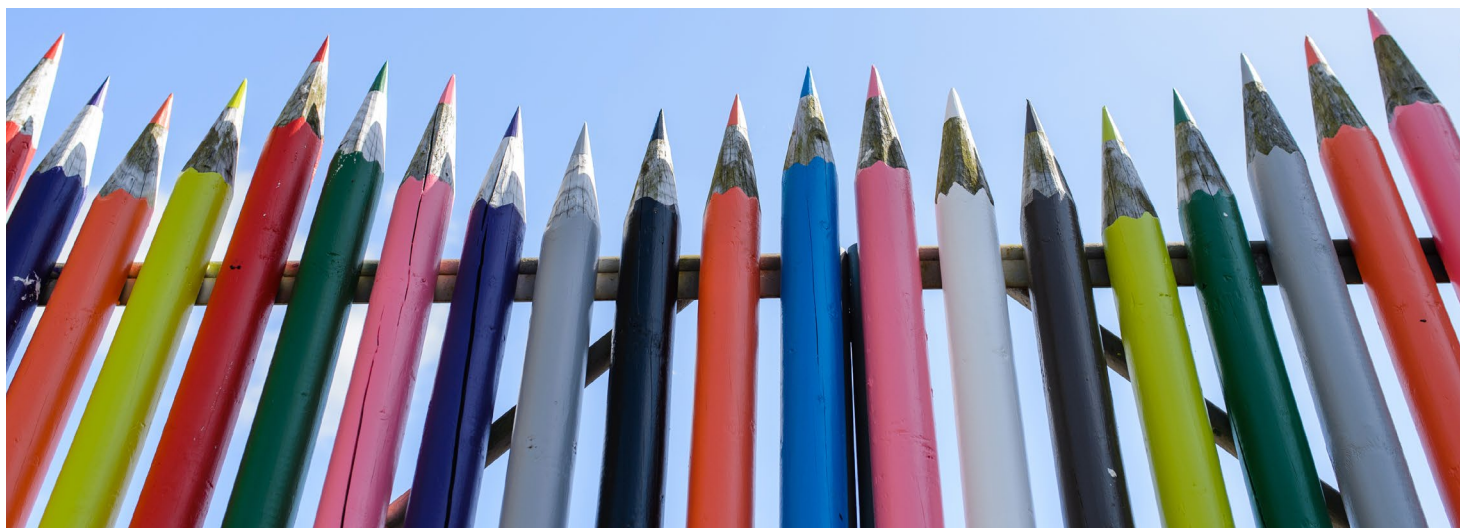


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MILLFIELD  
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Where have the last three weeks gone? I can't believe there are only two weeks left until half term. The weather has kept us on our toes this week, with heavy downpours and then sunshine. We were even treated to a thunderstorm! We hope the weather improves over the next few weeks and please remember to apply sun cream.

We started the week with our whole school assembly, where we listened to the 'Tale of the Two Frogs'. This helped us to learn more about determination and not giving up, where two frogs fell into a bucket of cream and could not get out. One of the frogs just kept on kicking and trying until eventually the cream turned into butter so they could climb out. Ask the children what they learnt from this story. Maybe try and make your own butter at home.

The bantam chicks are developing on time and the children have enjoyed candling the eggs to see them moving. Everyone is getting very excited as they are due to hatch on Monday. This is the hardest part of their journey and they have to show great determination and drive to get themselves out of their eggs. Come on chicks you can do it!

The week ended with class and whole school photographs. What an accomplishment to gather all pupils and staff together from the whole of The Prep School!!

### PRE-SCHOOL

## HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
124	130	120	131
58	72	80	75
182	202	200	206

Some good news to share. Miss Bishop is expecting her second child, due later on in the year. We send our congratulations and warmest wishes to Miss Bishop, Jake and soon to be big sister Frankie.



## TADPOLES CELEBRATING!

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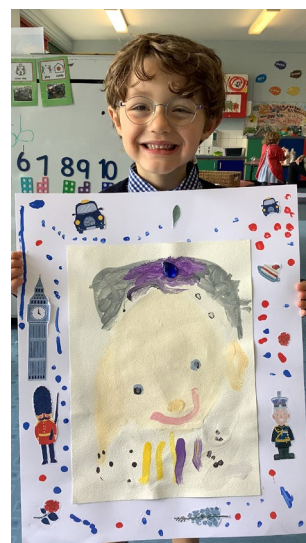
This week the children enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation. They decorated crowns and made pasta necklaces to wear and had fun dressing up in beautiful costumes. They were very lucky to be included in the Coronation re-enactment in the Chapel with our friends in Frogs and Reception, followed by a yummy party tea.





# MEASURING STICK INSECTS AND PAINTING PORTRAITS

The Frogs also enjoyed measuring stick insects by connecting cubes. They counted the cubes and wrote the number on a whiteboard. The Frogs then compared which was the longest and shortest stick insect. The Frogs have also painted fantastic portraits of King Charles.





# HANDA'S SURPRISE

Reception have been looking at the book *Handa's Surprise*, to help them understand the differences in people and communities from other countries. In the book, Handa carries all the delicious native fruit in a basket on her head. This got the children talking about how we carry our shopping and where we go to buy all the fruit Handa had in her basket. We decided to go on a trip to Tesco to buy some fruit and took it back to class for a yummy taste testing. Mango and pineapple were definitely the favourites.





## THANK YOU TO THE YEAR 8 VOLUNTEERS

**Hope** and **Alice** did an amazing job of reading with the Reception children. They popped up for multies on Wednesday afternoon and volunteered their time with us. The children also involved the volunteers in our 'The King's Hat' art work. During our whole school assembly, we read the story. The story is about how heavy King Charlie III's crown is and how he sometimes struggles to wear it. His gardener helps him understand that he doesn't have to wear it all of the time and in fact he can wear lots of different hats. The children then designed different hats for King Charlie III and our Year 8 volunteers helped them with their designs.



## CHICK EGGS



The eggs are due to hatch on Monday or Tuesday so on Tuesday this week we candled them. This means putting a bright light up behind them and using a blacked out window you can see shadows inside the egg. We could clearly see the air pocket and the chicks moving. We are super excited because out of the twelve eggs we have put in the incubator, we can see eight are in development and moving nicely.



# ROYAL FOREST SCHOOL

What a lovely, celebratory morning Pre-School and Reception had on Monday when we re-enacted the Coronation. We began by watching clips of the King's Coronation service on Saturday and the children recalled their memories. We then chose our king and queen by pulling a name out of a hat. King Arthur and queen Edie led the precession to the chapel. Reverend Kitto presided over the service, anointing the king with special oil and pages and ladies-in-waiting were chosen to support their monarchs. When our king and queen were crowned, we all said God Save the King and we waved our flags and rang the bells in celebration. We finished the morning with a cream tea and danced to music from the concert on Sunday. We all had a lovely time, marking a moment in history.





## CRAFTY CORONATION ACTIVITIES

We have had a busy week in Year 1. The children loved our crafty coronation activities on Monday and made some fabulous crowns. In maths this week, we have been focusing on measuring in non-standard units and weighing mass using cubes. We discussed why it is easier to measure in centimetres rather than with paper clips or rubbers. The children worked well together and enjoyed our practical maths sessions.





## LIFE CYCLE HUNT AND CORONATION BISCUITS

This week Year 2 have been out in the forest continuing their work on our topic 'I'm Alive'. The children had to go on a life cycle hunt around the forest to find different stages of animal and plant lifecycles and arrange them in order. Mrs Robbins was most impressed with their teamwork, building on their IPC goals of communication, co-operation and respect. Fantastic work Year 2! For the coronation we also did a host of activities on the bank holiday afternoon including making some great coronation crown biscuits! They used cocktail sticks to add their own unique designs. The children also made their own coronation baskets to take them home in. Yummy!





# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS CORONATION

Celebrations were in full swing at Minis last week and our royal nursery was certainly very busy! The Minis had fun painting their bunting and some of the Minis even used a pattern when sticking stars onto their crowns. We also worked on our fine motor skills by squeezing lemons and tearing up mint leaves into our tea pots. Great work Minis!

