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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As is usual at MPS, we have had another action-packed week, with pupils participating in a wide variety of activities. At the start of the week over 150 pupils took their LAMDA (drama) exams, and some then demonstrated their impressive skills at the Tea, Dance and Drama event on Tuesday. Tea was also on the menu at the Year 6-8 Tea and Music concert on Thursday, and today we were treated to the creative accomplishments of Years 3-5 who displayed their amazing artwork in the Assembly Hall. Also today, Key Stage 1 took advantage of the lovely weather with a trip to Kilve beach (I was quite jealous I missed that!), while Years 3 and 4 headed to the University of Exeter's Northcott Theatre to watch *Demon Dentist*. A huge well done to all those involved in drama, music and sport this week.

As you may be aware, Millfield's Giving Day will be taking place on 24 May. This year it will centre on the topic of Philanthropy, and OM Galahad Clark came to talk to Year 7 and 8 pupils yesterday about the philanthropic heritage of Millfield and concepts such as social entrepreneurship, global citizenship and how business can be a force for good. He raised some interesting questions about sustainability and gave us some pretty terrifying facts, such as that 24 billion shoes are made each year, almost all of which end up in landfill at some point in the future. He also spoke about his passion for more natural shoes, and the irony that his ancestors were part of the 'problem' creating shoes that restrict our feet.

For me, I was most inspired when I spent time with Galahad after his talk and he mentioned that Millfield had sown the seed in him of being able to challenge the status quo. This is of course something we look to support all our pupils with as they grow up – being a challenger is one of our school values. I do hope that some others who heard him will be inspired to be a positive challenger when they see things they would like to change.

Millfield Prep will be celebrating Giving Day throughout next week, with Beat the Teacher activities taking place during lunch break on Monday and Tuesday. Please encourage your children to see if they can beat teachers at chess, a Latin challenge, football, netball, basketball, table tennis or a historical challenge. On Wednesday, there will also be an opportunity for the pupils to enjoy an inflatable obstacle course as part of the Millfield-wide whole school Giving Day.

Yours,
Dan

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SUMMER CAMPUS

What does a Wednesday afternoon look like at Millfield Prep School? Beautiful grounds and even better cricket...click the photo below to see more!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent painting by Yana K.



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

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The Inter-House Athletics Championships will be held at Millfield Senior School's athletics track on Friday 26 May. Pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 need to come into school in their school sports kit. After a quick registration, they will be shuttled over to the track for a morning of house competitions. In their Friday house meetings, they will pick their events with the help of their house staff. Please can parents ensure that pupils have full water bottles and sun cream. Parents are welcome to collect their children from the Millfield School athletics track when the athletics finishes at approximately 12pm. Pupils must be signed out via group tutors or houseparents.

The timetable of events is listed below.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Track Field

		<u>YEAR 6</u>	<u>YEAR 7</u>	<u>YEAR 8</u>
9.00am	70m Hurdles Year 6 B & G 70m Hurdles Year 7 B & G	H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)	T. Jump (Boys) Discus (Girls)
9.30am	800 metres Year 8 B & G 800 metres Year 7 B & G 800 metres Year 6 B & G		H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)
10.00am	75m Hurdles Year 8 B & G	L. Jump (Boys) Javelin (Girls)	Discus (Girls)	H. Jump (Boys/Girls) Shot (Boys)
10.10am	100m Year 6 B & G 100m Year 7 B & G 100m Year 8 B & G			
10.30am	60 metres Score Events	Shot (Girls)	L. Jump (Girls) Javelin (Boys)	Discus (Boys)
10.35am	1500m Year 6 B & G (together)			
10.40am	300m Year 8 B		Shot (Girls)	L. Jump (Girls) Javelin (Boys)
10.50am	1500m Year 7 B & G (together)			
11.00am	200m Year 6 B & G 200m Year 7 B & G 200m Year 8 B & G	L. Jump (G) Javelin (B)	Discus (B)	Shot (Girls)
11.20am	1500 metres Year 8 B & G (together)			
11.35pm	4 x 100m Relay			
11.55pm	(approximately) Announcement of Results			

* All times are approximate and whenever possible; events will start earlier than shown.



There will be an opportunity for some final training throughout next week to allow them to be as ready as possible.

We hope that you are able to make the event to support your child and their house. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we look forward to seeing you there.



PARENT NOTICES

Pick-Up Friday 26 May

Pupils not collected at Millfield can be collected from Millfield Prep at the following times:

- Years 3-5 – Pickup at Martins Lane at 12.30pm
- Years 6-8 – Can be signed out via GT/houseparent at Millfield School athletics track after the athletics or at Millfield Prep at 12.30pm (Year 6 at Martins Lane and Years 7 and 8 at the Reception car park).
- Pre-Prep – Pickup at 12.00pm.

Weather

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.



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 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.

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.

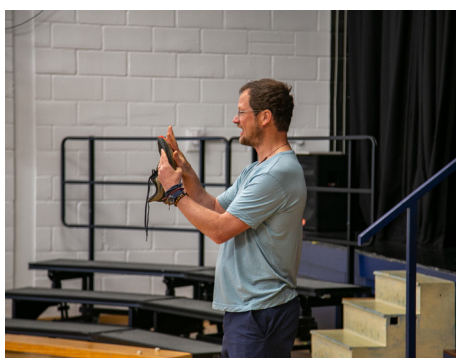
Please do visit our [Giving Day website](#), donate early and help us build momentum for this year's event.

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!

PHILANTHROPY TALK

In the build-up to Giving Day, pupils in Year 7 and 8 received an assembly about Philanthropy. OM Galahad Clark returned to MPS to talk about sustainability and the amazing work he has done with Vivobarefoot.



It's been a busy week in the drama department! On Tuesday and Wednesday over 150 pupils sat a LAMDA exam. We also showcased our pupil talent at the first Tea, Dance and Drama event. On Thursday, Year 7 and 8 travelled to Bath for *An Inspector Calls* and on Friday, Years 3 and 4 travelled to Exeter Northcott for *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams.



SUMMER CONCERT

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Next week on Thursday 25 May at 6pm in the Assembly Hall, we will be holding the much-anticipated Summer Concert. The concert will feature all of our major instrumental ensembles as well as the 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! If your child is taking part, you will receive a letter regarding arrangements by the end of this week - we very much hope that you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic and uplifting night of music!



JUNIOR AWARDS

This week's winner of Oreo is **Jac L.** Year 5 went on a visit to Wessex Water on Thursday and Jac took full advantage of this learning opportunity, asking plenty of questions and being actively engaged throughout. Well done, Jac!



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: **Le lavabo**

- 1) washbasin
- 2) shower
- 3) bath



FOOD TECH

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Year 7 pupils have been preparing, producing, and plating Mexican Rice this week. Meanwhile Year 4 have been focusing on eat to excels green guardians and created some vegetable kebabs!

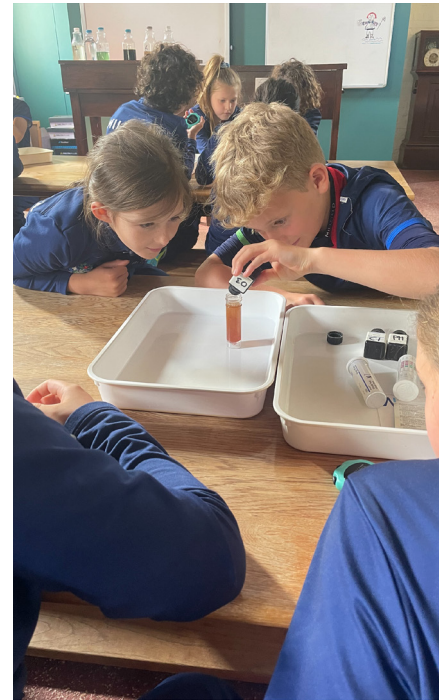


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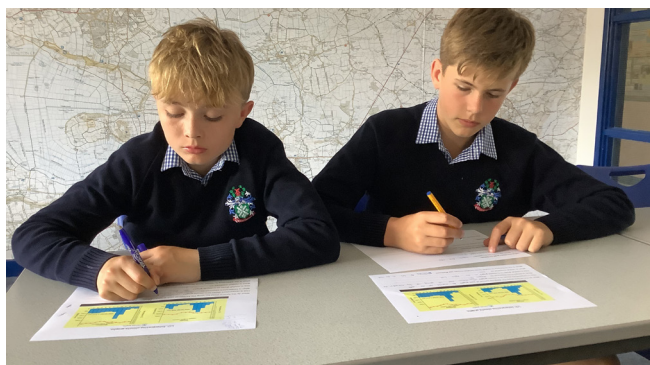
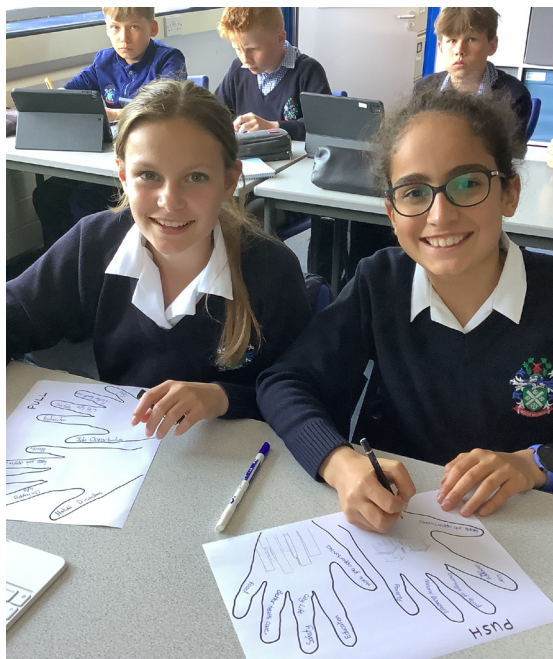
In the recent weeks, Year 4 have been completing a metal work project. Reaffirming measuring skills, discussing properties of materials, and workshop skills. They have been making small aluminium coat hooks and have started shaping their metal. In the next few weeks, they will be drilling holes and bending the aluminium to the desired shape.



On Thursday, Year 5 visited the Wessex Water Education Centre at Ashford Reservoir to start their topic on rivers and the water cycle. The children had a great day becoming scientists: measuring the pH, nitrate, oxygen and chlorine level in different water samples. They then had a tour of the treatment centre to learn about the process of cleaning water and finished off with a nature walk around the reservoir. The children loved exploring how water gets to our taps and the processes it goes through.



Year 7 geographers are learning about life in a low income country - Kenya. They have been comparing the climate in the United Kingdom with Kenya and discovering how to interpret climate graphs, a red line graph for temperature and a blue bar graph for rainfall. They have also developed an understanding about why many people in low income countries migrate from rural to urban areas and the push and pull factors linked to this. The pupils were given the challenge of identifying these factors and created a 'push' hand (things people want to get away from) and a 'pull' hand, (things pulling people towards city life).



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

When we start to unfurl the slippy slide, we know the summer term is in full swing. It was the first experience of this for those new to Hollies this year but it has become a firm favourite on a sunny afternoon over the years. Many girls volunteered to be tour guides to showcase their boarding house at Open Day on Saturday, they did a excellent job of explaining routines and showing off their house. They made an excellent job of explaining routines and showing off their house. As a reward, a plethora of delicious fruits and a chocolate fountain appeared on Saturday night! Well done girls and thank you. On Sunday, the girls enjoyed a relaxing morning in house before heading off to the activity programme, which included a Segway session and a chance to bake some yummy cookies!!



CHAMPION

Another busy week at Champion; it's been lovely to see the girls playing outside on the tennis courts both in the evenings and even some mornings! The water slide made its season debut on Saturday evening when we joined Hollies in the evening sunshine. On Sunday, Mr Leonard cooked us supper on the barbecue and, after a lazy Sunday morning in house, the girls ended the weekend fully rested. On Wednesday, Mr Sutton came to talk to everyone about the importance of nutrition – a helpful Q&A session followed with some great questions from the girls. Then, straight on to the annual house photo, Mr T, the photographer, patiently waited as the girls got themselves organised. **Caroline** and **Olivia** boarded for the first time this week and Olivia helpfully rang the roll call bell.



The summer weather seems to have arrived (but it will probably change!) so the boys went on an expedition to the local park. A nice walk in the sunshine was followed by some time on the adventure play equipment. They spun, swung and climbed until they were almost out of energy, but they had just enough to make it back to house where the evening ladies had prepared a feast of food to recharge them.



BEREWALL

The weekend in Berewall brought a chilled Saturday evening in front of a film, with popcorn, following the day's exertions on the athletics and cricket fields, and in the pool. **Freddie** and **Max** hunkered down in their own little den. On Sunday, suitably refreshed, we headed to the woods for a spot of manhunt followed by toasted marshmallows and s'mores over a campfire.





EDGARLEY MANOR

This week we celebrated **Tommy's** birthday. The boys enjoyed chocolate cake and a selection of pizza for their evening snack. Happy Birthday Tommy! The weather was so light and lovely that the boys took their food outside to enjoy on the grass. By popular demand, the boys undertook the 'Supermarket Challenge' again on Saturday evening, where they got the chance to buy their own snacks. The fine weather allowed for some football with Mr Foster on Sunday evening, following an afternoon of on-site activities.



SPORTING NEWS

SAILING

On Wednesday, we hosted the Millfield Sailing Regatta at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Academy, in Portland. The sunny weather masked some tricky conditions, with variable winds and 20 competitive boats from six other schools from the South West region. Our sailors battled hard all day and had some excellent races. Our top boat sailed by **Noelle D** and **Ella D**, raced consistently well and came fifth overall, competing against a very strong field. Well done to **Tom B**, **Toby W**, **Tim D P**, **Adam S**, **Theo T** and **Hunter K** who all sailed well, had brilliant moments, learnt a lot and was a perfect warm-up for next week's IAPS regatta. The pupils were a credit to the school and great fun was had by all. They were even visited by two dolphins which swam in, under and around the fleet, which capped off a brilliant fun-filled event.



On Monday, the U13 girls faced Hayle School in Round Four of the ESFA Small Schools Cup. The girls won comfortably, all playing in multiple positions, even rotating goalkeepers a number of times. Well done girls!



Archie and his team, Isle of Wedmore, won the Taunton Youth League U10 Cup on Saturday in Minehead. The team won the semi-final 4-0 and the final 3-1. Archie played brilliantly in both games, using skill and composure to dominate in central midfield, scoring in the final with a precision finish into the bottom left corner. Well done Archie!



HALF TERM SAILING

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

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

May Half-Term Activities!



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

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- Instructor Training
- Private Tuition
- Sailing Clubs

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27 Prep swimmers qualified for this year's South West Regional Age Group Championships, held across two weekends in April and May. A staggering 131 personal best times were achieved at the competition, as well as great execution of key skills and race plans. From heats to finals, the swimmers were able to analyse their races and often managed to make improvements on technical elements, helping them to swim faster in the final. All of their hard work whilst out in Turkey most certainly paid off. Congratulations swimmers - we are so proud of you and the amazing results, well done!



Tristan A, Billy C, Letizia C G, Ella D, Jonah D, Noelle D, Maisie F, Kaden F, Kruze F, Henry F, Jack G, Emily H, Sam J, Tommy K, Vivienne L, Henry M, Tumi M, Freddie M, Jack M, Iona M, Lois M, Isabelle P, James P, Charlie P, Joshua S, Vienna T and Polly Warman.

CROSS COUNTRY

It was the first round of the English Schools Cup Athletics Competition on Wednesday and our senior boys and girls teams were in action. It is a team competition where all of the individual performances combine together to generate an overall score. We are waiting for the official results to be published, but all of the athletes competed strongly and we hope to qualify for the regional final in a few weeks time. Thank you to the staff who helped keep them hydrated and covered in sun cream in the hot weather.



The IAPS Trampoline Competition was held on 13 May at Royal Russell School in Croydon. The competition attracted a significant number of participants, spanning three different age groups. Competitors were categorised into:

1. U9 girls and boys
2. U11 girls and boys
3. U13 girls and boys

The competition witnessed several remarkable performances from Millfield Prep pupils. Notable highlights of the event included a great voluntary routine performed by **Isabella M-P**, which included an increase of complex moves. It earned Bella a new personal competition record for difficulty and the U13 girls' title! This really shows that all of Bella's hard work at school is paying off! Together with **Ava C**, **Emma C** and **Maddie M**, the team won themselves second position. In the same age group, **Olivia E** and **Millie H** also competed beautiful routines. We had a similar result in the U13 boys' competition, with **Barnaby D** also competing a new, higher difficulty routine, earning himself the title in his last IAPS competition. **Harry S** meanwhile finished an extremely respectable third place. These results follow on from the boys' team national title win in March this year! These results mean that Millfield Prep won both the boys and girls senior individual titles – an incredible result for the school!

The competition also served as a stage for our U9 trampolinists to display their newly learnt skills. For three of our U9 girls, it was their first competition. **Willow S** finished in fourth position, with **Emily B** and **Joy X** holding their nerves well, showing their potential and impressing both judges and coaches. The U9 event also saw a brilliant third place finish for **Emily W**. Together with **Freya W**, the girls team finished in third position. It must be said though, that the highlight for the girls (and adults!) was possibly the fact that they competed against Princess Charlotte and shared the podium with her, with Kate Middleton watching from the sideline.

The U11 girls' competition had a huge 56 entries. In her first ever competition, **Maddie L** completed both routines successfully. Her teammates for the plate competition were **Elsie S-H** and **Tammy R**. All girls competed brilliantly, and the team finished second. Our U11 girls cup competition team consisted of **Jessica H**, **Sofia C**, **Posy L** and **India E**. Again, all girls competed well, with all four girls completing a back somersault for the first time. We were very impressed with them all as they finished fifth as a team, out of a massive 13 entries.

The U11 boys event saw another two new members of the team competing for the first time. Well done to **Vinnie S** and **Zac B** on this achievement. Both were understandably nervous, but got the job done. Making up the U11 boys' team was **Lucas C**, who again, successfully completed all routines.

The total medal haul was: two golds, two silvers, three bronzes and fourth, fifth and sixth place finishes.

The trampoline competition was a resounding success, offering a platform for our trampoline athletes to showcase their skills, hard work and passion for trampolining. The event had a sense of healthy competition and teamwork among the participants. It not only celebrated individual achievements, but also promoted camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participants. Finally and as this is the last competition of the school year, we would like to add a massive well done to all competitors. It has been a great year for results. We hope that everyone enjoyed the events and is keen for more next year! We also hope that the success of the school trampoline team will encourage and inspire more pupils to take up trampolining in the coming year.



A massive congratulations to **Everley S-D** who is doing so well recently. Everley rode four brilliant tests on Saturday to come away with a first and second with Teddy and a first and second with Diddles.



Livi S and **Lola S** had a fabulous weekend jumping at Chard British Show Jumping Festival. The results for Lola were third both in the 1m and 1.10!



Vaasvi K and **Quin** had a great day out jumping on Sunday, winning both classes in the British Show Jumping Just For Schools' Competition. **Jack G** and **Charlie** also had a successful day winning the 80cm and finishing third in the 70cm.





Wednesday afternoon riders on the Prep campus...



Congratulations to our Senior Girls Development Cricket team who had two great wins against Somerset U13s. Playing on the main ground, the girls faced team Somerset's strongest age group. In the first game, the girls restricted Somerset to 57-9 and won by four wickets with three overs remaining. In the second game, they posted an impressive 102 and restricted Somerset to 84. The girls were amazing in all facets of the game. A huge thank you to Mr Ford who kindly gave up his afternoon to score until 7.00pm! Also thanks to Mrs Glynn-Jones for the ice creams for both teams.



The Junior Performance Boys squad hosted Somerset performance 11s in two 16-over matches. In match one, Somerset hit 92 and Millfield won with two balls to spare. In match two, the boys scored 122 runs and Somerset 79. All of the boys were superb and made the school proud. Special congratulations to **Bailey, Oscar** and **Arthur** for their performances with the bat.



The U13B girls travelled to Kingswood to play their A Team. The sun was shining and the team, captained by **Amelia**, elected to bat first. The team achieved their best run rate of the term, posting 336 and only losing two wickets. **Amber** opened the bowling with her first two balls taking wickets. In the eighth over, a great catch by **Karmeale** and then a clean bowled wicket from **Charlie** in the 15th meant they were ahead and put pressure on their last pair to score. A great catch from Amber in the 17th combined with low extras in the final four overs meant the girls recorded their first win of the season.

The Senior Boys Development squad played Cornwall U13s in a 40 over match. Cornwall batted first and were all out for 125 in 38.1 overs. **Reuben** 3-25. In reply, the boys chased down the score in only 26.3 overs for the loss of one wicket (**Joel** 55no and **Connor** 50no). A very sound win and fine performance against a county team.

The U12 girls' cricket team faced a more experienced Dorset side on Saturday. The U12s had a couple of girls who were playing hardball cricket for the first time but they showed real courage and determination during the game. In the first of two 15 over games, MPS batted first and a superb partnership of 77 between **Florie** (26 not out) and **Chloe** (28 not out) meant that Dorset were set a total of 97 to win. MPS bowled tightly initially, but unfortunately a few too many extras saw Dorset home with balls to spare. In the second game, **Arabella**, who was playing well up the age groups, only being in Year 4, batted extremely well finishing not out in a low scoring second encounter. All of the girls took plenty from both games and should be proud of how they represented the school. Well done, girls!



The U12s had a great fixture against Wellington this week. Lots of positive enthusiasm on the field and progress made in our batting, bowling and fielding. Well done girls!



Millfield U13Bs had another good victory against Clifton on Wednesday, batting first and scoring 144 runs for the loss of four wickets. **Rayaan** continued his excellent form this season, scoring 66 from 42 balls which included a brilliant 11 fours. Rayaan carefully played the good balls and put away the bad balls expertly. Some tight bowling from **Thomas** and **Toby** restricted Clifton in their run chase with them ending on 98 from their 20 overs. Well done to all who played.



HOCKEY SELECTIONS

Congratulations to **Jasmine C**, **Alexander T** and **Ryan M** following their selection to play for West Panthers.

On the weekend, **Isabella W** competed in an orange ball tournament in Sherborne. Isabella played some excellent tennis and finished runner-up.



Almendra C G played in an U11 Grade 5 tournament over the weekend. Almendra played really well and was the winner of the tournament!



Congratulations to **Valentina B**, who was runner-up at a U16 Grade 4 tournament in London over the weekend. This was great practice for Valentina who is currently playing in Normandy, France as part of the Normandy Regional Finals this week. The top two at this tournament will earn a place to play in Roland Garros in June, the French National Finals. We wish Valentina the best of luck!



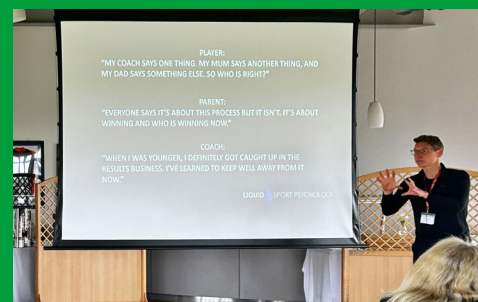
TENNIS WORKSHOP

It was fantastic to have Callum, a sports psychologist, join us last Tuesday.

Callum was with the tennis department for the whole day working with pupils in one-to-ones and in a squad session in the evening.

Callum also presented an educational workshop for the parents, giving insight into the tennis players receiving clear messages from both parents and coaches.

If you would like to watch the talk, please [click here](#).



Millfield Prep was fortunate enough to be selected to be ball crew for the Netball Super League Team Bath v Manchester Thunder game at Bath University. Our U11s had a wonderful time and had the best seats in the house. Their role on the day was to take water bottles to chairs, then parade around the court pre-match as well as retrieving the ball when it came off the court. The pupils managed to get a lot of selfies and autographs afterwards and speak to the players. An inspirational evening and one we will all never forget. Thank you to Mrs Bodman and Mrs Morgan-Hughes for supporting the girls.



HOCKEY COURSE

Double Olympic medallist, Susannah Townsend, MBE is excited to be leading a brand-new hockey camp at Millfield! During her extensive twelve-year career, having represented Great Britain & England 188 times. Susannah's coaching philosophy and values aim to inspire and develop players through innovative and intimate technical pitch sessions, strength & conditioning, nutritional talks and much more. Susannah will be supported by Millfield Hockey coaches along with an accompanying coach. Discover more on the Millfield Enterprises website and book your place now.

MILLFIELD HOCKEY CAMPS WITH SUSANNAH TOWNSEND

Join double Olympic medallist Susannah Townsend and elevate your game at the brand new hockey camp at Millfield! With expert technical sessions, strength training, and nutritional talks, Susannah's coaching philosophy will inspire and develop players of all levels. Supported by Millfield Hockey coaches, this is a unique opportunity to learn from the best and take your skills to the next level!

The residential option includes a programme of evening activities, from team building to some down time with a movie night, etc.

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JUNIOR CAMP (Ages 5-9)
Monday 31st July - Wednesday 2nd August
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Susannah will be supported by **Millfield Hockey coaches along with an accompanying coach.**

Most meals are served in the dining hall with a range of options to promote a **healthy and balanced diet**. Our fantastic in-house catering team are experienced in catering for different dietary requirements and lifestyle preferences.

The **residential option** includes a programme of evening activities, from team building to some down time with a movie night and more!

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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



It has been another exciting and busy week in Pre-Prep. We have been so proud of all the children, especially those who performed in the Tea, Dance and Drama Concert, and those who had their LAMDA exams. Well done, showing such confidence.

The classrooms have been a hive of activity, with bee pottery, bug hunting, gardening, spider and stick insect making. Thanks to Mrs Turnbull for working with Year 1 and 2 creating pottery tiles. The children have learnt so much about plants and animals, ask your child what they know about living things? Year 1 and 2 can tell you all about Mrs Gren. We have been eagerly waiting for the Bantam chicks to hatch and on Thursday morning, seven chicks had hatched. Huge thanks to Mrs Smith and Reception who have been looking after them. All of the children will have the opportunity to see and hold the chicks over the next week before they go to their new home with Ophelia.

It has felt more like the summer term this week, with the lovely sunshine. Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely day at Kilve beach. We are hoping for more and more sunshine over the next few weeks and to allow us to work more outside, all of the children need a named sun hat and sun screen.

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
182	202	200	206
61	68	81	65
243	270	281	271

PRE-SCHOOL

HOME LEARNING

A big well done to **Georgie** in Pre-School, for creating *Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory* at home. Georgie took her learning home and shared her interests with her family who watched the story together on YouTube.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 24 May

Year 1/2 parents to Forest School

Year 1: 9-10am

Year 2 : 2-3pm

Friday 26 May

School finishes at 12 midday



FOREST SCHOOL FUN!

The Tadpoles had a great morning at Forest School hunting for bugs. The children used the magnifying glasses to explore the forest and see what we could find. We also were very lucky to have had a visit from the Pre-School stick insects.



WATERMELON TREE

Over the past week, some of the children have been collecting the seeds from their fruit at lunchtimes. We have planted these seeds outside, fingers crossed we grow a watermelon tree! This has inspired the Frogs to want to plant seeds, so alongside our fruit seeds and we planted some sunflower seeds. We talked about the items we need: pots, trowels, and the things needed to help our seed grow: water, heat from the sun, air and in this case soil. The children remembered what they had to do and took great pride in planting their seeds. We can't wait to see them grow. We have also planted some Bizzy Lizzie's and Cosmos in our tubs.

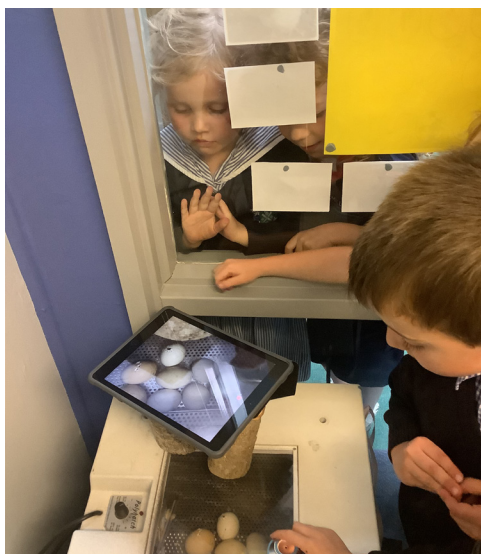


Our stick insects are quickly growing and some of the Frogs have been brave enough to hold them. The stick insects are very quick and scampered over the children's hands. The children were surprised how light they were and how much they tickled their hands!



EGGCITING NEW ARRIVALS...

The children have waited so patiently for 21 days for the chick eggs to hatch. The cracks began to show, and finally the first little chick broke free. After lots of squeals of delight in the classroom, the children one by one came and had a look at the little newborn. The chick is doing lots of chirping and cheeping, trying to encourage the other chicks out. By morning I'm sure there will be lots more hatched.



BEE HIVE

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time making their clay bee hexagons with Mrs Turnbull. These will be fired over the weekend before we glaze them the following week. We will then use these tiles to decorate a school bee hive, which we will enter into the Bath and West bee hive competition.





MINIS NEWS



MINIS FOREST SCHOOL

The Minis had a lovely time making mud pizzas, sprinkled with plenty of toppings, and cooking them in the pizza oven. They used their magnifying lenses to hunt for mini bugs under logs and enjoyed balancing on our wibbly wobbly rope bridge. We were very busy at our nurses' station, helping all the poorly babies get better and we had fun making some yarn monsters - grrrrr! We were certainly very hungry for our crumpets at snack time which were cooked on our forest school fire. Delicious!

