



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Everyone has returned from the half term break in good spirits, ready for the remaining weeks which we know will fly by. As ever, plenty of enjoyable events and activities have taken place. Earlier in the week I thoroughly enjoyed an excellent Cushion Concert with pupils from Year 1 to 5, showcasing their musical skills. It was lovely to see and hear so many amazing performances from so many children, a significant number of whom were in front of an audience for the first time – well done everyone!

Massive congratulations to those who took part in Inter House Athletics just before half term. I must also mention the outstanding exploits of our swimming teams over the break. Both boys' and girls' teams were IAPS champions, the boys for a hugely impressive 21st time and the girls for a staggering 35th consecutive year. There is such immense hard work from pupils, coaches and parents to enable these feats and we should all be extremely proud of their results – well done indeed!

This week has seen the start of assessments for Year 7 and Year 8 will have theirs next week. I know they have already been told this by their teachers, but it is worth reminding you too, that of course everyone wants to do well when under the scrutiny of a timed test, but we really want to try to ensure nerves are not too frayed for anyone. Taking assessments or exams is supposed to be a bit of a challenge, but the aim is not for it to be an overly anxious time. In all instances, the staff have tried to give the children a chance to show what they know rather than trying to catch them out. So if you find that your children do begin to have a wobble, either before or after their assessments, please remind them that this is a learning experience and it is certainly not something to lose sleep over. As ever, my mantra of asking the pupils to 'give their best' is what we are looking for – whatever their results, they should learn something and get better from this important process.

Last night I enjoyed a pleasant evening in London, meeting some current and prospective parents. It was particularly nice to talk to some parents of older children at Millfield who recounted stories from their years at MPS – it was heart-warming to hear them talk so fondly of their time here.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Junior Sports Day tomorrow, and I am particularly pleased to invite parents, guardians and grandparents to our Prize Giving and Leavers' Celebration taking place on Friday 30 June. It has been a time-honoured tradition that parents bring picnics to enjoy with their children before the main event, and I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for what promises to be a fitting way to round off an excellent year.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this amazing and huge pencil drawing of Iron Man by **Joshua S.**



BOARDING WITH YOUR SIBLINGS AT MILLFIELD

We caught up with two sets of siblings spread across Millfield and Millfield Prep to find out what it's like to be a boarder at the same school as your sibling. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



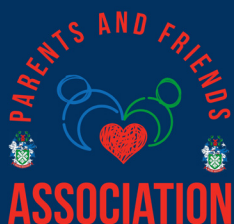
PARENT NOTICES

Prize Giving and Leavers' Celebration

Millfield Prep School has the pleasure of inviting all parents and guests to our Prize Giving and Leavers' Celebration taking place on Friday 30 June 2023. Light refreshments will be available for guests from 11.00am in the Junior Courtyard and parents are welcome to bring a picnic and join their children for lunch from 12.00pm onwards. We are delighted to invite our Year 8 parents and their children to a special leavers' lunch in the Shayler Pavilion at 12.00pm. The Prize Giving and Leavers' Celebration will commence in the marquee at 1.30pm and we anticipate that we will finish by 3.30pm.

Moving Up Talks

We held three of our Moving Up Parent Information talks online this week. If you would like to watch the recordings, please click on the links below. [Year 5 to Year 6](#) - [Year 6 to Year 7](#) - [Year 7 to Year 8](#)



FATHER'S DAY SHOP

Parents and Friends are pleased to be able to offer a Father's Day shop for all pupils on 16 and 17 June during the school day. There will be a fabulous selection of gifts for the children to choose from, wrap, bag and bring home.

We are asking all parents to contribute prior to the event, and the deadline for payment will be 12 June.

DAY PUPILS:

Please transfer £5 per gift to our account with your child's name and year as the reference.

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BOARDING PUPILS:

The money will come out of your child's pocket money and each house will transfer the relevant money to us.

SPORTS DAY

Parents and Friends are also delighted to be providing an ice cream van for the upcoming sports day. The P&FA committee will be present from 9am for coffee and a chat in the Shayler Pavilion.

ISI INSPECTION REPORT

Did you know that Millfield Prep School achieved the highest possible rating in a recent Inspection? ISI rated the school excellent for both the quality of pupils' academic achievements and personal development! View the full inspection by clicking the image below.

"THE QUALITY OF THE PUPILS' ACADEMIC AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS IS EXCELLENT. PUPILS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN BOTH CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES."
- ISI INSPECTION REPORT, 2023



MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL



SUMMER CONCERT



Only a few weeks on from a very successful Spring Concert, we held our Summer Concert, which focussed mainly on our instrumental ensembles. We were treated to a variety of performances from Year 4 Orchestra (who only started playing their instruments in September), flute group, jazz and blues, senior orchestra, percussion ensemble, French horn ensemble, junior and senior strings, junior oboe group and our choirs. Lots of musical genres were covered from classical to pop and even provided the opportunity for some audience participation. It was a great way to round off the half term, well done everyone and thank you for your hard work.



CUSHION CONCERT

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It was a pleasure to host the final Cushion Concert of the academic year on Tuesday. There was a full recital hall to witness an incredible 33 performances, all the way from Year 1 to Year 5. Pupils performed with aplomb and it's testament to their hard work and dedication that they can perform with such confidence and poise after only returning from half term two days previous. The future looks bright for music at Millfield Prep!



KNITTING CLUB

This week the knitting club had a go at learning how to finger knit. Only one session was needed for everyone to learn how to create long chains.



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: **Consortio**

- 1) partnership
- 2) party
- 3) meeting



Eco Club released the butterflies that they have been watching grow since caterpillars over the last few weeks, into the flower garden they have planted. The butterflies are 'painted ladies' with beautiful orange patterns on their wings.



THE MILLFIELD WAY PODCAST

Have you listened to The Millfield Way Podcast? The Millfield Way is where pupils, teachers, coaches and members of our community share insights into their day-to-day lives, as well as the latest developments in education and child development at Millfield. Click the pictures below to listen to their podcast!



Deputy Head (Pastoral)



Director of Music



Director of Sport



Head of ICT and Co-Curricular

YEAR 3 FARMING

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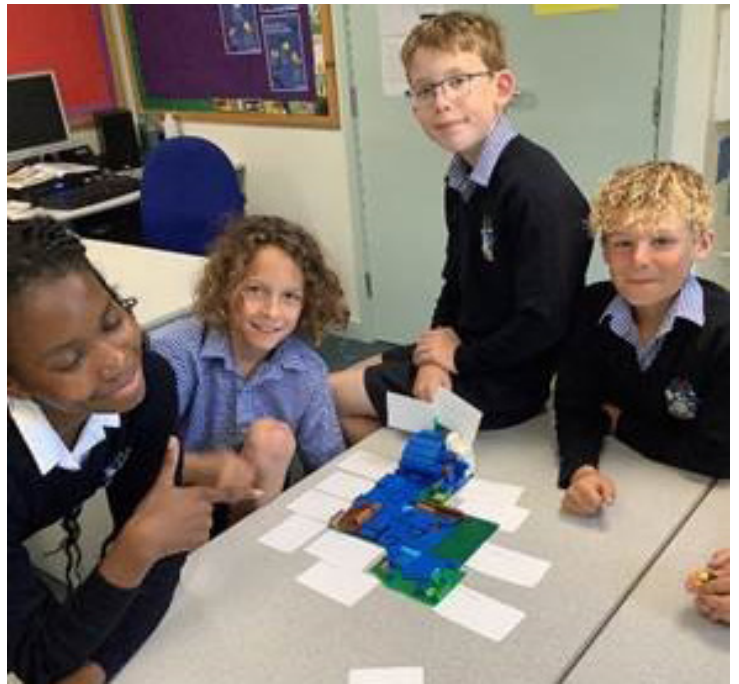
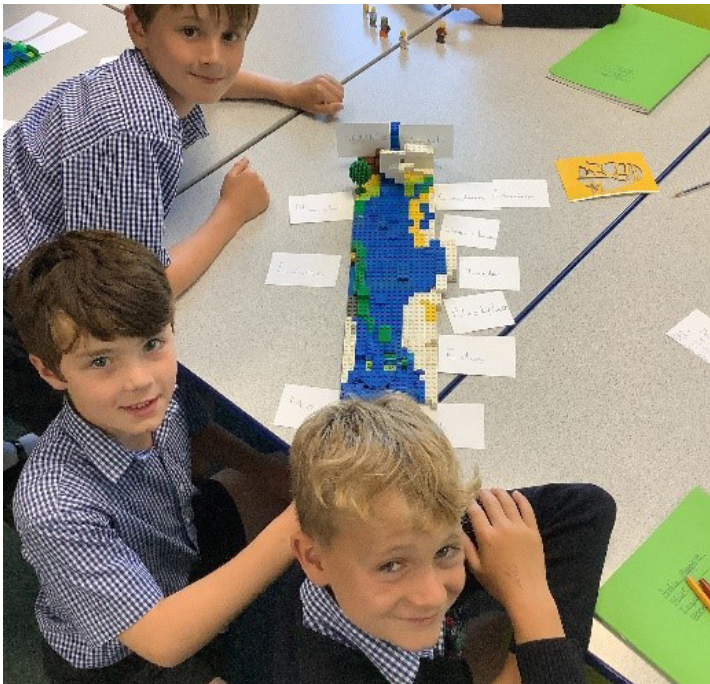
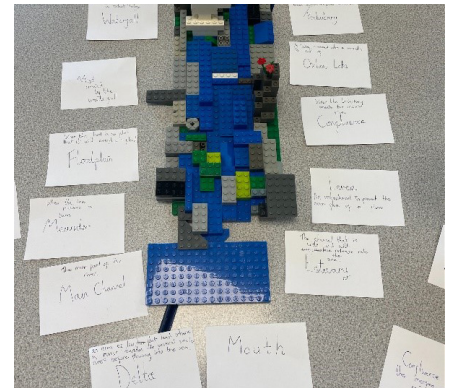
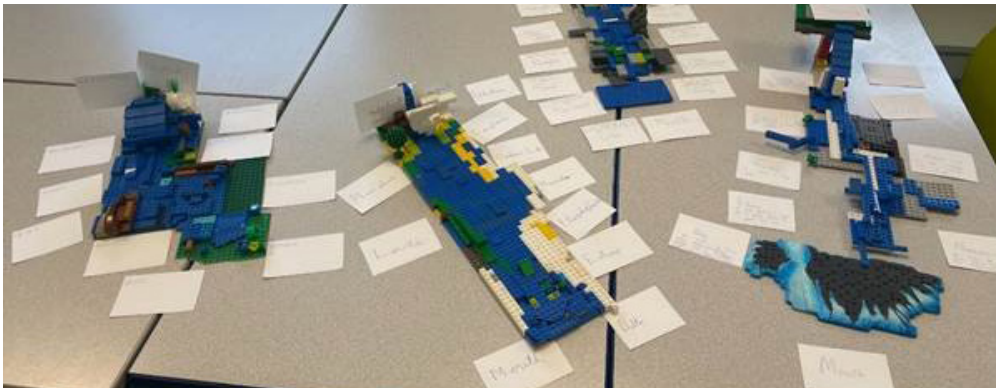
For part of the Year 3 Inquiry topic, pupils visited a local farm in Butleigh. This farm's main focus is on egg production, but it has diversified in recent months to: honey production, cider apples, vegetable growing and sales of other local produce. Year 3 started off with a climb on board the tractor and hay trailer which was good fun. They then moved onto walking the farm grounds, looking at the badger sets, beehives, 'wonky chicken', geese, rhea and finishing off with a climb on the big hay bales. Next, the children entered the chicken house with over 2,000 chickens. Pupils helped the farm owners, Lucy and Dave, by picking eggs off the conveyor belt, quality checking them, stacking them into the trays, date and location stamping them ready for sale in the shop or to be sent to local businesses. Lucy and Dave told us about all the parts of a chicken and the pupils even got to pet some! Everyone returned to the outdoor classroom to complete an egg-related quiz and then looked at the difference between egg, duck, goose and rhea eggs. The children enjoyed a snack at the farm before purchasing six fresh eggs to take home and enjoy for breakfast the next day. An 'egg-cellent' morning was had by all.



YEAR 5 RIVERS

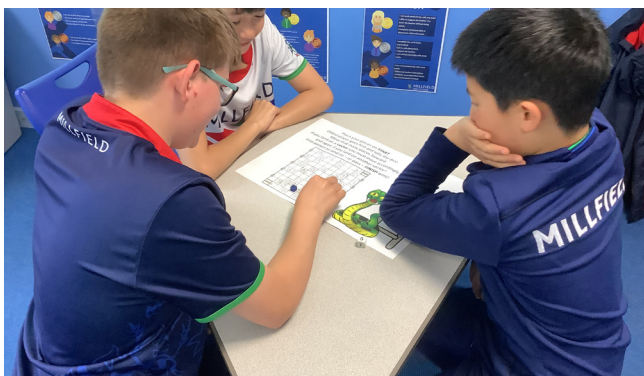
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For part of their IPC topic, Year 5 have been learning about the features of a river. They were tasked with showing their understanding by creating a LEGO model of a typical river. We reflected that this task helped us to develop some of our personal learning goals particularly our collaborative skills, communicating with others verbally and non-verbally and thinking skills!



MATHS

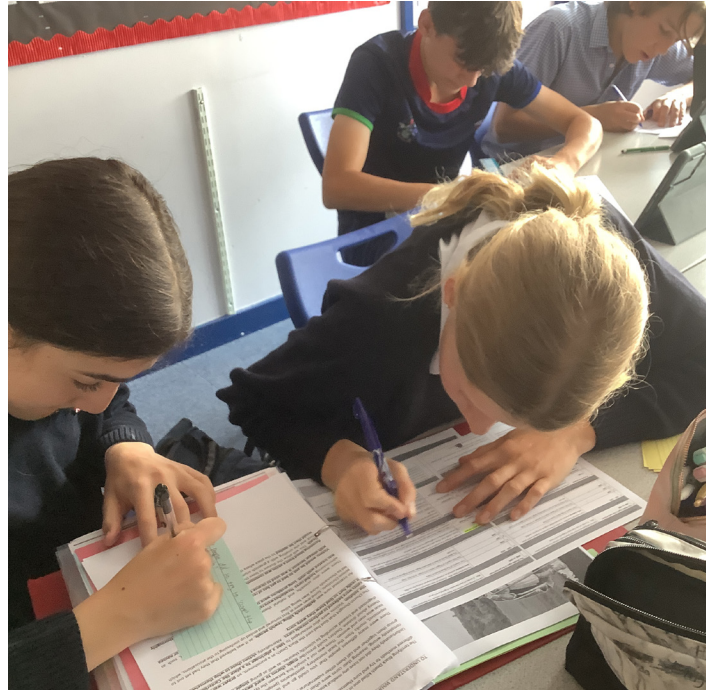
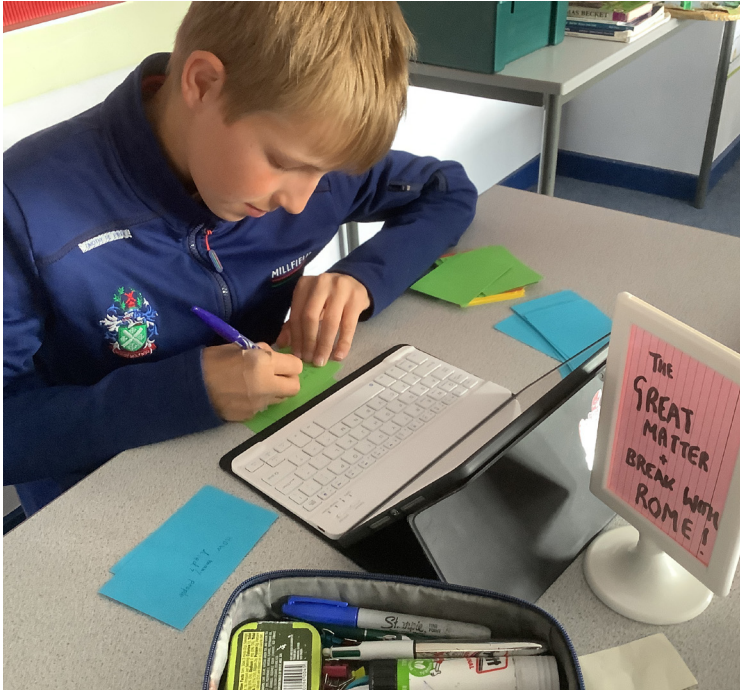
Year 6 top set working with column vectors for their topic on translation.



HISTORY REVISION

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This week, Year 8 have been preparing for their end of year assessments, using a range of resources that have been built-up throughout the year. In lessons, pupils have been involved in self quizzing, designing flashcards, and using knowledge organisers to help them with retrieval. The classroom has been divided up into three tables, linked to three special topics: Agincourt, Henry VIII's Great Matter and the Black Death. A selection of textbooks and history books from our History library are also on each table for pupils to reference as well as revision folders on Showbie and their own exercise books. Well done to all of Year 8 this week, who have worked hard to get ready to sit their assessments next week.



YEAR 8 SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL 2023

Year 8 have been studying Shakespeare. Given a limited amount of time, their task has been to work as a team to research, write a script for and produce a short film to relate a chosen play by William Shakespeare. Creativity and individuality is encouraged to convey the tale: acting, animation, composing music, playing instruments, writing lyrics, singing, stop animation – imagination the only limitation! Click any of the photos below (from last year's Shakespeare performance) to watch one of the videos. Enjoy.



BOARDING LIFE

CHAMPION

After a short pause for half term, Champion sprang back to life on Sunday afternoon. The older girls have been revising hard for upcoming assessments and exams, but still keeping-up with their various sports. There is a lot to squeeze into the next few weeks and we have some exciting plans ahead! The lovely weather has meant we were able to have evening snacks (build your own sandwich) outside in the back garden on Wednesday, and there is always time for some play outside, or just some hanging around!



HOLLIES

Chatter and laughter filled the air in Hollies on Sunday evening as we welcomed the girls back from the half term holiday. We heard tales of travels and excited screams at seeing friends again. It was one of our wonderful Evening Helpers birthdays on Monday and we were treated to some lovely singing. Happy Birthday Mrs McMeekin! The girls have switched into revision mode as Year 7 and 8 prepare for their assessments. However, they still find time to run around outside and enjoy the sunny evenings!



The boys are into their final few weeks of the year, and we expect it to fly past. The sunny weather at the moment makes everything much easier and the boys are enjoying being able to spend lots of time playing outside. The last time we sat around the campfire and made s'mores, it was dark and cold and they told spooky stories. However, this week the boys sat around the fire and shared memories of their favourite Millfield Prep moments under the setting sun. They talked long enough to eat multiple bags of marshmallows and many packets of chocolate biscuits.



BEREWALL

The Berewall boys returned to school with an exciting last four weeks ahead of them. The weather has been amazing, allowing them to play outside in the evenings and make the most of our beautiful surroundings. On Wednesday evening, the boys were able to celebrate an 'al fresco' singalong with **Daniel** for his 13th birthday. Daniel flexi-boards with us, so it was extra special that we could share the occasion in boarding with him. The final push is nearly upon us: assessments, camp, trips, and packing will be making-up the final few weeks of school. Our boys are gearing up to be organised and ready! We are working on finding a balance of revision, fixtures and downtime, so the boys can be at their best.





EDGARLEY MANOR

It was lovely welcoming the boys back to glorious weather this week. As always, it is so nice to see them back together again, catching-up and sharing stories about what they have been up to over half term. The boys have been loving the light and sunny evenings and have been playing out as long as possible. It is hard to believe that we are hurtling towards the end of the year and we look forward to enjoying our final weeks together with lots of lovely things in store.



BRILLIANT BOARDERS

CHESTNUT

Hugh M is like a ray of sunshine when he returns to the house each day. He is a busy young man who is making the most of all the Millfield opportunities. He has worked hard on his organisation and he is always the first to offer help to anyone in house that needs it. Not to forget that winning smile. So well done, Hugh, on being Chestnut's Brilliant Boarder. We know you will keep up the great work!



EDGARLEY MANOR

Our Brilliant Boarder for last half term is **Ollie W**. He is such a positive boy and an excellent role model to others. He is kind, thoughtful and always polite. He initiates conversations with the house staff and is friendly and good company to be around. He is an asset to our house, keep it up Ollie!



HOLLIES

The Hollies' Brilliant Boarders for last half term are **Karmele M** and **Yana K**. Karmele has continued to be a busy member of the house who is well organised, friendly and has really grown into boarding in Hollies. She is always full of energy and smiles, and willing to help! Yana is such a delightful member of the house, and it has been a pleasure seeing her flourish in Hollies over the course of the year. She has a very calm nature and is always willing to put herself forward to help out around the house.



BEREWALL

The Berewall Brilliant Boarder for last half term is **Ryan M**. Since the start of Year 7, the improvement that Ryan has shown in his organisation and independence has been incredible. Ryan has lots of



sport to prepare for, including many county hockey commitments. It has been great to see him embrace the challenge of preparing his kit (Ryan is a GK, so a huge kit bag), the long days and late nights have been challenging, but he is always smiling. Ryan, you should be very proud of yourself, we certainly are!

CHAMPION

Our Brilliant Boarder for the past half term is Year 3, **Yara I**. Yara only joined us this term and is the youngest in house. She has quickly settled into her new routine and is always up bright and early each morning; even remembering to make her bed! Well done, Yara.



SPORTING NEWS

SWIMMING

It was an IAPS to remember for the Swim Team at Millfield Prep School! The girls were crowned IAPS National Champions for the 35th consecutive year and the boys for the 21st year. A special mention to the U13 Girls Medley Relay team (**Iona M, Maisie F, Tumi M and Emily H**) who broke the record for the 4x25m in a time of 57.82. **Henry F** also broke the U12 50m Breaststroke record, clocking a time of 33.76, which is an amazing achievement!

GIRLS

MEDLEY

U10 15th
U11 5th
U12 2nd
U13 1st, IAPS RECORD

FREESTYLE

U10 8th
U11 7th
U12 2nd
U13 1st

U10 25m BRS - **Sophia E-N** 4th
U11 50m FLY - **Ella D** 7th
U12 50m FLY - **Letizia C G** 2nd
U13 50m FLY - **Noelle D** 9th
U11 50m BK - **Millie E-N** 20th
U12 50m BK - **Vivienne L** 1st
U13 50m BK - **Iona M** 5th
U12 50m BRS - **Isabelle P** 4th
U13 50m BRS - **Maisie F** 1st
U11 50m FC - **Polly W** 4th
U12 50m FC - **Emilia H** 15th
U13 50m FC - **Emily H** 2nd

BOYS

MEDLEY

U10 3rd
U11 1st
U12 1st
U13 1st

FREESTYLE

U10 2nd
U11 1st
U12 1st
U13 1st

U10 25m BRS - **Charlie G** 7th
U10 25m FC - **Sean W** 1st
U11 50m FLY - **Jonah D** 1st
U12 50m FLY - **Henry M** 18th
U13 50m FLY - **Billy C** 2nd
U11 50m BK - **Tommy K** 12th
U12 50m BK - **James P** 6th
U13 50m BK - **Sam J** 2nd
U11 50m BRS - **Kruze F** 5th
U12 50m BRS - **Henry F** 1st, IAPS Record
U13 50m BRS - **Joshua S** 8th
U11 50m FC - **Freddie M** 8th



U12 50m FC - **Charlie P** 1st
U13 50m FC - **Kaden F** 5th



Some of our athletes were in action in the beautiful sunny weather at Bruton on Wednesday. It was a great chance to get some competition in before a busy week coming up, where they will be in action in the regional final of the English Schools Cup and also the South West Prep Schools Championships.



Millfield Prep School has welcomed a local primary school boy into its equestrian centre. Eight-year-old **Luke**, a Year 4 pupil at Elmhurst Junior School, has been assisting the equestrian team in grooming the horses, feeding them and walking them back to their stables. The programme has helped to build Luke's trust, resilience and emotional literacy. He has been a star!



Sehyr R and her horse George.



Jack G and Minto cross country schooling.



Vaasvi K went competing in Germany over the half term holidays. Congratulations on a brilliant week Vaas!



Congratulations to our U12 National Club League players who won their final group match on Sunday against Swansea RPDC. This puts Millfield at the top of the group and therefore, qualifying for Nationals along with the top four club teams in the UK. Well done, boys!



During half term, **Ollie W** played in many different tennis tournaments. However, the highlight of his week was winning a Grade 3 tournament at Sutton Coldfield. Well done, Ollie!



Over half term, **Toby W** and **Zach K** competed in a Grade 1 National Grass Tournament at Frinton. Both boys played some great tennis against tough opposition in the singles event. In the doubles, both Toby and Zach made it through to the quarter-finals. Congratulations Boys!



Finn S played in a tournament at Martock during the holidays. Finn played some great tennis and finished runner-up. Well done, Finn!



SKIING

Four skiers travelled to Hemel Hampstead to compete in the IAPS Indoor Ski competition. **Zachary C**, **Lulu H**, **Lilly W**, and **Liberty W** skied fantastically and performed really well. There were two runs on the day with the slalom, and the giant slalom, with all the pupils stating the latter was their favourite. Lulu finished 20th in the U13s. Well done for representing the school so positively.

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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SWIMMING

Max W had a busy weekend competing in three different sports! Tennis Grade 3 in Winscombe, IAPS swimming finals in London and winning two gold medals in golf. Well done, Max!



RACKET APPEAL

Can you donate any old Tennis rackets?

Would you be willing to donate any old tennis rackets to give to asylum seekers, wishing to learn the game in the Bridgwater area?

We are currently lending players rackets to attend our Tuesday morning coaching session at Bridgwater Tennis Club, so it would be great if they could have their own racket to practice with.

Please could I ask for any rackets to be dropped off at reception by Wednesday 14th June. We would be happy to receive any senior or junior rackets.

Many thanks
Julie Sinkins.Tennis Department



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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year - it is definitely summer! Please remember sun hats, sun cream and hay fever medication (if required). The next few weeks are going to go very quickly and there is lots going on. Please keep an eye on the notice board for up-to-date information on whole school productions, transition days, sports day and our final assembly.

We started the week in assembly learning about positivity and happiness. We had two glasses, one half full and one half empty to help us to think about the good things that we have and to not want for more. Ask your child are they half empty or half full? What about you? One thing we do want is a smooth transition into next year and the children had a great time moving up into their new classes. They have met some of the class teachers and had a chance to explore their new classrooms in preparation for September.

Linked to all of our learning about animals and living things this term, all of Pre-Prep had a wonderful time at the Wild Project. It was amazing to have all of Pre-Prep out on an adventure together. Ask your child about their favourite animal? Can they tell you an amazing animal fact?

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
243	270	281	271
71	75	72	83
314	345	353	354

KS1

BEE HIVE

Over the past few weeks, KS1 have been making clay hexagons to decorate the school beehive. With the help of Mrs Turnbull, pupils decorated and glazed their tiles. The tiles were then glued to the hive and it was taken to the Bath and West Show to be entered into their

Beehive Competition. We were delighted to discover that we finished first! A huge thank you to Mrs Turnbull for helping the children create such a beautiful, collaborative piece of art. I am sure the bees will love their new home!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 14 June
Move up morning

Friday 16 June
2pm – 3:15pm
Dads, grandads, uncles and parents afternoon



FUN IN THE SUN

The Tadpoles have been enjoying the sunshine with lots of activities in the garden. They have been painting together, playing football and even went on an adventure in a boat that they built with wooden blocks. The children were very excited to be going on their school trip to the Wild Place Project on Thursday and have been talking about all the animals that they saw!



BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

Just before half term, Pre-School were given four caterpillars. The Frogs returned after the holidays to discover the caterpillars had made their cocoons; this was very exciting! On Tuesday, the children discovered two butterflies had emerged from their cocoons, by snack time there were three and after lunch the fourth butterfly had hatched! We couldn't believe we missed it, so we watched how butterflies emerge from their cocoons on the iPlayer. The children then placed some bananas, oranges and sugared water inside the net to help the butterflies build-up their strength before they are released. Some of the Frogs also created butterfly life-cycle collages.



PRODUCTION PREP

The Reception class have been enjoying an arty-start to the half term, drawing all the flowers that had bloomed over the holidays. They have also been helping to paint the backdrop to the summer production of *Hats Off*.



OPEN FOREST SCHOOL AFTERNOON

Just before half term, the KS1 children invited their parents into the Pre-Prep forest to join them for a fun Forest School session. The children were the teachers for the session and took their adult around the different activities they have been doing this term, all to do with the topic 'I'm Alive!'. The fun activities on offer were: making clay minibeasts, playing 'find my tree' by blindfolding and leading their adults around the forest, hunting for and creating life cycles, collecting and classifying minibeasts and arranging food chains. Everyone had an excellent time together in the woods!







MINIS NEWS



MINIS STABLE TRIP

The Minis loved their visit to the stables and the horses were just as excited to see us, especially when spying our buckets full of carrots for them to munch on. After we said goodbye to the horses, we had a blast on the Pre-Prep playground, whizzing down the tunnel slide and balancing on the different structures. We finished off our session with a delicious cream tea - yum!

