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# NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

I mentioned to the staff recently that it is an undeniably British trait to moan about the cold and rain for months on end, only to complain as soon as the temperature exceeds 25 degrees! I won't therefore do that, but it has undoubtedly been a warm few days and I sense everyone here is looking forward to a day or two to cool off. In spite of the heat, the children have continued to throw themselves wholeheartedly into life here as always.

At the start of the week, I enjoyed attending the final Eco Committee meeting of the year. Year 8 negotiated their assessments with positivity this week and then enjoyed an excellent sports familiarisation visit and

transition talk at the Senior School yesterday. Another highlight was a fantastic Choir Tour Concert last night. I am also grateful to the P&FA for the Father's Day shop they are hosting both today and tomorrow which I am sure the children will make the most of. Finally, I loved watching some outstanding performances at the South West Schools Athletics Championships at Millfield this afternoon.

Looking ahead to next week, I know that the pupils are excited for the various trips and activities that they will be undertaking. With a vast array of exciting things going on, time will fly by. I very much hope to catch up with many of you at one of the many events during the final run in to the end of term.

Yours,

Dan

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## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent abstract painting by **Theo G.**



## OUTDOOR LEARNING





# LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

**Elsie S** is Linguist of the Week for scoring 100% in her summer assessment. Well done, Elsie!



# JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Oreo has been awarded to **Freya W**. Freya has shown tremendous determination, great independence and a superb attitude in class lately. Well done, Freya!



# WORD OF THE WEEK

Each word will have three potential meanings and the first pupil to email Mrs Crispin ([crispin.g@millfieldschool.com](mailto:crispin.g@millfieldschool.com)) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

French: **Le ruisseau**

- 1) beach
- 2) pool
- 3) stream



# MUSIC TRIAL LESSON WEEK

Has your child ever wondered what it might be like to play an instrument or have singing lessons? Thought about trying harp or flute lessons, but wasn't sure if it was for them? Fancied having a go on a trumpet or saxophone but wanted to meet the teacher first? Wanted to start a rock band but never picked up drumsticks or strummed a guitar? In the week commencing **Monday 19 June**, the Music Department will be presenting 'Music Lesson Trials' week for Pre-Prep and Junior pupils.

If your child would like to have some completely **FREE** trial taster lessons on any number of different instruments, please email [sturges.e@millfieldschool.com](mailto:sturges.e@millfieldschool.com) or [kew.j@millfieldschool.com](mailto:kew.j@millfieldschool.com) stating which instrument(s) they would like to try. Trials will be scheduled at a convenient time during the school day and teachers will collect and return pupils to their classrooms. There is no obligation to sign up for lessons following a trial, and the instrumental/vocal teacher will email you with information relating to the success of the session including whether your child demonstrated an aptitude for the instrument and whether they should consider pursuing lessons. If your child is in Year 6, 7 or 8 and involved in camps or Outdoor Week, they can still have the opportunity to sign up for a trial lesson, but this will take place during the final week of term. This really is a fantastic opportunity to explore music and discover a hidden love and talent for something entirely new!

Trials Lessons can be offered on the following:  
flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, orchestral percussion, voice, and piano.

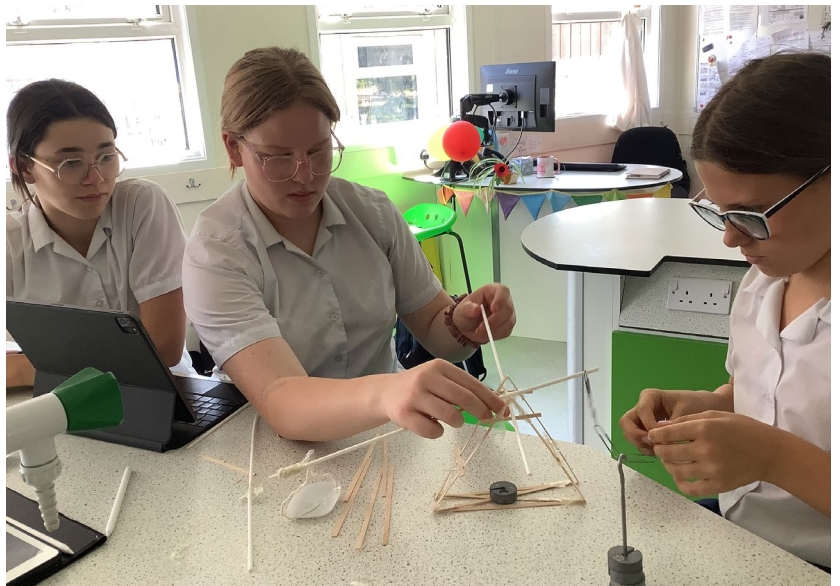




The science department have enjoyed seeing a mum and nine ducklings around the pond area! There are also some moorhen chicks. The pond has a new fountain, and has been cleared of lots of reeds to allow other species to thrive.

Year 7 have finished their assessments and are now learning about simple machines like levers, which change a small input effort into a larger output. They have been thinking back to their castles topic in history and are building trebuchets!

Year 8 have also finished their assessments so have enjoyed seeing who can make the bounciest ball! Some precise and not so precise chemists in the making at work here.



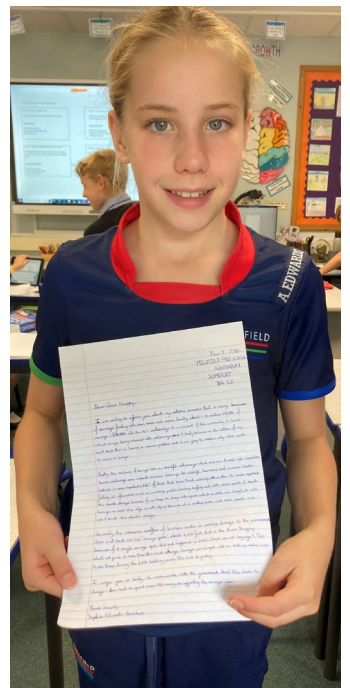


Year 6 and 7 pupils have been designing their own menus for a Spanish restaurant and learning how to order food. Well done, everyone.



## YEAR 5 TAKING ACTION

Year 5 pupils have written to Local MP, James Heappey, about their concerns at the worrying levels of sewage leaking into the waterways nationwide and especially those leaks happening in Somerset. We were appalled to find out that there had been instances of sewage leaking into the Brue and smaller stream on the Millfield Prep site! As part of our 'Go with the Flow' River Project, we have seen the importance of looking after the environment surrounding our local rivers and the release of sewage is having a detrimental impact. The pupils have urged James Heappey to take action in parliament to raise awareness of this issue and tackle the problem. Fingers crossed the letters will have the desired effect and a solution to reduce sewage leaking into our rivers and seas will be found.

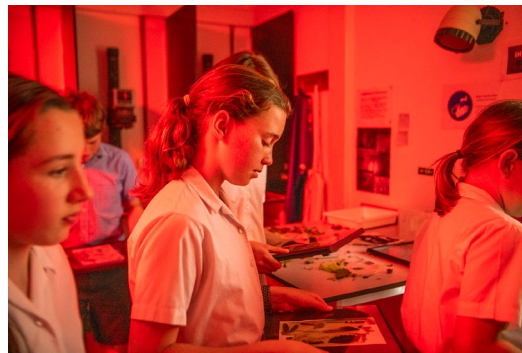




# YEAR 7 ART WORKSHOP

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On Tuesday, some Year 7 classes were invited up to Millfield to take part in a Cyanotype workshop. Pupils enjoyed learning a new process and getting to know the art department at Millfield. They were even treated to an ice lolly in the main school library and heard about how the school is raising money for a school in Nepal through the sale of the ice creams.





# YEAR 7 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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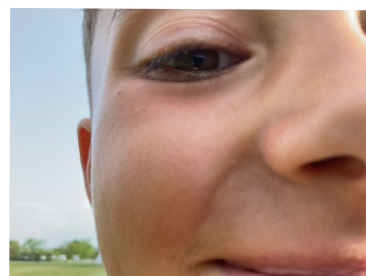
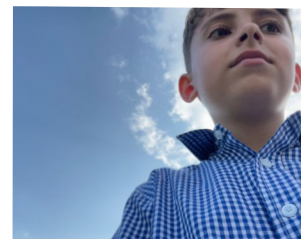
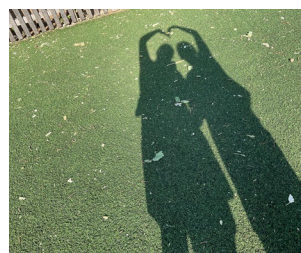
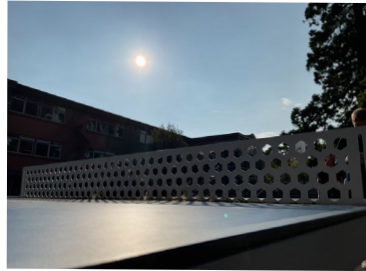
Ms Hughes set Year 7 a photography competition this week and they produced some wonderful pictures. The brief outlined a number of different themes and the photographers were encouraged to pay attention to creativity, composure and thinking differently.

The finalists have been judged by Mr Harrison and the winners are:

First place: **Lulu H** and **Sofia H**  
Second place: **Eve W** and **Muna I**  
Third place: **Teddy L** and **Seb G**

Well done to everyone who took part, there were many excellent photos.

Winning photos and highly commended:





# SPORTS LEADERS

The new cohort of Level 3 Sports Leaders at Millfield ran their first event at Millfield Prep School and did an excellent job! They led fun, active cricket warm-up drills, followed by games to the Year 6 girls and Selwood Academy pupils.





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

It's been a great week and we are enjoying the long Summer evenings. The boys have been making good use of the golf course this week, so much so, that we are going to need to go on a whole house golf ball hunt in the near future! Mr McNulty made some lovely chicken wraps as a snack on Saturday night. We were also treated to a visit from the ice cream van, which was very much appreciated in the heat.



## CHAMPION

The weather has been glorious this week and as a result we have had snacks outside, water fights to cool off (some staff got involved and needed to get changed!) and an ice cream factory on Sunday. On Wednesday evening the boarders were delighted to discover an ice-cream van waiting for them after supper. What a treat! Our amazing Year 8 completed their exams on Wednesday; they have worked so hard and were surprised by a pizza treat in the evening, followed by a lie-in and leisurely breakfast on Thursday - they have a busy few days ahead. Enjoy the sunshine everyone!





The scorching hot weather meant we needed to find a way to cool the boys off on Wednesday. The water slide seemed to be the best way so the boys slid their way to coolness! There were some interesting shapes as they reached the end of the 25m slide of doom down the slope at the back of house. Just to make sure they were extra cold afterwards they made a visit to the ice cream van! The juniors spent the rest of the evening having a water fight with the hose. All of the boarders will be having a charity slip and slide event on Sunday on Ostrich Green.



## BEREWALL

The boys returned from various physical exertions, on the running track or the cricket pitch Saturday afternoon keen to relax. So, we stuffed them full of sausage baguettes and settled down to watch the Champion's League Final! Suitably refreshed on Sunday, we took on Hollies house at football. A close fought game ensued, with the boys taking an early lead. Chances came thick and fast for the girls, but no one was able to take advantage, until one of the most obvious penalties you've ever seen was given and the girls levelled things up! The game finished with a draw and ice creams were eaten whilst we regaled each other with tales of movements, passes and shots. We then began planning the next sporting contest between the two houses!





A trip to the Brean Theme Park began the week for many with those who wanted more focused revision time remaining on site. Lots of fun was had by all! Before this week's film, the girls were treated to a special Chinese snack to help with the revision focus. The hot weather this week has been the perfect time for some post-exams fun with the water pistols followed by a visit from the ice cream van. The Year 8 girls have ended the week with a visit from their soon-to-be housemistress at the senior school. Ms Moore visited Hollies to meet the girls and to tell them a bit about their new house in Year 9-exciting times!



## HOLLIES AND BEREWALL FOOTBALL



## FLEXI BOARDING

Sunday 18 June is the start of BSA's Boarding Week. We have lots of exciting activities planned, so make sure you stay tuned to our social channels for updates! Has your child ever tried flexi-boarding? Or would they like to know what it's like to be a boarder? From two, three, or four nights per week, or occasional boarding at £67 per night - it can be a convenient option around your schedules, or for early and late sports sessions. Secure your place for September by contacting Carl Bingham [bingham.c@millfieldschool.com](mailto:bingham.c@millfieldschool.com) or [click here](#) to find out more.





# SPORTING NEWS

## TENNIS

Over the weekend, **Ollie W**, **Zach K** and **Toby W** competed in a Tennis European event at Halton Tennis Centre. Congratulations to Toby who won his first two matches and has made it through to the main draw. Well done boys!



At the weekend, **Isabella W** won two tennis tournaments at Wellington and Somerton. Well done Issy!



## SWIMMING

**Kaden F** broke James Guy's school record on Saturday in the 400m Free at the Buxton 1st Summer Open Meet!



Congratulations to six MPS swimmers who have qualified to race at either the British Summer Nationals or English Summer Nationals this summer. This is an outstanding achievement and ranks them within the top 20 for their age in the country. These swimmers will be continuing their dedication to the sport throughout July in preparation for the meets, where they can hopefully post some lifetime best times. From the coaches here at MPS and Senior School, we are extremely proud of this achievement and wish you all the best in July and August. Enjoy this amazing experience and be proud of yourselves for this achievement. The swimmers have qualified for:

### British Summer Nationals (22-28 July)

- **Tumi M** - 100m BK

### English Summer Nationals (1-6 August)

- **Kaden F** - 400m FC and 800m FC
- **Sam J** - 50m BK, 100m BK, 200m BK
- **Emily H** - 50m FC, 100m FC, 200m FC, 1500m FC
- **Maisie F** - 50m BRS, 100m BRS, 200m BRS, 200m IM
- **Tumi M** - 50m FLY, 100m FLY
- **Vivienne L** - 50m BK, 100m BK, 200m BK





Over the weekend, 30 MPS swimmers travelled down to Salisbury to take part in a Level 3 Open Meet. A total of 131 personal best times were achieved as well as some of our newest members of the squad having their first experience of taking part in a multi-club event. For some of our more experienced swimmers, it was great to see a hard year of training coming together with some outstanding performances and displays of skills. Well done to everyone who went, you were all outstanding!

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## ATHLETICS

Some days everything goes your way in sport and some days it doesn't. Wednesday saw our senior athletics teams in action at the Regional Final of the English Schools Cup. It would seem that anything that could go wrong for the girls team went wrong and this made their total score at the end of the competition lower than the previous round by quite a margin. They are third overall in the provisional results. The boys team had the other side of sport and things seemed to land in their favour. A wobbly bar would stay up in the high jump and a discus that was heading to land outside the sector would just sneak inside the line. The team only has to finish in front by one point to win and the boys used this knowledge to win by a 'comfortable' three points in the provisional results. Well done to everyone involved!





**Everley S** went to the British Dressage Youth Camp over half term which was brilliant and really helped her with her medium movements. On Tuesday, Everley competed in two novice tests to gain some of her highest scores for the medium moves and received a first and second place, which was excellent. Everley has also been selected to represent the South West in British Dressage Youth in Leicestershire in July. A massive congratulations to Everley, we are all very proud of you.



## NSEA Show Jumping competition

**Jack G** and Minto's first competition, coming 4th in the 70cm. **Dotti S** came 6th on Billy in the 80cm.



Our three Palominos enjoying the cooler early morning ride.



Year 8 beach ride.







## LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

If anyone is keen to ride next September, please call the equestrian office on 01458 837520 or email Mrs Glyn-Jones on [glynjones.h@millfieldschool.com](mailto:glynjones.h@millfieldschool.com). All the prices can be found in the parent portal. Pupils/parents are booking in now ready for September and all current riders will roll over to September registers other than the Year 8s. If anyone is local and would like to continue riding or start riding during the summer holiday, please contact the equestrian office.



## GOLF

The golfers have had a busy couple of weeks over half term and the first week back at school. **Max W, Georgie P, Matilda R, Isobel R, Alfred W and Morgan C** all played at Tickenham in the Somerset First4Golf event. Max and Georgie had the rounds of the day, scoring 49 from the yellow tees to finish top boy and girl with Matilda only one shot behind in third place. Isobel won the U9s advanced tee competitors with Morgan second and Alfred ninth in the U7s advanced tee competition.

**Lucia M and Carlos B** won tournaments back in Spain over the half term with Lucia reducing her handicap to 31 from 45 at the start of the year. Carlos has also had a massive 10 shot reduction in his handicap thanks to his win.

**Zane B** played excellent golf this weekend and finished third in the U18s Club Championship and 15th gross in the adults competition at Saltford Golf Club. **Oli H** became the Wheathill Junior Club Champion at the weekend.

**Alexander L and Tate S** headed up to Scotland for the US Kids Golf European Championships over half term to compete against the best golfers in Europe in the U11 and U12 age categories. Both played really well with Alexander finishing 33rd and Tate finishing 48th overall.





# BIATHLE

Millfield attended the National Triathlon Championships at Leweston School on 3 June. The team had a great day of competition in the sunshine, with lots of PBS achieved. Amazing effort was shown by all and team and individual/team successes followed. Some of our athletes have qualified for the World Triathlon Championships in Bali later this year! Well done.

A special well done to **Lois M** becoming U13 National Triathlon Champion.

Results:

U11 Girls – **Rosie K** 10th

U11 Boys – **Raffie B** 2nd-Qualified

U13 Girls – **Lois M** 1st National Triathlon Champion - Qualified

**Eva D** 3rd – Qualified

U13 Boys – **Noah K** 10th, Hugh Murray 11th

U15 Girls – **Ruby B** 2nd – Qualified

U15 Boys – **Mateo E** 6th reserve, **Alex T** 7th reserve, **Hunter K** 8th and **Cupar J** 9th



# FAMILIARISATION DAY

Year 8 pupils took part in Familiarisation Day at Millfield on Thursday. The day allows pupils to explore the campus and meet staff and Millfield students on site. We hope that everyone enjoyed their day of activities!



# CRICKET

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Congratulations to **Grace F** who took a hat-trick in a superb bowling display for the girls 1st XI v Bristol Grammar School. She finished with 4 wickets from 2 overs, conceding just 3 runs.



# IAPS SKIING

Four skiers travelled to Hemel Hempstead to compete in the IAPS Indoor Ski competition. **Zachary C, Lulu H, Lily W, and Liberty W** all skied brilliantly. There were two runs on the day with the slalom and the extended slalom, with all the students stating the latter was their favourite. In the U13 extended slalom, Lulu came 4th in the girls race with a time of 13.21, Liberty ranked 14th and Lily came 17th. Zachary came 32nd in the U13 boys race. In the U13 Special Slalom race Lulu came 3rd with a time of 16.94. Liberty was 15th and Lily was 17th. Zachary came 38th in the U13 boys race. Well done to all the students for representing the school so positively.



# SOUTH WEST SPORTS COACHING CONFERENCE

Millfield School are pleased to host their inaugural sports coaching conference in September 2023.

The one-day event is for coaches and teachers from the South West region and beyond, providing an opportunity to connect the various sporting communities within youth sport in education and grassroots clubs.

If you know anyone that may be interested in attending, please pass on the link below which has information to book.

[The South West Sports Coaching Conference - Millfield Enterprises](#)



## HOCKEY COURSE

Double Olympic medallist, Susannah Townsend, MBE is excited to be leading a brand-new hockey camp at Millfield! She has an 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](#).

## RUGBY COURSE

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## MILLFIELD RUGBY COURSE

This exciting summer course welcomes children of all abilities and will be coached by Millfield and Bath Rugby coaches, ensuring that your child receives expert guidance to help them develop their rugby skills on the pitch. Attendees will benefit from an education mindset talk, high-quality coaching and a supportive environment. Participants will have the chance to win either a Millfield rugby course t-shirt or tickets to a Bath Rugby match in September!

Nutritious lunches and snacks will be provided each day, keeping everyone energised and ready for each session!

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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.

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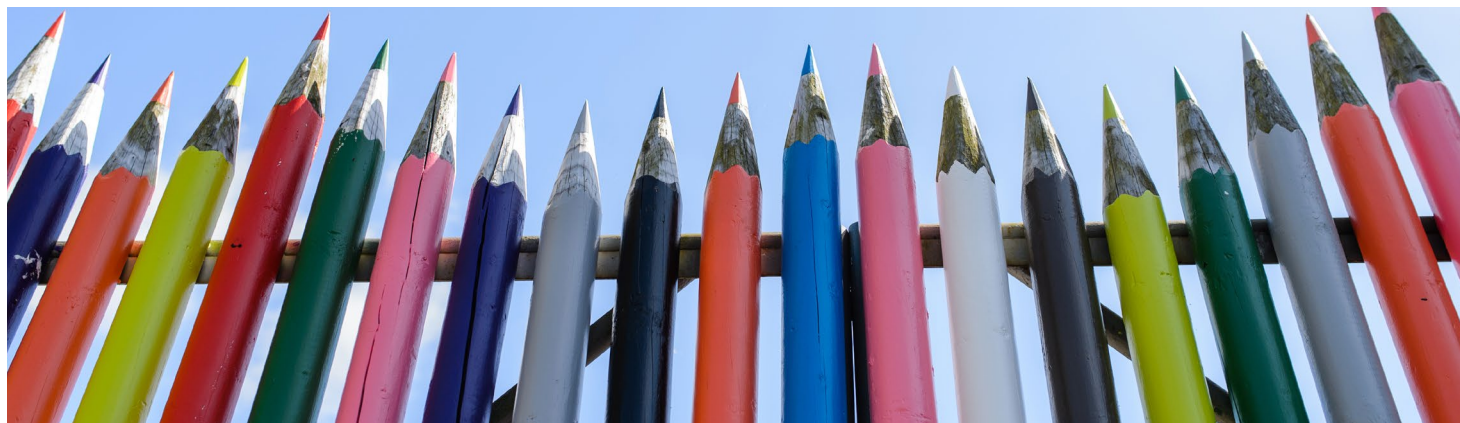


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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



As we build up to the end of this academic year, Pre-Prep has been filled with singing, drama and dancing as we prepare for the Whole School Production of 'Hats Off'. We hope that you can join us at one of the performances in our Pre-Prep Hall.

The children have been busy building tents and having water fun in EYFS, to try and keep cool in the hot weather. We are all trying to keep cool and please remember to apply sun cream and bring in a hat. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic time at Millfield Senior School in the biology and art departments, thanks to our colleagues and Lower Sixth students at Millfield.

Transition and move up morning was really successful on Wednesday, where the children had another opportunity to meet their teachers for next year. The children came back really excited. Ask your child what they are looking forward to the most?

It was lovely that so many families could join us on Friday afternoon, with time to work with your children in their classrooms and refreshments on Apple Tree Green. I hope all Dads, Grandads and Uncles are well looked after this weekend. Happy Father's Day.

There are lots of events happening over the next few weeks, so please keep a close eye on the noticeboard for key dates and times.

## KEY DATES

**Wednesday 28 June 2pm**  
**Thursday 29 June 9:30am**  
Whole School Production

**Friday 30 June**  
Water fun and Picnic (Children only)  
School finishes at 3:15pm

**Monday 3 July**  
School finishes at 3:15pm

**Tuesday 4 July**  
Pre-Prep Sports Day  
Parents invited from 1:30pm  
School finishes at 3:15pm

**Wednesday 5 July – 11am**  
Whole School End of Year Assembly  
School finishes at 12 midday

## PRE-SCHOOL

## HOUSE TOTALS

| ANGLES | DANES | JUTES | SAXONS |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| 71     | 75    | 72    | 83     |
| 32     | 35    | 36    | 48     |
| 103    | 110   | 108   | 131    |



# WILD PLACE PROJECT

The whole of Pre-Prep had a fantastic time at the Wild Place Project last Thursday. We all buddied up and mixed up the year groups to explore the zoo. We saw the zebras, ostriches, red river hogs, geladas, meerkats, a few lemurs, (but most were asleep!), a bear from the distance (it was very big!), wolverines, wolves, giraffes and cheetahs.

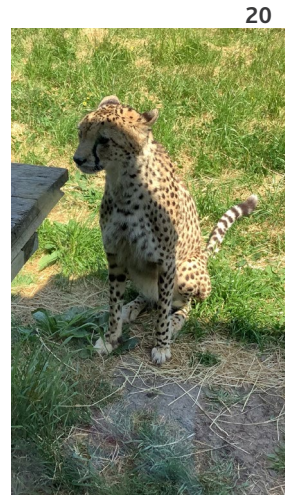
We learnt facts about the different animals; did you know that giraffes have seven bones in their neck, that their tongues are black with a hint of blue and that lemurs have 26 rings on their tail: 13 white and 13 black? We were also shown how ring-tailed lemurs have a stink fight! We also observed the skulls of a bear, wolf and wolverine and learnt about their teeth; if they are sharp, they like to eat meat! Wow, what a day. We were very proud of the children and all the keepers remarked how polite and calm the children were and that they asked great questions. Well done everyone!











## FROGS

# TRANSITION DAY FESTIVAL PARTY

The Frogs and the new children starting Reception in September were all invited to a festival themed party. They decorated guitars to go along with their fancy dress from home and had their picture taken in the large photo frame ready for September. They also helped to ice cakes, make jam sandwiches, and put marshmallows on sticks ready for the party. The children all had a brilliant time, dancing, singing, eating, and playing, and we can't wait for September when they officially graduate to school and start in Reception.





## PAINTING ANIMALS

The Frogs painted some excellent pictures of their favourite animal from the Wild Place Project trip; the zebras, cheetahs and giraffes proved to be the most popular. Whilst the Frogs painted their pictures they were encouraged to think about the different shapes and colours needed to represent their chosen animal.



The Frogs have taken excellent care of our four butterflies. They ensured they always had sugary water and fresh fruit every day. By the end of week the butterflies were ready to fly the net. We went onto Apple Tree Green to release them and once outside the butterflies began flapping their wings excitedly. Just before they flew away we named them, Lola, Curtis, Honey and Ergon. We were lucky to observe Ergon closely before he flew away and look at his two compound eyes, two antenna, six legs, three body segments and the symmetrical pattern on the wings.







## RECEPTION

# BIOLOGY WORKSHOP

Reception, Years 1 and 2 took part in biology workshops at the senior school on Thursday morning. They were working in six of the labs and the Eco Garden, doing a selection of science activities in each room, supported by some Lower Sixth pupils from biology and psychology







## YEAR 1

# WILD PLACE PROJECT

What a week we've had! At the end of last week, we had a magnificent time at the Wild Place Project. It was wonderful to mix the classes up and to see the older children supporting our youngest learners. The children had a brilliant time learning about deforestation in the UK and finding out which animals used to live in our woodlands.

This week, we have had our transition morning. The Year 1s came back with the biggest smiles on their faces, following a lovely morning with Miss Cox and Mrs Luxford. Pond dipping in our new pond was definitely highlight! They even spotted our newly formed frogs.





## MAKING CYANOTYPES

On Monday, Year 2 visited the senior school art department to make their own cyanotype photographic prints. The children foraged for natural materials and then went into the darkroom to arrange their pictures. Once laid out in the sunlight the magic happened and we had some wonderful prints! We also explored texture and colouring making leaf rubbings while we were waiting for them to dry. Thank you Mrs wwTurnbull for a fantastic morning!







# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS FOREST SCHOOL

The Minis had great fun in the forest making seed bombs to take home and stomping the dinosaurs through the swamp. The mud pizza ovens were certainly very busy and there was much pouring and scooping at our water stations. The Minis were very proud of themselves popping the popcorn over the fire for our snack. Well done Minis!

