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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It's been an exciting and action packed week at Millfield Prep, our Year 6 and 8s have been on camp in Bideford and Bude and will undoubtedly have lots to tell you about from all the fun activities they've been doing. Year 7 have also enjoyed day trips so it has been much quieter on campus for the rest of us and our younger children have been able to step up into more senior roles. Many pupils have also been taking exams this week.

I'm really looking forward to the Rock and Pop concert tonight, our very own mini Glastonbury, and I hope to see many of you there to enjoy the open air performance from our talented pupils. It's always a highlight of the year!

It was wonderful to welcome the Lower Sixth biology students from Millfield to our Eco Day helping our pupils to design wellbeing gardens. There were some fantastic creations to share with our own Grounds and Gardens team.

Good luck to all of our pupils competing in Germany next week representing Great Britain in the Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run European Championships, we'll be keeping you updated on their achievements on our socials.

Looking forward to Speech Day next week and enjoying the last week of the academic year.

Yours,

Dan

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## PARENT NOTICES

Please note the change of the email address for the Medical Centre to [prepmmedical@millfieldschool.com](mailto:prepmmedical@millfieldschool.com).

All other details remain the same.

## 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.

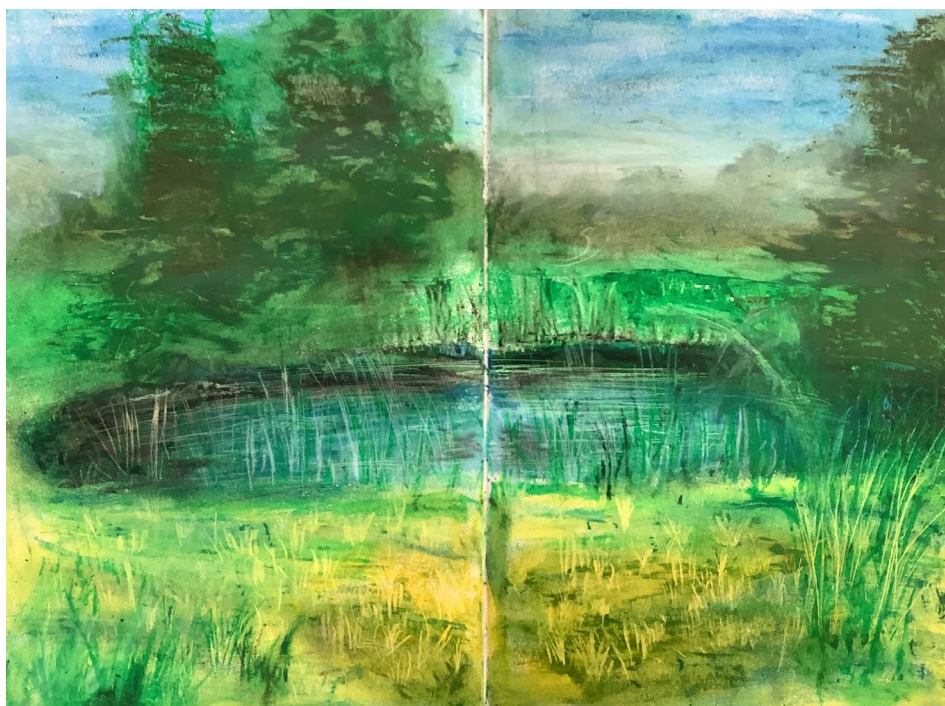
Spanish: **Jamás**

- 1) nowhere
- 2) never
- 3) nothing



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent oil pastel sketchbook drawing of our school pond by **Elsie S.**

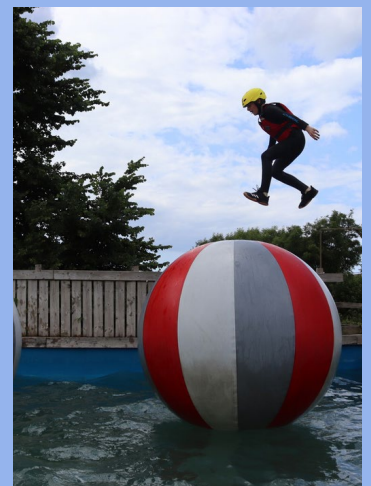




# YEAR 6 CAMP

Click the link below to see more from the Year 6 camp.

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# YEAR 8 CAMP





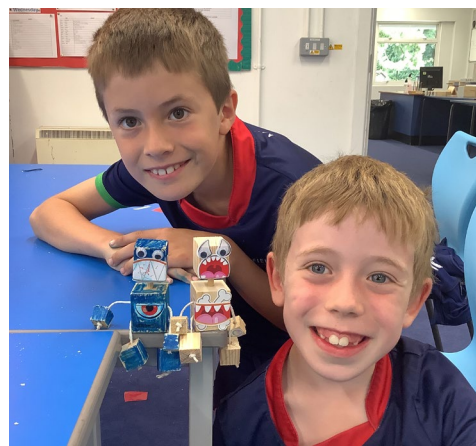
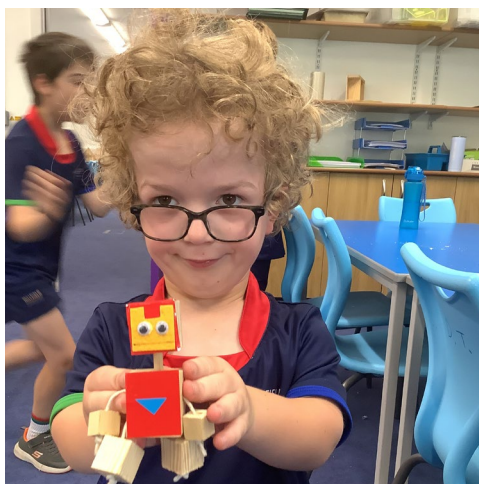




# JUNIOR DT OUTDOOR WEEK

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Some of Year 3, 4 and 5 have been making these fantastic block bots as part of their outdoor week. They showed excellent measuring skills and a good amount of creativity to produce unique block bots in the session. Well done to all who made them.



Year 5 pupils practicing their team work in the Forest School activity.





# JUNIOR ACTIVITY WEEK

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This week as part of our Junior Activity Week some of the Juniors have thought about what it means to be at MPS and put this into art work. They have created these beautiful butterfly wings in replica of Edgar Phillips artwork.



## FATHER'S DAY SHOP

The Parents & Friends Association held several Father's Day shops in Pre-Prep and Prep last week. We offer these shops to all pupils which are not profitable and purely for the benefit of the children. The excitement of the children and enthusiasm to choose a personal gift is invaluable, we experienced such a positive atmosphere and the children were courteous and polite to the parent helpers.



## GHEENT MUSIC TOUR CONCERT

It is an exceptionally busy and exciting time in the Music Department at the moment! Not only do we have over 50 pupils taking part in the Rock and Pop concert this Friday, and 60 pupils in the Young Voices Choir performing alongside selected senior orchestral musicians in the 70s Night Musical Extravaganza at Millfield on Monday, but on Saturday 1 July, a group of 42 children in Year 7 and 8 are heading to Belgium for our first Millfield Prep music tour in over 30 years! On Thursday 15 June, our tour choir proudly performed the choral programme we are taking on tour to an appreciative audience of family and friends. It requires enormous stamina and concentration to produce 45 minutes of quality singing and our pupils delivered a highly impressive and entertaining programme. I feel incredibly lucky to be taking such a wonderful, talented group of children abroad and I have no doubt that Belgian audiences will hugely enjoy the concerts! Congratulations to all the pupils - I hope you are looking forward to what promises to be an amazing trip!





# ENGLISH-SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL

Please [click here](#) to see the Shakespeare Film Festival 2023 films by Year 8. Given a limited amount of time, their task has been to work as a team to research, write a script and produce a short film to reimagine a chosen play by William Shakespeare.



## DT

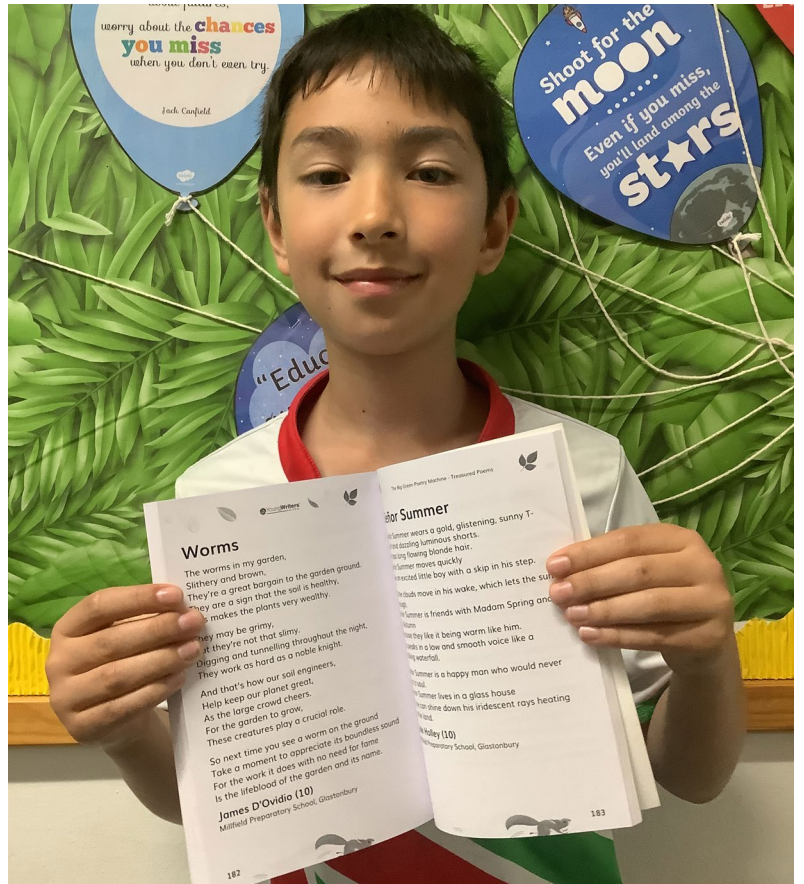
Well done to Year 5 for finishing their autograph cricket bats just in time for the start of the Ashes. Great work in the workshop and on the computers to produce accurate and well made bats.



# POETRY COMPETITION

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**James D** in Year 5 won a national competition to write a poem about nature and now has his worked published in a book - The Big Green Poetry Machine. Year 5 all took part in the competition and many of their entries are now published as part of the competition. James was one of ten winners in the country out of thousands of entries. It is a fantastic achievement for those Year 5s that are now published authors and well done to James for penning a winning entry with his poem about worms!



Well done to **Bernie S** in Year 4 for this fantastic piece of work. After making the aluminium coat hook in lessons, Bernie came back at lunch times during the week as he wanted to make a backing plate so that he could use it at home to hang his school bag on.

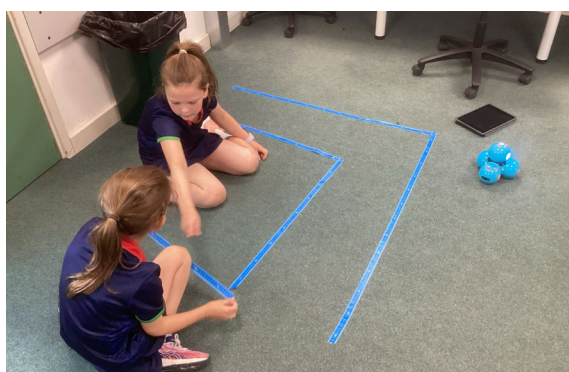
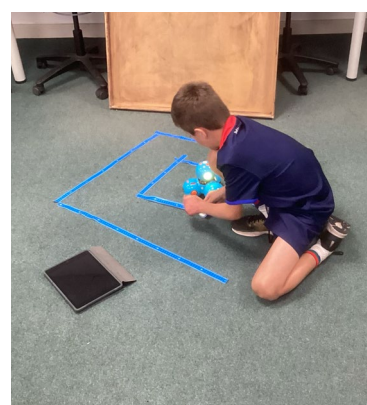
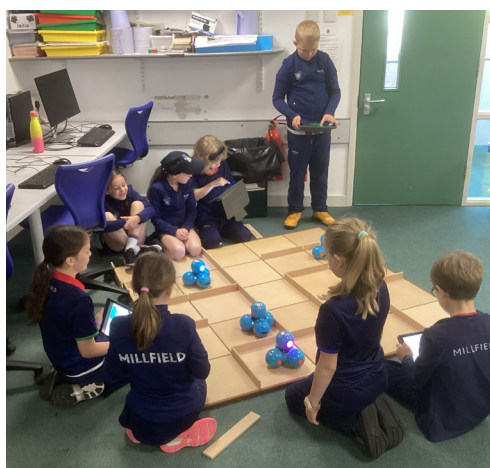
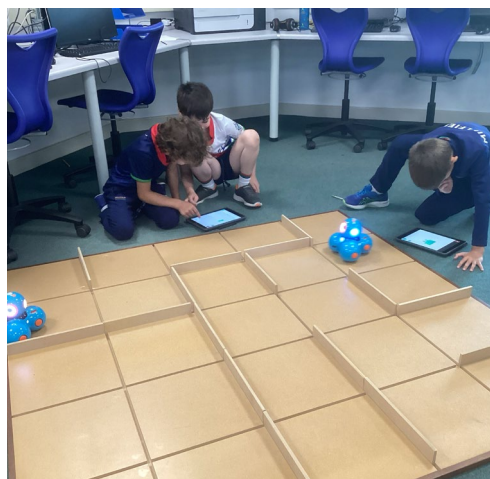




It was great to have all of Year 3 and 5JRB come to the computing & ICT department for some extended sessions as part of their activity days this week.

Year 3 looked at developing their programming & coding skills they have been working on in their weekly lesson this half of term with Mr James by working with the Dash robots. Firstly, we looked at programming them to move forwards, backwards and turn around and then we moved on to programming to create regular shapes by using the repeat function. Finally, the pupils designed their own course and then programmed Dash to move around it.

With 5JRB, we combined computing & ICT with art and the pupils used the Sphero robots to create some excellent artwork by controlling the robots through different coloured paints.

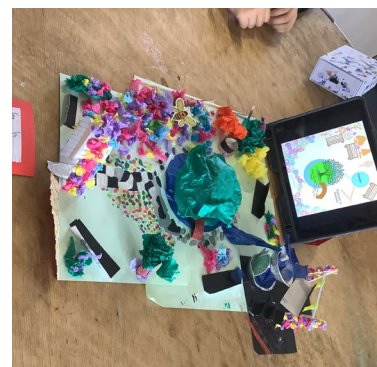




# LOWER SIXTH AND ECO DAY

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Lower Sixth biology students from Millfield visited Millfield Prep this morning to assist with Year 6 Eco Day, designing wellbeing gardens. The group were there to encourage the pupils with their design skills, help the group put together their plan and then make some 3D models of their designs and present them to the rest of the year. Some of the designs will be put forward to the Grounds and Gardens team to see what could be incorporated into the school grounds.





# BOARDING LIFE

## EDGARLEY MANOR

What a busy week! With Year 6 and 8 off on camp, and our remaining Year 7s taking part in a host of different trips and activities, there has been lots of organisation and forward thinking needed! The weekend was kicked off on Friday night with waffles and ice cream as a treat for snack. The boys then celebrated **Dere's** birthday with pizza and doughnuts on Saturday evening. Happy birthday to Dere! The breakfast van paid a visit on Sunday morning and the boys enjoyed dining outside. We have just seen the return of the Year 6 campers, who were buzzing to share stories of what they got up to. We look forward to welcoming the Year 8's back and hearing all about it!



## CHAMPION

It's been oddly quiet in Champion this week with both Year 6 and Year 8 girls away at camp, Year 7 have stepped up to do Year 8 duties this half term and it's been great hearing some of them listen to our youngest boarders read at bedtime. Cups of tea have been delicious too! On Sunday after lots of fun on site, we took part in the charity water slide, lots of fun as the BSA Boarding week began. On Monday evening our girls joined in with the Boarding Week 2k relay challenge, watch the video @Championmps. After a brief pause the girls baked some delicious cupcakes with all the toppings, thank you Miss B for organising! On Tuesday it was time for the Junior shopping trip, thank you Mrs S and Miss R. Armed with £5 each, the girls made careful choices and it was great to see collaboration too. The tree house has been a popular venue for the juniors this week and we have even squeezed in some road safety!





The annual Hungry Hippo tournament took place under the bright summer sun on Wednesday. It was like an oversized version of the classic board game. The boys worked in pairs to slide in and out on skateboards to collect the balls. It was frantic! We have also had 'Junior Takeover Week' in house. The Year 8 boys have jobs to do in house to earn their late nights, but they have not been here as they are away on camp. The younger boys have completed the jobs and they have earned themselves a late night as a thank you for their help. With just one more week to go, the boys are looking forward to the Chestnut end of year trip on Sunday and then the final few days before the long summer holiday.



## BEREWALL

The house has been very quiet this week, with the Year 8s away at camp. We waved them goodbye on Monday morning all packed and ready for some exciting adventures! The return on Friday will be a different story, with the vast amounts of washing...Oh well! With the Year 8s away, the remaining Year 7s had the run of the house. We celebrated with **Mohammad** on Tuesday for his 12th birthday. He treated his friends to cakes and pizza and in turn, they sang as loud as they could to make up for the low numbers. On Wednesday evening, the Year 7 boys were treated to a trip to Tesco. They were set a task of budgeting together to maximise their spending...they did very well! We did not realise that they could eat so many biscuits!!





**Sofia's** birthday gave us an exciting start to the week after lots of fun onsite with Zorbs, giant inflatables and the slippery slide charity event. With luggage galore, the Year 8s departed for camp on Monday morning, full of chatter about the week ahead, leaving the Year 7s to take over the house for a few days. They enjoyed their taste of being the oldest girls in the house and loved their trip to the bowling alley on Wednesday evening. The visit to Pre-Prep to see the new baby chicks was an education for many and we finished the week with the celebration of Mr Bingham's birthday and the return of the Year 8 girls from camp. Happy birthday to Sofia and Mr B!



## BOARDERS CHARITY SLIDE EVENT

On Sunday the boarders completed a Charity Water Slide on ostrich green. The pupils were raising money for Josephine's Star which is a Somerset based charity which helps children who have suffered bereavement. They slid for over an hour and raised over £500 for this worthwhile cause.





# SPORTING NEWS

## ATHLETICS

Last Friday in scorching hot sunshine our athletes in Year 6, 7 and 8 headed over to the senior school track for the South West Prep Schools Athletic Championships. It was a full day of athletics and they all competed strongly. We now have a team of 46 athletes to represent the South West at the national finals in Nuneaton in the holidays. Huge congratulations to all the athletes on a great competition. A nice way to round out the season for them.



**Polly W** won her 1500m and 200m and the 100m relay and so qualified for all these events at Nationals in Nuneaton on the 3rd July. She also won the National Schools Biathle at Leweston by 17 seconds, defending her title.



On June 18 the Millfield Modern Pentathlon Team traveled to Leweston School, for the 2023 National School's Biathle Championships. We had a superb day and many great performances. Well done to **Isobel R**, **Polly W** and **Ruby B** becoming individual National Champions! Year 3 Girls

**Isobel R** 1st, **Evelyn D** 5th and **Grace S** 8th.  
Overall team National Champions.

Year 3 Boys  
**Zachary D** 13th.

Year 4 Girls  
**Willow S** 8th and **Rosie K** 12th.

Year 5 Boys  
**Raffie B** 6th and **Noah K** 11th.

Year 6 Boys  
**Tommy K** 7th.

Year 6 Girls  
**Polly W** 1st place and **Elsie S** 2nd.  
Year 7 Boys

**Henry M** 2nd, **James P** 5th and **Hayden R** 12th.  
Overall team 2nd.

Year 7 Girls  
**Lois M** 3rd, **Bea S** 5th, **Elsie S** 6th, **Eva D** 8th, **Maya S** 12th and **Lily W** 14th.  
Overall team National Champions and 2nd team.

Year 8 Boys  
**Xavier B** 4th, **Daniel A** 5th, **Mateo E** 6th, **Toby W** 9th.  
Overall team National Champions.

Year 8 Girls  
**Ruby B** 1st and **Hope L** 3rd.

## TENNIS

Over the weekend, **Noah F**, **Isabella W** and **Finn S** played in various tennis tournaments. Congratulations to Isabella who won an U9 tournament in Sherborne and to Finn who won an U8 tournament in Yeovil! Also, well done to Noah who came runner up in an U9 tournament that was held at Millfield Prep on Saturday.

Congratulations to **Ollie W** who won an U14 Grade 4 tournament on Sunday!



We wish **Toby W** the best of luck this week as he competes in a European tennis tournament in Finland!





The IAPS Clay Pigeon Shoot was hosted at the West London Shooting School, so necessitated an early start for **Toby W** to meet his teammate **Theo T**. Despite the early start, Toby shot really well scoring a very creditable 32 from 50 clays in his first year of IAPS shooting. Toby showed no nerves and remained calm throughout the five stands, even when the wind doubled in speed and started drifting the clays on stands four and five. Toby was shooting with WLSS provided 20 bores but took to it very well despite finding the safety catch on when not expected!

Shooting first from the pair, Theo opened with a simply stunning 9-10-9 over the first three stands, before finding it significantly harder in the stronger winds on stands four and five, returning scores of six and seven respectively to end with a score of 41/50. The weather was beautiful despite the variable wind and the whole event was seamlessly run with minimum waiting on each stand. Everyone had a great day!

Overall, the boys won the gold medal for a team of four or fewer and Theo took an individual silver medal for his excellent score of 41 clays shot, placing second out of all the U13s.



## SWIMMING

**Max W** participated in Salisbury Stingrays Swimming Gala.

1st - 200 meter back

3rd - 100 meter free

3rd - 100 meter back





The riders all had an amazing time at Nunney International Horse Trials. They are all keen to go eventing now.



A little in-house Wednesday afternoon competition to give some of the younger riders a little snippet of what is involved in competing in a friendly environment. This is **Isobel** on **Louella**.





# 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!

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August (9am - 4pm)

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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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## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



It was lovely to see so many families attend on Friday afternoon to celebrate our Dads, Grandads, Uncles and other significant male role models. The classrooms were full of different activities: painting, creating, making and playing. Time together is so important and I thank you for all your involvement, the children really enjoyed it and thank you for all the positive feedback, it is always very much appreciated.

As we move even closer to the end of term, there are more opportunities for you to come into Pre-Prep and I hope you are able to join us at some, or at all of the following events:

## KEY DATES

**Wednesday 28 June 2pm & Thursday 29 June 9:30am**  
Whole School Production – Pre-Prep Hall

**Tuesday 4 July - 1:30pm – 3:15pm**  
Pre-Prep Sportsday – Main field by Pavilion

**Wednesday 5 July – 11am Prep Assembly Hall**  
Whole School End of Year Assembly. All families are welcome to attend to celebrate an amazing year at Pre-Prep.

School finishes at 12 midday

PRE-SCHOOL

## HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
103	110	108	131
68	66	56	59
171	176	164	190



# FATHER'S DAY FUN

The Pre-Prep had a lovely afternoon on Friday. We welcomed all the dads, granddads, brothers and uncles into the classrooms to say thank you for everything they do. Together we enjoyed decorating biscuits and medals, having portraits drawn, making sunflowers, playing board games and dressing up for the photo booth. Great fun was had by all, and we finished with refreshments on Apple Tree Green.







## TADPOLES

# PRACTISING OUR RUNNING

This week the Tadpoles have been enjoying listening to the book 'Peppa Pig's sports day' We talked about how we are going to be taking part in our own sports day soon and went to the school field to practise our running. They were great at staying between the lines and everyone cheered as their friends ran.





## PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

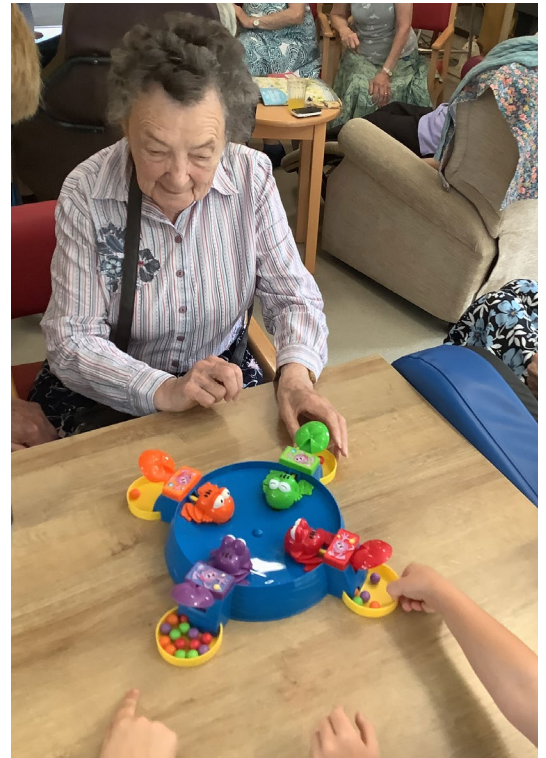
The Frogs have been busy preparing for the whole school production, 'Hat's Off'. They have been practising their raindrop dance and painting pictures for the scenery. It's all very exciting and promises to be a wonderful show!



### RECEPTION

## PLAYING BOARD GAMES

This week the Reception children took their favourite board games to play with the elderly residents of Glastonbury care home. The residents thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children and Reception behaved so wonderfully.





# BIOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Year 1, Year 2 and Reception were invited to Millfield for a morning in the biology department and the 6th Form students. The children had a fantastic time learning about life cycles, animal classification, adaptation, and habitats. They held maggots, cockroaches and snakes, looked at the skeleton of a tortoise and counted the vertebrae in a giraffe's neck. They even used the microscopes to look at the surface of leaves, petals and feathers, and looked at the different parts of a heart. What an experience!

Thank you to all the staff involved. The pupils really did gain a huge amount from the morning and the 6th Form students were excellent teachers and role models for the Pre-Prep pupils.





## MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

Year 1 and 2 were extremely lucky to have the Year 9 Sport Leaders join us at the Prep school. The students have been taking part in the Sport Leader scheme, which develops their sport leadership and accredits them with a level 1 qualification at the end of the programme.

They put on a Superhero themed morning for the Pre-Prep pupils, which developed the student's communication, teamwork, self-esteem and soft sport skills. The Year 1 and 2 pupils loved the session and really benefited from working with the Millfield students.

Thank you to Mrs Hilton for organising such a fabulous activity for us.





# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS BOUNCE

The Minis had great fun walking, crawling and jumping on the massive trampolines. Some of the Minis even showed us their star jumps and seat drops! We all did a super job at taking turns and enjoyed exploring all the physical activities set up in the Prep Sports Hall whilst waiting for our turn. A massive thank you to Adam, Denise and Polly, our fabulous trampoline coaches, for helping the Minis this week-we absolutely loved it!

