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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

The term is well and truly underway now and it gives me great pleasure to introduce the first Newsletter of the academic year. A huge welcome to all those families new to Millfield Prep. It has been lovely to meet your children over the past two weeks and it has also been great to meet many of you too – the Coffee Morning today was a helpful opportunity to put some more faces to names and I very much hope those who didn't make it will be able to attend another 'Meet the Head' event next Friday 22 September, from 2.45pm. Of course an equally warm welcome back to all those current families too. By now I should imagine most of the summer holiday cobwebs have been blown off and your children will be starting to feel like they are back into the routine of school.

You will see from the content of this newsletter that MPS remains as diverse and exciting as ever, with a vast array of opportunities for the pupils. It is also a fantastic community for you as parents, grandparents or guardians to be part of. A key part of building that wider sense of community is our fantastic Parents and Friends Association. Led by Sarah Hughes, the group has gone from strength to strength since its relaunch last year. To those new to the school, I would urge you to register for Classlist, an app and online platform designed to keep the wider MPS community connected. Classlist is moderated by a group of parent ambassadors, many of them part of the P&FA team, and helps connect people alongside providing a wealth of community building information. Hopefully you will have already received some information about joining Classlist but, if not, please get in touch with the school and we will point you in the right direction. Some of the P&FA team were at the Coffee Morning today and will also be there next Friday afternoon so do pop in to say hello to them.

The start of a school year for me is always exciting – fresh faces, immense energy and positivity abound and the beginning of this term has been no different. The lovely weather has undoubtedly helped and it has been fantastic to watch the school roar back to life again. I have already enjoyed watching countless lessons, activities and fixtures and my diary is full with many more events to enjoy over the coming weeks.

I do hope all the children have settled into school life again but please don't worry if they haven't. Whether an old hand or a new starter, the beginning of the year can be very overwhelming, especially in a school as busy as ours. The end of the second week particularly, just as the novelty is starting to wear off, is a common time to get the wobbles. Remember to reach out to Group Tutors if you have any areas of concern and they will do their very best to iron out any creases or point you in the direction of someone who can help.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. Here's to another very successful and fulfilling year for everyone at MPS!

Yours,
Dan

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WELCOME BACK!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent pencil drawing by **Elsie D.**



PARENT NOTICES

Meet the Head

We are delighted to invite parents to meet with Mr Thornburn and some of the Senior Management Team on Friday 22 September, from 2.45pm until 3.45pm in the Shayler Pavilion. This is also an opportunity to speak with our Parents and Friends Association and meet with other parents. Parents may drop in at any time between 2.45pm and 3.45pm. An RSVP is not required, but it would be helpful if you could indicate if you are attending by completing [this form](#).

Pick Up

Please can parents park in the bottom car park (Shayler Pavilion car park) if there are no spaces along Martins Lane. We also ask that people do not turn in Martins Lane, but instead continue to the bottom roundabout.

Exeat weekend

The school will shut at 3.45pm on Friday 22 September for exeat weekend. There will be no clubs, activities, games or late provision. Traffic is likely to be high on campus, so please arrive at your allocated time slots for year groups and not before, otherwise the campus will become blocked. Siblings are able to be picked up together at earlier time slots. Please make sure your children are aware of times and venues to avoid any confusion.

Pre-Prep - 3.15pm Staff car park
Year 3 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 4 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 5 - 3.45pm Martin's Lane
Year 6 - 4.00pm Martin's Lane
Year 7 - 3.45pm Reception car park
Year 8 - 4.00pm Reception car park

Harvest Celebration

Pupils will be collecting items for the local Food Bank as part of the Harvest Celebration. Please can pupils bring in items and give them to their group tutor on Monday 18 September.

Items in short supply

- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Vegetables (Peas, carrots, sweetcorn, green beans, tomatoes)
- Baked Beans
- Tinned and Packet Soup
- Tinned Fish
- Microwave Rice
- Vegan Meals
- Pasta Sauce
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Peanut Butter
- Tea
- Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Long-life Non-dairy Milk

Other items they welcome

- Long-life Fruit Juice (orange, apple, pineapple)
- Tinned Fruit (all types e.g. mandarins, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail)
- Tinned Meat (pies, stewed meat, slicing meat e.g. ham, corned beef)
- Tinned Chickpeas/Lentils
- Marmite
- Pasta
- Rice
- Ready Meals (e.g. rice/pasta packets)
- Tinned Puddings (sponge puddings, custard, rice pudding and similar)
- Sugar
- Squash
- Biscuits

Water bottles

Please remember to ensure that your children have a water bottle in school. They can fill this up at breaktime and lunchtime at one of the water fountains around campus.

SPORT NOTICES

Mouthguards

Please ensure pupils have their mouthguards for games sessions and match days. If pupils do not have these, a temporary no mould one may be provided, but a cost of £5 will be added to bills.

Match Day

Please come into school in your games kit ready for matches, but bring your uniform in your kit bag, incase this is needed afterwards.

Calling ALL Year 3 and 4 Parents...

Saturday 16 September 9am - Warminster Hockey and Rugby Festival

ONLINE SAFETY PUPIL TALKS

As part of our induction programme during the first two days of term, we were very fortunate to be joined by Boris Radanovic from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the Southwest Grid for Learning, who gave some highly thought-provoking and informative Online Safety presentations to all pupils in Years 1 to 8. Online Safety education is vital for anyone who works with or cares for young people and forms a vital aspect of a school's safeguarding strategy. Recognising, responding and dealing with online issues can be challenging, while legislation and inspections highlight a setting's ability to keep children, teachers and other staff safe online.

Boris spoke about both the positive and negative effects of the internet, gaming and social media and how to keep safe in the virtual world, and with our older pupils talked about the hot topic of artificial intelligence (AI). In this field the positives far outweigh the negatives, but it is hugely important our pupils know how to keep themselves safe, know how to act as responsible digital citizens and know what to do if they come across something or someone who makes them feel threatened or uncomfortable. It was very clear from listening to the children that they enjoy playing games and communicating online. This is absolutely fine, but it is important that they are doing this on platforms that are appropriate to them and designed for their age.

Central to your children staying safe online is that you are part of their digital lives, you know what they are doing online and that you have open and constructive conversations with them around online safety. With this in mind, I thought you might find the links below useful when talking to your children about this subject.

[Live Streaming & vlogging](#)
[Balancing Screen Time](#)
[Instagram Checklist](#)
[Snapchat Checklist](#)
[Roblox Checklist](#)
[TikTok Checklist](#)
[Common Sense Media](#)

NEW STAFF!

We would like to welcome our wonderful new staff who have joined us this term from all over the world. We are very fortunate to have them here at Millfield Prep School and we wish them all the very best.

From top left: **Annmarie Tatar, Caroline Free, Natasha Greene, Lizzie Strong, Jessie Duerdoth, Lily Cox, Marc Lambert-Montague, Karen Pattison and Louise Caulfield**

From bottom left: **Jordan Barnes, Eleanor Maddocks, Trixie Nicholson, Izabella Pennycooke, Nakira Downes, Louise Brooke, Su-Lin Ditcham.**



As part of our study skills programme for pupils, the company we use, Elevate Education, also offer an accompanying series of webinars for parents. They are free to join. Just [sign up here](#) to any or all of the presentations.



Elevate Education's Autumn Term Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help **support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.**

Register today at: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar>

How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated - 19th September 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time - 3rd October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 17th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory - 14th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child - 28th November 6:00pm

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 12th December 6:00pm

HOUSE FUN RUN



All pupils in the school have completed the House Fun Runs during the first week. They raced around the grounds in unusually sunny conditions. Our grounds department have managed to keep the fields in perfect condition and the course looked great. The four houses battle it out in a large selection of sports, activities and events throughout the year. Thank you to the staff who joined the pupils (they were very kind and let the pupils win this year!) Click the camera icon above to see the full album of photos!

Well done to all the runners for their efforts in the House Fun Run. The pupils in Years 3-8 all played their part. The results are in...

1. Saxons
2. Angles
3. Jutes
4. Danes





GEOGRAPHY TRIP - THE JURASSIC COAST

Tuesday 19 September: 8PH, 8SI, 8NE, 8TH

Thursday 21 September: 8JA, 8HK, 8KO, 8CA

Depart school at 8.30am - Return to school at 5.00pm

Why are we going on this trip?

The purpose of this trip is to support the teaching of the geography topic, 'Coasts.' We will spend the day learning about how the sea is responsible for shaping the coastline at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door as well as looking at the impact of tourism in the area.



What do I need to wear?

School games kit, trainers and school coat. We will be outside all day, in all kinds of weather.

What do I need to bring?

- A small rucksack, (you need your hands free to draw field sketches and make notes).
- A water bottle – very important! We are doing a lot of walking and you will get thirsty.
- If the weather forecast predicts hot weather, you will need sun cream and a cap.
- You will be given a clipboard and a pencil on the day.

Anything else I need to know?

No electronics / iPads / Phones.

If necessary, travel sickness / hayfever tablets must be taken before we leave.

If you have an inhaler and / or epipen, you must bring them with you.

ART TRIP - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES, CARDIFF

Tuesday 19 September: 8CA, 8KO, 8JA, 8HK

Thursday 21 September: 8NE, 8TH, 8SI, 8PH

Depart school at 8.30am - Return to school at 5.00pm

Why are we going on this trip?

To look at and draw from great works of art first hand.

What do I need to wear?

School Formal uniform.

Bring a coat to wear or sit on (we will be eating lunch outside).

What do I need to bring?

- A small rucksack (useful to keep your drawing equipment, water bottle etc).
- A water bottle – very important! We are not providing you with water. You can refill your bottle in the museum.
- Colouring pencils or felt tips, rubber, sharpener (we will provide you with a 2B drawing pencil).

Anything else I need to know?

No phones, but bring iPads (not to be used on the coach).

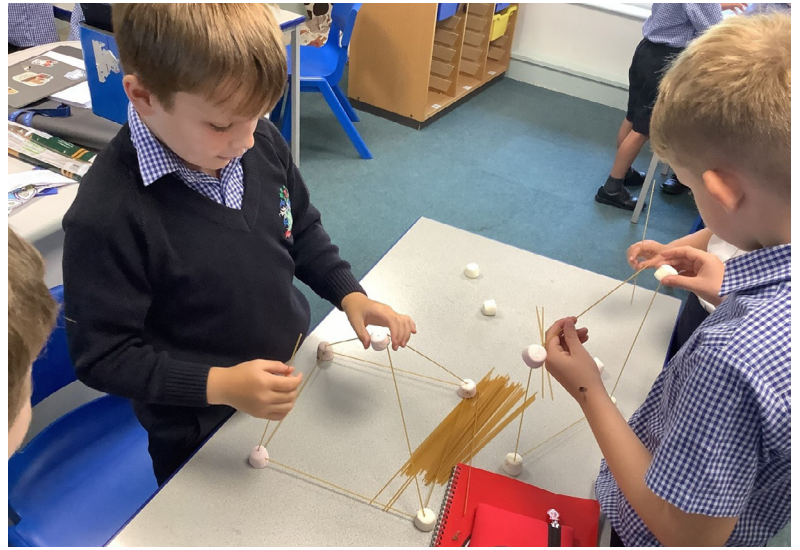
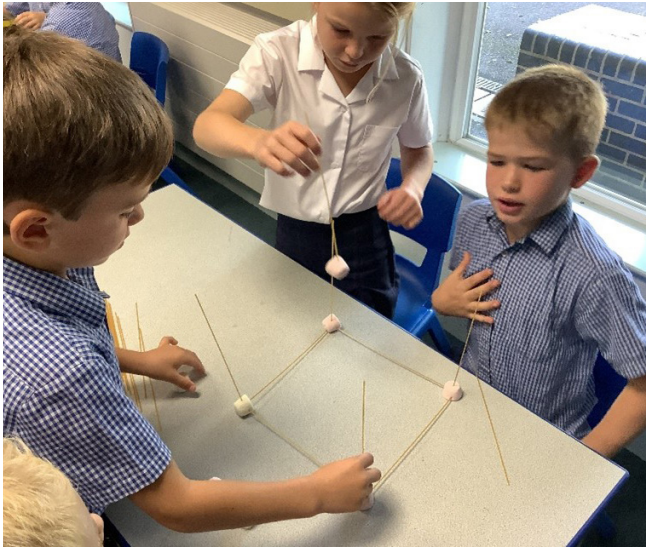
If necessary, travel sickness must be taken before we leave.

If you have an inhaler and / or epipen, you must bring them with you.

No money to be brought.

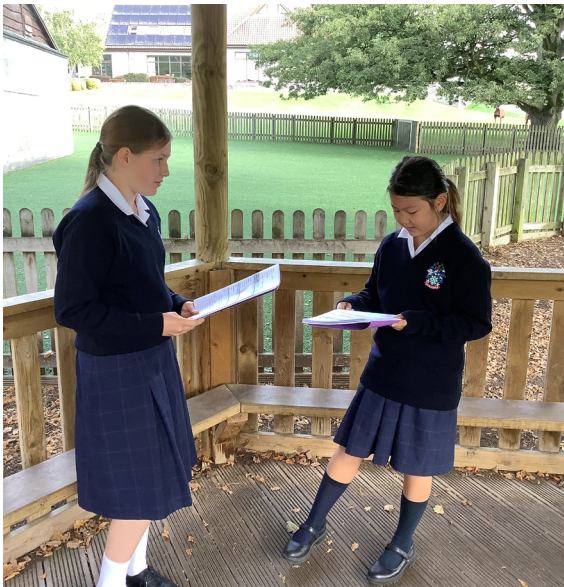


Year 3 have made a super start to the new year! To kick off the term, they have been thinking about the eight IPC personal goals. To do so, the children were challenged to build the tallest possible structure out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Despite several towers collapsing and very sticky hands, the children showed great collaboration and resilience. At the end of the challenge, they all reflected on what their goal would be for the term, be that being adaptable, respectful, a collaborator, a thinker, a communicator, showing empathy, resilience or ethics.



LANGUAGES

Year 7 have been learning how to greet each other in French this week and perform their dialogues!



WORD OF THE WEEK

The Word of the Week is back! 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.

French: **le pantalon**

- 1) skirt
- 2) trousers
- 3) jumper



YEAR 4 ORCHESTRA DAY

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Every year, pupils in Year 4 are lucky enough to learn an instrument in their music lessons as part of our Orchestral Project. This culminates in the formation of the Year 4 Orchestra and a special performance in the summer concert at the end of the year. This year, the instruments on offer include violin, cello, double bass, harp, oboe, bassoon, flute, clarinet, trumpet/cornet, trombone/tuba and French horn. On Tuesday, we were delighted to allow the Year 4s a chance to try all of these instruments as part of our Orchestra Day. It was wonderful to see all the pupils back together again, so engaged with the instrumental staff and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the experience! They all behaved impeccably and demonstrated some incredible raw talent. At the end of the day, pupils took their orchestral booklets home and were asked to indicate which instruments they would like to learn for the year on the final page. There was much anticipation for this week's lesson in which the pupils were allocated their instruments! Many thanks to all the staff involved for their wonderful efforts on Tuesday. All the Year 4s are hugely excited about the prospect of learning a new instrument.



CALLING ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS!

Has your child ever wondered what it might be like to play an instrument or have singing lessons? Or perhaps they already learn an instrument but would like to try a second? The music department currently offer lessons on a huge range of instruments including 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.

All pupils have the opportunity to have a completely free taster lesson on their chosen instrument (after which you will receive written feedback from the teacher). If you decide to go ahead, the first five lessons are probationary.

Forms to sign up for lessons can be found on the parent portal. Under forms to complete optional, please click - Prep vocal and instrumental music lessons.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of music lessons at the school, please contact kew.j@millfieldschool.com

ECO CLUB

The first Eco Club of the term was one of celebration, as we proudly showed off our Eco Schools award for 2023. The club have already come up with some great projects to focus on this year, including converting the old science shed into our Eco Hub. Hopefully we can share the finished room with everyone later in the year! We also harvested the last raspberries and beans from the veg patch.



DT

Well done to 3BJD who have had their first experience in the DT workshop during the first couple of weeks of term. The pupils have been fully engaged in using their maths skills to use a ruler and discuss angles, whilst beginning the construction of their pirate ships. Well done everyone!



This week in Food Tech, Year 4 were looking at healthy breakfast options and created breakfast muffins.



Year 7 pupils enjoyed making lemon drizzle muffins. They worked on their ability to follow a recipe independently.



Year 3 pupils were working on using knives safely and produced fruit salads.



Hello to all our wonderful Millfield Prep pupils. We're thrilled to announce that the library is open and ready to welcome you all back. Mrs. Caulfield, our friendly librarian, can't wait to see your smiling faces so make sure to drop by and say hello!

We've got an exciting lineup of activities planned for you. Get ready for exciting competitions, brain-teasing quizzes and, later in the year, visits from some amazing authors. But that's not all – a treasure trove of new books is making its way onto our shelves, just waiting for you to dive into their pages.

For those seeking a break from the world of books, we've introduced new board games, challenging jigsaw puzzles and creative craft activities to keep you entertained. If you would like to volunteer in the library, Mrs Caulfield is also looking for some new recruits.

Lastly, some great news: we're having a book amnesty! If you've accidentally held onto a book for too long, don't worry. Simply drop your overdue books into the big box by the library entrance – no questions asked. We can't wait to see you all soon, we're eager to make this term at the library the best one yet!



YOUNG WRITERS POETRY COMPETITION...

Open to any pupil aged 11-18 years and offers an opportunity for your work to be published in a real book!

The theme is 'This is Me'.

See Miss Pattison or your English Teacher for more details and an entry form.

Entries to Miss Pattison or your English teacher by Thursday 12 October.

SCIENCE

The Science Department are excited to help launch the Millfield Biology Photo Competition this term. The theme is "Our Changing World" and there are different categories for which one photo can be submitted per entrant. There are groups for Pre-Prep, Prep, Staff, and the wider community, as well as the Senior School. The closing date is Monday 30 October. Send your entries to biophotocomp@millfieldschool.com For more information, please visit the Biology Minerva page or look for the posters in the science labs.

Millfield Biology 2023 Photo Competition

Millfield Biology's 3rd Annual photography competition invites the **whole of the Millfield community** to submit photographs within our theme.

Theme : Our Changing World

How to enter :

Each entrant can submit one photograph in each category, (listed on the Biology Minerva page)

Send your photographs to: Biophotocomp@millfieldschool.com

Please read the terms and conditions before entering and submitting your photographs.

Closing date for all entries is 30th October 2023. (Extended date)

Shortlisted entries will be announced in November 2023, and winning entries announced in January 2024.

Contact

If you have any queries regarding the competition, please contact Miss Patel or Mrs Mathias-Lukins within the Biology department.



BOARDING LIFE

CHESTNUT

It is hard to believe that this is only the second week of the year, but it has been another busy one. The weather is really helping at the moment and the outside court is getting some excellent use in the evenings. On Wednesday, the whole Millfield Prep boarding community headed to Glastonbury Fair. They filled up on 'nutritious' sugary food and were then spun in many directions! Some of the staff braved the rides and had to try their hardest not to scream, as that would only make the ride go faster. It was lovely to have all of the houses out together.



CHAMPION

It's been lovely to hear Champion full of noise and laughter again as the new term begins. Our new boarders have quickly settled into their new routines and it's been great to see them making new friends. With the amazing weather recently, we have spent a lot of time outside in the tree house, on the waterslide and the swing ball has proved popular too! On Wednesday, all the boarding houses visited Tor Fair. It was a brilliant evening with lots of happy faces.



Our boys are enjoying the warm summer evenings and have been making the most of the light when playing in our beautiful grounds. We have celebrated our first teenager, with **Riccardo** turning 13. The boys had lots of fun at the Glastonbury Fair for our first house trip. Lots of the boys have represented Millfield in a variety of sporting fixtures, some for the first time. A whirlwind start and the existing boys have been great with our new starters, showing them the ropes and also comforting any homesickness. We are very proud of the new boys who are learning lots whilst being away from home and becoming more independent each day.



HOLLIES

The girls have enjoyed a very busy start to their time in Hollies. They have quickly developed friendships and grown accustomed to the house and school routines. We can't believe we have only been together just over a week and a half! The girls have enjoyed a few sessions on the slipper slide to help them cool off in the heat after a day at school. On a couple of occasions, this was followed by a much needed ice lolly! On Thursday, the girls had their first day in school uniform and they all looked amazing. As a special treat, the girls had a fruit extravaganza with a chocolate fountain before settling down for a film and some popcorn. Inflatables, Rodeo Bull, Surf Simulator, Go Karts and Zorb Football created plenty of excitement as part of the Boarders' Sunday Programme at the weekend. Congratulations to **Viv** who has been appointed as one of the Heads of School and to **Lulu** and **Arabella** who are the Hollies Heads of House for the Autumn Term. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the new girls in the house as well as welcoming back the Hollies girls from last year. We are very proud of how they have all started and look forward to an exciting year together.





EDGARLEY MANOR

We have had an amazing start to the term here at Edgarley Manor. It has been so lovely welcoming our old boys back and also meeting all of the new boarders. It is wonderful to see the boys getting to know each other and watching friendships start to blossom. Our old boys have been wonderful role models, helping the new boys to settle in and guiding them with house routines. We have seen such kindness. They had a great trip up the Tor with Mr Carruthers to take a view of Edgarley Manor from above. Saturday night saw our first 'tuck night' and the boys enjoyed choosing their tuck and then watching a game of rugby or a film. On Wednesday evening, we went to Tor Fair and the boys had a fantastic time on the rides!



SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

Everley S-D represented England at the Home International, and her team were placed a very respectable 10th. Diddles won his Petplan Area Festival Championship and Teddy finished third. Everley was the highest scoring U21 rider for both. Everley has qualified for the championships at Arena UK in October and the British Dressage Cavago Championships.



The awesome grassroots team at Hickstead finished ninth in the 50cm National Championships. They were competing against U14 riders, so they were an extremely young team that rode with maturity above their years.



Margot M on Mr Cow and **Matilda R-C** on Bluebell, going out for a Wednesday afternoon hack.



On the penultimate day of school in June, the riders set off to Hickstead ready to compete on the Friday. Early Friday morning we were all up washing, finishing off plaiting horses, walking the course again for the National Junior Championships. All schools compete in the first round of competition and the top ten schools go through to the finals, which is held in the world famous Hickstead Arena. The Millfield Prep team of **Hattie T**, **Sarah H**, **Ella L**, **Larissa M** and **Dotti S** who rode with Millfield School's team, all jumped wonderful clear rounds. MPS qualified in the top spot. So into the main arena, as the last school to jump after a nail biting finish. we narrowly missed out on the title. A massive well done to everyone who took part!



WEDNESDAY 20
& SATURDAY 30
SEPTEMBER



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EQUESTRIAN TASTER SESSIONS

Come down to the stables, meet the horses and try riding!
Please contact: glynjones.h@millfieldschool.com



Millfield Prep's Modern Pentathlon squad had a busy summer full of international and domestic competitions. The team continued to fly the Millfield flag over the holidays as they gained valuable experience. There were some fantastic performances and memories made. Focus and preparation has been quickly set on 2023-24, where pupils will look ahead to another exciting year. Read a parent account of the European Championships and other highlights by [clicking here](#).



Congratulations also to **Eva D**, who won the GB Series Biathlon race at Allerthorpe Lake Park, York.



The LTA have awarded Millfield Prep U10 Performance Programme status again this year, which recognises the commitment in fostering the development of young aspirational tennis players. This means that the LTA National Pathway coaches will continue to work closely with our Prep coaches and this kitemark will provide access to a high level of coach development opportunities, which will continue to raise our standards and allow our players the best opportunity to move through the LTA Player Pathway.

The U12 Boys National Club League team of **Toby W, Zach K, Ollie W** and **Fredi D-H** qualified for the National Club League finals at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, coming fourth out of the 5,500 clubs that entered this competition.

Four Millfield Prep players qualified for LTA National Championships in their age groups: **Zach K, Tommy W, Alemendra C G** and **Toby W**. Toby who reached the SF of U12 doubles at the Championships. Zach reached the QF of the U12 doubles in Nottingham, while Toby also reached the U12 doubles quarter final at a Grade 2 event in Scotland.

Ollie W qualified for the 'Play your Way to Wimbledon' National Finals at Wimbledon. Ollie also won four Grade 3 U12 Doubles events (two of which with fellow Prep pupil **Tommy W**) and an U14 Grade 4 Doubles title (also with Tommy beating **Fredi D-H** and **Thomas K** in the final). Ollie was a winner and runner up in two U12 Grade 3 singles events, won a Grade 4 U16 singles and doubles title and was runner-up in the U16 Grade 4 in Cirencester. Tommy won the Grade 3 U12 singles at the Wigan Head Open.

Fredi D-H came third in a Grade 3 event in Sussex and competed in a National level tournament in Spain, where he reached the SF of the U12 singles and QF of the U14 singles.

Arabella G played in the Esher U12 Grade 3 and won the consolation draw.

Both the boys and girls teams are through to the Regional Playoffs of the Year 7 and 8 National Schools Competition, with the boys team due to play away against Bournemouth School on Thursday 28 September.

In the Somerset County Closed Competition, Millfield Prep pupils won the following titles:

Charlotte J-A U8 Girls winner

Noah F U8 Boys winner (Finn S runner up) and U9 Boys winner

Almendra C G U10 Girls winner (Lowri S runner up)

Oscar F U10 Boys winner (Max W runner up)

Almendra C G U11 Girls winner (Lowri S runner up)

Oscar F U11 Boys winner

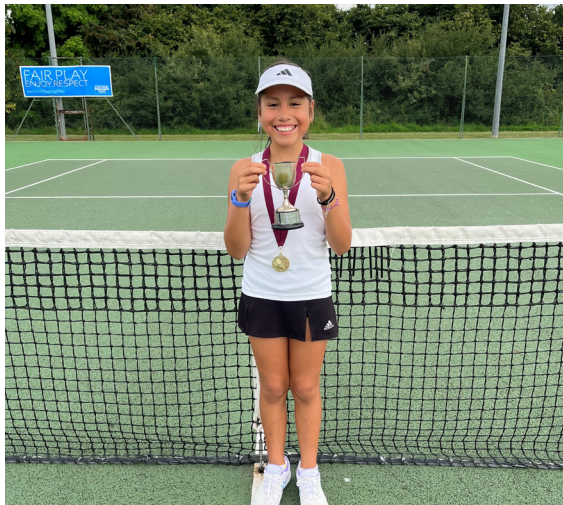
Toby W U12 Boys winner, U14 Boys runner up, U16 Boys SF and third in U18 Doubles with **Thomas K**.

Zach K won the U12 Doubles and was runner up in the U14 Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight County Closed. He also won the East Dorset Grade 3 singles title.

Tommy W won the U12 singles at the Avon County Closed and has been invited to play at the Babolat National Finals later in September. He will be representing Avon in the U12 County Cup competition this weekend. **Toby W, Ollie F** and **Fredi D-H** are representing Somerset in the U12 County Cup, while **Zach K's** county team are already through to the National finals. This year, an incredible 17 Millfield Prep players have represented their respective counties in the County Cup competitions across all the age groups.

Oscar F won the U11 event at Allt-yr-Yn, Newport, while **Edward P** was the U14 Grade 5 consolation winner at Cheddar.





The U12s started the season with some excellent hockey on a very hot Saturday afternoon last week. The girls were very receptive to coaching and worked really hard for the team, delivering some excellent results. The A team won their mini tournament with two good victories; without conceding a goal. The B squad made up of the 'Edgarley' and 'Meyer' teams both played some great hockey with the Edgarley team winning the mini league, the Meyer team finished in second place. Well done to all for a great start to the season with lots of hard work ahead to maintain this level of improvement.



The first match for the U13C was the annual Hazlegrove tournament. On a blistering hot day, the girls had a round robin format versus three other schools. All the girls contributed to an excellent set of performances, with the following scores: 1- 0 win vs Taunton and Hazlegrove culminating in a 5-0 vs King College Prep. Top scorer of the day was **Sarah H** with five out of the seven goals. A great start to the season. Thank you to the parents who came to support.





SPORT PARENT WEBINAR

**BEST PREP SCHOOL
SEASON YET**
PARENT SERIES



MILLFIELD

Let's help our children have their best season yet. Parents are key and vital partners in ensuring that children gain the most from this coming school year.

Parents, join us for **four FREE** practical, insightful, and impactful sessions that will support you in helping your child get the most out of what our school offers.

The sessions will be led by Richard Shorter, who has worked with parents of top UK sporting organisations.

Richard will also be joined by four guests from the sports world. Emily Scarratt, England Rugby star, will be the first guest.

Sign up using the supplied link to ensure you don't miss out.



DISCOVER BRILLIANCE

**11+ SCHOLARSHIPS
APPLY BY
1 DECEMBER 2023**

Academic, Art, Music, Sport Scholarships are available for entry into Years 6, 7 and 8.

Scholarships can be supplemented with bursaries.

We also offer the Millfield Prep Award recognising talented all-rounders.

**NEXT
OPEN DAYS**

**OCTOBER 7
MARCH 2
MAY 11**

WHY MILLFIELD PREP?

- Independent Prep School of the Year 2022/2023
- Double excellent ISI Inspection
- Named best sports school by 'School Sports Magazine'

BOARDING OPTIONS

Full and flexi boarding is available and provides an excellent introduction to boarding before the transition to Millfield School.



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The U13A team travelled to Port Regis on Saturday for Round One of ISFA. They were sharp and composed, dominating from the first minute. They maintained possession well throughout the game and displayed moments of individual brilliance, resulting in the match finishing 9-2. Well done boys! Round Two here we come...



ATHLETICS

Ella D competed at the Autumn Open Track and Field Meeting in Swindon last weekend for Team Bath Athletics. Ella finished in first place in the U13 girls division in high jump with a 1.3m jump!



ROWING

The first indoor rowing club was a great success this week. We were coached by very experienced rowers at the Millfield School and hope to build on our technique and strength to start competing later in the term. Already some promising split times shown by **Alex** and **Louis**!



Millfield Prep athletes had a busy start to the summer, as they competed in the National Prep Schools Finals and the English Schools Cup Final.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our senior runners had their first race of the season. Conditions are still in summer mode rather than winter, so the timings were fast. We will use the early season to build endurance in our runners. We have a good batch of runners and we hope that they all have a great season.



Our first session at The Wave was a huge success. The sun was shining and the pupils were in high spirits. They practiced their pop ups during the warm up and the majority were able to ride a wave into shore by the end of the session (even if this was on their knees). I am sure by the end of the half term, they will all be carving up the waves and putting the adults to shame!



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NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those joining our Pre-Prep for the first time. It has been so lovely to see everyone arrive with positivity, energy and enthusiasm for the new term. We are so proud of how the children have independently come into school and it is great to have Pre-Prep full of voices, laughter and a buzz of learning. The children have settled well into their new classes, displaying a liveliness and vigour for learning in and out of their classrooms. Some of the children's highlights so far have been art, craft, gardening, new friends, swimming, experimenting, mud kitchens, sprinklers, potion making, cooking, music, PE, new clubs, Forest School, singing and fruit picking in our orchards to name a few. Ask your child what has been their favourite learning activity so far!

This year will bring many discoveries, new friendships and new learning opportunities, which I am really looking forward to sharing and celebrating with you all as the year progresses. Our school values will continue to drive the learning in Pre-Prep, teaching the children to be kind, to challenge, to question, to be curious and to respect themselves, others and their environment. I am looking forward to seeing what the children achieve this year, celebrating their successes and achievements as they discover their own brilliance.

Yours,
Mr Jory

KEY DATES

Thursday 21 September 2:30 – 3:15pm | Harvest Festival in Pre-Prep Hall. Due to space we are limited to two adults per family.

Friday 22 September | School finishes at 3:15pm. No club, creche or late club.

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
92	61	57	65
52	54	37	66
144	115	94	131

WELCOME BACK!

The Tadpole room has been busy with us welcoming back our returning Tadpoles from last term and lots of new friends that started with us this term. It has been so lovely to see everyone and the children have done so well settling into their new routine. They have made the most of the sunshine and have been in the garden with plenty of water play and bubbles. The children have also had fun this week building towers, swimming, painting and reading their favourite book, *Walking Through The Jungle*.



NEW ENVIRONMENTS

The Frogs have been spending time exploring their new environment. They have enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen, painting, playing in the sand and water, baking cakes in the playdough, playing board games, building towers and joining in with dough gym. They have also had their first music and French lessons. However, the best thing about being a Frog has been going on the big playground for morning play!



RECEPTION

FIRST DAY...

The Reception class started their school journey by sliding into school on their very first day. They had a great first day and are looking forward to see where this year takes them! Will they become astronauts and find out about outer space? Or explorers and find out about animals that are nearly extinct? Who knows, but we promise that the children will lead the learning with their curiosity...





FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Reception also had lots of fun at Forest School this week! They were looking for signs of autumn, making conker soup with the Year 8 helpers, climbing the tree and hunting for Mr Toad.



One of the children suggested that we could make nettle soup, so in true EYFS fashion, we changed our plans, went on a nettle hunt, picked some nettles, went to Forest School to cook it over an open fire and then had it for snack with some homemade garlic flat bread. What great fun we had and some amazing learning too.



HARVESTING AND APPLES

Year 1 and 2 have been talking about harvest and what we do at harvest time. The children have had a great time in the orchard picking blackberries and apples to make blackberry and apple crumble.

