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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



While I am still trying to work out just how we have reached our first Exeat already, I have also reflected on what has been a wonderfully diverse week here at MPS. As last week came to an end, I thoroughly enjoyed the first webinar from Richard Shorter, the NonPerfect Dad, last Friday. These are free and you can register at any time in order to watch any that you missed. In this month's webinar, Richard's guest was the England Roses rugby star Emily Scarratt. I took particular solace from her

advice, originally from her father who was a farmer, about letting go of the things that are out of your control. His example was trying not to get frustrated by the weather...and we've certainly been a bit tested by that this week – autumn certainly feels like it has arrived!

Braving (or luckily dodging!) the rainstorms have been Year 8 who have had various trips this week to Lulworth Cove and to the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Well done to them for being such fine ambassadors for Millfield Prep while they were out.

I have enjoyed popping in and out of lessons this week and was particularly inspired by a Year 7 English lesson looking at poetry. I was also delighted to hear about two budding archaeologists who discovered a hundred-year-old coin on the grounds – well done Jude and Freddie!

The school thoroughly enjoyed Mr Guthrie's apple pressing message as part of the Prep Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday and there were a lot of takers for the practical tasting session that afternoon, including me! I loved the Pre-Prep Harvest Assembly yesterday too – it was amazing to see so many of the school's youngest members performing confidently on stage after only three weeks. Apologies for my poor communication resulting in any confusion this morning – the Prep Harvest Festival Assembly was on Monday but the calendar showed it as today.

I attended a very positive Parents and Friends Association meeting last night and it is great to feel the momentum continuing to grow in this important group. It was lovely to welcome members of the P&FA, along with many new and current parents to the Meet the Head Coffee Morning last Friday and this afternoon.

For me though, the highlight of the week was hearing from two girls on Wednesday afternoon who had just returned from a local farm, as part of the newly formed MPS Community Outreach Project, led by Mrs Seymour. They were so excited to tell me about their sorting and packing eggs, meeting quite a large number of chickens in the process! This looks like a great new Multi-Activity and I know Mrs Seymour has put some details about it in this newsletter. I'm sure it will prove very popular indeed!

Have a lovely lie in tomorrow morning everyone. This long weekend will give all of us a chance to catch our breath and reflect on what has broadly been a very positive start to the term. Well done, particularly, to those new pupils and staff who can give themselves a pat on the back for navigating those first three weeks so well.

Yours,

Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent charcoal drawing by **Myrtle B.**



PARENT NOTICES

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.

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.

Sickness

If your child has a fever, we advise that they remain at home until 24 hours free of fever and they are feeling well enough to return to school.

Should your child become unwell during the school day, we may contact you to collect and take home or been seen by their own GP.

If your child needs medication through out the day, the medical centre can offer over the counter remedies such as paracetamol and ibuprofen as needed. Please do not send children in with their own.

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.

MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL - WHAT'S ON AUTUMN 2023

In addition to our academic, sport and co-curricular lessons, this is a taste of all the events that our pupils can get involved in! These events are for staff, pupils and parents (not for the public). Click the image below to see the full brochure.



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.



MPS COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

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Do you like helping others?
Are you interested in giving back to the community?

Then come and join our MPS Community Outreach project.

When: Wednesday Multi-Activities 1-3pm
Where: Meet on the courtyard

This half term we will be supporting a local farm.
Activities include:

- Sorting eggs and other produce for the farm shop
- Tending to the animals
- Preparing and planting winter vegetable beds
- Harvesting pumpkins ready for Halloween
- Harvesting home grown flowers and vegetables from the poly tunnel

What do I need to do now – If you are interested in coming along, please let Mrs Seymour know and come prepared with your tracksuit bottoms, wellies and a coat each Wednesday.

OCTOBER HALF TERM COURSES

Our two October half term courses are Millfield Hockey Camps with Susannah Townsend (10 to 17 years old) and Football ((Age 5-12). Click the photo below for more information.



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.



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.

Spanish: la hija

- a) daughter
- b) cousin
- c) son



NEW P&FA FLAG

The new flag for the Parents and Friends Association.



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

CARDIFF ART TRIP

On Tuesday and Thursday, the Year 8 pupils travelled to Cardiff to visit the National Museum of Wales. The pupils enjoyed drawing and making colour studies from a range of different artists including some stunning Monet and Cezanne paintings. They enjoyed being warm and dry inside the museum as the storms raged outside, but the comfort of the indoors didn't stop them from making some dynamic and challenging pieces of work and they were never far from trying their very best.



GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Year 8 geographers spent a day at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door investigating how the sea has shaped the coastline and finding out about the impact of tourism on the area. Tuesday was incredibly windy, and we were able to witness the awesome power of the sea with the waves crashing against the coastline and eroding the landscape. A great day out was had by all and we have encouraged children to return with their own families and enjoy a day out along this magnificent stretch of World Heritage Site coastline.





CUSHION CONCERT LIVESTREAM

The Cusion Concert on 25 Septmber will be live streamed for the very first time.

Click the link below to view.

<https://youtube.com/live/niBhoxKPhu4?feature=share>



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 learnt 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

JUNIORS DISCOVER BURIED TREASURE

Last week, we had a rare finding at Millfield Prep School. Jude and Freddie discovered a coin during break in the grounds of the school. A 1913 King George V farthing was brought to the History Department and we were able to identify the coin that is 110 years old. We are not sure where the coin came from but a lack of markings on one side suggest it had been buried for some time. Well done to **Jude** and **Freddie** for this archaeological find.



BOARDING LIFE

CHESTNUT

Clickity Click, Two Little Ducks, Legs Eleven, Top of the Shop! The boys had a night of Prize Bingo. They had dobbers to mark their cards. The tension and prizes got bigger as the rounds went on. As the boys played, Alison, our Evening Helper, was busy in the kitchen making French bread pizzas for them all. The bingo lasted forty minutes and the pizzas lasted five!



CHAMPION

We have had not one, but four birthdays in Champion since Friday with a few more to come later in the month! As a result, there has been plenty of birthday cake and pizza to share and we never get tired of singing Happy Birthday as loud as we can! On Saturday, Champion joined up with Hollies for some fun with Just Dance and on Sunday we held the first (and quite likely last barbecue of the term.) The weather outside was awful, so we cooked and ate indoors, a lovely treat. Following on from the Year 4 girls, **Katie, Rose G, Indi** and **Rose S** in Year 7 were awarded Dorm of the Week. On Sunday evening and were treated to a 30 minute lie-in and house breakfast on Thursday morning. After an extremely busy 3 weeks the girls are really looking forward to a rest over the Exeat. Wishing all our families a restful weekend.



Two weeks in and life is a hair-raising experience for some of our pupils! Saturday night saw a combination of table tennis and pool, whilst others rested their weary bones following exertions in matches. The boys finished the night 'cwtched' up in front of a movie.



HOLLIES

On Saturday, the girls enjoyed a "Just Dance Session" with Champion House. The girls certainly enjoyed dancing! After this, some of the girls were able to explore some of the outdoor fitness machines around the school site. On Sunday, the inclement weather meant we diverted from the planned trip to Brean Theme Park to go to Weston-super-Mare to have fun on the fair rides and enjoy the atmosphere of the pier. Painting the first letter of their names inspired the girls to create some lovely decorations for the house and their dorms during the Wednesday activity.





EDGARLEY MANOR

The week has flown by and the boys have been in full swing with school life and a vast range of activities. They have been maximising the table tennis room upstairs and there have been lots of competitive games going on. The boys went to Weston Pier on Sunday and had a great time, not letting the weather dampen their spirits. We have celebrated two birthdays this week and the boys have enjoyed pizza and doughnuts all round! Happy birthday to **Jaday** and **Will**.



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

A great first outing for our U11 girls' at the Bruton tournament. They played six games without conceding, looking forward to an exciting season.



Following great performances on Wednesday our U11 team continued their outstanding progress at the Millfield Prep Hockey tournaments. Everybody available played and both teams managed to come away with gold medals. Well done team.



The U13A girls' hockey team are off to a flying start. They've been working tenaciously in training, and gaining invaluable development through tournament play. They have been achieving some great results along the way, and even claimed a 'player of the tournament' award for our very talented **Emilia H.**



EQUESTRIAN

Hattie T having a super ride schooling in the field on Elvis.



TRIATHLON

Kruze F achieved fantastic results at the IRC British Triathlon Championships. He won a Silver Individual medal and a Silver medal with the South West Team for their overall finish.



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



The golfers have had a very busy summer holidays and start to the Autumn term.

Over the summer **Zane B** played in the Reid Trophy which is the England Golf event for the best U14 boys in Europe. Zane played very well over both days narrowly missing the cut for day three but this sets him up well to play it again next year.

Georgie P and **Isobel R** had a run of excellent performances at the Somerset Girls events. Georgie finished runner up in her age groups order of merit and Isobel won her age group order of merit.

Tate S-D, **Alexander L**, **Zane B** and **Jack I** all represented Somerset U14s who had an excellent season finishing runners up in the Southwest Counties League. Jack and Alexander also represented the U12s where Somerset won the gross team prize and were second by one shot in the handicap championship.

Last week Alexander won the nett championship at the Mendip Golf Club Junior Open. Jack and Zane headed to Drayton Park Golf Club to play in the Independent Schools Golf Association first tournament of the season. The boys played brilliantly with Zane scoring 5 over and Jack 7 over to win the tournament by 8 shots.



Jack I and **Zane B** ISGA Junior Schools cup winners.



U13 Boys

On Thursday 14 September, the U13 Boys travelled to Beechen Cliff for Round 1 of ESFA. After falling two goals behind in the first half, the boys showed great desire to pull the match back to 2-2 in the dying minutes of the match. Millfield pushed for the win in extra time, but the match remained 2-2 resulting in penalties. Beechen Cliff were victorious. Good luck in the next round.

U11 Boys

On Friday 15 September, the U11 boys travelled to Sherborne for a Southwest, 9v9 tournament. Following a lovely BBQ in the sun courtesy of Sherborne School, the boys played seven back-to-back matches. After losing their first match, they grew into the tournament, not losing another game. They finished runners up. Well done to Micah, who was awarded player of the tournament.

U13 Girls

On Wednesday, we hosted the first Millfield U13 Girls Tournament. Despite the poor conditions, the format of the tournament (seven back-to-back matches) meant the girls enjoyed playing in the rain. Well done to the winners, King's Hall.

U11 Girls

A superb afternoon of football matched by a stunning display of Amazonia style rain!

Millfield were equally superb throughout. A 1-0 win against a strong Brookside was followed up by a crushing 2-0 against Stowberry -they could have scored many more. In the second round of matches, Millfield again beat a more resilient Brookside 1-0 before running riot over Stowberry with a 3-0 finale that again could have been more.

Not one goal conceded, a team that flowed together all over the pitch (and over the opposition) and a sheer determination to get to the ball first and then look up for a pass to a teammate were the hallmarks of this wonderful example of how a team game is played by a team and not a group of 'Maradona's'. It is such an easy game when you see it played this way.



We hosted our first Grade 5 LTA Tennis Tournament of the term on Saturday and the following players all took part: **Kevin J, Jacob H, Mohammad A, Mayalyn D-R** and **Joshua G**. Congratulations to Mo and Mayalyn as it was their first experience of competing in an LTA event and to Joshua who came second in the Orange event.

Well done to **Toby W, Ollie F, Tommy W** and **Fredi D-H** who all represented their respective counties in the U12 County Cup competition. Somerset came third in their division.

Our next LTA Tournament at Millfield Prep is on Saturday 30 September and includes the following age groups:

Grade 4 U11 Boys and Girls Singles 9.00-12.00 (entry deadline 19 September 10am- contact Referee Lucy Ryland on lucy@hypecomms.co.uk for a late entry)
Grade 5 U10 Mixed Singles 10.00-12.00 (entry deadline 25 September 10am)
Grade 5 U14 Boys Singles 12.00-3.00pm (entry deadline 25 September 10am)
Grade 5 U14 Girls singles 12.30-3.30pm (entry deadline 25 September 10am)
Grade 5 U8 Mixed Singles 3.30-4.30pm Sports Hall (entry deadline 25 September 10am)

To enter use the link below

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/tournament/2C0A612D-3E03-4FAC-A773-5AC4E8F20DE3>

On Saturday 7 October we have an LTA Grade 6 match play singles and doubles for all age groups, which is aimed at anyone new to tennis competitions.

Timings for each age group are on SOC's. More details on the link below:

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/tournament/05ADBDC5-959A-487D-AE86-ED67C32590BC>

How to sign up for a BTM and how to enter an LTA Tournament can be found here:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/competing/competition-management-system/>

Signing up for British Tennis Membership (BTM)

- Go to <https://www.lta.org.uk/>
- Click 'Join' on the top right hand side of the screen, and then 'Join now' when it prompts you with membership options
- Enter your signup details, including username and password and click 'Join now' (Please make a note of these as when entering your child into a Tournament you need to Login with these details)
- They will send you an email to verify the account so log into your email account to do so
- Log into your LTA account and click 'Lets get started'
- 'What best describes you?' – Select 'Player'
- 'What brings you here?' – Select 'Tennis'
- 'An existing membership at a venue?' – Select 'No'
- Enter your home address
- 'Are you interested in Wimbledon tickets?' You might have the opportunity to win some!
- Select the 'Advantage Play free membership and untick the 'Play with a fan box' (unless you want the promotion it offers. Click – 'Continue with Advantage play'
- At Checkout, (should be free if you have not selected the extra offers) select 'Lets go!'
- 'You've joined Advantage' – Select 'Enjoy my benefits'
- You now have a BTM membership! On the bottom left of the screen you can find your membership number. Click 'View Account'
- Find 'My venue' and select 'Update venue' - 'Add another venue' and search for 'Millfield Prep'
- Select the option with 'Sports Facilities' at the end of the name
- 'How do you pay for this membership?' – Select 'I subscribe to a venue and then 'save changes'
- Please notify Mrs Thomas (Thomas.s@millfieldschool.com) of your child's new British Tennis Membership number

Tommy W Year 8 inspiring the Mini Orange Squad.



Joshua G was runner up in U9 Mixed Grade 5 at Millfield Prep last Saturday.





PADI

Bubblemaker

MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL

Trial dive for
8-9 year olds

PADI Bubblemaker

DIVE ACADEMY

Be the coolest!

The PADI Bubblemaker experience is as fun as it sounds – a chance for children to blow bubbles and try scuba diving. We're pleased to be able to offer this experience at Millfield Preparatory School later this term.

Bubblemakers will:

- ☑ Experience scuba diving under the direct care and supervision of a PADI Instructor
- ☑ Take their first breaths underwater and experience weightlessness
- ☑ Learn about and use scuba diving equipment made for children – not adults
- ☑ Play games such as underwater frisbee and underwater egg and spoon
- ☑ Have lots of fun

If the PADI Bubblemaker experience inspires your child to learn more about scuba diving and the amazing underwater world, the next step is five fun-filled AquaMissions in PADI Seal Team.

www.dive.academy



Can they do it?

To complete Bubblemaker your child needs to be aged 8-9 years old and reasonably fit and well.

No experience with scuba diving is necessary but they do need to be comfortable in the water.

All equipment is supplied, and they'll take away a certificate to celebrate their achievement.



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PADI

Scuba Diving at

MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL

DIVE ACADEMY

Discover something amazing

Is your child looking for their next adventure?

We want all pupils to find their sporting passion and be able to achieve their potential.

Next term your child will have the option to try scuba diving with our local PADI 5-Star Diver Training Centre, Dive Academy. Dive Academy are a PADI Approved Youth Training Centre with experience in teaching children and young adults to scuba dive.

Discover Scuba isn't a certification course, although there will be the opportunity to continue on a programme that is suitable for their year group which is open to those who wish to continue.

In a scuba diving experience in the safety and comfort of our school pool, pupils will learn the basic safety guidelines and skills needed to dive under the direct supervision of a PADI Professional.

Following a short briefing they'll spend an hour in the pool using scuba gear and picking up the basics of swimming and breathing underwater including some great underwater games.



Discover Scuba is also a great way to find out about the next steps such as PADI Seal Team or PADI Open Water Diver.

The session includes use of all equipment. No experience with scuba diving is necessary but your child does need to be comfortable in the water.



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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.





Opportunity for all students currently engaged in climbing – No experience necessary, come and have a go!

Entries are now open! Please reply to this email **denbee.a@millfieldschool.com** with your FULL NAME to register your interest!

The dates for the 2024 competition for Millfield Climbers will be during Wednesday sport sessions:

- Round 1 Wednesday 11 October 2023 12.30-5.30pm
- Round 2 Wednesday 6 December 2023 12.30-5.30pm
- Round 3 Wednesday 7 February 2024 12.30-5.30pm
- Round 4 Wednesday 20 March 2024 12.30-5.30pm

WEDNESDAY SPORT





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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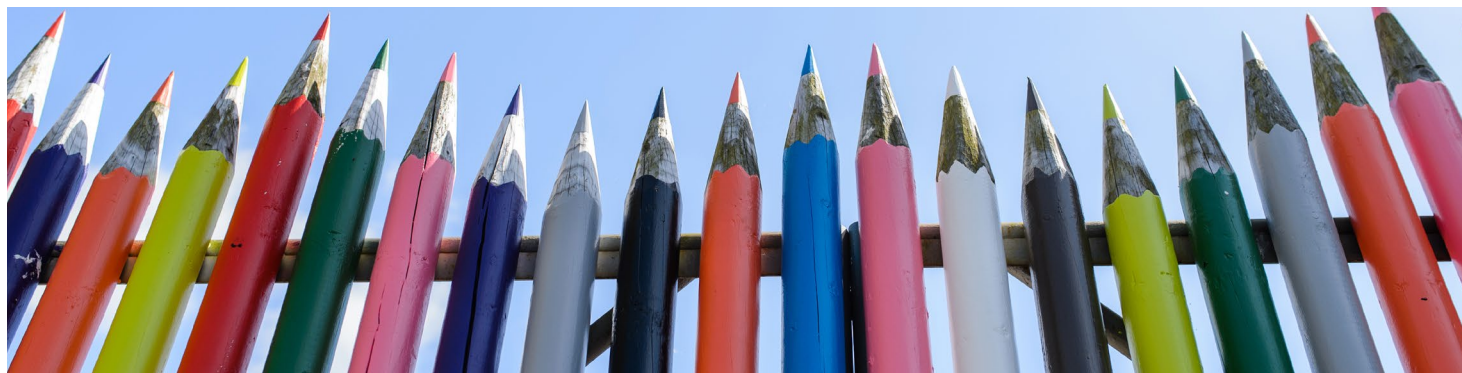


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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



As we reach the end of week three, I cannot believe how much has already been achieved.

Pre-School have been making collages, gardening, learning about harvest and playing in and outside in the rain and sun. After sliding into reception on day one, there has been potion making, mud kitchen fun, shelter building and water fun in the sunshine. We've all enjoyed water fun in the rain this week.

Year 1 have been learning about the brain, solving problems in maths, learning IT mouse skills, carrying out science experiments, picking apples and blackberries to bake crumble. Year 2, who are also learning about the brain, making 3D glasses, learning the recorder, gardening, bread making, poetry and frog rescuing. Ask your child "What has been your favourite learning experience over the last few weeks?"

In assembly we have been learning about the power of laughter. We have loved listening to their jokes and different ways that they make others laugh. Share jokes, have fun, laugh and smile, it's contagious! Ask your child "What is your favourite joke?"

KEY DATES

Friday 29 September
Individual and Sibling Photos

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
CURRENT TOTAL	144	115	94	131
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	41	47	45	46
OVERALL	185	162	139	177

HARVEST FESTIVAL



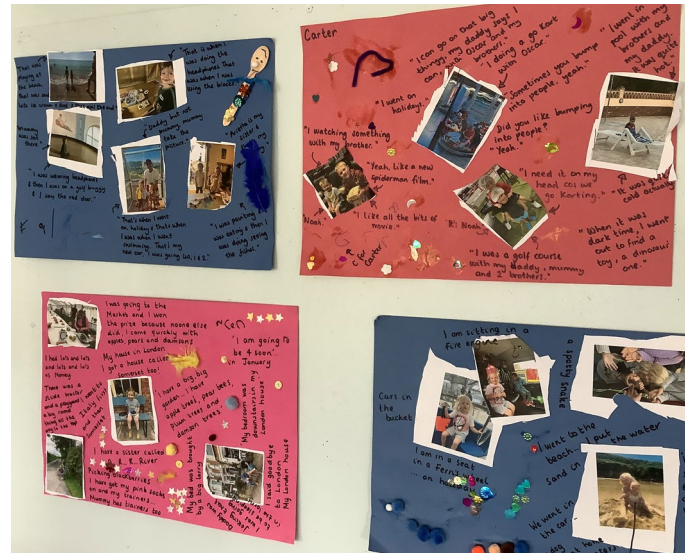
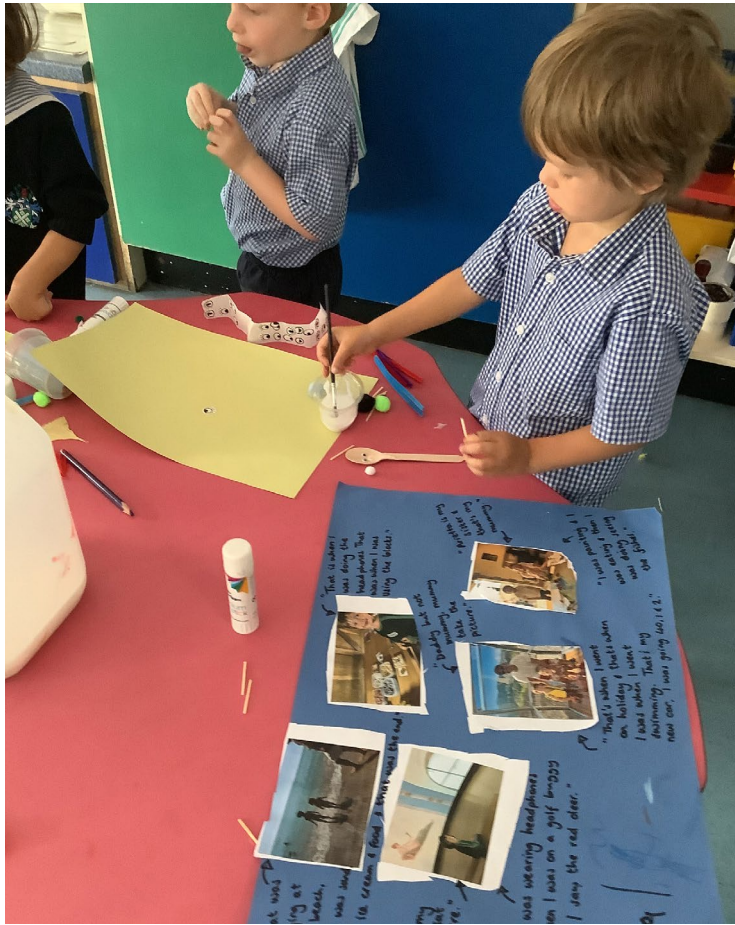
PASTA SNAKES AND ANIMAL MASKS

The Tadpoles have been very busy this week. We played parachute games in PE and had so much fun making huge bubble tents and sitting inside them. Following on from reading 'Walking through the jungle' we made pasta snakes and animal masks to display in the Tadpole room for everyone to see!



MEMORY COLLAGES

Over the summer, all the Frogs had amazing adventures from riding on tractors, catching crabs, picking fruits from trees, finding the Gruffalo, to touching a dolphin! The Frogs chose five of their favourite photos and carefully cut around them. They used these to create lovely collages, recounting their memories from special times.



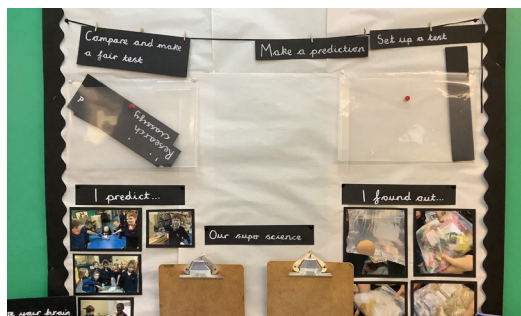
MAGICAL FAIRY AND ELF POTIONS

Following the children role-playing fairies in the garden and making potions in the mud-kitchen a new topic emerged. The children came into the classroom to find the magic potion fairies and elves had delivered a tray of magical potion making ingredients, including a letter with instructions. The letter explained that the children needed to collect some bits from nature to first go in their jars, then add three scoops of magic powder, one scoop of secret yellow gloop and to pour on top the magical liquid...then to wait and see what happens! There was a lot of excitement, energy and squeals of delight through the whole lesson as each child got to make their own potion. Afterwards, the children wrote letters to the fairies and elves asking some brilliant questions. We can't wait for them to write back!



BRAIN SCIENCE

The Year 1 pupils have been learning about the brain and how we can look after the brain. We now know that sleep, water, healthy food, and exercise are important to keep our brains healthy. We then completed an experiment to find out what is protecting our brains inside our skull. We pretended our brains were eggs and protected them with either sand, water, cotton wool or feather. We predicted which material would provide the best protection and create a fair test. The children were really surprised to discover that the water was the best protection and worked the same as cerebral fluid.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This week Year 2 have been preparing for our Harvest Festival. We had fun making bread rolls and baking them in our classroom. We had to make sure not to touch the bread too much as it would get too sticky! We have also practised our performance for our assembly and made apples and leaves to decorate the tree on stage.



MINIS NEWS



FOREST SCHOOL

Our Minis term started with an outdoors adventure in the Forest School! We had a wonderful time making new friends and exploring the woods together, climbing the hay bales, being chefs in the mud kitchen, scooping and pouring in the water trays, hunting for bugs and painting with leaves!

