



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

I regularly comment on how much we seem to cram into the weeks here at MPS but, looking through the newsletter today, this week has been exceptional! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the range and diversity of activities and events that have gone on across the school. The most striking thing for me this week has been just how many smiling faces I see looking back at me in the pages that follow – it's lovely to see.

One of the biggest challenges for me as a Head, when I am talking to those outside MPS, is trying to break the perception that we are 'just a sports school'. It's probably the phrase I hear most if I'm honest. So

seeing how much the school has embraced National Poetry Day, or reading about the International Debating Competition is really heartening. Add to that the fact that the whole of the Prep has been alive with singing as we build up to the House Singing Competition, watching Year 8 taking our donations to the foodbank, seeing Dixie's fashion design skills or reading about the Year 8 pupils working in Pre-Prep and you will understand why I've had such a broad smile on my face most of this week.

As we rattle on towards Half Term, I would like to remind parents about the Parents and Friends Association AGM which takes place next Thursday evening. This time next week I will be in Nigeria at a schools fair but I know that between now and then there will be a huge amount to cram in before we reach Half Term.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives everyone.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the week, is this excellent pencil study by **Cindy C.**



FIREWORK ARRANGEMENTS

Why not bring your friends and family to our annual fireworks event on Saturday 4th November?

6.15pm-Gates open
7.00pm-Fireworks display
7.30pm-Lighting of the bonfire

Refreshments: Hot dogs and hot chocolate are included in the ticket price (vegetarian option available).

Mulled wine, soft drinks, snacks and sweets will be on sale.

The display will be on the Coxbridge Field (to the right of the bottom roundabout on Martins Lane).

We need to know numbers for this event, so if you are hoping to come, please complete [this form](#) by Wednesday 1 November and charges will be added to the end of term bill.

Tickets for day pupils and their families should be collected from Reception and boarders will be given tickets for their families on the day via their houseparents. Tickets are £6 each.

There will be no dogs on site.

Car parking stewards will direct you to the parking areas. Please park in the designated areas and do not park on the road.

If you require disabled parking please inform reception by Wednesday 1 November.

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our House Singing competition on Friday 13 October. The competition will take place in the Sports Hall at 11am and will finish at 12.00pm. Parents are asked to arrival no earlier than 10.40am, as the pupils may still be rehearsing. Please sit in the designated parents' area towards the rear of the venue.

Car parking

If you are attending the House Singing please can you park in the Pavilion and overflow car park. Signs will guide you.

Pick up arrangements

If you are able to attend please collect your child from their usual pick up point, once they have been dismissed by their Group Tutor. Please be aware that the Prep School shuts at 12.00pm and Pre-Prep at 12.00pm and there is no extended provision. Older siblings may be collected at the same time as the younger siblings.

YEAR	TIME	LOCATION
Pre-Prep	12pm	Staff car park
Year 3 - Day	12pm	Martins Lane
Year 4 – Day	12pm	Martins Lane
Year 5 – Day	12.15pm	Martins Lane
Year 6 – Day	12.15pm	Martins Lane
Year 7 – Day	12pm	Reception car park
Year 8 – Day	12.15pm	Reception car park
Boarders	12pm	Boarding house

Attire

Pupils will be required to wear **FORMAL** school uniform.



OCTOBER HALF TERM COURSES

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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 photos below for more information!



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.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS AGM

The P&FA AGM will take place on Thursday 12 October. If you would like to sign up, you will need to do so on Classlist to show that you are attending.

**COME ALONG
TO OUR AGM**

**Thursday
12th October**

5:00-6:30pm

Recital Hall

Refreshments will be provided

Children can be looked after

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Some new faces joined us this week for our Wednesday trip to the farm which was great. As always, we started with getting the eggs in and I was pleased to say that all the new recruits happily went into the barn with the 2000 chickens, led confidently by our more experienced recruits who guided them through the dos and don'ts of the barn!

As we were about to leave the barn, we noticed a few chickens out of their coop, so we quickly shooed them back in. Harder than it looks, we must say! We then got chatting to Lucy about why some of the chickens had feathers missing and she explained that some of the chickens have a tendency to pick on the smaller or quieter birds. A few of us were interested in the apples, which are growing in the chickens meadow. Lucy explained that they are cider apples, and will be collected soon and sent to Heck's Cider Farm in Street to be made in Dabinett Cider. We had a try of the apples... they were really sour!

With Halloween fast approaching, Lucy set us to work picking the bottom half of the pumpkin patch. Mrs Seymour used the knife to chop the pumpkins from the plants. It was then the pupils job to load them onto the quad bike and into the trailer to take back down to the farm. 65 pumpkins later, and a few squeals at the slugs and worms, we were done and half of the pumpkin patch had been harvested. Lucy was very appreciative and has said that next week, before half term, we can bring a few pumpkins back home and into school. The children earned a well-deserved quad bike ride in pairs for their hard work!



DONATING THE HARVEST OFFERINGS

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On Tuesday morning, we met up with Mrs Seymour and some other Year 8 leaders to collect all the donations that Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep children had kindly gifted to us for Harvest. We loaded the boxes onto the school mini bus and set off for Street to donate them to the Salvation Army Food Bank. -**Seb G**

When we arrived we loaded all of the many boxes and bags off the bus and into the building. Then we started to put all the food into the right places on the shelves to help the staff at The Salvation Army. It took a long time to unload all the food onto the shelves but that was a good thing because that meant that we had lots of food to give to the charity. -**Eva D**

We learned about how much we were helping the families in the local area by giving them all this food. The Salvation Army used to feed roughly six families a week but now they feed around 30 families, so with our help and donations hopefully they can feed lots more over the coming months. I really enjoyed working as a team to put all the different types of food in the right areas and helping the Salvation Army. Thank you so much Mrs Seymour for such an amazing experience. -**Izzy G-J**

I learnt that there are multiple families needing help and food every month. The food bank makes no income and uses the money from fundraisers to help people in the local community who are struggling. The food bank is always in need of a variety of items, such as: tinned fruit, soups, canned meat & fish, long-life milk, baby food/toiletries and self-care items such as toothbrushes, shower gel, toilet roll, tissues etc. -**Zane B**



JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week, Miffy and Chota were awarded to **Harper B-D** and **Eady S**. Both girls have shown tremendous kindness to their peers and are always polite and happy to help others when they need to. Oreo was awarded to **Roy L** for the resilience, adaptability and superb communication skills he has demonstrated since joining the school. Well done to all.



DUOLINGO!

I know that many of you love completing your daily Duolingo lessons. Duolingo is a great way to build vocabulary in any language and there are over fifty to choose from! Please do come and see Miss Heywood every time you reach 50 daily streaks, so that she can reward you with a HMC.



WORD OF THE WEEK

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

French: **gentiment**

- 1) quickly
- 2) happily
- 3) kindly



LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

Octavia W S is this weeks winner for her excellent progress and attitude to learning in Latin. Octavia has been completing all work set to a very high standard, and has impressed Mrs Crispin with her determination to complete each task to the very best of her ability. Well done Octavia!



YEAR 6 SUPPORTERS

Congratulations to our new Year 6 Supporters.

Sofia L, Jessica H, Lowri S-M, Georgie P, Everley S-D, Tabby A-M, Naledi C, Ajua O, Sophia D, Freddie W, Almendra C G, Layla K and Charles N.



YEAR 4 TRIP

On Friday Year 4 kicked off their new topic of enquiry on explorers and adventurers with a trip to Bristol for a sail on The Matthew and a tour of the SS Great Britain. On The Matthew the pupils learnt about John Cabot's voyage to discover Newfoundland in North America (before Christopher Columbus!) and how the sailors navigated at sea using the sky, stars and water to help them. The tour of the SS Great Britain gave us an insight into the conditions migrants to Australia lived in to start a new life overseas. A busy and fun day of boating for Year 4!



YEAR 4 TRIP

A few group photos from both ships, and **Bea** and **Lulu** deciding to re-enact a scene from Titanic on our boat ride on The Matthew (luckily not the one where the boat sank)!



Celebrating National Poetry Day with Book Spine Poetry!

In the spirit of creativity and literary appreciation, Year 7 and 8 students have been creating 'book spine' poetry during their library lessons, weaving words from book titles to create unique and imaginative verses. This engaging exercise not only fosters a love for poetry but also highlights the beauty of literature in unexpected ways.

Also, we've had some fantastic entries for the Year 3-6 Bookmark Competition. These will be sent to Browns Books for Schools who are running this national competition – fingers crossed for a Millfield prize winner!

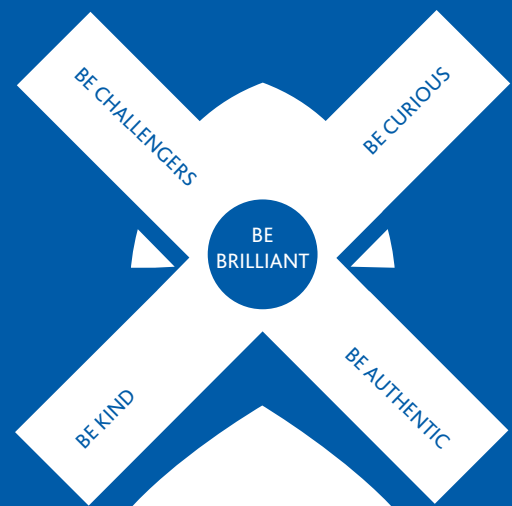


ENGLISH TEAMS OF THE MOMENT

6CJJ & 6KAM-Be Brilliant: Excellent collaboration to create a full annotated display of *The Highwayman*, identifying all the poetic features we have looked at so far this term.

7WA and 7IR-Be Brilliant: On fantastic performance poems (be courageous).

8PH-Be Challengers: Intense debate on Public Duty vs Personal Choice.



Elliot's poem uses the techniques of repetition and refrain which the pupils have seen in poems they have recently studied. He talks of nature and the effect humans are having on the world. The use of rhetorical questioning is designed to make you, the reader, consider your actions and reflect on what you can do to help nature.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day.

The classrooms have been transformed into poetry hubs with staff and pupils all getting involved!

Nature

By Elliot L

Nature
It's still and silent
It never complains
But, but people destroy it.

Why destroy something so beautiful?
When we can live in harmony
With nature

The Ocean
Its calm and rough
It's full of life
But, but people pollute its water.

Why destroy something so beautiful?
When we can live in harmony
With nature

The sky
It's cold and silent
Windy and cloudy
But, but people pollute its air.

Why destroy something so beautiful?
When we can live in harmony
With nature



DT AND ENGLISH

This week the DT department have been collaborating with the English department and writing poems about the work they have done looking at materials as Year 7 and 8 prepare for their game design project. Here is one of the fantastic offerings by **Doris F.**

Independent personal response from reading 'Charge of the Light Brigade' by **Doris F.**

In forests deep, where nature thrives,
Three woods emerge with unique lives.

First, the oak, a sturdy tree,
With bark so rough and leaves so free.
Its wood is strong, a craftsman's pride,
In furniture and ships, it'll ride the tide.

Next, the pine, tall and slender,
Its scent in the air, a sweet surrender.
Its soft wood, in homes, finds its place,
As planks and beams, it hugs each space.

But cedar, fragrant, with reddish hue,
Resists both rot and insects' chew.
In closets, chests, it guards our attire,
Aromatic wood, our cherished desire.

So on this day, let wood take flight,
In poems and crafts, in morning light.
From oak to pine, to cedar's grace,
In wood, we find a timeless embrace.

The Battle Of Balaclava

In days of old, on crimson soil,
Where battles raged, in blood and toil,
At Balaclava, brave soldiers stand,
A clash of might, on foreign land,

The light brigade, they thundered forth,
In a courageous charge, proving their worth,
Into the valley of death they rode,
Their courage and honour forever showed.

With sabres gleaming beneath the sun's fierce glare,
They charged with valour, without a care,
Facing cannons' thunder, and musket's fire,
Their bravery soared, ever higher and higher.

The Thin Red Line, steadfast and true,
Held the line against a Russian crew,
Their discipline and nerve held strong,
Defending their position all day long.

Oh, Balaclava, your tale we tell,
Of heroes in battle, where many fell,
Their sacrifice and courage, we remember still,
In history's pages, their valour instilled.

Though time has passed, their memory remains,
In the annals of war, in poetic refrains,
Balaclava's name, forever engraved,
In the hearts of those they fought to save.

Year 4 have been working hard on their iPad stands this term. They have mastered a number of different tools and wood shaping techniques and have worked hard using numeracy skills to measure up accurately. Well done Year 4 for excellent progress this year.



Dixie C in Year 7 has been working on an exciting and interesting design opportunity with the school. She has a keen interest in fashion and design and has been working with the school on the sports and leisure wear provisions that are provided in the shop. She has visited the factory where the clothes are made, discussed material selection, designed her own logo and had a real insight into what it takes to take a product from concept to market. Well done, Dixie!

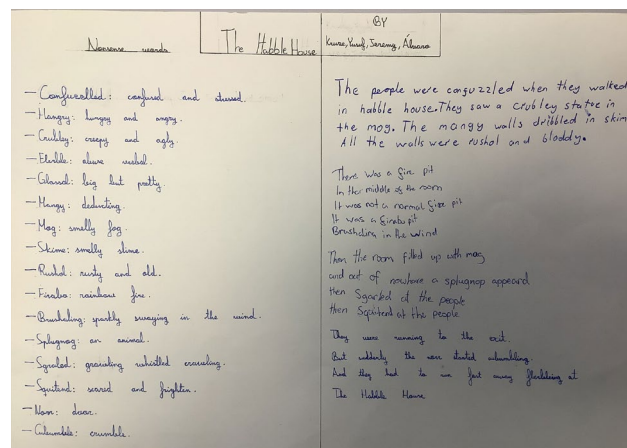
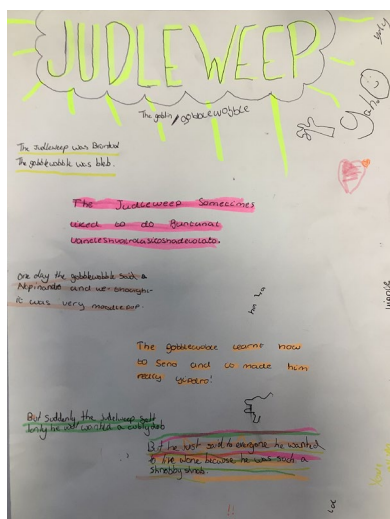
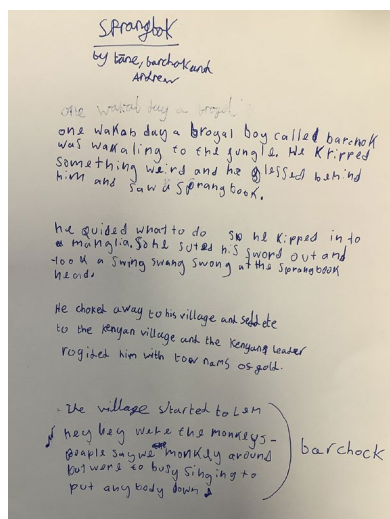
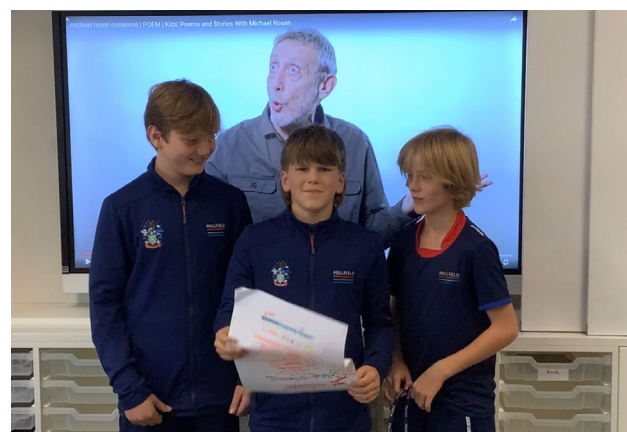


YEAR 5 ENGLISH



This week Year 5 have begun their topic, 'Being a Historian'. The children started the unit by thinking about their personal timeline and mapping key events from their lives alongside key world events over the last 9/10 years. They also enjoyed guessing whose baby photos were whose!

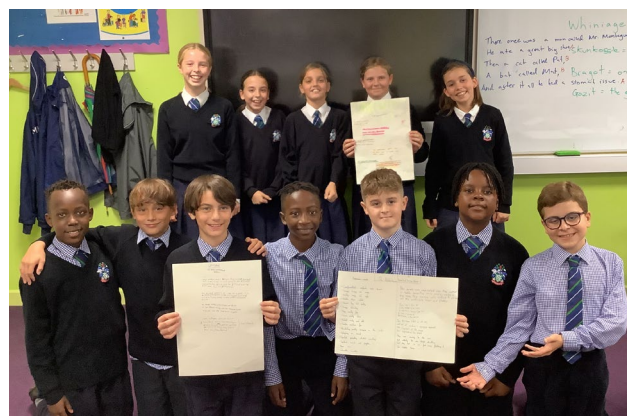
The Year 7s have been studying the Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll and creating some 'nonsense' poems of their own. The groups planned and then performed these to the class in the style of children's author Michael Rosen. A particular favourite was 'Freezy, cheesy peasy!'



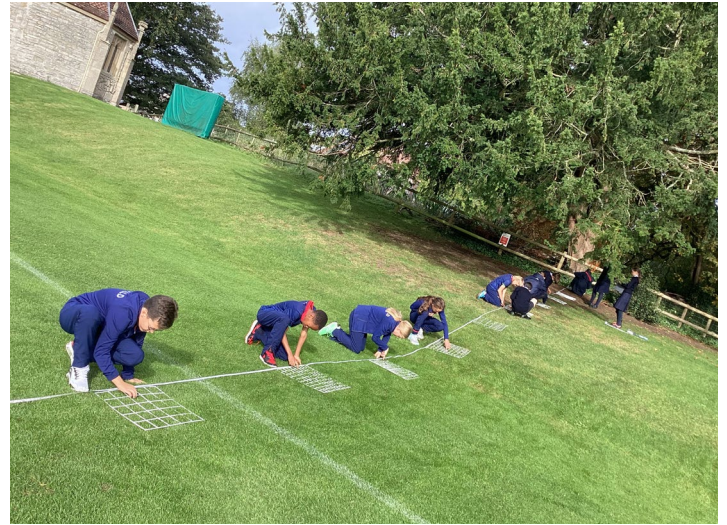
Year 8 have been planning and writing 'This is me' poems for a national competition.



Year 7 have been writing and performing their own nonsense poems after studying 'The Jabberwocky'.

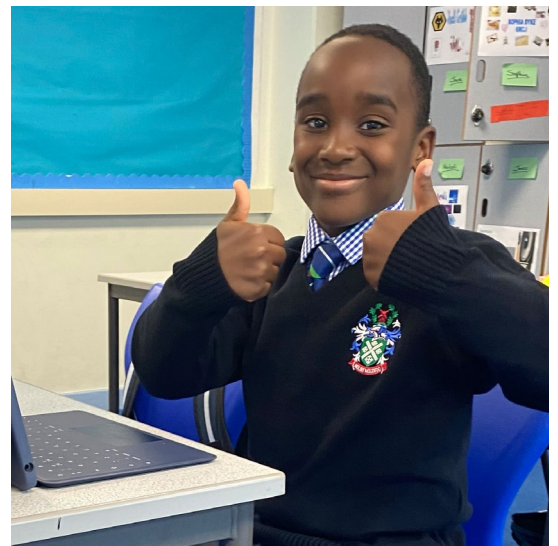
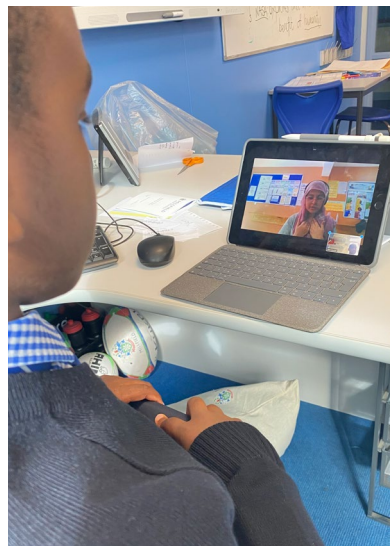


Year 7 have been sampling the fields using two different methods - quadrats and belt transects. Quadrats are used for random sampling to avoid bias (by throwing them over our heads). Belt transects allow us to study the distribution of a species affected by an environmental or abiotic factor, for example light.



FIRST ONLINE INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

Pupils from Years 5 to 7 competed in a first for Millfield Prep School this weekend. 'Mars or Bust', an international debating tournament organised by [Debate to Educate](#), hosted teams from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe in a weekend of lively argument and convincing conversation. Up against an experienced group from Rwanda, the team opened with strong arguments and questioned the opposition with detail and clarity. Being new to this environment did not daunt them and they won praise from the judges for their passion and delivery. Year 6 are now looking forward to a Day of Debate on 7 November where they will be coached and then teamed up for a live, face to face event here at the school, to find the most erudite company of conversational competitors who can convince the judges of the superiority of their case. Parents will be invited to the final, to take place in the assembly hall at 4pm. More details will be shared with Year 6 parents soon.



This week in food studies the Year 8 students enjoyed preparing, producing and plating Thai Green Curry.



Year 5 students enjoyed making and tasting their shortbread.

In this week's Sports Food and Nutrition club we looked at making high carbohydrate breakfast. Students enjoyed making scotch pancakes...and eating them!



BOARDING LIFE

BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have been as busy as ever this week. We have been concentrating on looking smart for school and making sure that we have the correct winter uniform on, they have looked great! Saturday night saw the Spanish boys make Tortilla de Patatas for snacks. They used great teamwork and skill, the results were amazing. **Ziggy** celebrated his 13th birthday with the boys on Monday evening! Happy Birthday Ziggy!! The boys spent Wednesday evening playing Conkers. It was the first time for most, we saw some very entertaining games... great fun! With half term approaching fast, we will be concentrating on being organised and lots of packing!



EDGARLEY MANOR

Another week has flown by in a whirlwind of school, activities, matches and another birthday! Saturday evening saw the return of the 'Supermarket Challenge'. Each boy was given some money to take to the supermarket to buy treats for the evening. Great to see lots of the boys working together to share and make their money go further. On Sunday, a 'lazy' morning was followed by an energetic afternoon at Air Hop. As requested by **Elliot**, we celebrated his birthday with an 'ice cream factory'. The boys were treated to waffles, ice cream, a range of toppings, sauces and cream! Needless to say it went down very well! Happy birthday Elliot!



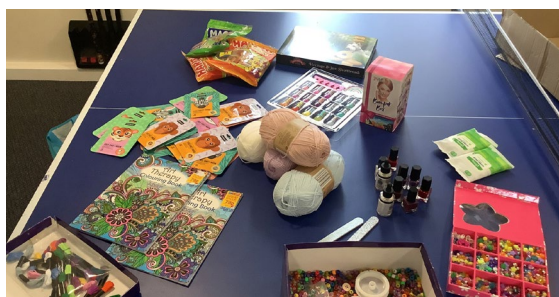


CHESTNUT

It has been another very busy week and it amazes us just how much the boys can cram into seven days! We have had four new boys in house this week, the boys who have only been here five weeks themselves have been helping them to settle into the house routines. Oreo the junior monkey spent time with **Roy** to congratulate him for being so kind in school. (Roy didn't like how much of his snacks he ate though!) We have had birthdays for two of the boys which means a great deal of pizza and cake has been consumed! They also played in the sports hall for nearly two hours on Sunday evening. On Wednesday we all went up into the forest to tell stories around the campfire whilst eating hotdogs and drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows. Half term is nearly here and the boys are ready for some time at home to recharge before we start heading for Christmas!



A pamper evening with face masks, nail painting and friendship bracelet making afforded some relaxation time after the Saturday afternoon fixtures and activities. The girls were also treated to a wonderful Chinese meal later in the evening. The girls had the opportunity to recharge and relax during the lazy morning on Sunday before heading off to an energy charged Air Hop visit.



CHAMPION

What a busy week! **Isabella** in Year 3 treated everyone to some delicious cakes on Friday and **Eloise** came back to Champion on Saturday evening with more cakes to celebrate her 11th birthday. Bake-Off is officially back and some tempting smells came from the kitchen on Sunday evening, thank you Mrs S for arranging this. Dorm of the Week winners were **Orla** and **Laura** in Year 8 – well done girls! On Wednesday evening Year 7 travelled to the local supermarket to do a little shopping; there were some tough decisions made to get the best value!



SPORTING NEWS

RUGBY

We have had a great start to the term with all the rugby that has been played at school. The players have shown some good progress with their core skills, teamwork and game understanding. The number of times players in various age groups have tried some new skills, a kick pass, an offload out of a tackle, creating space for a teammate with a switch - it has been superb to see. The most rewarding part is seeing the players solve the problems when these don't work. Questions to teamsheets like 'What can we do next time?' Problem solving is a key skill we try to instil in all the players from as early as Year 3. A great start - with lots more learning opportunities coming up in the remainder of the term! Exciting times!





U10A vs Clifton.



GIRLS HOCKEY

Having won the Bruton and Millfield tournaments our U11 girls headed to the Queens competition on Saturday morning. However, we had lost during the week and had several players at tennis, swimming or unwell. So it was lovely to see the strength in depth for this age group. Playing seven matches the girls did not concede a goal, won four and drew three matches and became overall champions on goal average. A great way to spend a Saturday morning! Well done girls!



The U13B hockey team have had a great start to the term. The girls are acting on what they learn in games and are making super progress. This week they enjoyed two action-packed games against Blundells and Monkton Combe. Well done, keep up the hard work girls!



The U13C team had an away fixture at Monkton coombe in Bath. With lots of players and many playing for the first time a few girls were a little nervous. Once the whistle had blown they all settled and started to put into practise the skills we have worked on in training. A big well done to all the girls on a hard fought 1-1 draw.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Mendip Junior Cross Country League started again on Tuesday. The prep school welcomed just under 500 runners from primary schools around the county. The races were split into Year 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. There will be five races over the next two terms at various locations around Somerset. For some of our runners it was their first experience of a big race and they learnt a great deal and are already looking forward to the next race! Thank you to the staff who were the team managers and to all the parents for their support. Full results are on the Mendip athletics website.



In the area playoffs of the Year 7 and 8 National Schools Tennis competition our girls team beat Stanwell School 5-1 and our boys team beat Bournemouth School 5-1.

Players included; **Valentina B** (Year 9), **Arabella G**, **Lucia G**, **Ollie W**, **Zach K**, **Tommy W** and **Toby W**. Both teams have now qualified for the National Schools Regional Finals in Bath on 9th and 10th November respectively. Congratulations to **Zach K** who represented his county in the National Finals of the County Cup competition at the weekend.

Big thanks to **Arabella G** and **Riccardo C** who umpired for the Mini Red LTA Tournament in the sports hall on Saturday afternoon and were great role models for the players. The following players also gained valuable competitive experience in the LTA Grade 4 and 5 Tournament on Saturday:

Mohammad A
Spencer S-M
Anthony Y
Jacob H
Lowri S-M
Almendra C G
Hector B
Josef D
Meilin K
Zara G
Stanley R
Honey L
Harper B-D
Amelie M
Morgan C
Stanley Roberston

Hector Bunyard won LTA Grade 5 U10 Singles.



Congratulations to **Hector** who won the U10 Grade 5 Mixed singles and **Almendra** who came fourth in the U11 Grade 4 girls singles.

Noah F and **Isabella W** both qualified for the LTA U9 Winter Regional Tour and Isabella reached the Quarter Finals at the National Tennis Centre.

This Saturday morning we have an LTA match play singles and doubles for all age groups and then after half term we have an U16 Grade 5 on November 4. (Entries via LTA competitions website)

Mini Red LTA Grade 5 Tournament at Prep. Huge thanks to **Ricardo**, **Arabella** and **Mo** for umpiring the matches and for being great role models.



Here are a few of our sailors who enjoyed perfect sailing conditions on Wednesday. Just before we took to the water to practice our manoeuvres, we spotted a dolphin playing near by. It's hard to spot from this photo, but it jumped about and played for a good ten minutes. We went out in our boats, hoping it might come back out to play with us, but alas, this time the beautiful creature had had enough playing for one day. Our pupils learned a lot and are starting to have much greater control of their boats.



FOOTBALL

U13 Girls

On Friday, the girls travelled to Writhlington School for the ESFA Schools Round 1. Despite looking 'switched off' in the warm-up, they turned it on when it mattered. The girls were set personal challenges that they all managed to meet! They won comfortably.

On Tuesday, the girls welcomed Oakfield Academy for Round 1 of the ESFA Small Schools Cup. This time they looked both sharp in the warm-up and sharp on pitch. Again, they won comfortably and move on to the next round. Great work girls, lots more football to come!

U12 Boys

On Friday the U12 boys travelled down to Weymouth for Round 1 of the ESFA Small Schools Cup. The reports of crisp football on display is a joy to hear! A number of goals were hair-raising. Another victory. Well done boys.

U10 Girls

The U10 girls had their interhouse matches on Saturday. All girls had a fantastic afternoon and a big well done to Angles who were crowned champions!



U10 Girls football interhouse matches - Angles secured a first place position, with Saxons house a very close second. Great afternoon of football enjoyed by all.



BOULDERING

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There is an opportunity for all pupils to try out bouldering – 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 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



SWIMMING

Year 6 **Dylan D** after competing in the Somerset Development meet over the weekend.



EQUESTRIAN

A big thank you to **Sarah** and **Sehyr** for their help at the competition.



Clear round

- A fabulous clear for Matilda and Bluebell.
- Tilly just taking it easy for her first competition on her new horse also jumped a lovely clear round and then came 2nd in the 60cm class.
- **Martha D** on Bramble came 4th in 70cm.
- **Hattie T** on Elvis came 5th in the 80cm.

Well done to everyone.



Martha D and Bramble coming 4th in the 70cm.



A big well done to **Toby** and **Olly R** who competed in their pony club one day event at the weekend. Olly came 3rd and Toby came 4th in the U9s.



Ari on Colmena having a great early morning jumping session.



HALLOWEEN SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

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If anyone would like to come along and support the riders' Halloween Show Jumping Competition, it starts at 1pm on Wednesday 8 November! It is open to all riders. All riders wanting to enter, please sign up at the stable office. To make our Halloween competition as spooky as possible, we are asking for spare Halloween decorations /costumes. If you have any you can lend, please drop them off at the stables.

HALLOWEEN SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

8th November 2023

SPECIAL PRIZES TO BE WON



FANCY DRESS

£10 per Class

Top Arena

Class 1 : Fancy Dress

Class 5 : 50cm

Class 6 : 60cm

Class 7 : 70cm

Class 8 : 80cm

Bottom Arena

Class 2 : Between the Wings

Class 3 : Poles

Class 4 : X Poles





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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



We started the week in assembly thinking about the strengths of being an individual and also being part of a team. We know that everyone is different and we know that is good. We all have strengths, talents and skills in lots of different areas and we need to share these with others and learn from our friends and families. We reminded the children about the importance of being themselves but also being part of their house team and the whole Pre-Prep TEAM - Together Everyone Achieve More! We discussed the importance of our wider team, parents, family, friends, local community, Prep and Senior School. What we do in school cannot be achieved without the support of our families and we would like to thank you all for your support in and out of school.

It is incredible to walk through Pre-Prep and get involved with all the learning. Another busy week, with baking dinosaur biscuits, creating clay fish, fairy potion making, number bond building, descriptive writing, phonics, forest school fun, rhyming words, ice-cream making and loads of creative arts and craft. Ask your child what has been their highlight this week? There are so many and I can't wait to see what we achieve in the last week of this half term.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 10 October

- Vision Screening for Reception
- Flu Vaccine for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Please complete emailed forms to opt in or opt out

Friday 13 October

- End of Half Term
- School finishes at 12 midday

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
CURRENT TOTAL	243	219	221	237
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	96	73	67	87
OVERALL	339	292	288	324

During the Year 7 and 8 Multis, the older children came to support Pre-Prep. They resourced and designed several activities for the children based on the Julia Donaldson book *The Smeds and Smoos*. The older children read the book to them before supporting them with the activities. The Pre-Prep children made their own aliens, played monster snap, made aliens out of Lego and coloured aliens by numbers. Fantastic links were made between Prep and Pre-Prep.



DINOSAURS

We have had a dinosaur week in the tadpole room! We learnt the dinosaur stomp dance, made dinosaur biscuits and used paint to make dinosaur footprints. We've had a 'roarsome' time!



FROGS ICE CREAM

The Frogs have enjoyed pretending to make and sell ice creams over the last couple of weeks. They wanted to eat some real ice cream, so we decided to make some! We placed cream, sugar and vanilla essence in a small bag and gave it a stir. In a bigger bag we added ice cubes and salt. We then placed the small bag inside the big bag and started to shake! We had to use oven gloves because the bags were so cold; we had to shake the bag for ten minutes! We popped the bag inside the freezer whilst we went out to play. After play we checked on our ice cream and we were excited to see it had worked, we had made ice cream! We couldn't wait to try it, and all enjoyed a small cone. It was delicious! What a fabulous morning.



We even took Mr Jory an ice cream!



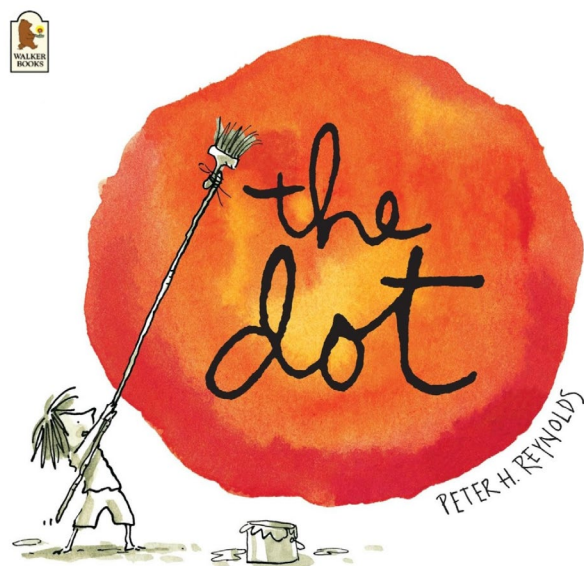


This week the Frogs made nature frames in Forest School.



COLLABORATIVE ARTWORK

Reception have been looking at the book *The Dot*. To help understand about having a growth mindset and what they can do when they find something tricky or difficult. In the story, Vashti didn't believe she was any good at drawing, but through the belief of the teacher she went on to make multiple pieces of artwork and have all her artwork displayed in a museum. The Reception children made their own piece of collaborative artwork to remind themselves about what they can achieve with some self-belief.

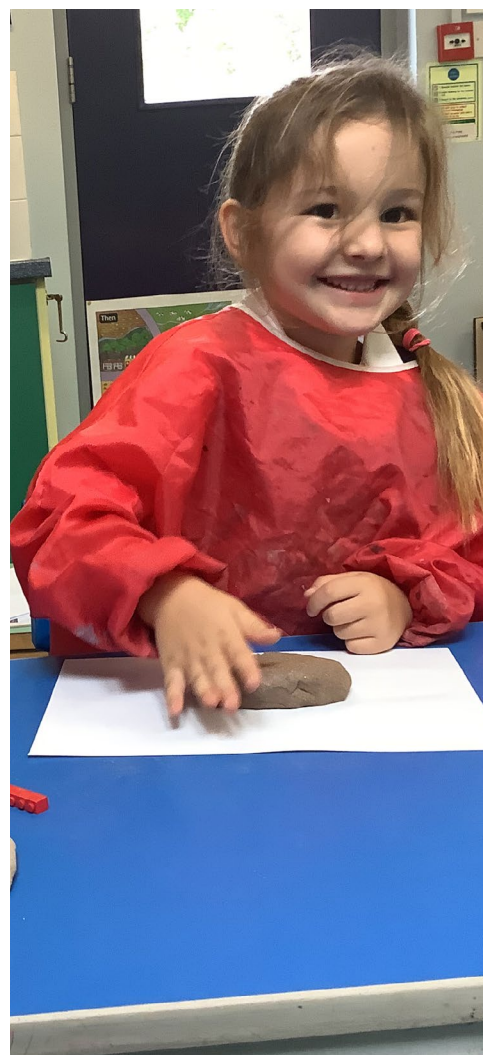
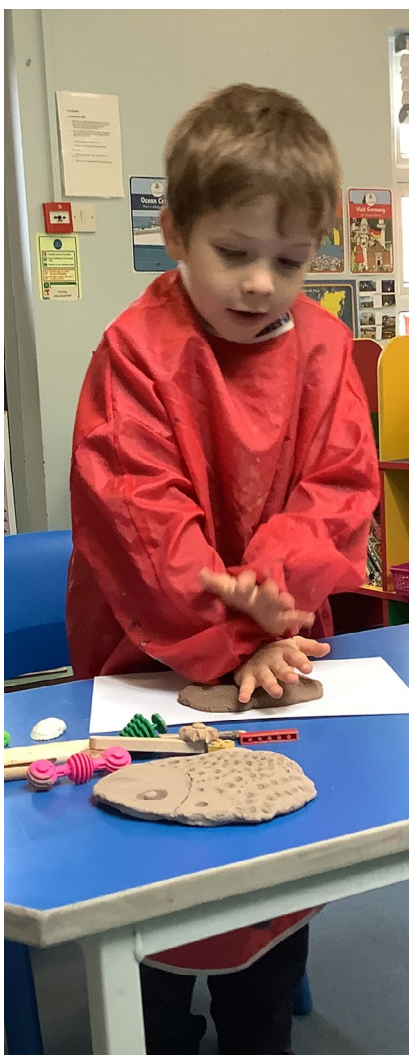


On the 29th it was the Mid-Autumn Festival in China. Robin brought in some moon cakes and we celebrated by making our own lanterns, listening to Chinese festival music and eating moon cakes and hot chocolate. Yum yum and what fun!

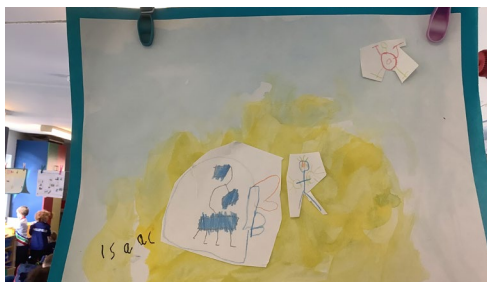


CLAY FISH

Yesterday, the Year 1 children had a wonderful time making their clay fish for our whole school display. We read the story, *Only one you* by Linda Kranz and each child used their fine motor skills to roll, pinch, cut and imprint shapes into their clay. Their individual fish will go on display later in the term.



The Year 2 children have become Artists. They have painted a lovely seaside background using a colour wash, and drawn pictures to cut-out and stick on to their background to make beach scenes



MINIS NEWS



MINIS VISIT THE MILLFIELD PONIES

Minis headed down to the stables this week, to meet the Millfield ponies and feed them healthy carrot and apple treats! Afterwards, we had playtime at the playground and enjoyed our own delicious snack time together!

