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# NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

The positive buzz and energy around school has been tangible over the last few days of this half of term. I left for Nigeria yesterday to attend a Marketing and Admissions Fair, but I have already heard the House Singing competition was phenomenal, so well done to both staff and pupils for all of your efforts. You can be extremely proud of what you have achieved in just six weeks, and I look forward to watching the performances on YouTube.

With everything building towards the fun-filled climax of House Singing, it is easy to forget that so much more has been happening this week.

Some very lucky boys headed off on their football tour to Barcelona on

Wednesday, grinning from ear to ear as they left. We've also hosted IAPS tournaments, a Musart exhibition, as well as pupils attending and performing at the Wells Food Festival.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing time with your loved ones and I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of term in two weeks. Do make sure your children get a break please – they will need one whether they look like they do or not!

Yours,  
Dan

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## HOUSE SINGING WINNERS



## FIREWORK ARRANGEMENTS

Why not bring your friends and family to our annual fireworks event on Saturday 4 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). The Parents and Friends Association will be running a tuck shop for the event!

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.



# HOUSE SONG

All of the houses sang beautifully, ending with a phenomenal School Medley. Well done to everyone that performed and a special congratulations to Danes for winning the trophy! Take a look at some of the highlights from this year's competition [here](#). We will have the full photo album and video on our social channels soon!





# PARENTS AND FRIENDS UPDATE

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The Parents and Friends Association have a brand new gazebo! At events, keep an eye out for the stand and come and say hello. A reminder that parents need to sign up to Classlist to be able to receive communications from the school and P&FA. Anyone wishing to help out at events, please add yourself into the 'helper' group on Classlist. We will be selling tickets for our 'Christmas Mingle' via Classlist, numbers are limited so it will be first come first served.



## A CHRISTMAS MINGLE

Thursday 7 December - a Christmas Mingle!

This will be run by the P&FA. It will be a relaxed Christmas event with canapés, cocktails and music.

Parents can share a few drinks, mingle and raise money from a raffle for a great cause! This year we are raising money for a fabulous climbing frame/assault course for the forest school area which can be enjoyed by all! Due to space this event will be limited sadly to 120. Tickets will be available soon.

First prize in the raffle is a fabulous Fortnum & Mason Hamper!

The Head has also offered a special prize for the most creative, entrepreneurial salesmen and women amongst the children for a treat in the second half of term for the children.

Raffle tickets will be coming home with children before half term. Please encourage your children to sell as many as they can! Please bring back the stubs and money in sealed named envelopes by Monday 4 December and leave with reception.

Most importantly please support this event by donating a prize/prizes. Please bring them back after half term and leave them on reception. We are looking for lots of brand-new items for prizes which are worth £10 or more in value.





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# SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

We were excited to discover that the humane traps we had helped to set up last week on the reserve, had been a success. Out of the 40 traps set, 20 had a small mammal inside them when checked first thing the next morning by the reserve volunteers. Harvest mice were the most popular find and they were weighed, given a quick health check and then happily released back into the wild. Other jobs we have been involved in over the last two visits include cutting back willow trees to allow more light to shine onto the waterways and bringing in the black reptile mats for the winter, that have been out all summer as a secluded space for reptiles to hide out.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH - WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week we harvested the rest of the pumpkin field, filling the trailer with pumpkins ranging from egg size to the size of a cows head! We boxed, stamped and stacked an astonishing 1,890 eggs as well as shooing some naughty escapee chickens back into their orchard.

We will be back at the farm after half term with a full range of activities including:

- Tree planting
- Picking, cleaning and drying pumpkin seeds ready to plant in the spring
- Planting bulbs for Christmas gifts to go in the shop
- Brushing the goats
- Quad bike rides (in exchange for working hard!)
- Apple harvesting
- Tractor trips
- And as always... EGGS!

Do come and join us on a Wednesday afternoon - bring kit, waterproof coat and wellies as it can be a little damp underfoot at times.





# JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week, Oreo is going home with **Theo G.** Theo has worked hard on his organisation and has demonstrated great communication and adaptability skills this week. Chota is going home with **Dylan D** for showing great kindness towards his peers, ensuring no one was left on their own at breakfast and helping those in need. Miffy is going home with **Duke M.** Duke was awarded Miffy for always being kind to his peers, being thoughtful in class and helping those who need it. Well done to all!



## TESCO TOKENS

Millfield's science technician, Mrs Richards, is a member of a local carnival club - Mendip Vale.

Every year the club has to raise money by fundraising to build their Cart, so they can take part in the November Guy Fawkes carnival circuit, which in turn, raises money for local charities.

This can cost up to £20,000! Wells Tesco are kindly helping this year by allowing clubs to take part in their Blue token scheme.

If you shop at Tesco in Wells, please would you consider popping your tokens into the Mendip Vale box. Every penny counts!

## OCTOBER HALF TERM COURSE

Our October half term course is Millfield Football (Age 5-12). Click the photo below for more information!



## 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](mailto:crispin.g@millfieldschool.com)) with the correct answer, will win a merit and a small prize.

Spanish: **la corona**

- 1) hat
- 2) cap
- 3) crown





# LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

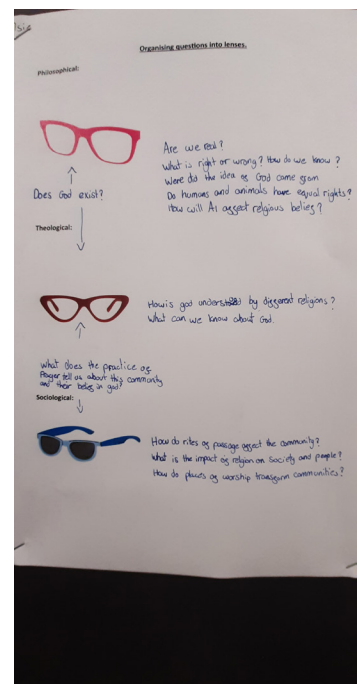
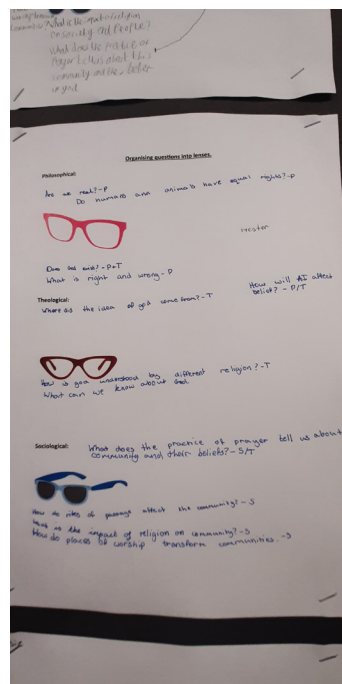
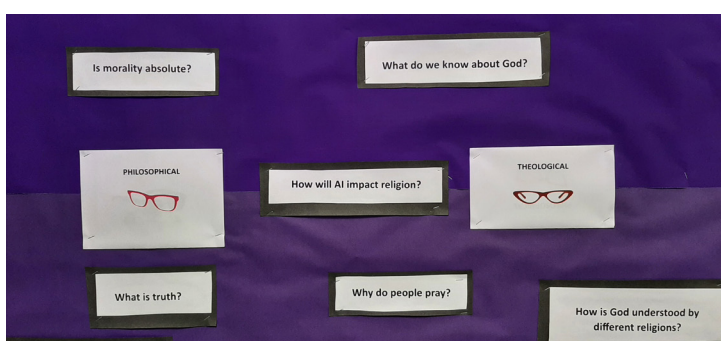
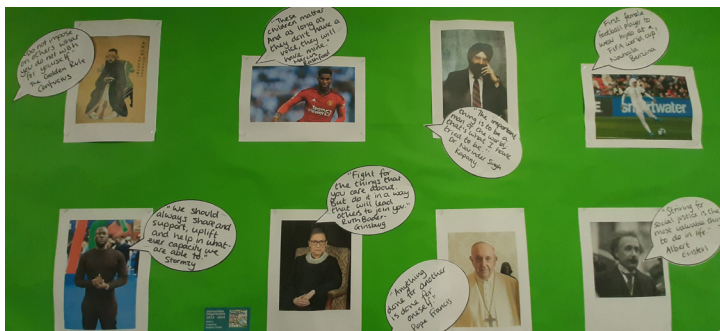
Bea S and Lucia M have been awarded linguists of the week for great attitude and learning in Latin. Well done girls!



## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This term in Year 7 and 8 Religious Studies, the pupils have been learning about worldviews, both by considering the worldviews of both individuals and societies as well as their own worldview. The pupils have considered how peoples' worldviews encourage them to be challengers and stand up for justice, and completed research on people such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Mahatma Gandhi, Stormzy and Malala.

The Year 7 groups have also started to think more carefully about the nature of RS, learning to use philosophical, theological, and sociological lenses to find out more information about religions, gods, and ethics. The pupils spent time categorising questions, changing the formulation so that they fit into another category, as well as making up their own questions to ask within the subject. We will see how many we can answer by the end of the year!





# ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP

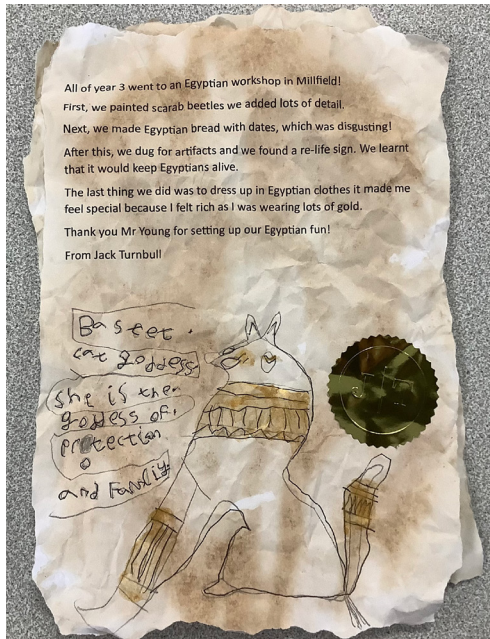
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A write up by pupil **Jack G** -

"On Friday morning we went to the ancient Egyptian workshop in the school pavilion. Both Mr Young's and my class attended the lesson. First, we sat patiently waiting to be told what activities we were going to do. After, it was explained what we're going to do. My group started digging for artefacts in the sand pit. First, I saw an ancient bug called a scarab in the sand pit. Then, we found models of servants that were in the tombs with the pharaohs. When we finished exploring the sand pit, we then started painting scarab beetles. Meanwhile the teacher told us that all colours represented something, for example, green represents life.

Once we completed painting the scarab beetles, we practised making ancient bread. It was harder than it looks to make. Firstly, I cut up dates, although some of them fell on the floor, I put the rest inside the bread as instructed. This was quite tricky. Secondly, I had to make the bread into a ball and put it in a cup. This was very difficult because the bread kept changing shape and the dates fell out. I eventually got it in the cup.

After all of that we started to dress up as ancient Egyptians, I put all the clothes on to make me look like a real Egyptian. I am looking forward to learning more at the next lesson."





# ART AND CLIMATE CHANGE EXHIBITION

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Year 4 pupils visited the Cape Farewell Art and Climate Change Exhibition at Millfield Senior School. Pupils enjoyed an art workshop in the Atkinson Foyer, visited the exhibition, and had a drama workshop based on the theme of journey and expedition. An incredible experience.





The Year 4s had their first session as a whole orchestra on Tuesday morning. They have only been learning their instruments for four weeks and made a great sound all together!



## SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club have been testing their paper boats this week in the glorious sunshine, managing to keep over 40 marbles afloat using just one piece of A4 paper! It was great practice for recording and comparing results too.



## WRITING OPPORTUNITY

Learn about another opportunity for budding writers...

The National Rotary Young Writers Competition!

The age ranges are Junior 7-10, Intermediates 11-13 and the theme is on "Rebuilding". The Rotary Club gives vouchers to the heat winners and then winners are referred on to district and national levels. Enter your submissions to Miss Pattison or your English teacher before Saturday 2 December.





## 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Biophotocomp@millfieldschool.com)

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

**Closing date for all entries is 30<sup>th</sup> 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.





# LIBRARY NEWS - READING CHALLENGE

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Get ready for an exciting half-term adventure! The school library is pleased to present the half term Reading Challenge. Can your child read three books over the break? The first completed entry form picked at random will win a fantastic prize. However, there's more to it than just winning; this challenge will boost your child's literacy skills and help foster a lifelong love for reading. You'll find the entry form by clicking the poster below; pupils should return it to their teacher or Mrs Caulfield in the library by 30 October.

To make this challenge even more enjoyable, we've stocked our library with a treasure trove of new books, catering to all tastes and interests. What's even more special is that many of these titles were handpicked based on your children's suggestions, showing how much their voices and opinions matter to us. Also, some of our new books are donations from parents for which we are extremely grateful. If you have books your children no longer read and would like to donate them, our library is the perfect home.

So, please encourage your children to enter the challenge, read some fantastic books and help make the mini-challenge a big success!



## HALF TERM *reading* CHALLENGE

## Can you read 3 books over half term?

When you finish a book during half term, write the book title and author below, plus a sentence or two about the book. Return your completed form to your teacher or Mrs Caulfield in the library. All entries will be entered into a prize draw - first entry pulled at random will win a fantastic prize. All entrants will receive HMCs and certificates.

**1**

Title and author: \_\_\_\_\_

Your thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2**

Title and author: \_\_\_\_\_

Your thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**3**

Title and author: \_\_\_\_\_

Your thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Click the poster to the left to get your entry form!

# READ GROW INSPIRE

Can a birdwatcher outwit an escaped convict?

Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?

Twitch is a thrilling mystery adventure perfect for readers 9+

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

Available to borrow from the school library!



# BOARDING LIFE

## CHESTNUT

It is hard to believe that we are already at half term. The boys have settled well into the Chestnut routines and they have enjoyed getting to know each other and live as a big family. To round off this half term, we had Big Screen Movie Night in the Assembly Hall. They settled down under duvets to watch the latest Shazam movie. To help them enjoy the film even more, they had a popcorn machine, Ben and Jerrys ice cream and fizzy drinks! It was a great way to round off this half term.



## CHAMPION

Another busy week and a half term is just around the corner! With the glorious weather, we headed out for a walk around the grounds and said hello to a few horses. After a lovely lazy Sunday morning in house, Champion girls loved the baking activity and some scrummy apple crumble made its way to Mrs L afterward – delicious! Dorm of the Week were repeat winners, **Rose G, Rose S, Indi** and **Katie** which meant a lie-in with breakfast in bed - wow! We said a sad farewell to **Serena** this week as she moves to pastures new. Wishing all our Champion families a restful half term.





As the half term draws to a close, Berewall made the most of some downtime to relax, with a supersize film night. Then at golden hour on Sunday, it was time for a campfire and s'mores! We wish you all a happy, relaxing half term. The Berewall boys have been phenomenal, they have come a long way in a short time. See you all soon when we will be ready to go again.



## EDGARLEY MANOR

We have made it to the final week of term! It has absolutely flown by and we are so pleased with how well the boys have settled. On Saturday afternoon some of the boys made cupcakes. It was brilliant to see how many of them wanted to get involved. In the evening Mr McNulty lit the fire pit. It was such a nice atmosphere as they toasted marshmallows and chatted around the fire. On Sunday, the boys played football in the sunshine before heading into school for a range of activities in the afternoon, including cookery and sports. It was lovely to be given really positive feedback from the Sunday duty staff. Well done boys! Wishing all of our families an enjoyable half term break.







## HOLLIES

As we approach the half term, it has been another wonderful and busy week in Hollies. On Thursday evening, the girls enjoyed some scrambled eggs on toast as their evening snacks. These were the eggs Teni and Martha had collected from their visit to Sourdown Farm as part of the community outreach project. On Saturday, the girls enjoyed a trip to Tesco where they needed to use their ingenuity to make their budgets stretch as far as possible! Some of the girls participated in a walk up Glastonbury Tor as part of the Boarders' Sunday Activity Programme. I think they enjoyed the descent more however due to a conveniently parked ice cream van which we could visit. On Sunday evening, we all celebrated another teenager in the house - happy birthday Lulu! The girls also got a lovely surprise when Kiwi the puppy paid them a visit. There were lots of strokes and cuddles from the girls. The girls are all looking forward to a super half term.





# BRILLIANT BOARDERS

## CHESTNUT

The Chestnut Brilliant Boarder for the first half of term is **Jacobo**. He arrived from Spain and has had to learn a new language whilst coping with Millfield Prep life, which as we all know moves very fast. He has made a real effort to get to know all of the boys in house and when we had a late starter in week four, it was Jacobo who became his guide! He is kind, courteous, polite and helpful and he is a fantastic role model and ambassador for Chestnut and Millfield Prep.



## CHAMPION

We have a pair of Brilliant Boarders this term in Champion! **Sonia** and **Sara** joined us in September having only visited once before for a taster stay. Since joining Year 4 and Year 5, they have impressed us with the way they have embraced everything that boarding has to offer. Both girls have quickly made friends, they read most nights during quiet time and are a delight to have in Champion. Well done Sonia and Sara!



## HOLLIES

**Bea** is one of the Hollies' Brilliant Boarders for this term. Despite being new to Hollies, she has quickly become accustomed to routines, developed friendships and involved herself in many aspects of school life. She has an extremely busy schedule which she manages superbly. She never fails to smile and is a constant energy in the house. Well done for such a great start Bea!

**Lucia A** has also been awarded the Brilliant Boarder title in Hollies this half term. As a new boarder, she has grown in confidence as the term has progressed and has never failed to involve herself in activities. She is friendly and kind to all. On her first night in September, she took the time to go around to many of the boarders to say goodnight! Lucia is such a delightful person and a great role model for all our younger boarders. She thoroughly deserves the award. What an amazing start to the year, well done Lucia!

## BEREWALL

The Berewall Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Yevhenii**. Yevhenii started the term very homesick and found it difficult to adapt to the new routines. He has since thrown himself into boarding life, sports and academics to become a great role model to his peers. He is very busy, so needs to be very organised, he is also respectful and kind. Well done, Yevhenii, we are very proud of you.



## EDGARLEY MANOR

Our Brilliant Boarder for this half term is **Dexter**. Dexter has settled into life at Edgarley Manor amazingly well. So well, it seems like he has been here for much longer! He is polite and well mannered and has very quickly settled into the house routines. He has shown great independence in getting himself organised and knowing what he needs to take to school each day. Keep this up!





# SPORTING NEWS

## HOCKEY

Well done to the U13 girls, who have qualified for the IAPS National Hockey Finals! A great competition at King's College confirmed their spot in the finals.



Congratulations also to U11 girls on winning the IAPS West of England Hockey Finals. They are also looking forward to competing at the National Finals in November.





The U13B girls finished off the half term of hockey with a great game against Queens College. The girls worked hard playing in a range of positions and had lots of fun!



The U11B have had a great start to the hockey season. Well done on all your hard work and dedication. Big thank you to **Tabby** for stepping in to be the goalkeeper. 19



The U9 girls competed in a hockey festival on Saturday. The weather was perfect! They have been working hard in training on their individual and team skills. They improved with each game and they played some fast attacking hockey. The most important thing from the day was not the scores but how they played the game. They played in the perfect Millfield Way and backed each other up throughout the morning.





On Sunday, we welcomed 13 schools for the U11 South West Football IAPS competition. Millfield won Pool One moving into the cup competition. They made it to the final without conceding a goal and managed to win the final 2-1. Well done boys. Next stop, Nationals!



On Monday, the U12 girls travelled to Westfield Academy for Round One of the County Cup. The 3G pitch suited Millfield as they are a technically able group of girls. They won 11-2, a fantastic result!



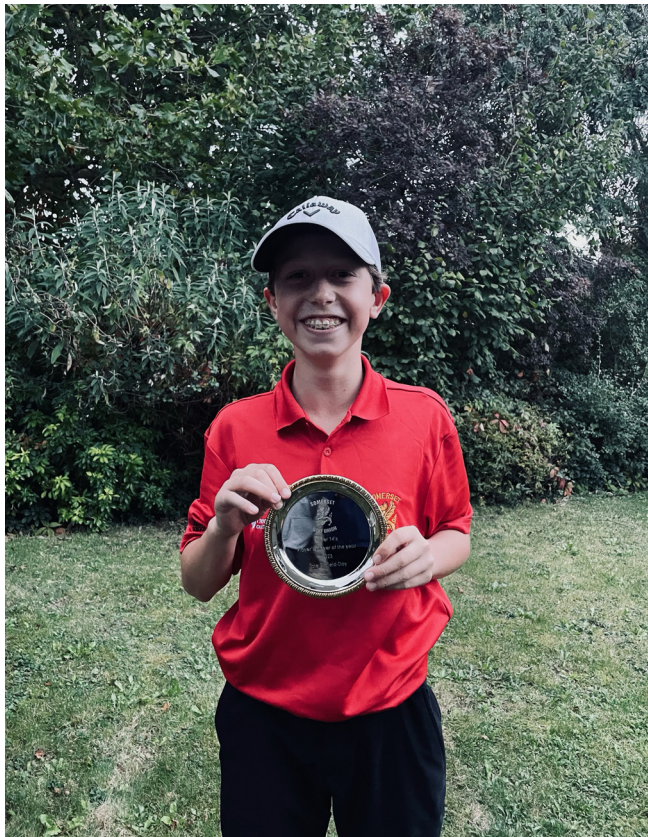
Good luck to the Boys Senior Development team, who have headed on their football tour to Barcelona! More updates from the trip to follow soon...





The Millfield Prep golfers have had a busy couple of weeks. **Georgie P** has played some excellent golf recently and been promoted to the County Girls Development Squad. **Tate S-D** represented Taunton and Pickering GC in the semi-final of the JTG England Championships and despite an injured hand, played very well to help his team reach the National Finals. Tate also won the Player's Player of the Year from his fellow U14 county squad golfers.

Some of the younger Millfield Prep pupils played the last Somerset First4Golf event at Wedmore GC on Sunday. **Joshua W**, **Charlotte JA**, **Mac W** and **Morgan C** all won their age groups with **Matilda R-C** also performing well.



## SPORT PARENT WEBINAR

Thank you to those parents who joined the Sport Parent Webinar on Thursday. If you missed the presentation, there is a [catch up here](#). A great listen for all parents!



## SAILING

The sailors had their first experience of a regatta this week down at the Portland and Weymouth Sailing Academy. The average wind speed of 25 knots demanded a lot of concentration, and the boys did brilliantly to stay upright and keep to the course. They encouraged each other, learned a lot and were only one point away from winning the Regatta Relays. Well done to the boys for working so hard to stay positive and warm!

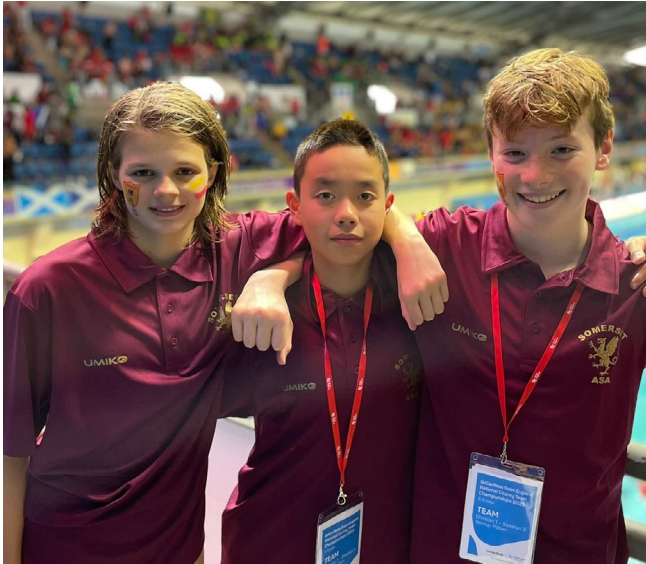




It has been a great start to the year for the MPS swimming team. Back in September we had 36 MPS swimmers represent Millfield in the South West English Schools Relay Heats – Millfield Prep came out on top becoming South West Champions all four relay events (4 x 50m Freestyle and 4 x 50m medley). This means the team have qualified for the English Schools National Finals in November, well done team!

At the beginning of October Millfield Prep took part in the Somerset Development Meet. We had 45 swimmers race and for many it was their first-time racing within a competitive environment. The team looked great technically and there was an awesome display of skills. Well done everyone, we are really proud of all your hard work and dedication.

Finally, we had three of our Year 8 swimmers (**Charlie P**, **Henry F** and **Vivienne L**) selected to represent Somerset County in the National Inter County Championships in Sheffield. The atmosphere was electric which makes for fast swimming. Well done on your personal best times! Somerset finished sixth out of the 37 counties that were represented. What a fantastic experience and meet to be a part of.





Congratulations to **Toby W**, who won an U16 Grade 4 in Sutton on Saturday and to **Almendra C G**, who qualified for the U11 Winter Regional Tour at Bath University. On Saturday we held an LTA Grade 6 match play tournament and had 12 entries in the Mini Red U8 Singles and Doubles. The following Prep players played really well: **Zara G, Stanley R, Honey L, Harper B-D, Ida S, Alfred W, Guhan S, Morgan C, Immy M** and **Sofia D**. Very well done to Zara who was runner-up in the singles and won the doubles beating Morgan and Stanley in the final. The following boys enjoyed competing in the U14 singles and well done to Alek who was runner-up. **Mohammad A, Anthony Y, Spencer S-M, Beltrán L G** and **Aleksandr G**. Also congratulations to **Toby W, Zach K, Tommy W** and **Ollie W** who have all qualified for the Grade 1 U12 LTA Lexus Indoor National Championships in Bolton and to **Lowri S-M** who has qualified for the Grade 2 U10 LTA Lexus National Tour in Sunderland. Good luck to those five players and to all our other tennis players who are competing in tournaments over half term.

**Toby W** winning the U16 Grade 4 in Sutton on Saturday.



A very well done to **Meilin K** who won the U10 mixed singles Tournament.



U8 LTA Tennis Matchplay on Saturday.



**Tommy W** played in the Babolat Cup at the weekend in Egdbaston Priory for all the U12 County Champions from 16 different counties. He won two out of his four matches!





Our senior boys and girls teams competed in the first round of the prestigious English Schools Cup competition. We would normally compete in the Somerset round but we had to pop over to Dorset as "our" round would have been in half term.

The course was a mix of ups and downs which suited our runners. It is a team competition where all runners contribute to the team score and the lowest score wins. All of the boys and girls ran sensible races and they packed well together. **Bea S** ran another dominant race and both teams won their events. We will now head off to the regional final after half term to try and qualify for the national final.



## SURFING

Our final session at The Wave was on the Waikiki wave. This is a green wave and really put the pupils skills to the test. They were in open water and had to take the rip tide to the back of the lake. Once there, they paddled in front on the unbroken wave and then had to paddle hard to catch the wave. They did incredibly well and surfed ten sets without a break. We have been amazed at how far they have come in only a few weeks. Have a look at the professional photos to see how much fun they have had - [The Wave's website](#). One boy told me these Wednesdays have been his best since being at the school. Following the success of this term, keep an eye out for the spring terms club options as surfing is likely to be an option again.





**Rose** and **Henry** entered the Boulder League on Wednesday! Bouldering is a branch of rock climbing, performed at low level. It is above crash mats so it allows participants to entirely focus on the techniques and movements needed to climb on the steepest walls. As there is no technical safety equipment involved, no previous bouldering experience is required to compete the routes. The league consists of 4 x 1.5 hour rounds with 20 blocs (climbs) in each round. Both Rose and Henry did really well and will be taking part in the next round in a few weeks.





# 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





**Hattie T** finished eighth on Elvis at Mendip Plains Hunter Trial in the 80cm section. Hattie was amongst 50 riders and the majority were adults!



**Matilda R-C** competing on Blubell, jumping a clear round at the unaffiliated Show Jumping Competition. 27



## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS







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# NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Pre-Prep have had an excellent start to this academic year, sharing so many opportunities and experiences, playing and learning together. Over the last six weeks the children have been engaged and enthused, challenging their learning, being curious and enjoying time with their friends in school. The weather has been mixed. Too wet! Too hot! Too cold! Too windy! Too foggy! But we've continued to be positive whatever the weather and it hasn't stopped the learning in and out of the classroom, exploring our amazing grounds.

Some of the highlights of the half term were the Harvest service, visiting senior school, forest school, apple picking in our orchard, swimming, building dens, visiting the beach, cooking, music, team building, extra curricular activities, whole school celebration assembly and games with friends at lunchtimes. Ask your child - what have you enjoyed this half term?

It has been a busy six weeks and the children are ready for the break to recharge. No matter what the weather I hope you enjoy the time together. Send in photos and messages of your half term adventures and exploring the outdoors in the Autumn colours.

Yours,  
Mr Jory

## KEY DATES

**Monday 30 October**  
School returns

**Saturday 4 November**  
Fireworks - you can buy get your tickets by [clicking here](#).

PRE-PREP

## HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
CURRENT TOTAL	339	292	288	237
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	99	72	88	105
OVERALL	438	364	376	342



## WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

This week the Tadpoles made their own binoculars during craft time. We took them onto Appletree green to search for bears! We looked all over the garden, searching high and low and once we'd found them all we lined them up and counted how many bears we'd found!





## APPARATUS FRENZY...

The Frogs have had an active week this week using the large apparatus in the hall and practising their ball skills on the Astro!





## FAIRIES WRITE BACK!

WOW who would believe it...The Fairies wrote back to the Reception class. They visited us through a fairy door that we found whilst visiting Forest School last week. The letters where personally written to each and every one of the children, with sparkles and all. The children were so happy to find them, read them and now we are writing back to them.





# KANDINSKY

Following on from their collaborative art on dots and circles last week, the children were introduced to the artist Kandinsky who is well known for his abstract art. Kandinsky was a musician as well as an artist. Lots of his work was produced whilst listening to music, which is represented in his final pieces. The children listened to different music and then choose a paint colour that they thought reflected it. Then they made movements on to the paper with their paintbrushes as the music played. The children had a great time and the final pieces looked fantastic.





# PUPPET SHOW

Following our trip to Weston pier, the children have been finding out more about seaside holidays from the past. This has prompted the children to create their own puppet shows. We hunted for the puppet theatre and the children have been creating their own characters, backdrops and scripts. It has been wonderful to watch their creativity in full swing and develop the skills required to put on a puppet show- collaboration, cooperation, problem solving, communication and design to name a few.





## FOREST SCHOOL

Following on from our Harvest Festival and the story of the The Little Red Hen, the year one and two pupils have shared bread with each other and cooked it over the fire in the forest school. They learnt how to be safe around the fire and what the fire triangle was. We were proud of how sensible they were. They enjoyed cooking the bread but loved eating it even more!



### PRE-PREP

## PLAYGROUND SMILES





# POSTCARDS

Year 2 have posted postcards! To continue our learning of the seaside, the children chose a family member or friend to write to, and they wrote about their trip to Weston Super Mare. We added the address and the stamp and then walked across to the post box to send them. We are excited to hear of their arrival!







# MINIS NEWS

## MINIS SWIM!

We had a splish, splosh, splashingly splendid time at the Senior school swimming pool! Our Minis took to the water like little ducklings, blowing bubbles and paddling after the bubble ball!

