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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As I write this, whizzing my way back from the IAPS Heads' Conference in Brighton, I can't quite believe that we have reached our first Exeat already. For the entire MPS community it is a time to take a much-needed pause for breath, an opportunity to stop and take stock of all that has happened in the past three weeks.

To new pupils and families, a heartfelt well done. Yes, there is likely to have been a wobble or two along the way but this long weekend is a milestone and a point to refer back to - you have done the hardest part of starting somewhere new. To others not new to Millfield, it is probably a moment to check in with yourselves, reaffirm targets for the year ahead and reflect on a great start to the term.

I look forward (traffic permitting!) to seeing everyone for our Harvest Festival Service later this morning where Rev James Stephenson, 'Stevo', will no doubt help send us on our way to the Exeat with energy and positivity.

Well done everyone on a fantastic start! Have a lovely weekend.

Yours,
Dan

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PARENT NOTICES

Uniform after Exeat

Winter uniform will need to be worn after Exeat, with all pupils required to wear a tie. Shorts are still permitted.

End of day collection

To help us keep accurate records and avoid unnecessary searches, please let Reception know if a child scheduled for the 4-5pm club has been collected early. Any child leaving early or arriving late, should always be signed out via Reception.

Please can parents drive slowly and carefully around the school site, particularly on Martins Lane, and the top car park. We greatly value your help in keeping our school safe.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent painting by **Hugo W** 8PTM.





EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Jerry L in Year 8 is our EAL Pupil of the Week. He is off to a great start, not giving up when tasks have challenged him. His positive attitude makes our classroom a better place. He is ready to help others and share ideas kindly and confidently.



LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

Layla K and **Jessica H** achieved Linguist of the Week!

They collaborated and produced a fantastic video about the sports they do and their school day. They presented their work to the younger years to inspire them and show them what they can achieve when they learn a new language! Bravo!



MILLFIELD INDOOR HOCKEY CAMPS

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 8 pupils worked collaboratively to create a delicious double-layer chocolate cake. They thoroughly enjoyed both the preparation and the tasting!

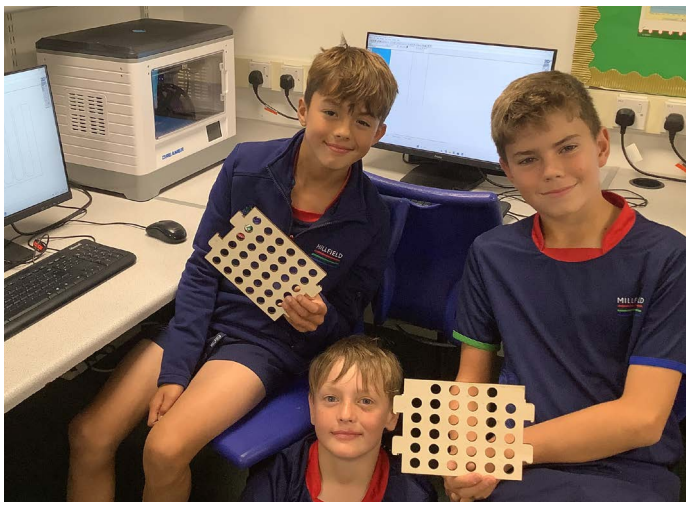




DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The DT department has been a hive of activity in the last few weeks with pirate ships, iPad stands and the new laser cutting and 3D printing club. Well done to all involved.









HARVEST SERVICE


















BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

It's been another action-packed and joy-filled week in Hollies. Highlights included the girls letting rip on the karaoke machine, some happy autumnal evenings spent apple picking for the Harvest service, and a cosy Saturday night movie together. The week also brought some excellent matches, exciting tournament results and a brilliant boarders' trip to the Grand Pier at Weston-super-Mare, where laughter and seaside fun were the order of the day. On Sunday, we celebrated **Tabby's** birthday in true Hollies style, with plenty of joy and togetherness. After such a busy and fulfilling week, the girls are very much deserving of a fun and restful Exeat weekend – we look forward to welcoming everyone back to the house on Sunday evening, ready for more adventures.








CHESTNUT

It has been a brilliant week here in Chestnut. We have cerebrated another two birthdays, **Kate** and **Ajua**, with sushi, an epic chocolate cake, McDonald's, Krispy Kreme donuts and of course, another pinata. Happy birthday Kate and Ajua! Once again Team Chestnut have been spoilt with birthday treats and we've loved celebrating their special birthdays. We've been enjoying the sunshine between the showers, and playing outside, in the hammocks and on the slack line. We have also been getting crafty and making friendship bracelets and fidget keyrings. On Sunday, the girls had a fun day out, where they went on a trip to Weston Pier! Our Year 8 girls have also done an amazing job apple picking, with great enthusiasm and team effort, in preparation for the Harvest Service. After an extremely busy three weeks the girls are really looking forward to a rest over the Exeat.








BEREWALL

Saturday Night at the Movies sang the Drifters, possibly about Berewall, according to legend! This weekend saw the boys indulge in mountains of sugar through an ice cream factory, followed by the flickering lights of the silver screen, where we all snuggled down under duvets to watch The Incredibles.







CHAMPION

It has been another busy week at Champion. Friendships are really blooming and the boys' new routines are becoming more familiar. On Saturday, evening Mr Beevor took the boys to the sports hall for some football, which they enjoyed. Despite the rain, the trip to Weston Pier was a success and the boys had a great time exploring a range of rides. **Louis**, **Folami**, **Folarin** and **Shawn** were our 'Boarders of The Week' for keeping dorms tidy and consistently making their beds beautifully. We hope that you keep this up and help teach others too! We are so pleased with how well the boys have settled these past three weeks. They have been incredibly busy, and our new boys have had a lot to learn and remember. We hope that they have a chance to rest over the Exeat weekend ready for the exciting weeks that follow.








SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

Isla S and her pony Scribbles had a great day out at Moreton Equestrian Centre on Sunday they were second in the intro and sixth in the prelim class.





Elizabeth C had a great day out eventing at Pontispool She rode a great dressage test and very mature riding around the show jumping and XC. Well done.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Joey W** for being selected for the South West Regional Development swimming programme and Miss Jones who was selected as one of the swim coaches!





The Le Mieux National Championships last weekend where **Everley S-D** and Scally secured a podium finish of third place in the FEI pony class. She rode a beautiful test and received a brilliant score of 68.66%.

TENNIS

The tennis department would like to congratulate **Meilin K**, **Hector B**, **Deina G** and **Izzy M** on competing for their counties over the weekend. They have been working continuously hard on and off the court.

HOCKEY

Our Year 6 girls have made a superb start to the hockey season. On Wednesday, we had a block fixture against Clifton and also sent a team to the Kings Bruton tournament. Then on Saturday we hosted the Millfield tournament again with everybody playing. The two teams in the B section had a brilliant afternoon with one team coming third and the other winning the tournament. In the A-Team section, the girls managed to win all four games to clinch the title. A great start to the season. Well done to all the girls.



U9 girls had a wonderful game against All Hallows.





The Year 8 girls hockey have made a fantastic start to the term.

Some great opportunities for tournament and match play for all the girls, has seen the A and B teams pick up medals in the Hazlegrove tournament with the C team growing game by game.

The U13A team have picked up three trophies, winning the Hazlegrove, Kings Bruton and Blundells tournaments. Demonstrating their prolific goal scoring, with a total of 50 goals and only conceding one goal!

Well done to all the girls representing the school so superbly throughout all year groups.







SCUBA DIVING

Dive into Adventure with our Discover Scuba Taster Session for Years 6, 7 and 8!
Are you ready to explore the underwater world and experience something truly unique?
We're offering an exciting Discover Scuba taster lesson on Sunday 9 November, for pupils in Years 6, 7, and 8. This 1.5-hour session will give you a chance to dive into the basics of scuba diving.
No prior experience is needed—just a sense of adventure!

Why Join?
- Hands-On Experience: Get a feel for what scuba diving is like!
- Step Towards Certification: This taster session is a perfect introduction to our full course, which can lead to a PADI certification.
- Limited Spaces: With only a few spots available, be sure to secure your place early!

Session Details:
- Date: Sunday 9 November
- Time: 1.5-hour session
- Cost: £77 (charged via the fees office)

Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity to dive into something new!
Reserve your spot by completing the form on the Parent Portal.

Scuba Diving Adventure for Years 4 and 5!
Does your child dream of underwater exploration? We're excited to offer a special Bubble Maker Scuba taster lesson this term.

This course will build confidence and introduce the fundamentals of scuba diving through exciting games and activities. It's perfect for young adventurers looking to dive into something new!

Taster Session Details:
- Date: Sunday 9 November
- Time: 1.5-hour session
- Who Can Join: Pupils in Years 4 and 5
- Cost: £77

Why Join?
- Boost Confidence: Students will gain new skills while building their self-assurance underwater.
- Fun Learning: Games and activities will make learning scuba diving enjoyable.

Spaces are limited, so secure your spot today by completing the form on the Parent Portal.







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.

This 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 certfication 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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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 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.

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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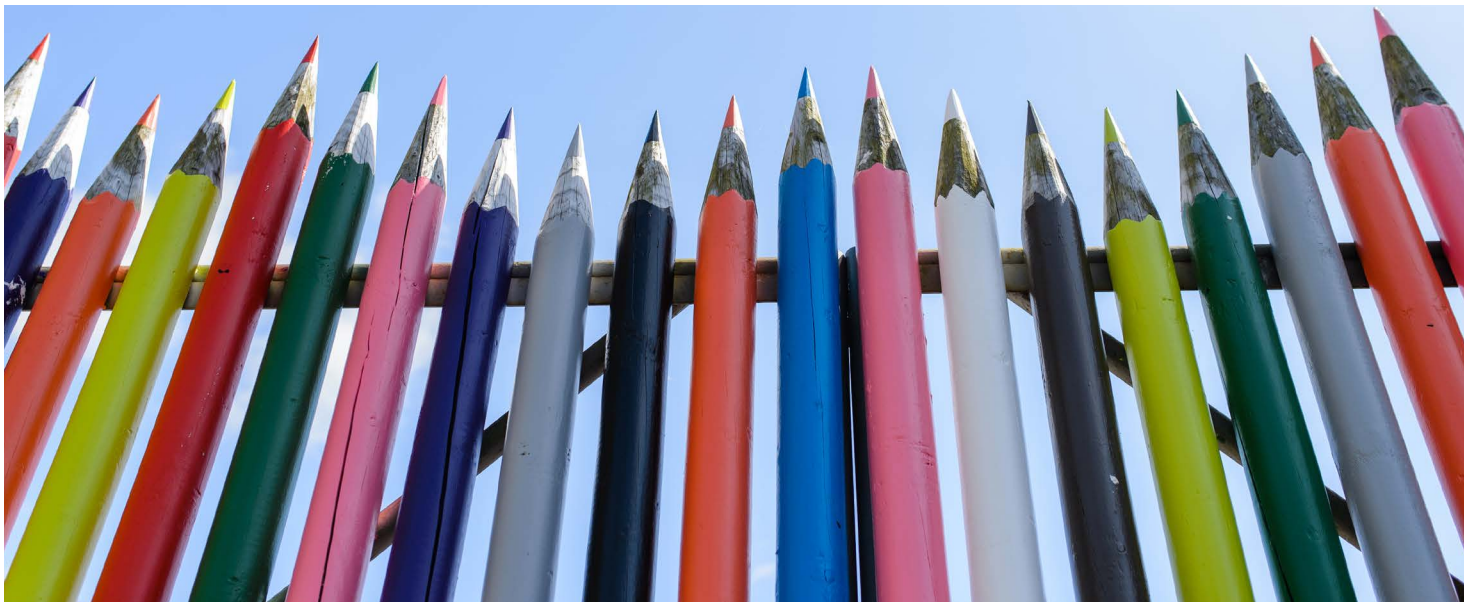
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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week in Pre-Prep, we've been fully immersed in the theme of Harvest, and what a great week it's been! The children have explored this special time of year through a wide range of activities, including cooking, art and even a fun-filled harvest hunt around our grounds. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity flourish as they learn about the importance of sharing and gratitude.

A highlight of the week was undoubtedly our annual Harvest Celebration. It was lovely to welcome so many families into the Pre-Prep Assembly Hall. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly donated food for the local food bank, your generosity will make a real difference to our local community.

You may have noticed some beautiful butterfly signs on the entrance to Pre-Prep. These colourful creations are linked to our Pre-Prep book, 'When Will I Get My Wings?' These remind us of what we try to achieve for all our learners; to provide a nurturing environment full of rich opportunities and experiences, where every child is supported as they grow, develop, and eventually find their wings to fly.

We're proud of all the small steps our children take each day, and it's a joy to see them becoming ever more confident, curious and kind.

Best wishes,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	316	251	266	300

TADPOLES

VISITNG THE STABLES

This week, the Tadpoles visited the stables! We met lots of lovely horses, and we were lucky enough to stroke one of them. We also watched a horse rider galloping around the arena. Afterwards, she brought her horse over to say hello!





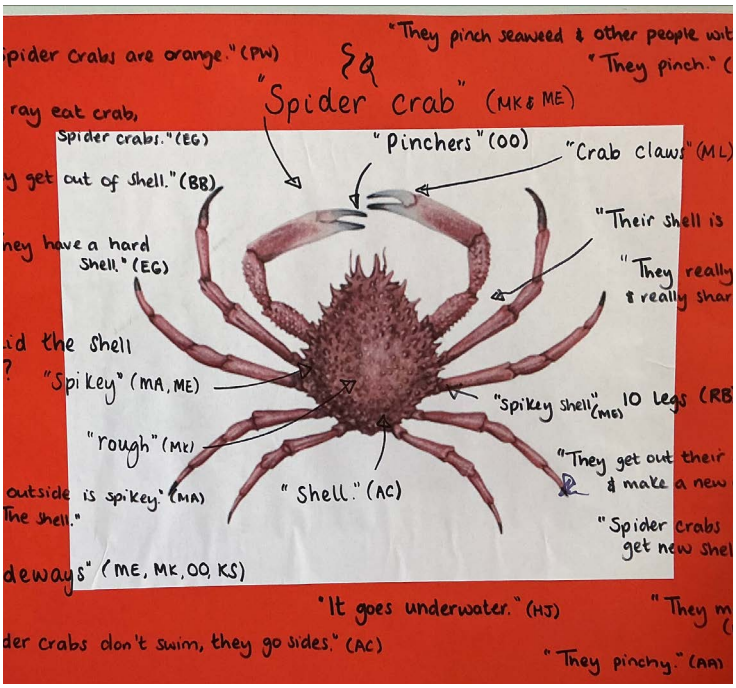




FROGS

SPIDER CRAB SHELLS

Our holiday news and photographs have developed an interest in rock pools and catching crabs. Miss Childs brought in some spider crab shells she found on the beach. We have been looking at the shells, using our describing words: spikey, rough, hard, pointy, and observing where the eyes, antenna and mouthparts are. We looked at a picture of a spider crab, observing the colour, counting the legs and pinchers. We watched some video clips which showed us how spider crabs move and moult. At the end of the week, we recalled the facts we had learnt!










YEAR 1 AND 2

BRAIN WORKSHOP

We had a brilliant time at the Brain Workshop. Millfield School put on a really exciting and immersive experience for us. We solved problems, used our senses, and even got to see a real brain! The children had a blast and were a credit to the Pre-Prep.









HARVEST DAY

What a great Harvest Day the EYFS children had. They learnt about the role of the farmer, the crops they grow and the machinery they use. They made pizzas, enjoyed a scarecrow trail and tasted and printed with different fruit and vegetables.















