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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As we cross the finish line of this half term, it feels only right to pause and celebrate the incredible success of our senior production, High School Musical. Every performance was bursting with energy, talent and sheer joy, and it was wonderful to see our pupils shine so brightly on stage.

I said after the final show that it's important to appreciate the scale of what Mr Carruthers, Mrs Sturges and the team have achieved. Over 130 children were involved either on stage, backstage, in the band, or supporting in countless other ways. This equates to almost a third of the Prep School involved in bringing this production to life. That alone is remarkable. But what has been even more inspiring is the growth, confidence and teamwork we've seen from our pupils throughout the entire rehearsal process.

A huge thank you to every child and every member of staff who contributed. Your hard work, creativity and commitment made High School Musical a truly memorable experience for us all.

As we head into the half term break, I hope everyone finds time to rest, recharge and enjoy some well-earned family time. I look forward to seeing the children return refreshed and ready for an exciting second half of term.

Yours,
Dan

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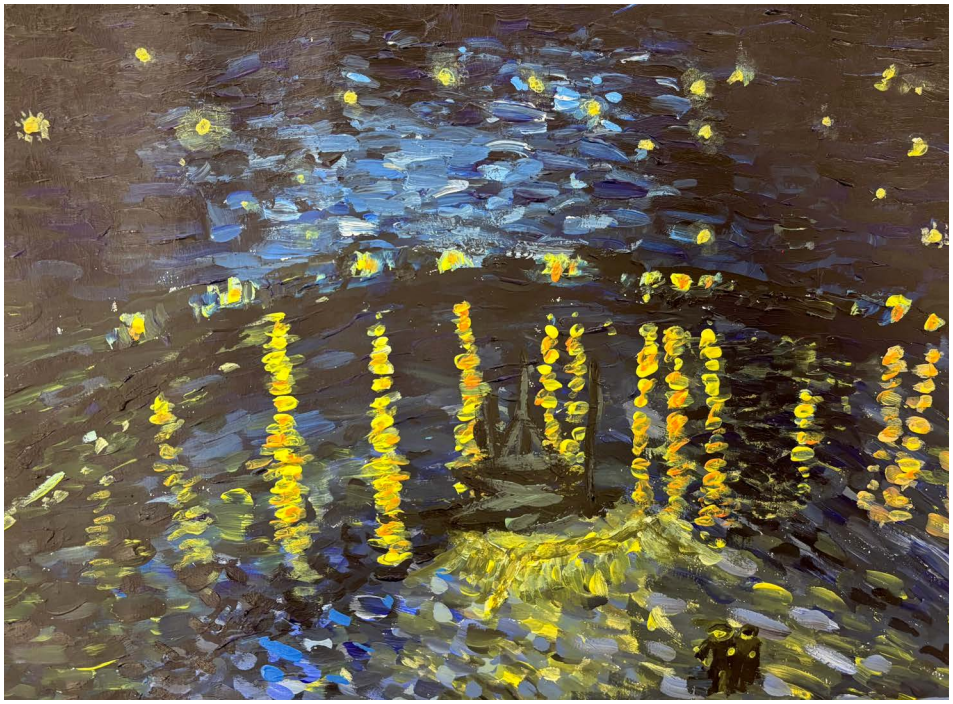
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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture Of The Week is this painting by **Poppy C.**



EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

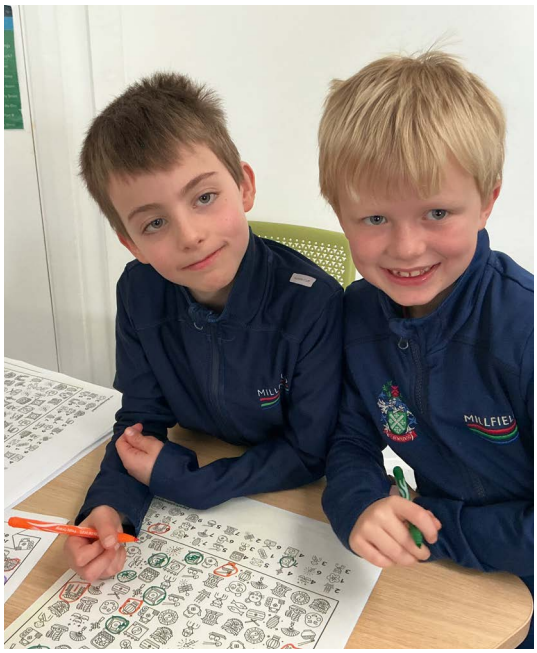
Kona I has shown fantastic independence in his learning this term and joins in positively during EAL lessons. He works consistently through his Bedrock Learning tasks and takes great care to note down new vocabulary. Well done, **Kona!**



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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Xīn nián kuài lè!
Year 3 were hosted by **Max** and **Ryan** supporting the writing and pom-pom stations. The pupils learnt about the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac and enjoyed the story of The Great Race. We also learned how to make origami in the shape of a horse, and we spent time paper-folding together. A special well done to **Hugo** for volunteering to name all 12 animals in Mandarin! Year 3 were a pleasure to spend the morning with.



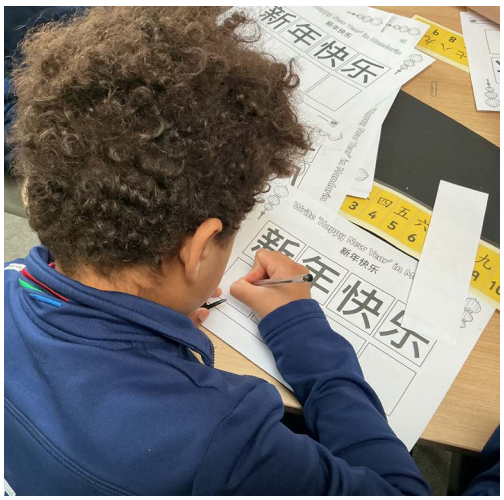
















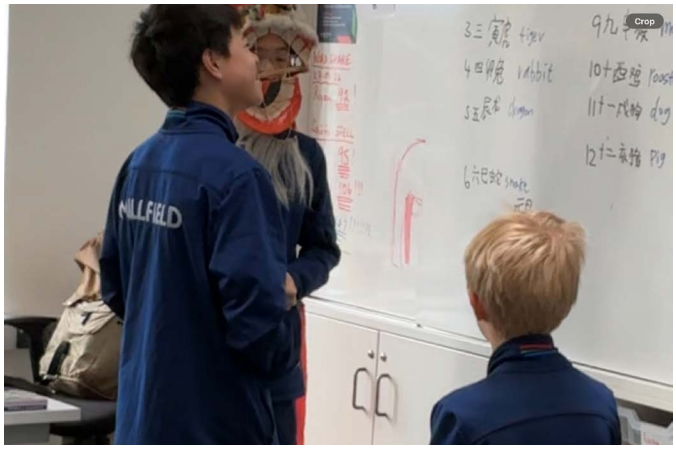
PARENT NOTICES

The PFA are arranging a fun golf day for adult/ child pairings. It will be held on Sunday 7 June at Wells Golf Club. This will be a full day 18 holes competition played in pairs consisting of an adult and child. If a child doesn't have an adult to play with, there are many teachers that are very happy to be the adult in the pairing, so no one will be left out. The only rule - you need to have a handicap (no limit to this).

The day will start with bacon rolls and a hot drink, then 18 holes of golf, then back to the club house for a meal and presentation. There will also be an auction to raise money with some great items!

There are currently only nine spaces left (for pairs) to sign up, so please sign up to avoid disappointment. Sign up here: PFA Adult & Child Golf Day Sunday 7 June 2026 – Fill out form

Those that sign up will get more information about price and details in the next few weeks.



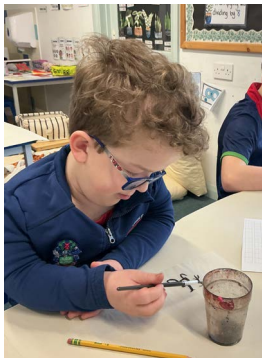


In Enrichment this week, pupils took part in a range of activities ahead of Chinese New Year next week. These included creating an art mosaic horse, designing festive paper plates, and paper cutting with calligraphy name writing. Pupils also enjoyed a hands-on cookery session, chess and a table tennis tournament. A collaborative art piece was led by Peter Maxwell and special thanks to the Millfield Senior School for their support with the cookery sessions.























CELS (CHARACTER, EDUCATION, LIFE SKILLS)

As part of our ongoing CELS (Character, Education, Life Skills) consultation, we would like to thank parents for their valuable feedback, which plays an important role in shaping and reviewing our curriculum. Parents' voice genuinely makes a difference — recent feedback has already led to the inclusion of Year 5 in this term's positive puberty talks. CELS supports pupils in developing confidence, character and resilience through learning about relationships, physical and emotional health, digital literacy, personal safety and preparation for life beyond school.

In line with statutory RSHE guidance, content is carefully planned to be age-appropriate and delivered sensitively, with space for questions and discussion. Curriculum overviews (Pre-Prep to Year 8) are available on the Parent Portal, and the RSE and CELS Policies can be found on the school website. We warmly invite any further feedback via this link by Friday 6 March, and we also welcome parents with relevant expertise who may wish to contribute to the programme.
Thank you for your continued support.

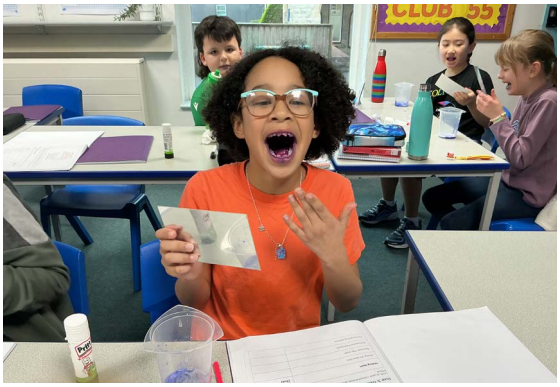
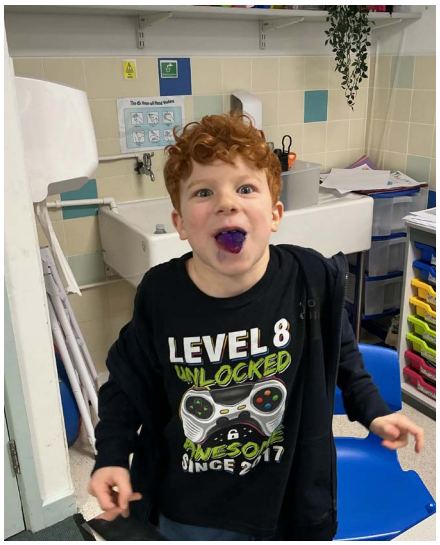
In our Year 4 CELS lesson on Friday we had a practical session on dental hygiene. While we all know how long to brush our teeth for, this time we used disclosing tablets to really see how well we were brushing. The results were quite eye, and mouth opening!









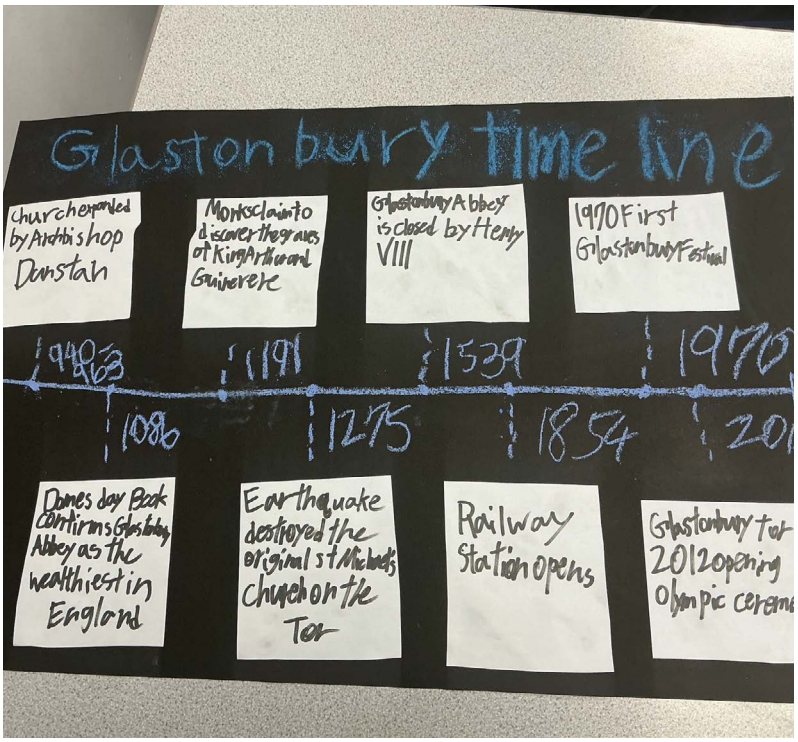




HUMANITIES

Walking through Glastonbury

This week, Year 7 pupils have been learning about their local area focusing on the history, geography and heritage of the town of Glastonbury. This local study designed by all 3 departments, History, Geography and RS, compliments the Pilgrimage of Glastonbury trip earlier in the year and provided map work, new discoveries at Glastonbury Abbey, a timeline and a selection of project outcomes that pupils completed independently or in groups. Thank you to all pupils and staff for making this new local project such a success.







ESPORTS

Millfield Prep took part in the inaugural IAPS eSports competition over the last two Thursdays.







FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 pupils challenged themselves by making fresh pasta and crafting spinach and ricotta ravioli from scratch. A fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and hands-on learning – enjoy these action shots!







SHAPWICK NATURE RESERVE

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have been involved in several outings to Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve during this first half of term, as part of the Wednesday enrichment activities. Pupils have found out about the work the volunteers do and helped with many tasks including cutting back overgrown willow, to help more light get into the waterways. We were excited to hear that beavers have been spotted on the reserve, and one group were shown some evidence of a tree trunk that had be gnawed away, with distinctive beaver teeth marks. Pupils have also been birdwatching, a Marsh Harrier (bird of prey) was spotted along with kingfishers, blue tits and swans. It has been good to be out in nature, having time to relax, as well as help out.

















BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

Week 6 in Hollies Boarding House has been a fantastic way to head into half term. Friday night kicked off our Hollies House of Games weekend with a lively round of bingo, complete with plenty of very silly bingo number calling rhymes. On Saturday evening, we hosted a big pub-style quiz, with teams battling it out over a range of questions while enjoying some their favourite snacks and drinks. The competition was fierce but friendly, and congratulations go to the winning Year 7 team, "Hairy Toes", who earned the all-important privilege of choosing the movie for later that evening. The night finished perfectly with a pizza snack and a cosy film together. On Wednesday evening, we were also proud to head out in force to support our incredible actors in the school production. We were absolutely blown away by their confidence, talent and hard work.

We also say a fond farewell to the wonderful Miss Barnes, who has been such an important and valued part of our Tuesday evenings. We are so grateful for the time, care and energy she has given to the girls, and we wish her every happiness as she begins her new adventures in Herefordshire. Wishing all our Hollies families a restful, happy and well-deserved half term break.







CHESTNUT

As we reach the end of a wonderful half term, Chestnut has been filled with creativity, celebration, and community spirit. We began the week with our Galentine's Heart Awards, where the girls shared thoughtful messages recognising each other's kindness, strengths, and everyday acts of goodness. It was a beautiful reminder of the supportive friendships that make Chestnut feel like home. Our Galentine's celebrations continued with an evening of biscuit decorating, complete with hot chocolate and all of the toppings! The girls also enjoyed getting hands-on and imaginative while making their own playdough, filling the house with laughter, and creativity. A real highlight of the week was attending the brilliant production of High School Musical at The Meyer Theatre. Many of our girls were involved, and we were all in awe of the talent and energy on stage. We are incredibly proud of every Chestnut girl who took part, and grateful to Mr Carruthers for his dedication in bringing such a memorable show to life. It has truly been a joyful and busy half term, and we hope all our families enjoy a restful, happy, and well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming the girls back soon for more adventures in Chestnut.











BEREWALL

With half term drawing near it was a weekend of rest and relaxation for most of the Berewall boys. Relaxing in front of the tv, Exploding Kittens and chess on the carpet, whilst the rain beat down outside. The evening saw the flickering lights of the silver screen return, as the Berewall Roxy opened its doors again with a showing of High School Musical to get the boys in the mood for the week ahead. Videos of the boys "singing" available on request! A slightly more full-on weekend was had by **Toby** and **Roy**, who were up and out early Saturday and Sunday swimming in the County Championships. Both boys returned happy and exhausted with PB's and faint whiff of chlorine!

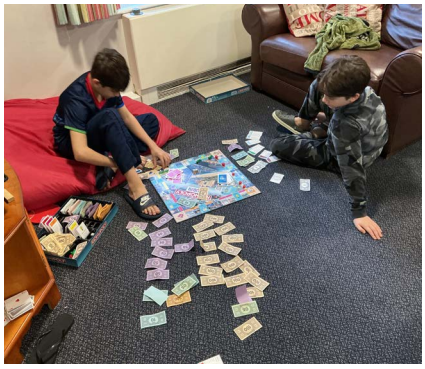







CHAMPION

The week has flown by and, as ever, it's been a busy one. **Folarin** and **Folami** very kindly treated all of the boys in the house to ice cream one evening, which was very much appreciated by everyone — thank you both. We also celebrated **Rocco's** birthday with pizzas and what must be the biggest Colin the Caterpillar cake we've ever seen. Happy birthday, **Rocco!** Some of the boys enjoyed watching a bit of Six Nations rugby, with plenty of chat about who might come out on top. Wednesday evening was another highlight, as we had a fantastic time watching the High School Musical production. It was lovely to support the Champion boys on stage and enjoy such a great performance. As the term draws to a close, we would like to wish all of our families a very enjoyable half-term break.







BRILLIANT BOARDERS

HOLLIES

This half term, we are delighted to award our Brilliant Boarder to **Martha S**. Martha has consistently demonstrated resilience, kindness and empathy throughout the term. She approaches boarding life with warmth and generosity of spirit, and she is deeply valued by her peers for being funny, supportive and always ready with encouragement. **Martha** is truly loved by all in Hollies, and we are so proud of the example she sets.



BEREWALL

The Berewall brilliant boarder of this half term is **Austin**. Ever since he started in September, **Austin** has consistently grown in confidence and found his voice in house. We love the way that **Austin** embraces our school values. **Austin** is very kind, polite, considerate, and a great friend. All this in turn, makes him a wonderful role model to his peers. Well done, **Austin**, you very much deserve this, and we are very proud of you.



CHESTNUT

Brilliant Boarder **Ichika** joined us in September, and from the very beginning she has been an absolute joy to have in the house. This term, we've seen a real breakthrough in her language development, and it's been wonderful to watch her confidence grow day by day. Her sense of humour and personality are shining through more than ever in her spoken language, bringing so much warmth and laughter to Chestnut. We're incredibly proud of her progress and delighted to celebrate her as our Brilliant Boarder of the Term.

This term's Fabulous Flexi Boarder goes to **Sara**, whose kind, caring nature makes her a joy to have with us. She is always willing to lend a hand, supports others without being asked, and brings a gentle positivity to every day. Her helpful attitude and thoughtful approach make a real difference in the house.



CHAMPION

Our brilliant boarder for this term is **Toby**! **Toby** is an all round brilliant boy. He stands out everyday with his positive attitude and kindness. He is incredibly caring and helpful- always offering to help and nothing asked of him is ever too much. He is incredibly organised and knows the routines like the back of his hand. A real role model for others. We are so pleased you are a Champion boy **Toby**!



SPORTING NEWS

TABLE TENNIS

Ralph H, **Jerry L**, **Charlie M** and **Josef D** became Southwest Table Tennis England Champions at Plymouth last Sunday. The boys played incredible games and displayed a great team spirit. They have qualified to the National Table Tennis England final.



Maxi H became Table Tennis England Somerset individual U11 Champion. **Maxi** played with great confidence and resilience. Well done, **Maxi**.

Charlie M became Table Tennis England Somerset individual champion. The competition was held at Millfield Prep and it was a great success.





NETBALL

On Saturday morning, we took eight girls in Year 3 to the Clifton College Netball Tournament. All of them played brilliantly, showing real MPS spirit and living out our values: be kind, be challengers, be you. They worked together superbly, supported one another throughout, and were an absolute joy to spend the morning with. The bacon roll at the end was a lovely bonus too. Well done to all the pupils in the photo, and a special thank you to our official photographer, **Margot**!



A group of 30 girls recently enjoyed an exciting evening watching Team Bath Netball in action, and it was an experience to remember. From the moment we arrived, the atmosphere was electric, with passionate supporters and plenty of netball inspiration on display.

The girls watched elite players demonstrate incredible skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the match. It was fantastic to see them so engaged—cheering loudly, discussing tactics, and being inspired by the speed and intensity of the game at a high level.

Beyond the match itself, the trip was a great opportunity to promote positive role models in women's sport and to show the girls what can be achieved through commitment and hard work. Many came away motivated to develop their own netball skills and enthusiasm for the game.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Morgie and Miss Graham who helped make the trip possible, and to Team Bath Netball for putting on such an entertaining and inspiring performance. It was a brilliant evening and one that the girls will be talking about for a long time.



EQUESTRIAN

Last weekend some of the riders went to Chard for the British Show Jumping Just For Schools' Competition.

<u>60cm Schools League class</u>
1st **Toby**
3rd **Alba**
4th **Oliver**

<u>70cm Schools League Class</u>
1st **Oliver**
2nd **Celeste**
4th **Calla**
5th **Toby**

An extra congratulations to **Calla** who rode Pippin, her new young horse that she has been working hard with all winter, and they jumped two lovely double clear rounds.



SWIMMING

The Prep swimming team had a training session at the Millfield Senior pool focussing on technique and pacing. We reminded them that every race is an opportunity to learn and grow. That's how champions are made!



SKI RACING

Rocco G travelled to Hemsedal in Norway with his ski racing academy, UNIQ Snowsports, as soon as school broke up for the Christmas holidays.

He spent two weeks at Race Camp where he race-trained every day and learnt all about ski preparation, ski fitness, nutrition, and mountain safety.

The Camp concluded with three days of Age-Grade Championship Races which saw **Rocco** compete in the U10's Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Team Slalom disciplines.

He put all of his training to good use in the races, securing silver medals in each of the three disciplines…a great start to the race season! Well done, **Rocco**. We are all very proud of you for your ski racing achievements!









HOCKEY

Well done to the U12 boy's hockey team who followed on from their National IAPS title victory by becoming England Hockey Somerset County Champions. They overcame Taunton School and King's College scoring five and conceding two to go through to the South Western Finals later in the term. Goals were scored by **Folarin**, **Barnaby**, **Ted** x2 and **Kip**. **Tom** was playing in goal in his first game with the A team and made some crucial saves at important times. Well done to the whole team for a good afternoon of hockey.



Congratulations to our U13 boy's hockey team on winning the county hockey tournament and qualifying for the West of England Finals. This means that once again we have completed a clean sweep with our U11, U12 and 13 boys all becoming Somerset champions.



CROSS COUNTRY

South West Cross Country Championships.

Cross Country is a sport that doesn't stop for weather and does not need a perfectly flat dry surface. The conditions that our athletes faced at the South West Championships were tough. There was ankle-deep, energy-sapping mud and shin-deep water in places. Our runners were representing Somerset having progressed through the Mendip and County Championships. **Bea H** came home in fourth and our other runners helped the county teams to finish on the podium or win. **Maverick M** and **Dylan M** battled hard against tough opposition. **Sophia E** and **Eloise S** ran strong races and their team were victorious. They can all be very proud of their runs and it is always a big step up moving from inter school races to inter county races. Thank you to all the parents who braved the conditions to support the runners.













GOLF

The PFA cordially invite you to the Adult & Child Golf Day on Sunday 7 June at Wells Golf Course.

Join us for a fantastic day on the course, including:

- Friendly Adult–Child Competition
- Raffle
- Auction
- Prizes

More details will follow in due course.

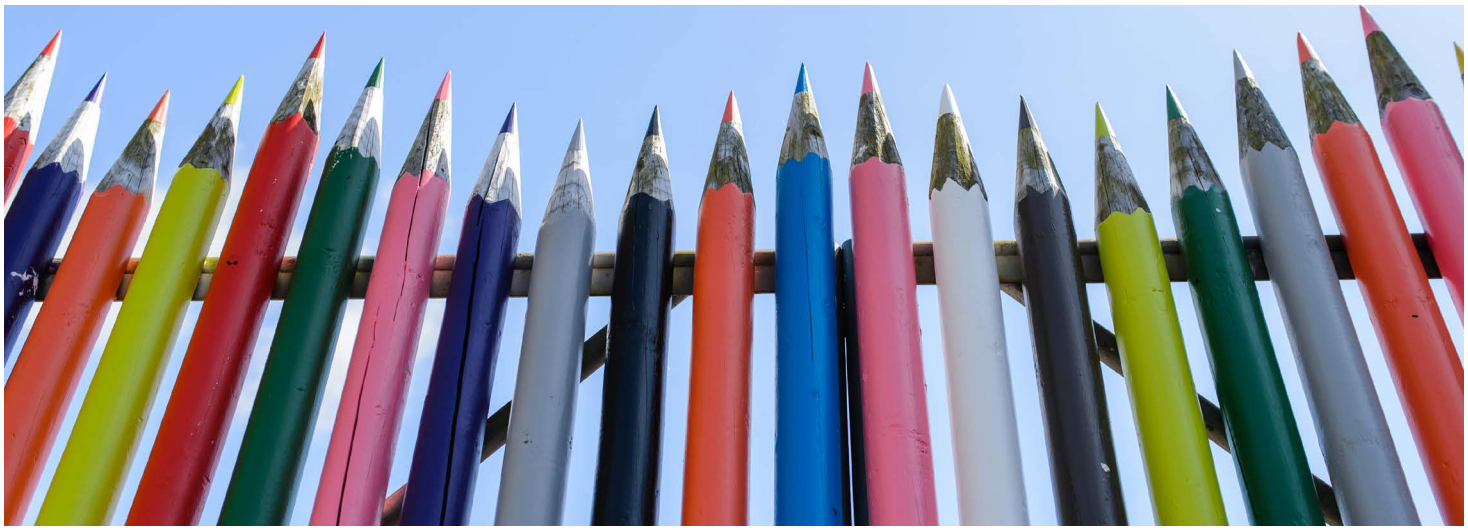
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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term in Pre-Prep, we would like to wish all our families a well deserved and restful break. The children have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much.

Tadpoles have been busy constructing and creating, building houses and walls using a variety of different resources. They have also enjoyed going on a shape hunt, spotting and identifying shapes in their environment. Ask them what shapes they found? We found loads in my office. Frogs have shown their creative side this half term. They have been painting beautiful flowers and worked together to create a huge multi-media flower, carefully labelling all of its parts.

In Reception, the children have been designing and making hot air balloons, letting their imaginations soar. They have written delightful stories about where they would travel and who they would take with them on their adventures. I must say, I would happily take all of PrePrep in my balloon! Where would you go?

Year 1 have linked their learning to the story 'Tell Me a Dragon'. They have created dragon masks and painted willow patterns on plates, combining storytelling with art and design.Year 2 have also been inspired by dragons, creating and performing their own energetic dragon dance. They were also very fortunate to visit the Meyer Theatre in the Senior School to watch a production of 'High School Musical', which was an amazing experience and a real highlight of the week. Well done to everyone involved.

We finished the week with a carousel of activities to help us learn about Chinese New Year and well done to Angles (red team) for winning this half term's team points.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	793	680	706	755

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TADPOLES

ON A SHAPE HUNT!

This week, we have been very busy building and making using blocks and bricks. As we were constructing, we discussed the different shapes we could see, such as triangles, squares, rectangles and circles. We made some colourful shape paintings and searched all around Pre-Prep in a shape hunt! We were able to recognise lots of different shapes in our environment. Great spotting Tadpoles!











FROGS

FIVE STAR CAFÉ

The Frogs created a role-play cafe after taking pretend orders. However, the children were keen to serve real food in the role-play cafe; foods were discussed, a vote taken and jam tarts were chosen! No sooner had the jam tarts cooled they were being served in the cafe; they smelt delicious! The waiter asked which flavour jam tart the customer would like and served their choice (everyone remembered their filling choice). Everyone had a lovely time chatting away in their groups and at the end the jam tarts received a thumbs up and the cafe a five star rating!













FROGS

BIRD DISPLAY

The Frog's fabulous bird paintings from last week have created the most wonderful displays.





RECEPTION AND YEAR 2

KINDNESS CAFÉ

The Kindness cafe opened in Reception for the morning, serving some of our friends from around Pre-Prep. The Reception children did such a fantastic job at taking orders, serving, and hosting their guests. After the guests had enjoyed their smoothies, hot chocolates, toast, and cereal they brought their money to the till to pay. It was a brilliant morning and so much fun. Well done Reception, you were all amazing!























YEAR 1

MAKING A ROLLERCOASTER

We had a super afternoon last Thursday with the parents. The children were challenged to follow the instructions to make a moving rollercoaster. They used hacksaws and dobbles to make the chassis before attaching the main body and decorating them. We will be finishing these in class this week. It was lovely to welcome the parents to our classroom and for the children to showcase their learning. Well done, Year 1.













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