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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Yesterday's World Book Day reminded me, yet again, of the quiet magic that happens when children step into stories. One minute they're pupils in Somerset; the next they're wandering Narnia, wizarding at Hogwarts, or bravely facing dragons armed with nothing more than imagination and a hastily-made cardboard sword!

And what a sight it was. Our corridors were awash with Minions, monsters, woodland creatures, heroes, villains, and even Mr Guthrie dressed as Goldilocks - a vision that I'm not sure I will ever recover from! The effort, creativity, and sheer joy on display captured something truly important: that reading is not just an academic skill, but a doorway. A doorway to empathy, humour, curiosity, courage – and occasionally to discovering that face paint really does take longer than you'd think to wash off!

World Book Day is always a highlight, but this year felt especially uplifting. Perhaps it's because we live in a world filled with noise, distraction, and information delivered in increasingly short, sharp bursts and often on a screen. Books ask something gentler of us. They invite us to slow down, to wonder, to feel. And watching our pupils celebrate stories with such wholehearted delight was a reassuring reminder that the power of reading is alive and well here at Millfield Prep.

Thank you to everyone – staff, pupils, parents and Houseparents – who embraced the spirit of the day so brilliantly. With two children myself, I know that frantically finding an outfit for WBD is not always the highlight of every parents' week! Well done and thank you to the English Department for making yesterday such a wonderful, uplifting experience for all. The costumes made us smile, the shared stories made us think, and the whole experience reminded us why books matter – they help shape not only better learners, but kinder, wiser human beings.

Yours,
Dan

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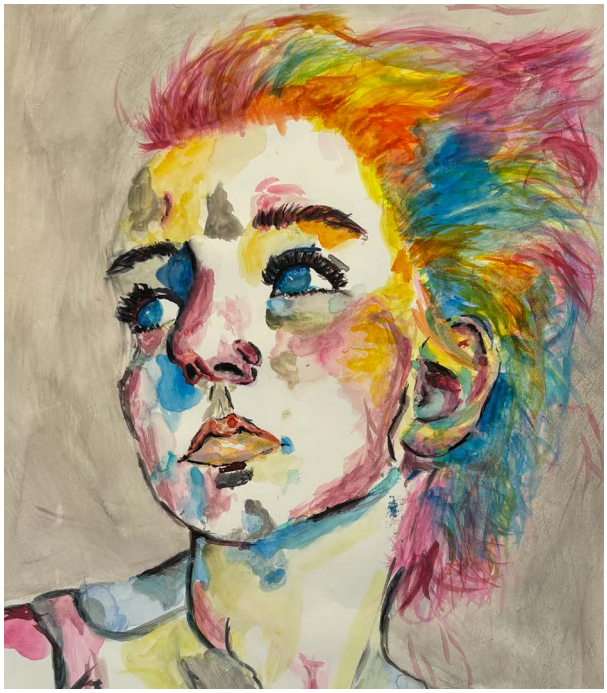
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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is by **Izzy M** in 8JA.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

We were delighted to see such next-level language skills demonstrated during Monday's debate lesson by **Kyoya** in Year 8. His persistence in expressing and defending his point of view was vocal and involved. This was also reflected in his excellent letter writing, which was clearly structured and planned. Great example of self-driven learning and active participation. Well done **Kyoya**!



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PARENT NOTICES

Exeat Weekend

The school will shut at 1545 on Friday 13 March for exeat weekend. There will be no clubs, activities, games, late stay etc. Traffic is likely to be high on campus so please try to arrive at your allocated time slots for year groups or it will block the campus. Siblings are able to be picked up together at earlier time slots. Please make sure your children are aware of times and venues to avoid any confusion. If parents are able to pick up children in Years 3 & 4 from 3.30pm then that would be most appreciated to ease congestion otherwise their pick up time is 3.45pm from Martins Lane.

Pre-Prep	3.30pm	Top car park
Year 3	3.45pm	Martins Lane
Year 4	3.45pm	Martins Lane
Year 5	3.45pm	Martins Lane
Year 6	4.00pm	Martins Lane
Year 7	3.45pm	Reception car park
Year 8	4.00pm	Reception car park

Red Nose Day

We will have a non-school uniform day on Friday 20 March to promote and support Red Nose Day.

The suggested donation is £2 per child and we are asking that they wear some form of red. Red noses will not be for sale in school, so please bring your own.

DISCOVER MILLFIELD ON OUR HOLIDAY COURSES

Offering courses through a variety of activities/sports for ages 3–17.

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- Multi-Activity
- Performing Arts
- Rugby
- Tennis
- …and many more camps, courses and activities available during Easter & Summer holidays.



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026





















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SCIENCE

Happy British Science Week!
It's been all go in the Science department this week, with Year 6 investigating the properties of materials including insulation and gas production (not at the same time), and Year 7 making and breaking compounds using heat, acid, electrolysis, and catalysts.









DT

Year 6 had a lesson looking at plastics, where they discussed properties, uses and the environmental impact of using plastic. They also looked at finishing techniques and jointing methods when working with acrylic and produced these MPS key rings. Well done to all involved for some great discussions and excellent key rings.

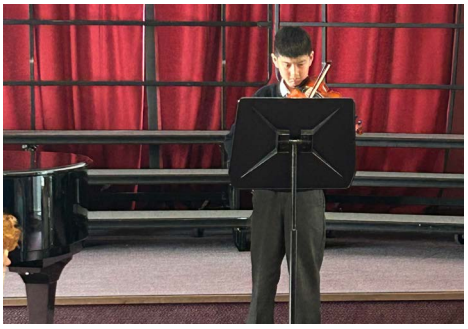


MUSIC

If was a pleasure to host our new 'Beats@Breakfast' concert on Saturday morning, with a variety of instruments being showcased in an eclectic mix of genres. Pupils performed brilliantly and it was fantastic to showcase our talented musicians to prospective parents, I'm sure they left very impressed.







It was a pleasure to take a group of pupils to play to residents at Glastonbury Care Home on Tuesday. Residents joined in with some of the songs and a few even had a dance. Reliving memories of the 60's and 70's.







PE

As part of their Health Related Fitness work in PE, some of the Year 8 pupils went across to the Senior School to use their aerobic gym equipment.

We will be back again next week and they will be creating their own circuits on the machines.

They are looking forward to being able to use them when they are in Year 9 next year.



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

A particular highlight of this week was Saturday's Open Morning, where our boarders did an absolutely outstanding job as tour guides. The girls really took the lead during these events, confidently showing families around the boarding house and answering questions from prospective pupils of all ages and backgrounds. They related to each family with maturity, warmth and empathy, and we were incredibly proud house parents watching them represent Hollies and the school so brilliantly.
With the welcome arrival of some sunshine this week, we have finally been able to enjoy more time outside. Evenings have been filled with skateboards and scooters whizzing around, as well as plenty of netball shooting practice now that the days are getting longer.
Last weekend the girls got crafty, creating thoughtful gifts for the mums and other wonderful people in their lives whom they are looking forward to celebrating in the coming weeks. The crafting session was followed by some excellent snacks and a very scary Poirot movie night, which kept everyone suitably on edge!
Sunday brought a mix of adventure and relaxation. **Anna and Olga** headed off to Cardiff to tackle the white water rapids, while the rest of the house opted for a more chilled Sunday on site, including some lovely baking with Mrs Brooke.
We must also give a special mention to the girls for their awesome effort on World Book Day, with some fantastic creativity on display.





CHESTNUT

We've had a vibrant and busy week in Chestnut. We kicked things off with our Chinese New Year celebrations, welcoming the Year of the Horse with fortune cookies, prawn crackers, and Mrs C's special fried rice. The girls enjoyed learning about the traditions while sharing lots of laughter and festive spirit. Next came St David's Day, brightened by daffodils around the House, warm Welsh cakes, and some brilliant still life and shadow drawing inspired by the national flower of Wales. We added some fun competition with a Crisp Tasting Challenge, where the girls sampled mystery flavours and made some very enthusiastic guesses — a fun activity that brought plenty of smiles! With the sunshine making an appearance, the girls spent time outdoors playing netball, scootering, skating, and relaxing in the hammock — the perfect way to enjoy the brighter weather. We also celebrated World Book Day, with the girls showing fantastic enthusiasm as they planned their costumes, dressed up as their favourite characters, and shared their love of reading throughout the day. Their creativity and excitement filled the House!







BEREWALL

This week we celebrated Ramadan in Berewall with cakes thanks to **Mo A.** Fully refreshed from half term and taking advantage of the balmy weather on Saturday, there was plenty of energy for running around outside on Saturday afternoon. With still more energy in reserve, it was straight into the sports hall after supper to play multiple games of Danish Longball. We returned hot, sweaty and happy to refuel with tuck in front of a film. Sunday saw **Toby M** and **Gruff H-J** off to Malvern to represent the school in cross country, whilst some of us went white water rafting in Cardiff, and the rest relaxed back at school.









CHAMPION

Mr Beevor set the boys off on a 'secret mission game' this weekend, where they had to complete set missions, getting others involved who were unaware that it was a challenge. Some of the favourite examples included 'get someone to hide with you for 30 seconds' and 'get someone to copy a new dance move you've just made up'. Well done to **Charlie**, who managed to complete 25 missions! The boys got crafty ready for world book day and used cardboard tubes to make some characters from a book. It was great to see so many of them enthused and getting involved by dressing up as their favourite book character. We celebrated **Reggie's** birthday this week with some lovely cakes. Happy belated birthday **Reggie**! We also wished **Arthur** a happy birthday and celebrated with pizza and cake. Happy birthday to **Arthur**!











SPORTING NEWS

NETBALL

The U13A and U12A netball teams travelled to Collegiate School to take part in their Annual Tournament. The U12s performed excellently in the group stage, recording comfortable wins against Howells, Collegiate, and Clifton High. In the semi-final they faced a strong BGS side but showed great determination to pull through in the second half and secure their place in the final.

The final against Cheltenham was extremely close, unfortunately, the team narrowly missed out, losing 6–5. Thank you to our captains, **Deina** and **Samantha**, for their leadership throughout the tournament. A special mention also goes to **Arabella**, who was named Coaches' Player.

The U13s competed in a round-robin tournament and contested each match strongly. Going into their final game, they knew they needed a strong goal difference and rose to the challenge, finishing the tournament overall in first place. Well done to all players for an excellent day of netball. Girls were extremely excited to meet Lucy Herdman - Bath 1st player.



U13 IAPS Netball Regionals

The girls were in very high spirits and ready to play in the IAPS regionals.
Captains, **Jess** and **Mia** led a very good warm up, and got the girls excited for the first game.
With end to end netball, the girls managed to beat Bishopsgate 11-8.
Our second and third game, was played with ease and high scoring from our shooters, **Jess, Mia and Tiggy**, we won comfortably.
Going through to the quarters, to play Cheltenham, we relied heavily on the defence, **Amelie, Tabby and Ajua** to work their magic and turn over ball to help win 9-2.
In the semi finals, our mid court players, **Rosabella, Eloise and Lowr**i, came across an extremely contested Clifton. They kept their cool, battled with discipline and won some huge turn overs, winning the game 11-2
In the final, the girls met Dean Close. 5-0 down during the match, MPS worked hard, stayed strong, and believed in themselves, to get a fantastic result. A 11-8 victory meant we qualified for the Nationals finals at Rugby school.
Sadly **Georgina**, hurt her finger in the early rounds, but was very encouraging from the side lines. Well done girls on becoming Regional winners.





Our U12 team travelled to Cranleigh for the National Finals, ready to compete against some of the best schools in the country. Co-captains **Cecily** and **Meilin** led a well-organised warm-up at the start of the day, setting a positive tone for the team. The team opened with a 7–2 win against St Faith's. This was followed by an impressive 8–0 victory over Cumnor House, where the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and defensive pressure. Their toughest group match came against Bromsgrove, resulting in a 4–11 loss, but the squad showed real determination and resilience. They bounced back with a 9–7 win over Westbourne, securing their place in the knockout stages.

Throughout the matches, **Cecily** kept tight on her player and gained numerous interceptions. **Deina, Aiyanna, and Grace** worked tirelessly through the court, creating pressure and smooth transitions through play. In midcourt, **Elodie and Arabella** consistently secured centre passes and delivered excellent feeds into the circle, while **Flossie** contested strongly and worked hard throughout the court. In the circle, **Sammy** and **Rosie** linked up brilliantly and scored several crucial goals during the day. Meanwhile, **Meilin** showed excellent control and consistently scoring throughout the tournament.

The quarter-final against Taunton ended 7–7 at full time. Unfortunately, Taunton intercepted the centre pass and scored the decisive goal in extra time, resulting in an 8–7 loss. Despite the outcome, the girls maintained a strong and determined performance right until the final whistle. Finishing as National Finalists and placing in the top eight teams in the country is a fantastic achievement. The team should be incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork, and the way they represented the school throughout the competition.



HOCKEY

The u10b team took part in the Millfield tournament on Saturday across at the senior school. The boys were unlucky to concede a goal with five seconds to go which hurt their overall total meaning they finished third overall. They battled hard in every game and played some strong attacking hockey.



The boys u11 Hockey have had a fantastic couple of weeks.

The U11A team have qualified for the West of England Hockey finals by winning the Somerset County Championship. They have also qualified for the National IAPS finals after coming runners up in their regional qualifying event. This week both the U11 A and B team won their respective Sherbourn Invitational Tournaments. Well done to all the boys involved.



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RIDING



Sammy having a cuddle with Toots the stable dog.



Isobel O doing some great flat work with Charlie.



Coco L practising a dressage test on Fred.

WALK UP THE TOR

Junior pupils made the most of today's beautiful weather with a walk up the Tor. They embraced the challenge brilliantly and were rewarded with a well earned doughnut at the top—lots of smiles all round!



RUGBY

The first Rugby 7s tournament of the season took place this week at Port Regis School, and the boys were superb throughout the day. They put into practice the key concepts they have been developing in training this term, showing excellent handling, strong decision making and real determination to dictate play.

Both the U12 and U13 teams progressed through the tournament without losing a game.

As the competition reached its latter stages, the U12s raised their defensive line speed and smothered their opponents, earning a place in the final against a very confident Caldicott side. After a closely contested first half, the boys produced some superb rugby in the second half to secure a well-deserved victory.

The U13 squad also progressed to their final, where they faced Blundell's School in a nail-biting match. With the teams level on tries at the end of normal time, the game went to golden score. A brilliant piece of team play resulted in a decisive try, crowning the boys as champions.

Double champions at the first 7s tournament of the season – a fantastic achievement and great progress shown throughout the day!



TENNIS

Over recent weeks there has been lots of success within the Millfield tennis community. Some player highlights include:
Finn S with a tournament win at U11 G5 at Stourbridge,
Maximus H got into the quarter finals of an U11 national tournament in Corby.
Hope L had a tournament win at a U12 G4 in St Austell. **Zara E** won a U9 County Cup as part of the Avon County team.





CROSS COUNTRY

After the disappointment of the Claysmore relays being cancelled due to flooding, our runners have still managed a busy week of racing. The National Finals took place at Malvern College on Sunday. It was a new course but just as tough as in previous years with multiple hills to conquer. We sadly had some injuries in the 24 hours before the event but we still performed well in all the races. The standard was high and it is always good to be able to benchmark ourselves nationally. **Bea H** narrowly missed the podium but she has another year in the event and is excited for next year! **Jonah B** ran strongly even though he had just come back from illness. Hopefully we will be injury and illness free for the Edgarley relays in a couple of weeks so our seniors can round off the season strongly before we move to the track.
The Mendip Junior league held its third race at Downside on Tuesday. The bus broke down which made timings tight getting to the event. Maybe we should do this more often as our runners used the extra adrenaline to run faster! They have the final league race in two weeks time before they also take part in the Edgarley relays. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the teams over the week.











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WHITE WATER RAFTING

The boarders enjoyed an absolutely fantastic Sunday activity trip to the Cardiff International White Water Centre, where excitement, teamwork, and adventure were in full flow from start to finish, all made even better by the glorious sunshine that stayed with us throughout the session.

The warm, bright weather lifted spirits from the moment we arrived and added a brilliant sense of energy to the experience. The buzz began as soon as the pupils caught sight of the impressive, purpose built rafting course stretching out in front of them. Designed with fast flowing channels, rolling waves and sudden drops, the course offered the perfect blend of challenge and fun. Bathed in sunlight, the water sparkled as rafts moved through it, creating the perfect backdrop for an action packed adventure.

Once kitted out in helmets, wetsuits and buoyancy aids, the pupils listened carefully to the instructors before heading onto the water. They were all eager, enthusiastic, and very much ready for action. As the rafts launched, the atmosphere was electric. Working brilliantly together, the pupils paddled through sharp turns, swirling eddies, and powerful surges of water. Every rapid brought a fresh burst of adrenaline, followed by shouts of encouragement, determination, and plenty of laughter.

Whether powering through a challenging section, recovering from an unexpected splash, or celebrating a successful run, the boarders showed fantastic teamwork throughout. Staff were hugely impressed by their attitude, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour; they represented the school wonderfully in every way. The sunshine only added to the positivity, with pupils smiling, cheering and embracing each moment.







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.

Please show your interest by completing the form linked below.
PFA Adult & Child Golf Day Sunday 7 June 2026 – Fill out form



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

We began the week learning about St David, the patron saint of Wales. The children enjoyed discovering who he was, why he is celebrated, and some of the traditions associated with St David's Day. We also learnt where Wales is and what makes St Davids a city.

In Reception, an enormous surprise awaited them, a beanstalk had magically grown in their classroom! This unexpected discovery led to great excitement as the children set off on a giant hunt. Who left the giant foot prints?

Frogs have been learning about People Who Help Us. Through stories, discussions and role play, they have begun to understand the many important roles adults play in our community. Tadpoles have been learning about the world of eels, learning about their habitats, types of eels and what they look like, some amazing drawings.

Year 1 and Year 2 have spent the week switching on their curiosity with the launch of their new science topic: "It's Shocking!" The children have loved investigating electricity, experimenting with simple circuits.

We brought our week to a brilliant close with World Book Day celebration. The children arrived dressed as their favourite characters, filling the school with colour and creativity. Throughout the day they enjoyed lots of activities, storytelling sessions and EYFS had a special visit from a Gruffalo, bringing the magic of books truly to life. Thank you to everyone for supporting such an amazing event.

Yours,
Mike

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HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	196	174	215	198

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TADPOLES

SEA CREATURES

This week, the Tadpoles have been learning and talking about octopus and eels! We read "The Tickly Octopus" and then drew our own octopus to display in the Tadpole room. Later on, we looked at pictures of different kinds of eels with and decided to vote for our favourite. The Leopard eel was the most popular!









FROGS

FIREFIGHTERS

The Frogs have begun a theme on firefighters. We have introduced a role-play fire engine area and a small world firefighters area. The children have been helping to make skyscrapers where we have stuck imaginary fires for them to pretend put out. We have looked at real firefighter helmets and talked about why firefighters need to wear a helmet, what it was made from, did they feel heavy or light and looked and named the different parts. This week our focus sound has been 'f'. We put on our firefighter helmets, wrote our 'f' sound on the ground using chalk and then washed them away with our water blasters. It was great fun.









RECEPTION

BEANSTALK

This week, a giant beanstalk erupted from a pot of beans which two of the children planted earlier last week. There were footprints, so we went on a hunt to see who had come down the beanstalk. We couldn't find anyone so the children decided to draw who they thought it was. Then a giant sent us a letter asking us to do some measuring, we had lots of fun.







YEAR 1

DRAGON WRITING

Year 1 have been learning all about dragons. We used the beautiful book Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris as a starting point. The children wrote character descriptions about their own dragons. We have been delighted with their ideas and how hard they worked to edit their writing before writing it in their best handwriting. Well done, Year 1!



