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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been as varied and interesting a week as I can remember here at MPS. Our Head of Juniors, Mr Dyke, delivered an engaging and thought-provoking assembly on Monday celebrating International Women's Day, highlighting not only the inspiring and transformational work that has been done around the world over the past 115 years but just how much more there is to do – it really was an eye-opener for all of us.

It is very much 'tournament season' at the moment and in our Celebration Assembly on Thursday it was a pleasure to hand out incredible amounts of silverware and medals that the children have earned recently. It was another opportunity for me to focus the school on our overarching message of a values-based identity – reminding everyone that while success, trophies and winning are all great, our self-esteem should not be derived from this but instead on the values that we display. So it was fantastic to hear from Mr James that at the same time as sweeping the board in competitions so far this year, winning the U12 hockey national finals and every rugby sevens tournament they have entered, the Year 7 boys are also great teammates, showing fantastic sportsmanship, manners, care and kindness to others wherever they compete.

It has also been Science Week, and across the school children have been engaging deeply with the subject. As part of this, a number of lucky pupils got to visit the National Space Academy listening to a talk from David Wilkinson about space and also about routes into careers in STEM. The week culminated in an inter-house science quiz in Assembly today, led by Mrs Hedaux.

It feels like, after all that busyness, that our Exeat is well timed! I do hope everyone manages to stop and recharge the batteries even if just a little this weekend, as we prepare for the final run in to Easter. Have a great weekend!

Yours,
Dan

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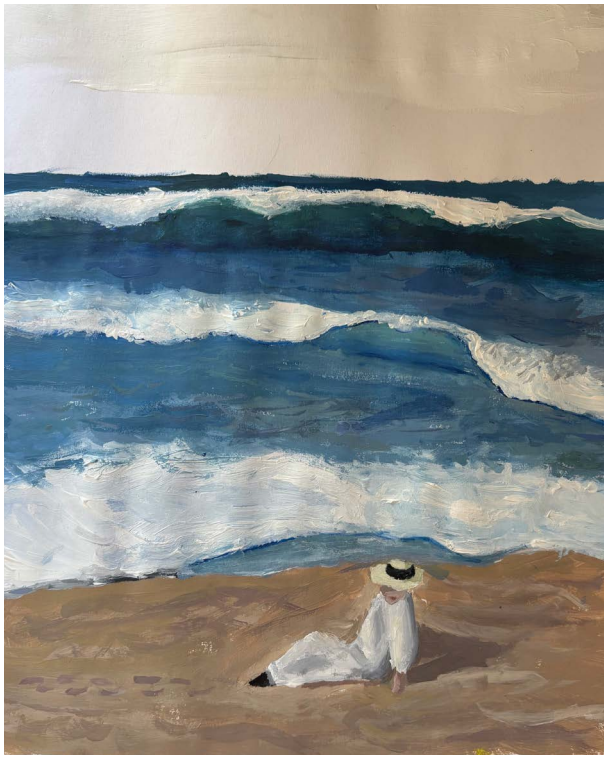
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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the week is this excellent painting by **Anton G.**



EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Anton in Year 8 has had a fantastic few weeks in EAL. He has shown excellent listening skills and achieved a very strong result in his recent assessment, top marks! It has also been great to see him contributing more often during lessons outside of EAL too. His effort and positive attitude have really stood out.



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PARENT NOTICES

PCC Coffee Morning - Tuesday 31 March

The PCC team will be hosting a coffee morning and would love to see you there. We're also delighted that Julie White, Head of Learning Support at the Senior School, will be coming over to share a few thoughts on transition to the Senior School for our PCC pupils, followed by a short Q&A.

It will be a lovely chance to connect and ask any questions about transition.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PFA Coffee Morning - Wednesday 1 April

PFA will be hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 1 April in the Pavilion from 08.30-10.30. Please do come and join us.

Easter Service - Wednesday 1 April

We are delighted to invite parents and guardians to our Easter Service on Wednesday 1 April, which is being held in the Sports Hall from 11.15am-12.00pm. Light refreshments will be available in the sports hall from 10.45am. Please follow the parking signs.

Pupils will need to wear formal uniform, including blazer.

Please can parents park (and collect) from the following car parks:

Years 3-6 parents - please use the Pavilion car park and then walk up to the Sports Hall. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from Martins Lane.

Years 7-8 parents - please use the Reception car park where possible and the Pavilion car park once the Reception car park is full. Your child will return to their classroom with their group tutor after the Service, please can you collect them from the Reception car park.

Save the Date - Saturday 13 June 2026

Millfield Prep Parents & Friends Association bring you OUTDOOR CINEMA on Ostrich Green!

Keep your eyes open for more exciting details to come…

Headlice and nits

Please can parents and carers check their child's head for headlice and nits, which are very common in school aged children and their families. Whilst headlice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. Please see the NHS website for more information.

Car Parking

We are aware that at times the junction into school and the top car park by Reception, can be very busy.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all children, staff, and visitors by driving carefully while on school grounds. Please remember to:

Drive at a slow, cautious pace.
Be mindful of pedestrians, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.
Park in designated areas only (Top car park for Pre-Prep, Martins Lane for Years 3-6 and Reception car park for Years 7-8) and avoid blocking entrances or exits.

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.

BOARDERS' SUNDAY PROGRAMME – TRIP TO THE WAVE

Our boarders had an absolutely fantastic time at The Wave this Sunday! From the moment we arrived, the energy was sky-high, and the pupils threw themselves into the experience with enthusiasm, confidence, and brilliant team spirit.

Whether they were seasoned surfers or complete beginners, every boarder embraced the challenge — laughing, learning, and giving every wave their all. It was a joy to see them cheering each other on and celebrating every success, big or small.

The instructors at The Wave were outstanding. Their encouragement, expertise, and humour made the whole session incredibly fun and engaging. They kept everyone safe while making sure the group pushed themselves, supported each other, and most importantly, had an unforgettable experience.

Every pupil represented the boarding community with pride. They were polite, positive, enthusiastic, and wonderfully resilient, a credit to themselves and to the school. Their behaviour, camaraderie, and spirit made the day a pleasure from start to finish.

Overall, it was a superb afternoon filled with excitement, resilience, and plenty of splashes! The boarders were a credit to the programme — positive, polite, brave, and brilliantly spirited throughout.

What a wave-tastic Sunday! We are already looking forward to our return visit on 22 March.














WORLD BOOK DAY COMICS

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Y6 had the chance to create a comic with Kev F Sutherland who has drawn for Beano and Marvel, as well as illustrated his own brilliant books. It was an incredibly engaging session where they had their caricature drawn by Kev and created a class comic which they got to take home. There was such a buzz in the library as their creations came to life. Thanks to Kev for such a brilliant day!



FRENCH

Year 6 French completed a treasure hunt in the library today. They answered French clues and worked together in teams to unlock the Croissants!



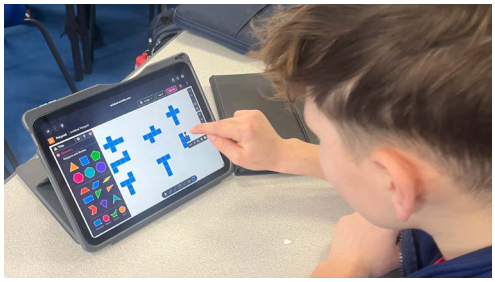






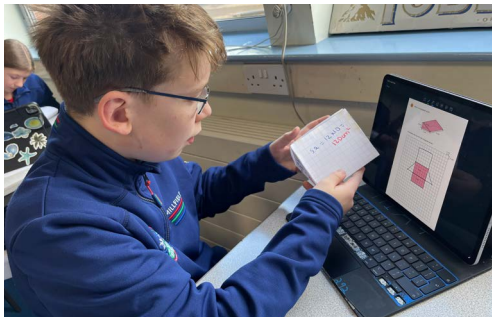
MATHS

When investigating the properties of 3D shapes, the best thing to do is make them! We began by using virtual manipulatives to identify all possible nets of a cube, which was followed by an exploration of the nets of other 3D shapes including rectangular prisms, different types of triangular prisms, and even trapezoidal prisms. We discovered that so many real-life examples exist in the world around us such as cereal boxes and a well-known brand of chocolate bar. Using images and working from given measurements, we worked out how to draw the nets on paper, before cutting, folding and sticking the faces to give a finished 3D shape. Finally, we were able to calculate the area of each of the faces, the sum of which gave us the total surface area.








SCIENCE

Happy British Science Week (yes, we like a 10-day week in science!).

We started a day early with a talk from David Wilkinson, Director of the National Space Academy, to a mixed group of Year 7 and 8. It was about the role of space in our lives, how space and technology can save the world, and a plethora of careers that involve space, exploring the opportunities offered within science, technology, engineering, and maths. David's career path has been very varied, and it was interesting for the children to hear about the range of options out there.

In the labs, Year 7 have been investigating reversible reactions, Year 8 are finding out just how many different microbes exist in their classrooms (yuk!). Tutor groups from Year 3 to 8 have tested how important communication can be when working as a team - something scientists do across the world - and in Enrichment, teams of Year 8 and Year 7 competed to make the slowest marble run, with some fantastic methods to slow the marble down (including an ingenious plughole effect).











Pupils now have the opportunity to enter a national poster competition. This year the British Science Week poster competition is linked to a real scientific research question. The UK government are thinking about how to build a positive future for children. They are keen to understand children and young people's own ideas on this, so they are asking: What are children and young people's visions for a good/ positive childhood? The British Science Association and the NUSTEM team at Northumbria University have teamed up with the Government Office for Science to help explore this question.

Create a poster (A4 or A3 size) to present your ideas. Ask your tutor or science teacher or follow the link for details. The deadline is April 16th.

You can use pop-up pictures, pull-out tabs, materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage, etc, but you will need to upload a 2D image (photo, jpeg, or pdf file) of your poster to the British Science Week Showbie group - ask your tutor for the Showbie code (Y6-8) or hand in your entry to your tutor (Y3-5).

Good luck!

Poster competition - British Science Week

TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

On Tuesday 10 March, 30 pupils from Year 1 through to Year 8 took to the stage for the final Tea and Music concert of the term. Over an hour of music was provided, with many presenting extremely challenging repertoire and all performing with exceptional poise and confidence. The programme was wonderfully varied, and a huge array of instruments was also represented including violin, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, double bass, saxophone, guitar, piano and voice. All the children who performed have clearly been working hard and the standard was exceptional. They can be incredibly proud of themselves. A special thank you must go to our wonderful catering team for providing the absolutely delicious cakes and cookies at the end of the concert – a well-deserved and very welcome treat after a quality afternoon of music! Well done again to all involved!

Tiggy C
Shawn C
Joy C
Sofia D
Alberto D
Lana D
Maya D
Jack G
Ophelia G
Mariia G
Elise G
Jessica H
Reuben K
Kipkalya K
Maddie L
Coco L
Sofia L
Freya L
Samantha M
Isabella O
Mabel O
Stanley R
Jenson R
Ida S
Alex S
Athena S
Ozzy V
Emily W
Alfred W
Anthony W





















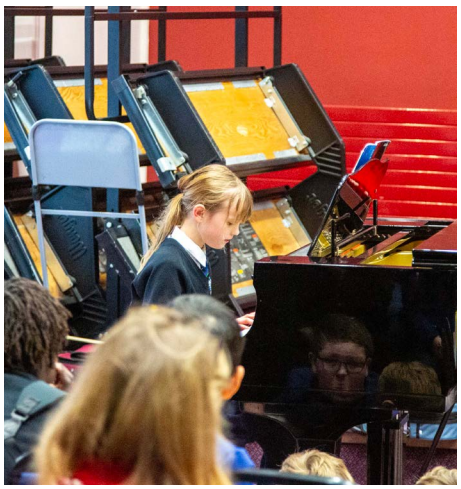


























BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

It has been another fun-filled week in Hollies. Last Friday was great fun as we all dressed up for World Book Day. A big thank you to Mrs Morgy and Miss Graham, who organised a fantastic weekend for the girls. Their sports hall sessions are second to none and the girls enjoyed a series of crazy challenge games, followed by a hotly contested Year 7 vs Year 8 netball match, where competitive spirit was very much alive! The evening finished on a sweet note with a delicious chocolate fountain. On Sunday, **Rocio, Bea** and **Quynn** enjoyed an exciting day out at The Wave in Bristol, while back at school most of the other girls enjoyed a 'Slow Sunday'. We have loved seeing so many of the Year 8 girls discovering a real passion for rugby this week too. Bea had her birthday on Sunday and shouted the house KFC which was such a treat! Sunday was also International Women's Day and we loved (taking inspiration from some of our favourite women in Chestnut house) leaving messages for each other on our new wall of fame to celebrate! Huge congratulations to our swimmers this weekend who came back with plenty of bling! Lots of PBs and podium finishes which is awesome! We would also like to wish **Sammy** the very best of luck as she heads to Verbier this week as part of the senior school ski team — an amazing opportunity and one we are very proud to see her take on. As we head into Exeat, we hope all our Hollies families have a wonderful and restful break — especially all our brilliant mums, step-mums, grandmums and substitute mums. There has been plenty of crafting happening in Hollies recently, and many of you will soon be reaping the benefits! Finally, if you haven't checked it out yet, do have a listen to the latest Millfield podcast, where **Bel** and **Cecily** reflect on their journeys as boarders. It's a thoughtful and interesting conversation, and definitely worth a listen.











CHESTNUT

It's been a colourful and uplifting week in Chestnut, filled with celebration and shared moments. We marked International Women's Day with a positive and empowering evening. The girls wrote their own affirmations, created a bright Girl Power display, and enjoyed a cosy pamper night with a movie and tuck. Our Holi celebrations brought lots of colour and excitement, as the girls learnt about the meaning behind the Festival of Colours and enjoyed a range of sweet and savoury treats. A real highlight was the Year 8 powder-paint throwing, which was full of laughter and energy. We also enjoyed a calm and creative evening with cupcake decorating and hot chocolate, the perfect way to unwind together. A joyful and memorable week for everyone in the House!











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BEREWALL

A busy weekend of sport for the Berewall boys, including hockey, swimming, fencing and a strong winning representation at the Downs 7's. It was back home to chill out, snuggle down in front of a film and refuel with ice cream, popcorn and fizzy drinks! Sunday saw more swimming, fencing and surfing and (for a lucky few) a lazy morning in house!









CHAMPION

Another busy week for the Champion boys. We have made the most of the lighter evenings and being able to go and play some football on the astro with Mr McNulty. On Sunday, lots of our boys enjoyed a trip to The Wave. It was great to see boys giving this a try even though they may have had no experience of surfing before. They came back buzzing about their day. Round 2 in a couple of weeks. Nice to see some of the boys getting crafty in time for Mother's Day on Sunday. They are looking forward to the exeat weekend for some much needed downtime.







SPORTING NEWS

SPORTS COLOURS

Rugby 7s, boys hockey and netball will be announced at the end of term.

SWIMMING
Roy L
Eloise S
Martha D

SQUASH
Gruff H

GOLF
Georgie P
Ryan W

FOOTBALL
Archie P
Micah G
Arthur Z
Harris S
Mohammed A
Samuel M
Hector B
Freddie F
Carter B
Jess H
Amelie H
Mia W
Jackson B
Charlie B
Dexter R
Roque G
Oscar L
Charlie G
Callum-Jack M
Duke S
Anton G
Oscar F
Lowri S
Sofia L
Sophia E
Vanda D

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the hockey boys first team. They have had a busy week! On Friday the boys represented Somerset in the West of England Hockey Finals. Reaching the semi-finals, they were eliminated 1–0 to the eventual winners. On Sunday, we headed off to the IAPS National Finals in Suffolk. On route we watched Exeter University play Bath in the National League. The boys played superbly at the finals, especially against the Framingham team containing an U16 international player. Despite being eliminated we played some superb hockey and worked tirelessly to the end! Thank you to Mrs Bodman for all the driving, Mr Morgy and Mr Mallett.







TENNIS

There was some great tennis this weekend from **Finn S** and **Reggie O.**

Finn had a strong performance in a regional linked event in Exeter, narrowly missing out in a close tiebreak in the final. A great day where he achieved many of his match goals that he has been working towards.

Reggie competed really well and showed a lot of focus on applying his training to the matches.

A fantastic showing of hard work and determination from both players. It is great to see the work put in every session paying off!



SWIMMING

What a HUGE weekend of racing for our swimmers!

11 swimmers travelled to Birmingham to compete in the National Arena League Final, the premier league of swimming. The team raced with incredible determination and team spirit, finishing an amazing 4th overall against some of the best teams in the country! The Millfield Swimming spirit was truly on display from start to finish.

Meanwhile, 25 swimmers headed to Weston-super-Mare for a brilliant weekend of racing. There were lots of smiles, fantastic skills, and plenty of personal best times across the board!

We couldn't be prouder of every swimmer who represented the team this weekend. The hard work, energy, and team support was incredible to see.







NETBALL

Our girls took part in the Somerset U13 County Netball Tournament here at the Millfield Prep and produced a strong set of performances to finish top of the standings in the round-robin competition.

Playing a series of matches against teams from across the county, the whole squad showed good teamwork, movement and communication on court. The girls grew in confidence as the tournament progressed, linking play well through the court and taking their chances in attack.

By the end of the round-robin matches, their consistent results meant they finished in first place overall, only conceding nine goals whilst scoring 73. The team represented the school well throughout the afternoon and should be pleased with their efforts and the positive way they played together. Well done to all the players involved and we wish them good luck in the IAPS National Finals on Friday at Rugby School.



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week in Pre-Prep has been full of joy as we celebrated Mother's Day. Across all classes, the children have been busy preparing in their own special ways, learning songs, practising poems and dances, and creating thoughtful gifts to say "thank you" to the wonderful women in their lives. The sense of excitement around the school has been truly heart-warming.

We brought the week to a close with a beautiful Mother's Day assembly. It was fantastic to see so many families gathered together in the Prep School Assembly Hall, supporting the children as they took to the stage. The pupils performed with such confidence and pride, and their enthusiasm shone through in every word and movement. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

As we head into the weekend, we hope all mothers, grandmothers, and the special women in our community feel appreciated, celebrated and thoroughly spoiled. Thank you for all that you do and thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Yours,
Mike

KEY DATES

Wednesday 18 March 9.30am - EYFS Performance

Friday 20 March - Comic Relief

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	329	275	321	302

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TADPOLES

LOOKING AFTER ANIMALS

This week the Tadpoles became vets. They showed kindness and empathy as they looked after the animals, using scissors to cut plasters and used bandages to carefully wrap injuries.









RECEPTION

BABY LAMBS!

Following on from our kindness café, this week the reception class were very lucky to visit the café. We had lots of fun and had some yummy home-made cookies and babyccino. Afterwards, we were very lucky to see and cuddle the baby lambs, they were only a couple of days old, look how cute they are.











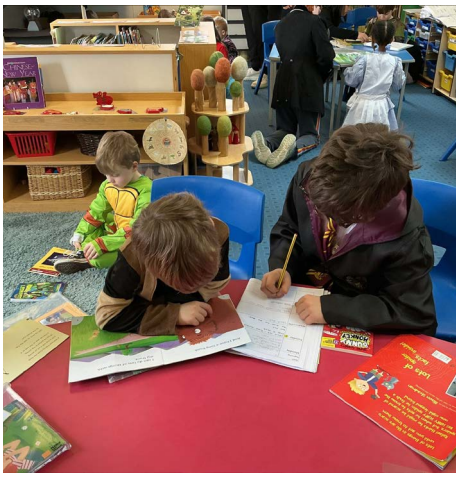
YEAR 1

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful World Book Day. We shared stories across the key stage and read to the Year 5s before they read to us. The children loved showing off their costumes and looking at books together.








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