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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term and what a lovely few days back it has been. I am sure that the sunshine has helped kick the term off in positive mood, and it certainly makes a change to be starting the cricket season needing sunglasses rather than coats and umbrellas!

I have enjoyed seeing the school come back to life after the Easter break and already the children seem to be finding their rhythm.

Here's to a fantastic term!

Yours,
Dan

Humphrey Thornburn

23.08.14 – 22.04.26

After a wonderfully happy life, Humphrey died peacefully earlier this week. He lived at three different schools in his time and has known nothing other than patiently being patted, stroked and cuddled by thousands of children, staff and parents! He loved being part of the MPS community, watching matches, visiting the odd lesson or two, bringing calm, quiet companionship and support to whomever he met. Unknown to him, he was also a bit of a social media celebrity too. I know everyone will miss him but he can be proud of a job very well done and Parsnip promises to carry on Humphrey's legacy!

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent pencil drawing by **Aurelia C.**



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PARENT NOTICES

May Fair – Teddies please!

7REH are collecting unwanted teddies and soft toys (in clean condition please) for their Teddy Tombola at the May Fair. Please bring into reception and we will collect ahead of Thursday 30 April.

PFA Volunteers Needed

If you are able to help out the PFA at the May Fair please follow this link. It is always a great way to meet other parents and raise funds for the Millfield Prep PFA charity.





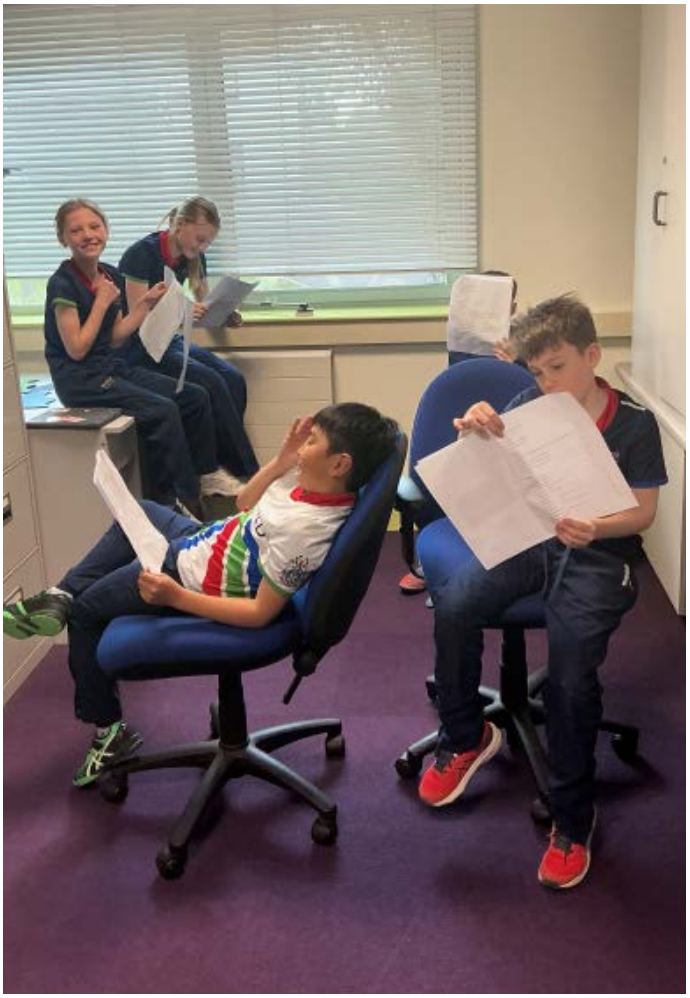
EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

We are delighted to celebrate **Alfonso** as this week's EAL Pupil of the Week. He has shown a consistently positive attitude to learning and was a pleasure to teach in EAL. **Alfonso** contributed confidently in lessons and demonstrates kindness and respect towards others every day.



FRENCH

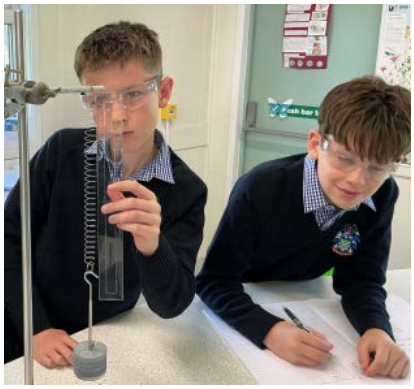
Year 6 have been learning their play and practising their script! We have two casts and their French accents are coming along!



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SCIENCE

In science this week, Year 7 have been testing the effect of different masses on the extension of springs, discussing independent, dependent, and control variables to ensure valid results, and drew some impressive line graphs to show the trend of some sample results - great practice for their upcoming summer assessments!




4RES AWARD

4RES have worked hard to fill up our class marble jar through hard work, focus and effort throughout the term. Each term the children vote for what the class would like the reward to be and this term they voted for reading with snacks and a blanket! We had a super time enjoying some chill time and reading in the sun together with some snacks provided by Mrs Shaw at the end of term. Great effort everyone!







BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome the girls back to Hollies after the Easter holidays. Everyone has returned looking refreshed, re-energised and ready to make the most of this final term of the year. We have been especially delighted to welcome our new boarders **Alita, Eugenia** and **Louise**, who have all settled in so brilliantly already, as well as to welcome back **Lola**, who rejoins us this term after being part of Hollies last year. How lucky we are to have such a fantastic group of girls joining our community. With the sunshine making a very welcome appearance this week, the boarders have made the most of the longer, lighter days. Evenings have been spent outside enjoying scooters, trips to the tree trail and games of volleyball as the sun sets, a perfect way to start the summer term. A very special thank you must also go to the Fedotova family, who kindly delivered a freshly home-baked batch of sourdough bread for the girls to enjoy as snacks, all the way from Dubai! A truly thoughtful (and delicious!) treat that was hugely appreciated by everyone.







CHESTNUT

We've had a wonderful start to the Summer Term in Chestnut and it has been a pleasure welcoming the girls back after the break. The House is already full of energy, laughter, and a real sense of togetherness. We are delighted to welcome our two new girls; **Florence** and **Alessandra**, who have settled in beautifully and are already feeling part of the Chestnut family. We've also introduced a brand-new House Game, which has created huge excitement. The girls have been split into two teams — Team Duck and Team Capybara — competing to find mini ducks and capybaras hidden around the House. The game has been full of enthusiasm, teamwork, and friendly competition, with plenty of laughter along the way. Outdoor time has been a highlight of the week. The girls have enjoyed a range of cricket, tennis, basketball, and general play. It was particularly lovely to see the older girls supporting and teaching the younger ones, helping them develop new skills and confidence. These moments of leadership and cooperation really reflect the positive spirit of House life. It has been a fun, energetic, and welcoming start to the term, and we are very much looking forward to all the activities and opportunities still to come.











BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have returned to school refreshed and ready for the summer term. The long, wet winter is a distant memory now as the boys have already enjoyed the glorious outside space in the evenings. It has been great to see them playing and making the most of their free time. We are still missing **Gyumin**, who is yet to return to us, we hope to see him next week and miss him very much. We also gave a warm welcome to **Taiei**, who has joined us as well as **Hudson** who arrived just before the end of the Spring term. We hope that they enjoy their time with us and embrace everything that we do. As we race towards the first weekend, the boys are looking forward to lots of summer sports and are ever hopeful of some glorious weather. We must also make a big effort on their revision for assessments and make time for their studies. A big well done to **Austin**, who has won the award for the most 'Good News' for the last half term. It was very close, but he came through to win. Also, congratulations to **Ruoyan**, who is our new head of house.







CHAMPION

What a great first week back we've had. The sun has been shining, and the Champion boys have been making the most of the lighter evenings, enjoying football out on the field. We have welcomed some new boarders this week—**Juan, Yana, Henri**, and **William**. It has been lovely to see our existing boarders being so kind and helping them settle in. Mr Beevor's new puppy has also caused quite a bit of excitement in Champion this week, and I know little Conker won't be short of cuddles! We also announced our new Head of House this week, and we have no doubt that **Jerry** will be a strong leader who will continue to be a positive influence.











SPORTING NEWS

SPORTING COLOURS

Rugby Full Colours
Jerry L
Callum-Jack M
Gyumin S
Vinnie S
Micah W
Dexter R

Rugby Half Colours
Alfonso M
Roque G
Oscar L

Fencing Full Colours
Zitian S

FOOTBALL

Jess H and **Amelia D** attended the ISFA U14 Nationals Representative Camp in Birmingham over the Easter holidays . It ended in a great match against TGK at the Castle Vale Stadium, they won 3-2. They both made new friends with talented girls from all over the country, it was awesome!

Both girls have since been selected to play against the U14 Welsh Schools International on Saturday 2 May, hopefully they will be presented with their first cap. We are so proud of them both!





Our Year 3 and Year 4 boys had a brilliant time at the Millfield Football GameChanger Festival, taking part in a format that put player development front and centre. Before each game, teams selected a development card setting a specific challenge to focus on throughout the match - shifting the emphasis away from the scoreline and onto the process of improving as footballers and people.

The boys embraced the concept with real enthusiasm, competing hard while staying focused on their individual and collective challenges. It was a fantastic morning of football, and a great reminder of what this age group is all about: learning, growing, and enjoying the game.




RUGBY

Millfield 7s
A lovely sunny day saw teams from around the UK descend on Millfield Prep for the U12 and U13 tournaments. The toughest of competitions to win, the U13s came out of the gates on fire, playing with passion they scored some superb tries and ended topping their group to play for the winners cup in the final group. Tough opposition, meant the boys had to dig deep. Ending in a very respectful third place overall at what is the toughest of tests at U13. The U12s had a tournament with eight of the toughest opponents in the UK. The standard unmatched, it was a relentless afternoon... the boys stood up to the test and were outstanding. They won the tournament with an all round attack and defense display that was unmatched.

Rosslyn Park 7s
Playing some familiar faces and also some teams from across the boarder in Scotland, this was a different challenge for the boys. They grew into the day, improved as the day went on, putting on a final display of dominance in the final game. A superb day with the boys going unbeaten all day.

A great end to the Rugby 7s season.





BALLET

Congratulations to our Ballet Pupils! We are delighted to congratulate all pupils who recently took their RAD Ballet examinations and achieved such fantastic results. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to training has truly paid off. Well done to everyone involved — we are incredibly proud of you all!















EQUESTRIAN

Alba M won the 60cm Winter Championships Finals. **Alba** was riding Buckley who was originally her mum's horse until **Alba** borrowed him and didn't want to give him back. Click here to read more about **Alba**!

The other riders also had several podium placings. The team of **Alba M, Calla F, Oliver R** and **Toby R** won second in the 60cm Winter Championship Finals and third in the 70cm Winter Championship Finals. **Oliver R** also claimed second place individual in the 60cm Warm-up class. Well done everyone.



Good results at the KSEC JFS Direct Qualifiers on Sunday - in the 60cm, **Olly** came second and qualified individually. **Toby** came fifth with a good clear. They came team first with three lovely clears and qualified as a team.

In the 70cm, **Toby** came fifth with a lovely fast clear. The team of **Toby, Olly** and **Alba** came second.

Great work everyone!



Coco L and **Elizabeth C** went to their first British Eventing competition at Chard on Sunday. At this competition the pupils were competing against adults, with **Coco** being one of the youngest competitors at the event.

They both did so well with a reasonable dressage double clear in the show jumping and cross country. **Coco** came fourth in her section and **Elizabeth** came 10th in hers, which are fantastic results. Congratulations girls.





TENNIS

The Tennis Department saw some great results over the Easter break. Some highlights are:

Seb E - third place in singles and winner at Martock U12 G4 tournament.

Zara E - third place in 10U and runner-up in the 9U at the Avon Spring G3 tournament.

Meilin K won the 14U G4 at Bradfield College.

Finn S came runner up in an U11 G5 event in Sheffield.

Maximus H won an 11U G3 at Long Ashton and was a quarterfinalist at a national event in Wrexham.

This is an exciting reflection of hard work and dedication every week on and off the court.











During the Easter holidays, **Almendra** won the U14 doubles and was runner-up in the U14 singles at the G3 Darren Toop tournament in Bournemouth. She also finished as runner-up in both the U16 and U14 doubles at the G3 Winchester tournament in Hampshire.



SWIMMING

Over the Easter break, 35 swimmers from Millfield Prep and Millfield travelled to Lanzarote for an intensive 10-day training camp, making the most of the sunshine as they prepared for the Southwest Regional Championships. The swimmers trained hard both in the pool and on land, balancing a busy programme with well-earned downtime. Away from training, they enjoyed free time within the hotel, an afternoon at the beach, and a memorable boat trip. During the camp, the swimmers also benefitted from a range of educational sessions, including a race analysis workshop, a dive analysis workshop, and a talk focused on developing a positive mindset and creating process-driven race plans. Swimmers, you were fabulous and an absolute joy to be with throughout the camp. We hope you had a wonderful experience, and we can't wait to see all that hard work put into action this weekend at Regionals. If you'd like to see more content from the trip, head over to the Millfield Swimming Instagram page.







SKI TRIP

On Thursday 2 April, 35 tired but excited pupils and five members of staff set off on an unforgettable ski trip to Sestriere, Italy. After a late arrival, the group headed straight to bed at our rustic but beautiful Italian accommodation, which had previously been a convent.

The children awoke the next morning to stunning mountain views, with clear blue skies and a gentle breeze – perfect conditions for spring skiing. Our hotel was just a short distance from the slopes, making it an ideal base for our daily skiing adventures. After a hearty breakfast, the pupils were divided into four groups based on their skiing ability. The more advanced skiers were led by Mrs Brooke, while the beginners started on the magic carpet lift, learning the fundamentals of skiing. By lunchtime, excitement was high as pupils returned from the slopes buzzing with enthusiasm and ready to refuel with a delicious meal. The afternoons were filled with further fun and adventure. On returning to the hotel, everyone was ready for a quick shower before heading into town for a pizza evening.

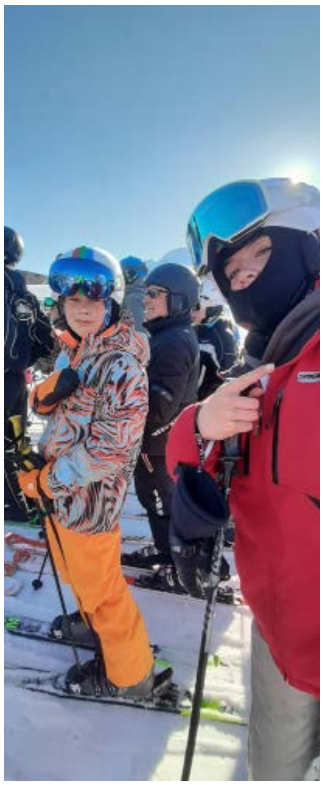
It didn't take long for the pupils to master the daily routine, and within a few days the beginners were confidently skiing down blue and red runs, while the more advanced groups tackled moguls and navigated some challenging black slopes. One of the highlights of the trip was skiing on the other side of the mountain, followed by some thrilling off-piste jumps. This exhilarating experience will be remembered by many of the pupils for years to come.

Each evening, a variety of activities was organised, including a cinema trip, snowshoeing, and quiz nights. Staff also nominated pupils each evening who had demonstrated kindness, respect, bravery, or courage, reinforcing the positive values and spirit of the trip. We were fortunate to enjoy five days of excellent skiing conditions, and it was inspiring to see just how much progress the pupils made in such a short time. Their growth, both in skiing ability and personal development, was remarkable.

As the trip came to an end, pupils and staff alike were exhausted but extremely happy. A huge thank you also goes to the staff who gave up precious family time to support the pupils on this memorable adventure. Their dedication and commitment ensured the trip was a tremendous success.

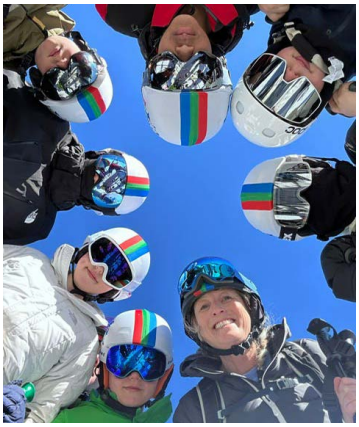
It is this strong sense of community and teamwork that makes Millfield Prep so special - everyone pulling together to create outstanding experiences for our pupils.















WATERSPORTS





CRICKET



RUGBY



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome to all our families as we return from the Easter holidays. We hope you enjoyed a restful break and the chance to spend time together. It has been lovely to see the children back in school, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn, especially as we begin to enjoy the brighter days and welcome the first signs of summer.

This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with lots planned across the Pre-Prep. Please do keep a close eye on the notice board for key dates and upcoming events, as there is plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

This week has been all about the great outdoors and learning about life cycles. Tadpoles have enjoyed visiting the forest school, where they have been busy making dinosaur houses. Frogs have been learning about different flowers by making seed bombs and have also welcomed a new class pet, Slimey the Snail. Reception children have voted to learn about ladybirds and other animals, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm.

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Ms Denbee's farm, which was a fantastic introduction to their new topic, Live and Let Live. The children asked thoughtful questions and made some brilliant observations.

We are all eagerly keeping an eye on our bird box, which already has an egg inside — an exciting sign of things to come!

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	99	80	101	81

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FROGS

EARTH DAY IN FOREST SCHOOL

We had a great morning at Forest School this week. It was Earth Day on Wednesday, so the children made some seed bombs which looked like our earth. Firstly, we looked at a globe and looked at the colours, observing what the blue and green areas were. We then squeezed water from some blue and green paper and moulded it into ball shapes. Finally, we rolled our earth shapes in wildflower seeds. We talked about how important flowers were in our environment and we will be using our seed bombs in our gardens.








RECEPTION

DRAWING DESIGNS FOR THE WOODLAND

The Reception class spent Thursday morning participating in a Forest School session. We began by drawing designs and sharing ideas for how we might use and develop the woodland area. The children then enjoyed a Lebanese snack prepared by **Bella** the day before as part of her Chef of the Week role, inspired by her family heritage. Following this, the class explored the Forest School environment, taking part in activities such as using the swing, climbing trees, and reinforcing number bonds to 10 using natural materials including stones and sticks.









YEAR 1 AND 2

FARM VISIT

We had a fantastic time at Ms Denbee's farm looking for signs of spring. We found badger sets, an owl hollow, fox dens and signs of rabbits and deers. We even saw a large male rabbit running through the field. The children were really sensible when we walked past the cows and loved searching for different animals poo! There were plenty of spring flowers to spot as well. Overall, it was a great start to our new topic, Live and Let Live.





