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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week has seen the last of our assessments in a number of year groups and, with that, there has been a slight shift as we begin to focus on the next academic year. We were very grateful to the Senior School students and staff who came across to MPS yesterday as part of the peer mentor programme, helping our Year 8 pupils think about and ask questions on their transition to Millfield.

Next week we are hoping for a break in the weather as we look forward to Camp Week, with many exciting trips and events across the year groups.

I am conscious that I could mention some element of sporting achievement every week, so I try not to do that in case I miss anything and then inadvertently disappoint teams or individuals. In this case, though, it is impossible not to mention the achievements of our swimmers who were at the Olympic pool in London last weekend for the IAPS National Swimming Finals. Both girls' and boys' teams came away as national champions yet again. The fact that this is not really a surprise is testament to all the pupils' hard work, alongside Helen, Maria, Collette and Ryan who form our amazing swimming staff. We should acknowledge, though, just what an incredible achievement it is with the boys winning the title for the 24th consecutive year and the girls an even more astonishing 38th consecutive year! A huge congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this fantastic dot painting by **Ivy L**.



EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Well Done **Luis and Louise** for being our EAL Pupils of the Week!

Luis in Year 7 is EAL Pupil of the Week for the progress he has made over the year and for continuing to work hard. He has been keen to achieve this award all year and should be pleased with his efforts. Louise has grown in confidence and has made progress with her language skills. She is contributing more in lessons and sharing her ideas with increased fluency.





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PARENT NOTICES

OM Hockey Match

On Saturday 20 June at 5.00pm we are hosting an OM Hockey match. We are anticipating at least three former Olympians and numerous Senior Internationals and National League players to be playing. Spectators are very welcome.

Moving Up Talks

Please find the links to our Moving Up Talks here:

Year 5-6 Moving Up Talk
Year 6-7 Moving Up Talk
Year 7-8 Moving Up Talk

Book Amnesty

Over the next three weeks please could you check at home and in your childrens' bags for any reading books that either belong in the Junior Reading Room (these have a stamp inside with Millfield Prep Junior Library) or the Main Library. We are trying to see which books we have and which ones need replacing before the next academic year. They can be brought in by pupils to the relevant room or dropped at reception.
Many thanks, Mrs Close.

Year 8 Leavers' Lunch

We are delighted to invite Year 8 parents and their children to a special Leavers' Lunch in the Shayler Pavilion after the Prize Giving Event, and to a drinks reception on Wednesday 24 June from 18.00-18.30 at the Pavilion before the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner.

Prize Giving Event 2026

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all, along with any family and friends, into school on Friday 26 June for our Prize Giving. Light refreshments will be available for parents and guests from 10.15am, with the event itself beginning promptly at 11.00am and concluding at approximately 12.30pm. Prize Giving marks the official end of the school day; however, parents of children in Years 3 to 7 are warmly invited to bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards on Ostrich Green with their family and school friends.

Our Parents and Friends Association will be running a paid bar. We very much hope you will join us for this special occasion.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form below to indicate whether you will be attending Prize Giving and/or the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner

Prize Giving 26 June 2026 – Fill in form







Click here to fill out the PFA Outdoor Cinema Form



PFA ADULT & CHILD GOLF DAY

On Sunday 7 June, the PFA held a Golf Day at Wells Golf Club for teams of adults and children. The weather was very kind to us with no rain and apart from the wind, good golfing weather.
We had 12 teams playing, where each team was made up of a parent and a child. Both had to tee off, then the best shots were taken and alternatives shots were then used (with a minimum of six drives to count from each player) - so a real team event.
The day started on a positive note with bacon rolls and tea/coffee, doing the draw for teams, and everyone getting a small golfing gift. The stage was set for what was going to be a great day. It was lovely seeing so many smiling faces as the children all enjoyed this format, playing with a family member or a kind adult that had joined them for the event. Everyone played really well and they were rewarded afterwards with a two-course meal.
We also held an auction where we auctioned off a signed rugby ball (well done Cole) and a putting lesson with a specialist putting coach (well done Josef). Then the part everyone was looking forward to - the prize giving.
Congratulations to **Ben T** and his partner who won the nearest to pin on the 5th hole and to **Josef D** and his partner who won the nearest to pin in two shots on the 12th hole.
For the overall competition, well done to **Josef D** and his partner for coming in third place, **Poppy L** and her partner for coming in second place and huge well done to the winners **Joshua W** and his playing partner!
Well done to everyone that played - it was such a great event, so we will be looking to run this again next year (as many parents have asked for this event to be an annual one). Thanks also to the wonderful hosting by Wells Golf Club who made us all feel very welcome throughout the day.











PRIDE WEEK

We have had a wonderful week celebrating MPS Pride across the school. Mr Dyke and Mrs Suffield kicked things off with a brilliant assembly, exploring the wonderful diversity within our Millfield community and reminding us of the importance of being ourselves while allowing others to do the same.

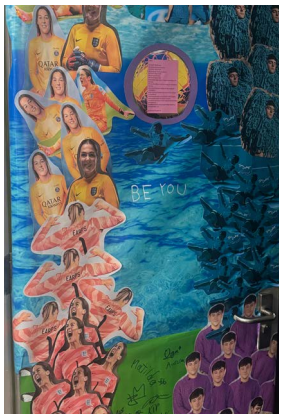
Tutor groups have been busy transforming their classroom doors into colourful displays celebrating kindness, inclusion and belonging. Mr Thornburn now has the unenviable task of judging the entries, with the winning tutor group earning the highly sought-after prize of a pizza lunch in the final week of term!

The library has also been buzzing with activity at lunchtime, as pupils have enjoyed creating beautifully rainbow-coloured bracelets and earrings for friends and loved ones. It has been fantastic to see so much creativity, enthusiasm and community spirit on display throughout the week.













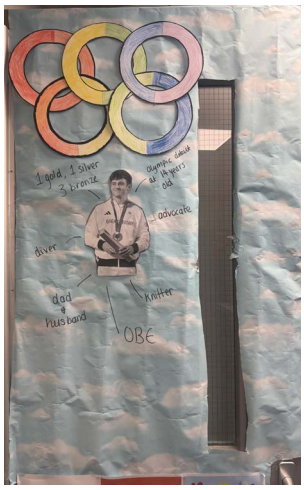






















TEA TIME CONCERT

On Thursday 4th June, 26 pupils took part in our last Tea and Music concert of the year, with the concert being given a temporary new home in the Pavilion. Audience members were treated to a charming, tea-party atmosphere, with flower-adorned circular tables and tea, coffee, and cake readily available. As ever, a huge range of music was presented by the children, several of whom were performing for the very first time (or the very last time for our wonderful Year 8s!). It was fantastic to see such a vast array of young musicians in the department, and especially impressive when pupils felt confident enough to stand in front of an audience and perform so beautifully. Bravo to all involved!

Congratulations to:
Shawn C, Louis D, Alberto D A, Beau D, Lana D P, Sophia E, Mariia G, Charlotte H, Jude H, James H, Florence K, Maddie L, Edie L, Sofia L, Freya L, Sophia L, Faye M, Massimo N, Isabella O, Sage O, Mabel O, Daphne P, Ida S, Alex S, Jack T, Anthony W.



MATILDA TRIP

This week our Drama Scholars and Year 7 pupils enjoyed a trip to Bristol to watch Matilda. A great show and fun had by all.



ENGLISH

Our Year 6 pupils have written speeches about the importance of accepting everyone. They designed outfits they would like to wear to a PRIDE parade.

Why we should accept (LGBTQ+) which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer:

Because it is not fair how people are discriminated against because of their beliefs their gender their sex and their race. Why is it that some people get discriminated against just because they are brave enough and proud enough to speak for what they are and not just follow the crowd?

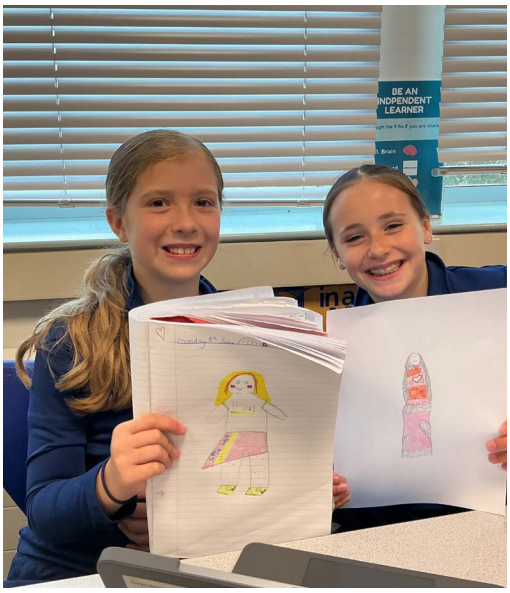
Some of are great legends who people look up to are part of the (LGBTQ+). Like Elton John he is a proud gay and is a role model to thousands of people and one of the best music artists in history. And also, Dan Jarvis is gay and he swam after he announced and he said if he didn't have the positivity that people were giving him he won't compete in the 2020 olympics in Tokyo but he still competed and came second. And Sam Ker is one of the best strikers in girls' football and is a proud lesbian with another footballer and they are called the power couple.

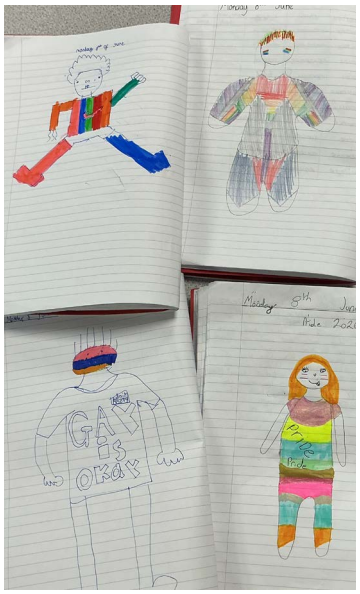
We should be proud as a community to have these amazing people instead of excluding them we should be welcoming them because everyone is equal and they all should be treated the same.
By Monty Simcock

What if you were gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and you were getting bullied how would you feel? so we all have to be nice that's why because of pride month people get to feel good and safe.

In pride month you can dress up and be you everyone should be them and not someone els wear big clothes challenge people if there not being nice so injoy pride month have fun BE YOU to everyone do't be scared to be you.

It's okay to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, just be you if you weren't life would be boring. pride is just being happy who you are!





INTERNATIONAL FAIR

On Monday this week, five Year 6 pupils travelled to the senior school to represent their countries at the International Fair. The Johnson Hall was filled with pupils from all over the world sharing little pieces of their language, culture and traditions. We had **Sara C** representing Poland, **Katharina A** representing Austria, **Lila V** representing Slovakia, and **Ritsuki K and Ichika Y** representing Japan. They all prepared brilliant presentations about their countries, which they shared with senior school pupils (and staff!) with impressive maturity and passion. They also showed a keen interest in finding out about other countries and engaged enthusiastically with older EAL pupils at the fair. This was a real highlight of the year in EAL and we couldn't be prouder of how well our pupils represented Millfield Prep School and its values.



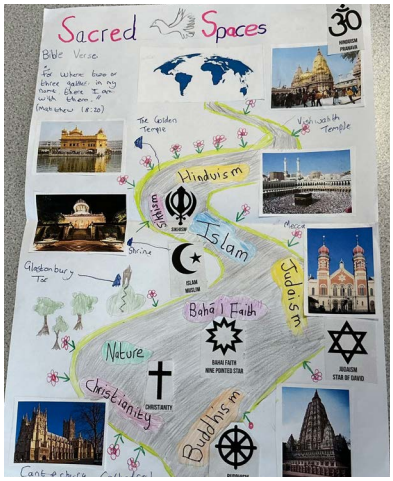






RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

In Year 7 Religious Studies and Philosophy, the pupils have been working hard to develop their creativity for their end of year assessment. The pupils are entering the National 'Spirited Art' Competition. The pupils have chosen to develop poems, drawings, paintings and even songs based around themes such as 'Searching for God' or 'Sacred Spaces' or 'Prayers for all that lives'. These are some examples from our creative pupils who have put together their learning in RS this year to develop their own thoughts and ideas in response to these topics.



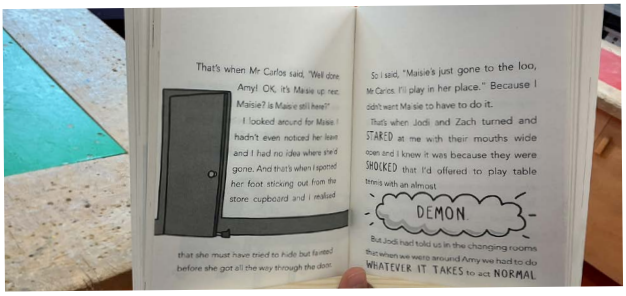




DT

Year 4 have been looking at identifying a need and creating solutions to problems in DT in the last couple of weeks. The issue was holding a book with two hands and it becoming tiring. The pupils used the practical skills developed in the first part of the year to make these book holders, all with personalised reading messages. They then completed an analysis of the product by discussing its function, size, environmental impact and style before suggesting improvements. Well done Year 4 for some great discussions.





DOODLE

We are super proud of these children who have completed some outstanding streaks on Doodle and shown that little and often is a great way to keep their learning moving forwards. Some of these children have been Doodling for either 365 days plus or indeed a staggering 550 days or more. Well done to all and we hope to see more reaching these targets too! You are brilliant!





COLLABORATIVE ART ENRICHMENT

Year 3, 4 and 7 joined together for the afternoon to create art pieces inspired by the work of Keith Haring.



BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

A particular highlight was last Thursday's Tea, Dance and Drama Evening, where many of our girls were involved either as performers or as confident and hilarious MCs. We were so proud to see the girls supporting one another and taking to the stage with such enthusiasm.
The weekend was packed with fun, including plenty of Dingbat challenges, which had everyone scratching their heads, alongside delicious baking and later in the evening ice cream sundaes and a cosy movie night.
Our Year 8 girls have also been busy working on their "Bye Bye Boxes"— a completely student-led and rather inspirational idea. They have been decorating boxes and creating thoughtful gifts and keepsakes for one another as they prepare for the next adventure.
With assessments now all wrapped up, there is a real sense of excitement around the house. It is time to start packing for camp, look forward to our end-of-year celebrations and enjoy these final special weeks together.








CHESTNUT

It's been another vibrant and creative week in the house, filled with fun activities and special celebrations. One of the highlights was a fantastic evening of tie-dye, where both the girls and staff came together to create colourful t-shirts and hair bobbles. The evening was full of laughter and creativity, with everyone designing their own unique patterns. It was a lovely way to express individuality and enjoy some relaxed, shared time together. The girls have also continued to enjoy getting involved in preparing their own snacks, making fresh fruit smoothies and juices. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm in the kitchen, experimenting with flavours and working together to create healthy, delicious treats. We also celebrated a very special birthday, Happy Birthday **Amelia**. We marked the occasion with a fun-filled celebration, including a piñata, games of "pin the cucumber on the girl," and plenty of tasty cupcakes and strawberries. Amelia had a fantastic time, and it was lovely to see everyone join in to make her day so memorable. It's been a joyful week full of creativity, teamwork, and celebration. Well done to everyone for making it so special!







BEREWALL

This first weekend back saw rain affected play and the boys back early, except **Roy and Toby** who had been off to London successfully representing the school at IAPS swimming. Following supper it was eyes down for Berewall Bingo, with 'Oohs', 'Aahs', 'Line' and 'House' echoing around the place! The boys took advantage of the improved weather to follow this up with a run around outside, before refuelling with sausage and chips courtesy of Mrs James. As the dusk fell on a summers evening we settled down to watch a film and rest our weary bodies, recharging ourselves ready to tackle cooked breakfast on Sunday morning!









CHAMPION

The boys enjoyed an indoor football session this week, where they were split into four teams, created their own team names, and competed in a mini league. We also celebrated Toby's belated birthday with pizza — Happy Birthday, **Toby**! To get everyone in the World Cup spirit, Mr McNulty has organised a sweepstake for the boys and staff. There's already plenty of excitement as everyone waits to see how their teams perform! With assessments nearly complete, we are now looking forward to a range of exciting camps and activities in the weeks ahead.










SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS

We have arrived in peak week for athletics, we have three big competitions in a short space of time. Wednesday saw the senior teams compete at the regional final of the English Schools Cup against the top schools in the region. Both the boys teams and the girls teams competed ferociously and we have our fingers crossed to find out if we have made it to the finals. Friday is the South West Prep Schools Championships and we hope a large number of athletes will qualify for the National Finals. The following day we have the Junior Sports Day and the Somerset Schools Championships where some of our Year 8 will be racing for the Mendip area trying to move forwards to the South West Championships where they will race for Somerset. A busy week!









BIATHLE

On the weekend, competitors attended the National Biathle Championship at Cheltenham.

In the Under 13 category, **Elodie B** ran and swam to be successfully placed second and so qualifies for the World Championships later this summer in Madeira.

In the Under 15 category, **Sophia E and Eloise S** stepped up to join Millfield Senior School student Katie G in a hotly fought contest with older competitors. Though individual qualification was not achieved, Millfield were placed first in the Team Award.





SWIMMING

A huge congratulations to the 33 swimmers who qualified for the IAPS National Swimming Finals, held at the iconic London Aquatics Centre on Saturday. It was a fantastic team effort, with every swimmer racing with determination and showing great team spirit throughout, supporting each other and rising brilliantly to the occasion. We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate an incredible achievement, being crowned National Boys' Champions, National Girls' Champions and Overall Champions. A fantastic result and a moment we are very proud of!

A big well done to the 20 swimmers who travelled to St Margaret's Prep School for a second relay gala on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see the swimmers' confidence grow from the previous event, alongside maintaining strong technical skills in a competitive race environment. There was a brilliant atmosphere throughout, with lots of fun and outstanding cheering from poolside all afternoon.











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KEY DATES

Tuesday 16 June
Trip to Bristol Zoo
Inflatable Fun for Tadpoles

Friday 19 June, Assembly Hall
Father's Day Celebration, 2pm

Friday 26 June, Prep Assembly Hall
Final Celebration Assembly, 1.30pm

MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Sports Day last week. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, encouragement and team spirit from all the children. Well done to every team that took part. We look forward to announcing the winning house during our End of Year Celebration Assembly. Will it be Angles, Danes, Jutes or Saxons?
It has been another busy and exciting week in Pre-Prep. The children have enjoyed plenty of Forest School sessions in between the showers and have continued their learning about life cycles through a range of engaging activities. Tadpoles and Frogs created fantastic wooden disc bugs, with our Frog children carefully using saws to cut the wooden discs themselves.
Reception have continued to care for our chicks, taking great responsibility in weighing them and observing how they grow and develop each day. Year 1 have been busy creating beautiful clay butterflies, while Year 2 made clay leaves and enjoyed a nature hunt.
All classes have also been working hard to prepare for our Father's Day Celebration next Friday. The children are very excited, and we are all looking forward to welcoming families and celebrating together.

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP
HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	335	260	289	355

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TADPOLES

BALL SKILLS

This week, the Tadpoles were lucky enough to have Rex with us on work experience. We practised our ball skills by throwing the balls into the hoop, dribbling around the cones, and then scoring as many goals as possible. We had such a fantastic time!







FROGS

MINIBEASTS

This week in Forest School the Frogs continued with our theme of minibeasts. Using the bow saw, we cut discs from a fallen tree branch. We then decorated them to look like bugs!











RECEPTION

CHICKS

The chicks are now a week old and growing fast!






YEAR 1

LIFE CYCLES

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning about life cycles. The children have watched the caterpillars turn into butterflies and have been mesmerised while watching them emerge from their chrysalises. They have then made different life cycles out of clay and painted their creations.



