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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

There can be no doubt that term is well and truly underway now. It feels like MPS has quickly moved through the gears and is now very much at battle speed! It was a moment of real pride wandering the pitches last Saturday and taking in the incredible breadth of activity going on. Girls and boys occupied virtually every green space on site, either playing sport or doing multi-activities. Even the overflow visitors carpark was full!

Naturally though, at this point of the term, many pupils will be starting to feel the businesses of school life. It's not uncommon at all for there to be a few wobbles as tiredness increases. Please do let us know if there are things we can help with. If we are in the loop, we can support; if we aren't, we can't!

In Monday's assembly I spoke to all the Prep pupils, new and old, about the importance of being themselves and really living the school value 'Be You'. At this time of year, when new friendships are forming, I was encouraging them all to realise that they don't need to change themselves just to fit into a friendship group. I hope some of them will remember it because it involved taking a hammer to a plate and smashing it to fit into a container! The analogy was that you shouldn't be breaking yourself just to fit in, instead you should be finding the right sized container (friends). Do talk to them about it if you get the chance. It will help reinforce that friendships don't need to be forced and that they need time to build.

It has been lovely meeting many of you on the touchlines recently and I am sure I will have a chance to see even more of you at our Harvest Festival service next Friday.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the week is by **Cornelia L** 7AGS.





Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep does not tolerate any harassment in any form towards our pupils/staff

PARENT NOTICES

Dear Parents,

We will be celebrating the Millfield Harvest with an apple pressing demonstration before our Harvest Festival on Friday 25 September.

We would appreciate donations of apples for the pressing. If you have any spare apples, please drop them off at Reception next week.

Following the service, there will be an opportunity to purchase a bottle of freshly pressed apple juice (cash only).

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating the Harvest Festival with the pupils.



Meet the Team and PFA Friday 25 September 08.30 onwards in the Pavilion

Senior members of staff will be available in the Pavilion from 08.30 for an informal chat about all things Millfield Prep. We would be delighted to welcome you, so please do come along and meet the team. Wi-Fi and refreshments will be available in the Pavilion all morning.

The PFA will also be in the Pavillion from drop off until 10.00am with tea, coffee and refreshments.

Pre Senior Baccalaureate (PSB) Talk Friday 25 September 10.30-11.00am in the Pavilion

Parents in Years 7 and 8 may be aware that we have introduced the PSB. We would like to invite any parents to attend a 30 minute talk introducing the PSB to parents.

Please **complete this form** to indicate whether you will be attending the PSB talk.

Harvest Service Friday 25 September 11.15-12.00 in the Sports Hall

We are delighted to invite parents and guardians to our Harvest Service on Friday 25 September, which is being held in the Sports Hall from 11.15am-12.00pm. Pupils will need to wear formal uniform, including a blazer. Pupils will be apple pressing outside the sports hall prior to the Service; please help yourself to a cup of fresh apple juice before entering the Sports Hall.

If you are attending the Harvest Service please can you 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.

Please **complete this form** to indicate whether you will be attending Harvest Service.

Exeat Weekend Friday 25 September – 12 Noon

The school will shut at 12 noon on Friday 25 September for the exeat weekend. There will be no clubs, activities, games, late stay, or school buses (please make alternative pick up arrangements).

For those not attending the Harvest Service please can you arrive at your allocated time slots for year groups and not before, otherwise the campus will become blocked. Please drive carefully as traffic is likely to be high on 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.

Pre-Prep – 12.00pm Top car park
Year 3 – 12.00pm Martins Lane
Year 4 – 12.00pm Martins Lane
Year 5 – 12.15pm Martins Lane
Year 6 – 12.15pm Martins Lane
Year 7 – 12.00pm Reception car park
Year 8 – 12.15pm Reception car park
Boarders – 12pm Boarding Houses

Uniform after Exeat

Winter uniform will need to be worn after Exeat, with all pupils required to wear a tie. Shorts are still permitted.

Please can parents submit absence and leave requests through the Parent Portal rather than emailing Group Tutors directly.

If a pupil needs to leave site early, they should do so via Reception and sign out before leaving.



EQUESTRIAN

Fun rides - Friday 25 September

Prep stables are offering a fun session on Friday 25 starting at 12:45. This will include a short ride around the fields (on lead rein), a fun session in the arena followed by squash and biscuits. This is open to prep pupils and their siblings. The cost will be £5 each and a parent/ guardian will need to escort their child on the ride. Start times will be staggered so if you would like to sign up for this session, please email:
prepstables@millfieldschool.com

Equine Explorers

A new and exciting change to our Stable Management sessions. These sessions will cover a range of topics exploring different areas of horse care and will be led by one of our coaches.

Any pupil can sign up to our equine explorers group during Wednesday and Saturday Multis. The cost will be £13 per session and this is added to your end of term school invoice.

To sign up, please email:
prepstables@millfieldschool.com

Equestrian Events

If you are a Prep rider, here is what's coming up soon:

Sunday 20 September – Clear Round. 10-12pm or 1-3pm*

Tuesday 22 September – 6pm parents webinar.

Friday 25 September – 12.30pm Exeat Fun Session

A chance for parents to meet Mia Palles-Clark, Head of Equestrian sports and Sarah Fraser, Stable Manager and Coach. A link will be sent to all riders parents the week before.

Sunday 27 September – BS 'Just for Schools Competition' at Chard (home riders only).

Sunday 4 October – NSEA SJ at Bicton (home riders only)

Sunday 11 October - Escorted hacks at 10am and 1pm*

*Please email **fraser.s@millfieldschool.com** to be added to the SOCS register for these sessions.

PFA AGM – Thursday 15 October 17.00-18.00

The PFA AGM will be held on Thursday 15 October 17.00-18.00 in the Recital Hall.The AGM is a great opportunity to understand what the PFA do and how the money is spent back on the school.This will be an in person meeting at school, though if you are unable to join in person, please use this **Teams link**.

Meeting ID: 368 552 513 253 079
Passcode: ji2ok9Nf

Everyone is welcome to come to the AGM and you don't need to join the PFA to come to the meeting. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and have a chat and a drink. We also will be electing the board and the committee, so if you would like to be part of the board - Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or the committee as a Class Rep, please do send Rachel an email **millfieldpreppfa@gmail.com** and let her know.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

RUNNING FOR MUSIC

Rachel Vokes (parent of Ozzy, Year 8) has decided to do something out of her comfort zone and, is running multiple 10K races (the first this Sunday in Torbay) to raise money for children to access music through the European Youth Summer Music (EYSM) an organisation that relies on charitable donations.

She said "Our children are so fortunate that music is part of the standard curriculum here at Millfield Prep and that is not the same across all education settings, sadly, as funding the arts is becoming less and less."

For children, music can provide a place to belong, a way to express emotions, a chance to build confidence and an escape from some of the pressures of everyday life. It can help combat isolation and support mental health and wellbeing. It can create friendships, give children something to be proud of and, sometimes, help them discover something they never knew they were capable of. All children should have the opportunity regardless of circumstance.

Rachel would be incredibly grateful if you could consider donating to this worthy cause and wanted to thank you for helping give a child the chance to discover the joy, confidence and connection that music can bring.

Donate here

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The Jurassic Coast



Tuesday 22 September: **8SE, 8VO, 8AM, 8DA**
Thursday 24 September: **8RH, 8ME, 8TI, 8ZA**
Depart school at **8.30am**
Return to school at **5.00pm**

Why are we going on this trip?

The purpose of this trip is to support the teaching of the geography topic, 'Coasts.' We will spend the day learning about how the sea is responsible for shaping the coastline at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, as well as looking at the impact of tourism in the area.

What do I need to wear?

School games kit, trainers and school coat. We will be outside all day, in all kinds of weather.

What do I need to bring?

· A small **rucksack**, (you need your hands free to draw field sketches and make notes).
· A **water bottle** – very important! We are doing a lot of walking and you will get thirsty. Your water bottle should only have water in it.
· If the weather forecast predicts hot weather, you will need sun cream and a cap.
· You will be given a clipboard and a pencil on the day.

Anything else I need to know?

No electronics / iPads / Phones.
If necessary, travel sickness / hayfever tablets must be taken before we leave.
If you have an inhaler and / or epipens, you must bring them with you.

Miss A. McConnell (Head of Geography).

YEAR 8 ART TRIP

National Museum, Cardiff



Tuesday 22 September: **8RH, 8ME, 8TI, 8ZA**
Thursday 24 September: **8SE, 8VO, 8AM, 8DA**
Depart school at **8.30am**
Return to school at **5.00pm**

Why are we going on this trip?

As we explore a range of art movements this term, it's the perfect opportunity to see artworks up close to inspire your own ideas. The museum has an extensive range of work from a range of very famous artists. Alongside this, the natural history element of the museum also has a great collection to draw inspiration from.

What do I need to wear?

Formal wear/uniform, coats – you'll be inside to explore the artworks and natural history components.

What do I need to bring?

· A small **rucksack**, (you need your hands free to draw and make notes).
· Basic materials will be provided but you're welcome to bring your own preferred materials/specialist drawing materials.
· A **water bottle** – Your water bottle should only have water in it.
· You will be given resources on the day (help sheet, paper and materials).

Anything else I need to know?

No electronics / iPads / Phones.
If necessary, travel sickness / hayfever tablets must be taken before we leave.
If you have an inhaler and / or epipens, you must bring them with you.
Packed lunch and snacks provided.

Ms I. Pocock (Head of Art).

MPS SKI TRIP 2027

Myrkdalen, Norway



When: Sunday 21st March - Saturday 27th March

Open to anyone from Year 6, 7 and 8

- **All levels welcome:** Beginners to Advanced
- **How do I sign my child up:** Complete the Booking Form Here or email Mrs. Robbins
- robbins.g@millfifledschool.com
- **Closing Date for sign up:** Thursday 1st October 2026

Collection for Harvest Service

Pupils will be collecting items for the local Food Bank as part of the Harvest Service. Please can pupils bring in items and give them to their group tutor week commencing 21 September. Items in short supply at the Food Bank are:

- Long-life fruit juice; orange, apple, pineapple
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned and Packet Soup
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Vegetables; peas, carrots, sweetcorn, green beans, tomatoes
- Tinned Puddings; sponge puddings, custard, rice pudding and similar
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Items also accepted:

- Tea, coffee, UHT milk, Long life non-dairy milk
- Pasta, Rice
- Instant porridge, Breakfast cereal
- Biscuits
- Instant Mash
- Ready meals, Vegan meals
- Tinned beans, Tinned lentils
- Pot noodles
- Desserts

Year 8 pupils will take the donations to the foodbank the week after the service. **Please be aware that we are a nut free site.**





ONLINE SAFETY TALK

Online Safety Talks – Tuesday 8 September 2026

As part of our induction programme during the first two days of term, we were delighted to welcome Steve Shepherd from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL). Steve delivered a series of highly engaging and thought-provoking online safety presentations to pupils from Years 1 to 8, before hosting an informative session for parents later in the day.

Online safety education is a vital part of safeguarding and plays an essential role in helping young people navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. As technology continues to evolve, understanding and addressing online risks can be challenging for schools, parents and carers alike. Ensuring that children, staff and families are equipped with the knowledge and skills to stay safe online remains a key priority.

During his sessions, Steve explored both the benefits and potential risks associated with the internet, online gaming and social media. He encouraged pupils to reflect on their digital lives, consider how they interact with others online, and develop an understanding of what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. Importantly, he also reinforced the steps children should take if they encounter content or behaviour online that makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or unsafe.

It was clear from the discussions that many of our pupils enjoy gaming and communicating online. While these activities can be positive and enjoyable, it is important that children use platforms that are appropriate for their age and are designed with their safety in mind.

A key message from the day was that parents and carers have an important role to play in their children's digital lives. By taking an active interest in the websites, apps and games their children use, and by maintaining open and constructive conversations about online safety, families can help ensure that young people benefit from technology in a safe and positive way.

To support these conversations at home, I have included a selection of useful online safety resources and links below.

Live Streaming & vlogging

Balancing Screen Time

Instagram Checklist

Snapchat Checklist

Roblox Checklist

Tiktok Checklist

Common Sense Media

For those of you who were unable to make the parents session, please see link below to a recording of it.

Parents Online Safety Talk

Jonathan Ford
Head of Computing & ICT
Online Safety Co-ordinator

SWGfL Safe, Secure, Online

UK Safer Internet Centre



YEAR 3-5 INTER-HOUSE FUN RUN

The second part of the inter-house fun run took place on Saturday morning when the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in their races. We were lucky again with the weather and it was fantastic to see the determination on their faces as they battled to score points for their games house.

The pupils will be able to use this determination in all parts of their Millfield Prep journey. Thank you to the grounds team, the catering team and all the staff who raced or helped organise the event. Thank you also to the parents who supported the event.















RESULTS

YEAR 3

BOYS
1. Jack
2. Kian
3. Zachary

GIRLS
1. Georgia
2. India
3. Maria

YEAR 4

BOYS
1. Freddie
2. Sam
3. Teddy

GIRLS
1. Georgia
2. Immy
3. Pops

YEAR 5

BOYS
1. Stanley
2. Rocco
3. Ted

GIRLS
1. Sage
2. Ava
3. Maddie

After adding up all the scores from all the year groups (and allowing for the difference in house sizes) the final results are....

1. Angles
2. Jutes
3. Danes
4. Saxons

These scores will be added to the house shield competition for the first term.

YEAR 4 ORCHESTRA DAY

Every year, pupils in Year 4 are lucky enough to learn an instrument in their music lessons as part of our Orchestral Project. This culminates in the formation of the Year 4 Orchestra and a special performance in the summer concert at the end of the year. On Tuesday last week, the excitement was palpable as the Year 4s attended our orchestral taster day. It was wonderful to see all the pupils back together again, so engaged with the staff performances and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the experience! We were delighted that everyone had the chance to try all the instruments on offer, which included violin, cello, double bass, harp, flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet/cornet, trombone/tuba, French horn and percussion. At the end of the day, pupils took home their orchestral booklets and were asked to indicate which instruments they would like to learn for the year on the final page. It was a wonderful moment during their lesson this week when the pupils were told that everyone has been allocated with either their first, second or third choice – the excitement was infectious!

Many thanks to all the staff involved for their wonderful efforts last Tuesday. I know that all the Year 4s are already hugely enthused about the prospect of learning a new instrument and I am very much looking forward to hearing the children's progress as well as watching their enthusiasm grow throughout the year!







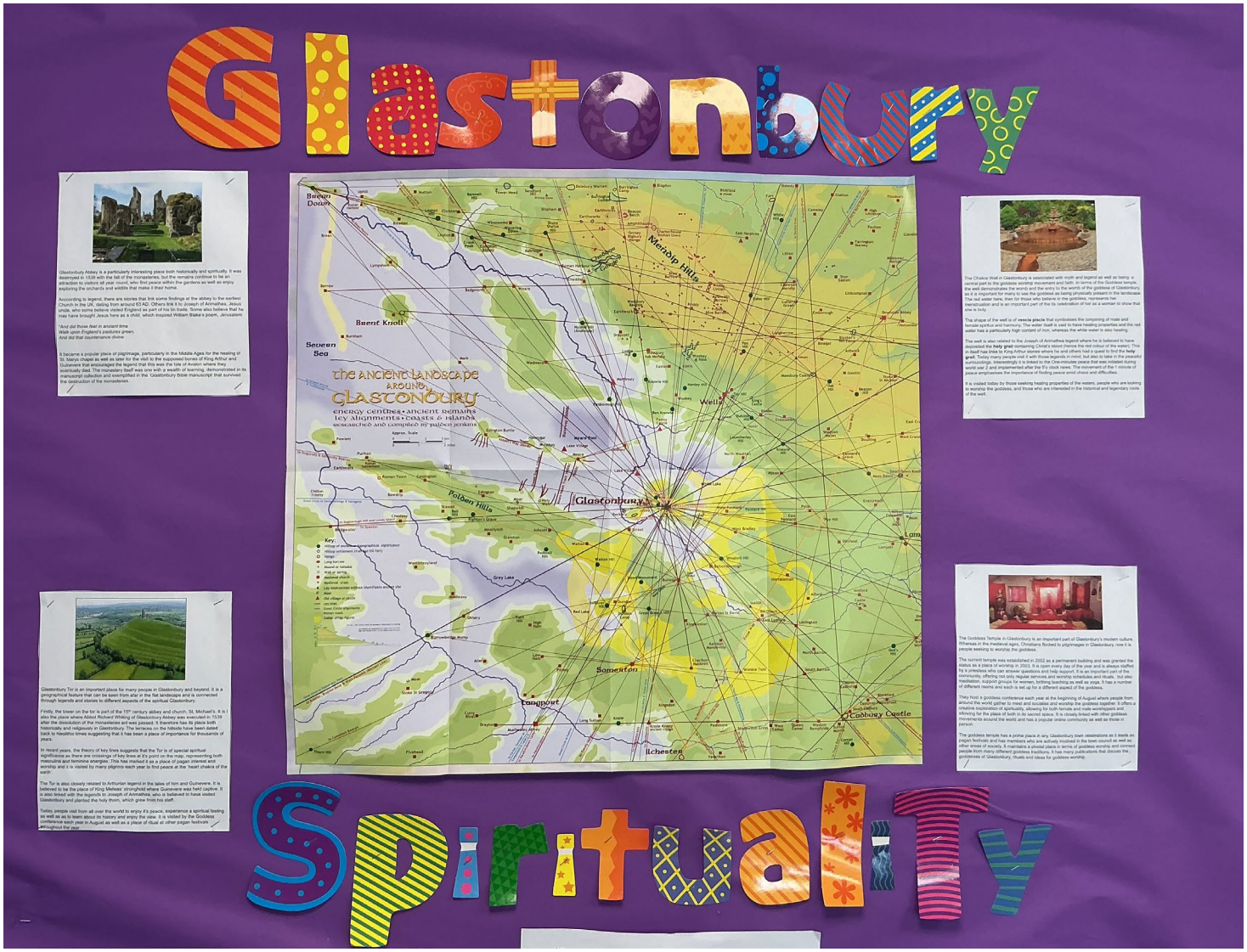




RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

This term the Year 8 pupils are considering ethics and morality: thinking about right and wrong. We are applying thinking from different worldviews: Islam, Christianity and Humanism to address the question, 'How do religious and non-religious people view their relationship with nature and their responsibilities for the environment?' We have considered our own perspectives on the environment, and we are now investigating what Humanists believe and how they apply that to the climate issue. The pupils started by looking at a photograph of Pope Francis meeting Greta Thunberg, who held a sign saying, 'Join the Climate Strike'. Pupils asked questions about what it was trying to show the public and what lessons people could learn from it. It provided a good starting point for considering how people can work together from different worldviews to protect and care for things around them.

The Year 7 pupils have been learning about worldviews and thinking about how different questions might be asked about God or religions in order to find out about theological, philosophical and sociological perspectives. We are about to learn about the spirituality connected with Glastonbury that will be supported by our day in Glastonbury on Friday 2 October.





BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

The Hollies' girls have been making the most of the beautiful late-summer and early-autumn evenings this week, with plenty of dog walks, adventures around the Tree Trail, and twilight skateboarding and scootering sessions.

Our Family Challenge is also beginning to heat up! Each family group is led by two experienced boarders and includes a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 girls. They are working brilliantly together as they compete for the much-coveted prize of a movie night and self-care hamper.











Finally, massive congratulations to our **Heads of House, Sammy and Cecily**, who have already shown tremendous leadership, kindness and enthusiasm. They have made a fantastic start to their new roles, and we are incredibly proud of them both!

CHESTNUT

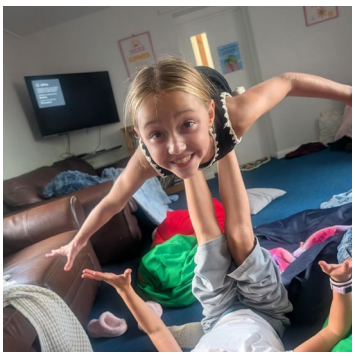
We have enjoyed another wonderful week in Chestnut House, filled with celebrations, creativity, and time spent together as a house family. Saturday evening was a particular highlight, with girls enjoying gymnastics sessions, before coming together for one of our favourite Chestnut traditions – a whole-house movie night. With plenty of tuck, cosy blankets and lots of laughter, it was the perfect opportunity to relax and spend time together.

We were also delighted to celebrate two special birthdays this week. A huge happy 11th birthday to **Liza** and a very special 13th birthday to **Phoebe**, marking the exciting milestone of becoming a teenager! We hope both girls had a fantastic day celebrating with their friends in house.

The girls have also been getting creative and developing their green fingers by making their own aloe vera planters. They carefully decorated their pots before planting their aloe vera, creating some wonderfully colourful and unique designs. It was fantastic to see their creativity shine and watch them take pride in their finished creations.

It has been lovely to see the girls continuing to settle into house life, making friendships, supporting one another, and making the most of every opportunity. We look forward to another exciting week ahead in Chestnut House!












We are delighted to announce **Hope as our Head of House for the Autumn Term.**

Hope is a responsible and experienced leader who approaches every opportunity with enthusiasm, commitment, and a positive attitude. Despite her busy schedule, she is always willing to make time for others and is particularly wonderful with the younger girls in house, offering support, encouragement, and a friendly smile whenever it is needed.

Her high energy, kindness, and ability to bring people together, make her a joy to have in Chestnut House. We know she will be an excellent role model and leader for the girls throughout the term.

Congratulations, **Hope!** We are excited to see all that you achieve in this important role and look forward to a fantastic term under your leadership.

BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have continued to impress us all throughout the first two weeks. They have had so much to learn and so much to embrace and we are all very pleased with how they have settled in. The early morning clubs have started, so the big focus this week has been to get enough sleep so we are ready for a busy day. The kit and school bag packing is also really improving, well done boys! The weekend was the first chance to rest and reset after a whirlwind start. The boys enjoyed their tuck on Saturday evening and then settled down to watch a movie and eat hot dogs and ice lollies. The bedtime was not too late as the ever-anticipated Brean trip awaited them on Sunday. They arrived home a little wet, but full of smiles after a great day. We race into this weekend with sports fixtures and the trip to The Wave for some, on Sunday. We will have our first teenager of the year on Monday, when **Seb** celebrates with his friends. Overall, a big well done to all our boys….keep it going! Have a great weekend everyone!









Congratulations to **Alberto**, who is our **Head of House for the Autumn term**. It is a very much deserved recognition of his work ethic and kind manner, well done **Alberto**.

CHAMPION

It's been a busy week, with all the clubs and activities now in full swing. We are so pleased with how well our boys are settling in, learning their routines and asking lots of questions to ensure they know what they need and where they need to be. Our returning boarders have been fantastic at showing them the ropes and helping them find their feet.

On Saturday, the boys enjoyed a hot chocolate when they got home, followed by getting all the tuck out and coming together for a movie night.

On Sunday, the boys headed off to Brean Theme Park for their first big trip with the whole boarding community. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to spend time together and enjoy a fun-filled day.















We would like to introduce **Ted as our Head of House** for this term. Ted is such a polite and well mannered boy. He shows kindness and compassion to those around him and we have no doubt that he will be a fantastic role model and leader.

SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS

We took a group of 30 competitors to the National Prep Schools Finals in Birmingham at the start of the summer holidays. Our athletes were competing on the same track that would hold a major Championship later in the summer. We had a good day! Some of the athletes were taking their first steps at a national final in a big stadium. We have pupils that will look to return next year and build on the experience they now have.

Charlie and **Maverick** will be especially determined as they missed the medals finishing in 4th position.
Jonah B claimed a bronze in a hotly contested 1500m race.
Ayianna K stood on the silver podium twice in the 100m and 200m. She also helped out in the Year 8 girls relay team and this probably cost her a personal gold in the 200m as the relay was moved to just before her race.
Lowry M and **Jess H** reclaimed their national titles and have both won two out of the three titles they could have won during their time at the Prep school.
Fin P showed what determination truly is during his event. With 300m to go in the 1500m he was in 5th place and around 30m behind. With 100m to go he was still in the same position but had closed to around 20m behind. **Fin** then hit the fast forward button and powered towards the leaders closing with every stride. With 10m to go he was in bronze position and then with a final determined burst he came through to win. We had talked before the race about how he shouldn't start his final effort too soon. He took this to the extreme and was only in the lead of the race for 1 meter but it was the crucial meter!





















EQUESTRIAN

Over the summer, Millfield Prep riders had an incredible competition at the NSEA Grass Roots Championships at Hickstead!

In Class 60, out of 175 riders, **Oliver** was second (individually), **Alba** was third, **Calla** was 17th and **Toby** was 27th. **Isla** completed a superb round with four faults. Overall, the team earned first place!
In Class 70, out of 120 riders, **Alba** was fifth, and the team finished in ninth position.
Isla completed a fastest, four faults round in the Class 50!

It was an excellent day for everyone involved, with some well-deserved results. Well done all!







Huge congratulations to our Prep riders for an outstanding performance during the summer in the 60cm Final at the Stoneleigh 'Just for Schools Championships'.Our riders secured the Championship title on the day with a fantastic team effort, and maintained their position at the very top of the leaderboard. Congratulations **Oliver** on winning the Championship title in the individual 60cm final.





Coco competing at the Hurst School Championships at Hickstead.



Coco and her wonderful pony Sam at the Hurst Schools Championships at Hickstead qualified for the main ring final and jumping clear in both rounds finish 16th as junior individuals. A superb performance, congratulations. Sam will now enjoy his well-earned retirement!

FOOTBALL



It's been an excellent week for football at Millfield Prep. Here is how we got on. We took two Year 4 boys teams to the Bryanston Festival. They did extremely well, it was great to see lots of happy smiley faces. Well done to all that competed.

Millfield Whites: **Alexander A / Amari B / Harry T / Monty W / Arthur W / Oscar W (L/W/W/D)**
Millfield Blues: **Teddy C / Sam E/ Milo H/ Freddie J / Alex S / Felix S / Maguire S (W/W/W/W)**

We are running Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football Club, which is open to boys and girls on a Tuesday 4-5pm. Sign up if interested!

Year 6 boy's and girl's teams both came back victorious from the Sherborne Football Tournament last Friday. Both teams played incredibly well, having only had one session since being back from the summer break! Shoutout to **Max** P-E who only conceded one goal over nine games! Congratulations to our girl's Player Of The Tournament Arabella G and our boys Goal Of The Tournament, Raffy P.

Two mixed girl teams from Year 7 and 8 also competed against Hazlegrove on Saturday. The fixture was played in good spirits, and both teams came out on top.









It was our first outing of the season for our Year 8 boys A team for the ESFA Cup against Blandford School. They played some great football and were in high spirits.
Well done to **Barney G, Florian A, Toby W, Fin P, Maverick M, Ted H, Anthony W, Freddie F, Zac M, Teddy G, Rohan D**.

We welcomed lots of new pupils to our Year 8 boy's and girl's B teams for their first MPS games on 14 September. The teams played some competitive friendlies against Hugh Sexey School, with all games played in good spirits, the players should be proud of themselves.

Congratulations to **Maverick M**, who signed for Exeter City FC over the holidays for their U13 team. This is a great achievement!



HOCKEY

The U11 girls had a great success at the MPS Hockey Tournament, with our MPS Edgarley team winning the B Competition.





Our U13B team were on the road for an early festival at Blundell's School in Devon. Facing a strong array of teams from across the South West, we were the only B team in attendance. Following an excellent win against Clifton on Wednesday, we were excited to get started.

Our first match, against Maynard School, saw us dominate possession, but we were unable to find the back of the net and had to settle for a 0-0 draw. Straight into our next game against BGS, we faced a steep learning curve and suffered a 4-0 defeat.

Next, we played Wells Cathedral School and scored our first goal of the day, earning another valuable point in a 1-1 draw. Our final group-stage match against a strong Exeter side ended in a 4-1 loss.

We finished the day's fixtures with a hard-fought 0-0 draw against Wellington and a well-earned 1-0 victory over Truro.

Overall, it was a great morning's work. The team learned more from the challenges they faced than they did from Wednesday's 7-0 victory. I hope they continue to learn, develop, and push themselves as a team. I am incredibly proud of their effort and attitude throughout the day.

A big thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support the girls.

TENNIS

MPS Tennis is proud to say that several of our tennis players were selected to represent their counties last weekend. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their dedication, resilience, and sporting excellence.

Congratulations to **Monty G (Hampshire), Maxi H (Avon), Seb E (Avon) and Josh G (Somerset)** on their selection.

TRAMPOLINING

Congratulations to all of our pupils that competed at the end of term in the IAPS Trampolining Finals. The A team were crowned National Trampolining Champions. Well done **Jess** and **Alfred**, who were individual National Champions.









WATERPOLO

The three boys played for Somerset U13s on Sunday and were a vital part of the team.
They finished third, after managing to beat Hampshire and Dorset, followed by a narrow defeat by Devon and then Gloucester.

Congratulations to **Roman W, Angelo H, Alex B**



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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been another fantastic week in Pre-Prep, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so well into their new classes, routines and expectations. The children are growing in confidence each day, walking in independently and enjoying the new challenges with positivity and determination.

Our Pre-School children have been exploring the changing season and looking out for signs of autumn. They have enjoyed welly walks, a visit to Forest School and creative activities such as leaf printing. These experiences have provided excellent opportunities for the children to observe the natural world around them and develop their understanding of seasonal change.

In Reception, the children have been learning all about apples. Through a range of practical and engaging activities, they have explored where apples come from, how they grow and the many different ways we can enjoy them. EYFS are looking forward to celebrating Apple Day next week.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the digestive system and have thoroughly enjoyed extending their scientific knowledge. A particular highlight was their visit to the Senior School Science Department, where they were able to deepen their understanding through hands-on learning experiences and specialist resources. They have also been working incredibly hard on their phonics, developing their confidence and fluency with sounds and reading.

Your continued support at home with practising phonics and sharing books together makes a tremendous difference and plays a vital role in helping your child become a successful and enthusiastic reader.

Across the Pre-Prep, children continue to earn tokens for their House teams by demonstrating our school values: being kind, challenging themselves, showing curiosity and striving to be brilliant. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils are embracing these values and supporting one another in their learning journey.

As always, we encourage you to ask your child what they have enjoyed most this week. Their answers often provide a wonderful insight into the many exciting learning opportunities taking place each day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our annual **Harvest Celebration** next **Friday 25 at 11.30am** in the **Prep Assembly Hall**. It is always a special occasion for our school community, and we hope you can join us.

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	356	306	361	312

TADPOLES

EXPLORING

This week, the Tadpoles have been settling into Pre-Prep, exploring new places and meeting new friends. They have enjoyed jumping and climbing in the hall, finding ducks and tractors on welly walks, and getting creative with feathers, glitter and glue.









FROGS

LISTENING EARS

This week the Frogs have been going on listening walks to see what sounds they could hear around Pre-Prep. They put on their 'listening ears' and walked very quietly. They heard birds, children playing, a lawnmower, the stream, cars, an aeroplane and the trees rustling in the wind; sometimes it was quiet too. They finished by playing a game of 'I spy'.







FROGS

AUTUMN LEAVES







RECEPTION

AUTUMN THEMED ACTIVITIES

This week in Reception we have continued with our Autumn themed activities, spending time in our new learning environment and talking about Harvest. During our Maths sessions we have been learning about pattern and shape. We linked this to our theme and created a repeating pattern on our mouse tails.







SENIOR SCHOOL BIOLOGY VISIT

Year 1 and 2 had an amazing time visiting the Senior School Biology Department and learning all about the digestive system. Through a range of exciting, hands-on activities, the children explored what happens to food after we chew and swallow it. They also investigated how different animals' teeth are adapted to the foods they eat. It was a such a fun and engaging learning experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed discovering more about how our bodies work.











