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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUN CREAM AND SUN HATS

All children need to have applied sun cream before school and have a sun hat every day please.

CONGRATULATIONS

 to Ms Denbee.

Roy Denbee Elson was born on 3 June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Tuesday 6 July.

Parents invited from 1.45pm (two spectators per family).

Events to start at 2pm on the Prep sports field by the Pavilion.

School finishes at 3:15pm, no creche or late club.

Year 2 Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 7 July 11am.

Year 2 parents only. More information to follow.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory:

Pre-School

**Catherine
Sage**

Reception

**Marilin
Honey**

Year 1

**Isla
Emily**

Year 2

**Max
Meilin**



On Thursday Pre-Prep were out watching the solar eclipse through our safe watching glasses, provided by Mr Hudson from the Senior school. It was quite spectacular!



RECEPTION

This week the reception class had an amazing trip to our Forest School. When we got there we built a fire and we toasted bread to make a snack.

Then we noticed something new in the woods, and a storybook. Mrs Smith then remembered that she'd noticed something jumping out of Forest School on Sunday when she popped in. She thought it could've been a bear. The story was 'The Bear and the Piano' and the object was a piano. This is a lovely story about how the bear learns to play the piano but mainly it's about friendships and how amazing they are.

The children then went on to explore the noise the piano makes, and we created a pretend drum set and used other instruments to create different tunes and songs.

PRE-SCHOOL FROGS

Pre-School were so excited at the end of half term as we had successfully hatched 10 Painted Lady butterflies and released them.

We were fortunate to be able to observe really carefully as they sat on Mrs Cocks' finger! We looked at their beautiful patterned wings, large eyes and long tongue. We even sang a butterfly song as they flew away!





PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

The tadpoles had a busy and exciting start to this half term! We went for a walk around Pre-Prep to see how the plants had grown over the break. The children thought that the guinea pigs had grown as well!

We had a great discussion about the half term break. It seems that lots of the children either went to the beach or had exciting water play in their gardens. This, of course, led to in-depth discussions about our favourite flavours of ice cream, which the children then painted. They looked nearly as delicious as the real thing!



YEAR 1 PUPPY PUDDLES!

Year 1 returned to their classroom after lunch to find a puddle on the floor. The children were puzzled and wondered where the water came from. They looked to see if there was a leak in the ceiling but there was not. Then Mrs Brittain said she had seen Mr Jory walking his puppy. Was it a puppy puddle? The children set about investigating which material would be best to mop up the mess. They tested six different materials to see how absorbent they were. The children remembered to use a fair test and recorded their findings carefully. Their research concluded that the foam sponge would be the best to use, just in case Mr Jory's puppy returned!





MINIS NEWS



MINIBEASTS

Before half term, our Minis enjoyed building bug hotels and balancing on the slackline in the Forest School. They worked hard to match up bugs with their silhouettes and whoosh the incy wincy spiders down the water spouts! We read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, printed our very own one, and loved making leafy pies in our Hungry Caterpillar Cafe to feed our very greedy caterpillar! I wonder what colour butterfly he will become...

