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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

After a busy year of remote learning and assessments, the Great Outdoors week has been a lovely relief. The children have enjoyed being off-timetable and trying some different activities. Miss Parsons has done an amazing job of putting this massive programme together, and my thanks go to her for this. It will be super to see the Juniors enjoy their Olympic experience next week too.

You will be aware of the news and concerns around children's mental wellbeing, and I believe that young people of today have so much more to deal with than when we were young. At Millfield Prep we aim to have a holistic approach to education and I firmly believe that if we can remove as many of the children's barriers to learning as possible then they are more likely to achieve their potential. Poor mental health and wellbeing are barriers that are being talked about so much at the minute. However, young children may not even be aware of their mental state and they may not even realise that they have a developing issue. So I wanted us, as a school, to proactively teach our children (a) how to identify any signs or symptoms within themselves, or their friends and (b) to give them the skills to support themselves with self-care before things escalate for them.

Therefore, I am delighted to announce that we will be launching our own bespoke Mental Wellbeing Programme for the children in Years 7 and 8 from September 2021. I would like to emphasise that this will in no way replace other subjects, which are just as good for their well-being, such as PE, PSHEE, music, art etc., but will add to and strengthen what we already have. Please find further information about the programme here.

I can hardly believe that we have only one week left until the end of this historic and memorable academic year. Your children have been impressive and we are all very proud of them.

Best wishes,

Mrs Shayler



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REMINDER...

Rock and Pop Concert

This is a reminder that the annual Rock and Pop concert is due to take place this Friday (25 June), starting at 6pm. Despite the current restrictions still preventing parents from attending, we are determined to make the concert as memorable as possible for those performing. We will be using the balcony of the Pavilion for the performances, and boarders (kept in their bubbles), as well as any Year 8 day pupils wishing to attend are invited to form an enthusiastic and appreciative audience!

Please note that there has been a change to collection at the end of the evening. We ask that all parents collect any day pupils attending or performing from the top car park at 8pm. Please also note that any day Year 8 pupils wishing to attend (also all those performing) will not be able to go home in between the end of school and the beginning of the concert. If they do not have a club, pupils should come to the Recital Hall at 4pm where we will supervise them and then take them to supper.

MILLFIELD PERFORMING ARTS COURSE

THE COURSE

AGES 4-6

Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, 9am-12.30pm

Providing an introduction to performing arts with children focusing on dancing, acting and prop making to prepare a short performance. Course run by Gabbie Robbins.

Cost: £125

AGES 7-16

Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, 9am-3pm

Children will work together on all aspects of creating a show; learning lines, acting, dancing, creating props and staging. Course run by Chris Carruthers, Amy Chatwin and Peter Maxwell.

Cost: £190

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MILLFIELD PREP'S PERFORMING
ARTS SPECIALISTS CHRIS
CARRUTHERS, AMY CHATWIN,
PETER MAXWELL & GABBIE
ROBBINS

CALLING ALL PERFORMING ARTS ENTHUSIASTS!

Come and join us at Millfield Prep School for our Summer Drama course from 26-30 July. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, get creative and have a fun-filled week.

Spaces available for ages 5-16. Please

contact: enterprises@millfieldschool.com to book and find out more.

Watch a highlight reel of the Millfield Prep Drama Department: [here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK:
millfieldenterprises.com/holidays/courses/performing-arts

MILLFIELD
ENTERPRISES



MUSIC







Many congratulations to **Lottie B** on trumpet and **Evie T** for singing, who both received Merits in their Trinity Music Exams on Monday 21 June 2021.

YEAR 8 BAKE OFF

Today was the show-stopper challenge after six weeks of technical bakes, with the scores between the houses separated by only two points. The challenge was to bake and decorate a cake suitable for a child's birthday, all in 2 hours and 40 minutes.

The scores were based on four criteria:

-  Planning/visual impact outside
-  Visual impact inside
-  Taste
-  Skills used

Luckily, four Year 5 pupils were on hand to help Mrs Shayler with the judging - Maya, James, Cameron and Isabelle. They did a very professional job, with some excellent observations and constructive comments.

The scores were added up with Angles (Henny and Harry) emerging as the overall winners, Jutes (Amelie and Sophie) came in second place; Saxons (Lucy and Ollie) in third, and Danes (Dylan and Isla) in fourth. It was a very special day and I really enjoyed the whole competition. We had some very talented bakers, but best of all a lovely group of pupils who it is a pleasure to spend time with.

Well done everyone! Keep on baking!

Mrs Henderson.



JUNIOR AWARDS

This week Miffy, Oreo and Chota have been awarded to three brilliant girls! **Rahila Y-K**, **Maya SJDC** and **Florrie H** have shown amazing resilience, adaptability, kindness and thoughtfulness this week.

Well done girls!



GREAT OUTDOOR WEEK

At the time of writing we are halfway through our Great Outdoor Week for Years 6-8. The rain on Monday did not dampen spirits as children and staff adapted to the conditions and cracked on. Year 6 made a flying start, handling some beautiful birds of prey and learning all about the school beehive. Meanwhile, the school campus was filled with happy children as they tried climbing and archery, mountain biking, putting up tents, building shelters, chilling out in hammocks, making art from natural materials and various team games. Some even learnt how to play quidditch. However, they have not mastered the spell to get frisbees out of the pond!

Each Group Tutor has also been on a walk this week in the local area; Year 6 up the Tor, Year 7 along the River Brue and Year 8 up on the Mendip Hills. Some children have also visited our school Nature Reserve, Worley Hill, where we saw the very rare bee orchid, whilst others have helped volunteers in managing the Shapwick Heath reserve. The week has certainly helped the children to see how they are interconnected with their environment, whether for sport, pleasure or its many other provisions. Still to come are some ancient games, dance and yoga sessions. Huge thanks to all the staff, but also to the children for giving everything a go in good spirits and making memories at the end of what has been a tricky year. We hope you all enjoy lots more time in the Great Outdoors over the Summer holiday.



YEARS 6 & 8



Year 6BAM & BVC



Year 8 students have been making shelters for Outdoor Week.



Year 6 students enjoyed their Falconry session on Monday morning.



YEAR 6

Year 6 art club have finished their feltmaking term with some wonderful creations. They have worked so hard to design, plan and learn the technique.



YEARS 7 & 8

Years 7 and 8 art and craft activities throughout outdoor week have been felt-making. They created felted pebbles to give as gifts or keep as memories.

Lots of outdoor fun with soap and water!



Years 7 and 8 felted pebbles



Year 8 on the climbing wall

YEAR 8

On Friday 19 June, Luke Simon and Zoe Fox from the charity 'School in a Bag' came to give a talk to the Year 8 students. Our leavers learned all about the fantastic work the charity does to deliver school bags to underprivileged children around the world, and packed 100 bags that will be sent to refugee children.

To sponsor a bag, please visit their website:
<https://www.schoolinabag.org>



Sporting News

EQUESTRIAN



Above: **Isla S** on **Bob**

Isla had a busy weekend. On Saturday she was competing in a British dressage competition, winning both her section and overall with a score of 70.4% on her new dressage pony, Toti. Isla also came 4th on Buddy. What a fantastic weekend of riding! Well done Isla!



Above: **Mimi W** on **Natty**



Myla C and **Billy** riding at the British Eventing 80cm Championships at Frickley on Saturday, 19 June.

In Myla's first year of competing in BE competitions she did fantastically well to qualify for the Championships. Myla and Billy travelled to Yorkshire for the competition on Saturday where she had a great dressage test and a double clear in the cross country and show jumping to finish 5th. This is a fantastic achievement as she would have been one of the youngest in the class, competing against adults.

Below: One of the teams that rode at KSEC in the County Cup Q on Sunday. These riders came 2nd in the 70cm class and 4th in the 80cm, which is a brilliant achievement. Well done team!



From left to right: **Bella H-L**, **Sarah B**, **Isla S** and **Sophie B**.



From left to right: **Livi S** on **Princess**, **Mimi W** on **Natty**, **Lola S** on **Jimmy**. The other member of the team was **Frankie C** on **D-Day**.



Sporting News

EQUESTRIAN



Two very happy riders: **Dotti S** on Missy and **Tilly B** on Mr Pickles both jumped lovely clear rounds in the 50cm and 60cm classes. Dottie came 7th and Tilly 8th in the 60 cm class. Super classy riding; well done girls!

Matilda R-C, age 7, at her second ever competition, flying round to win the 30cm class and going on to come 5th in the 40cm class too.



TENNIS



Charlie R and **Josh C** played in the Road to Wimbledon International Tennis Tournament in Cheltenham last weekend, which is the Regional event for players rated 6.2 or higher.

Charlie won the Tournament and has now qualified for the National Finals on the grass at the All England Lawn Tennis Club from 8 - 14 August. We wish Charlie the very best of luck in this prestigious competition and hope that he follows in the footsteps of ex-Millfield Prep pupil, Luke Hammond. He won the event in 2012 and then went on to play at Junior Wimbledon a few years later.

The Road to Wimbledon is an initiative staged by the All England Lawn Tennis Club to promote both junior and grass court tennis in the UK and across the globe. The Road to Wimbledon's 14U tournament is the UK's largest junior grass court competition with almost 9,000 girls and boys from 650 clubs, parks and schools competing to qualify for the National Finals held at Wimbledon in August, so Charlie has done incredibly well to qualify.

Charlie R

Sporting News

CRICKET

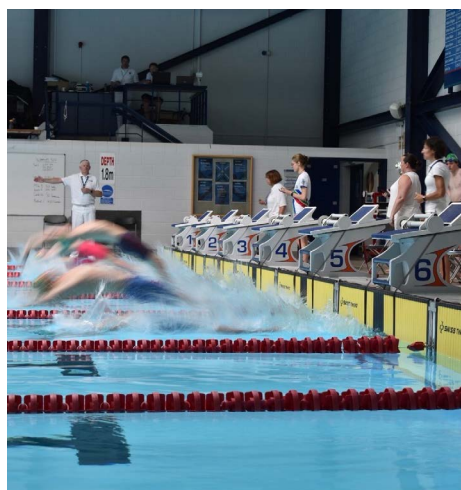
The U13B had an excellent day's cricket on Wednesday, taking part in a T20 tournament. With spectators now able to attend, it was a lovely opportunity for parents to see the progress the team has made, and the players didn't let the spectators down. The first game against Wells U13A began with Wells setting Millfield 110 to win. Some sloppy play in the field led to an imposing target and the team would have to focus to avoid dropping out of the tournament.

Kaden W and **Lukas M** batted well, but wickets fell at regular intervals leaving Millfield needing one run to win with one wicket in hand. **Sam K** and **Will H** were guiding the team towards the total but then....wicket.... Tensions were high; if Wells could get one more wicket they would force a super over; one run for Millfield and they would win. The ball came down and found the edge of the Millfield bat and went to the keeper, but it was dropped and the boys scampered a quick single to take the win and move to the final against a good U13A Beechen Cliff team.

Millfield fielded first and were excellent, restricting Beechen Cliff to 109. Millfield began their chase well, steadily building a platform for the high run chase. **Will M-H**, **Oliver S** and **Jake S-S** batted well, taking Millfield close, but it came to Millfield needing 20 off the final over, which proved to be a step too far on this occasion. Well done to all for a great day of cricket.



SWIMMING



On 18, 19 and 20 June, over 70 pupils raced at the Millfield summer selections meet. For some it was their first experience of racing, and for others an opportunity to qualify for British swimming's summer festival of swimming.

A massive well done to all involved:

Agnes C , **Alex T**, **Amelia R**, **Amelia S**, **Andrew T**, **Annabelle S**, **Archie**, **Asta M**, **Billy C**, **Caleb G-G**, **Caty R**, **Charles R**, **Charlie P**, **Charlotte M**, **Chiara C**, **Chloe de J**, **Daniel B**, **Daniel P**, **Dexter T**, **Dorian L**, **Ella D**, **Elsie S**, **Enid M**, **Ethan W-B**, **Eva L**, **Evie T** , **Fernanda UA**, **Harry D**, **Hector J**, **Hunter K**, **Iona M**, **Isaac C**, **Isabelle P**, **James P**, **Jasper T**, **Jem H**, **John A**, **Jonah D**, **Jonathan L**, **Joshua S**, **Joshua U**, **Katherine B**, **Katriel C**, **Keeleigh C**, **Kevin W**, **Lois M**, **Lottie R-B**, **Maia Delin**, **Maya SJDC**, **Megs H**, **Mila B**, **Millie E-N**, **Natalia UA**, **Noah W**, **Noelle D**, **Oliver N**, **Oliver T**, **Oscar R-D**, **Polly W**, **Poppy La**, **René M**, **Ruby B**, **Samuel C** , **Sasha H**, **Sophia E-N**, **Steffi BDLO**, **Taylor P**, **Theo T**, **Tilly A**, **Tim DP**, **Vienna T**, **Watita D**, **Wills J**.

Students were also treated to a Q&A with two junior international swimmers who train at the senior school. This provided the opportunity for them to ask any questions they may have about the swimming journey they are currently participating in, while gaining valuable advice.



Boarding Life



CHESTNUT

The boys made the most of the sunny Wednesday weather with an evening walk and a trip to the local park for some games. They chatted all the way there and back!

They enjoyed the zip line, slides and climbing frame. The boys have also been following the football tournament in the evenings and the common rooms have been very loud! We have many different European countries with us, so it has been difficult to know who to support!

Our amazing evening helpers have been making the snacks fit in with the countries that are playing. One night we had an English flag made from Nachos and Peppers!



HOLLIES

The girls had a lovely 'end of exams' cake on Friday to celebrate the end of their last exams in the Prep School. It was a welcome treat from one of our thoughtful parents and enjoyed by all. The party then continued with cakes for breakfast on Saturday to celebrate Katherine's birthday in her usual style. This certainly kicked the weekend off with a buzz! A farewell to Charlotte followed on Sunday as she left us to move to Australia. We will miss her and wish her the best of times at her new school. The weekend was packed with other fun games such as space hopper races, a Just Dance marathon, a bungee run, human table football and an egg drop, to name but a few. Our sunflowers have germinated and are growing fast. They now need a bigger pot, like the girls and their clothes!



BEREWALL

Berewall boys celebrated the birthdays of **Rafe** and **Oscar** this week. Enthusiastic singing was complimented with some lovely birthday cake.

The boys approached their assessments very sensibly this week, showing a tremendous work ethic. They studied hard and helped each other out throughout the week.



CHAMPION



It's been another busy week as we head towards the end of term. The assessments for our older girls are over and they now have a little more time on their hands.

We've been on walks, and tonight enjoyed a barbecue in our garden. Although it was a little chilly, there were no complaints when the ice creams were handed out!





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SUN CREAM AND SUN HATS

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

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.

End of term

Wednesday 7 July 12noon.



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

All Pre-schoolers

Year 1

Noah F

Amelie M

Reception

All of Reception

Year 2

Teddy G

Aurelia C



YEAR 1

Year 1 are doing a geography topic on maps this week. Looking at an adventure park, they learnt how to use a key to find things on a map.

They also found out that items are often drawn from above, a bird's eye view, rather than as we see objects. The children had great fun identifying the different rides, using the colour coding to find the rides that were suitable for people of different ages.



PRE-SCHOOL

Even though Pre-School have been at home this week, the learning has carried on. The children have participated in yoga and dough gym, practised their obstacle course race and taken on the challenge of the ever popular 'floor is lava' game! They have counted their toys, created handprint tape measures, built walls for their Humpty Dumpty toys, created nature vases, drawn story mats, made silly soup and been bug hunting. They've sung songs and listened to stories read by their teachers. What a busy week! A huge thank you to all the mums and dads for getting on board with the online learning and joining in.





YEAR 2

Trip to Seaton

On Monday Year 2 were not put off by the rain and we made our way down to Seaton Hole Beach for some rock pooling!

We explored the mini habitats, collected different flora and fauna and identified them using classifying charts. We also went to the wetlands centre to do some bird watching after lunch.

The children were amazing and had so much fun splashing about together. A lovely end of topic trip and memory from their time in Pre-Prep.





MINIS NEWS

UNDER THE SEA

The Minis enjoyed a fun and busy session learning about animals that live in the ocean and catching spotty and stripy fish in their nets. They made some wonderful jazzy jellyfish and dug for shiny treasure buried in the sand. We enjoyed pretending to be pirates aboard our pirate ship and walking the plank! Our Thursday Minis had a special treat as **Conor** brought in delicious cupcakes to celebrate turning 3! Happy Birthday Conor!



DOWN AT THE FARM

The vets' surgery in the forest was jam-packed with poorly animals for the Minis to care for. Dogs were bandaged, ponies were vaccinated and a swan was given medicine to cure his sneezing! The Minis also planted a sunflower seed, played a tune on the forest piano and painted a card for Fathers' Day. The highlight of our session was **Helen** making popcorn on our campfire which tasted delicious!

