



Millfield Matters

Welcome to the Summer Term edition of Millfield Matters!

Welcome to the final Millfield Matters of this school year!

And what a fantastic term you have had! Anybody looking through this edition will see how much great learning has been going on, what wonderful opportunities you have had and how much FUN it has all been! I know you all like to have a flick through to see if you're in a photo and to see what other classes have been learning about, so I wonder if you can use this edition to answer these questions:

- Where did Y2 go to learn more about flight?
- What new sport has Miss Newman offered as an after school club?
- Who has been learning about cacti?
- Whose beautiful art work has been inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe?
- When a member of staff from the Welney Wetlands Centre visited school, which year groups did they work with?
- Why should James, Jacob, Alicia and Maisie feel so proud of themselves?

Two things in particular stand out for me from this term. One is that the School has regained the Gold School Games Award. This is fantastic because it recognises all the physical activity, sport and PE opportunities you have here at school- whether it's competing against other schools, taking part in orienteering, having a great school sports day or learning how to stay fit and healthy. Thank you to Miss Newman for making all these opportunities possible! The second 'stand out' occasion for me was the amazing Festival Day we had when you all took part in singing and dancing on the stage outside on the field. You were absolutely fantastic and I know everybody, staff included, had a wonderful day, especially the spontaneous dancing that took place on the school field at lunch time when the tech people played music for the whole lunch time!

This is the last Millfield Matters that I shall contribute to which makes me a little sad. However I have had the best 11 years working here at Millfield, with all you wonderful children and all the fantastic staff- it's all of you that make Millfield such a special place to be. I feel proud of you all and everything you have achieved so far in your lives. Boys and girls, believe in yourselves, grasp all the opportunities and challenges that come your way and grow up to be amazing young people!

I should like to wish you all a happy, fun and safe summer and all the best for next year and the future!

Deborah Hannaford
Headteacher

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*Whole School
Attendance Award*

Summer Term

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Summer News from Nursery

Summer term is always full of excitement in nursery. We welcomed new children who will continue their journey with us after the summer holidays but we have also seen how our older children have grown so much and are ready for their transition into reception. We have been very lucky to have spent time with you and watching you develop, we know you are all ready for this next stage of your journey.

We have covered some lovely topics this term focusing on life cycles and our natural environment. We started with bees when we returned after easter. The children loved the 'honey factor' in our water tray, some children became very creative with how to transfer the 'honey' from the water tray into smaller bottles, whilst others explored different ways to make bee hives using the available resources.



When we looked at ponds and rivers we came to realisation that we have some amazing artists among us. Some of the children really enjoyed using the water colours and exploring colour mixing. There were lots of beautiful paintings including this one of Mr mallard.

With the queen's jubilee and Mrs Nicoll's (Miss Ricciardi) wedding falling at the same time we had a week of 'celebrations'. We looked at celebration clothing from different cultures, giving the children the inspiration to make their own head ware. We saw old photos and looked at video clips of weddings and coronations. The children used K'Nex to make carriages and bouquets. They enjoyed playing with the small world story scene and the week culminated in a picnic lunch.



As we come to the close of our summer term we would like to wish Mrs Murfet and Mrs Dewey the best of luck on the safe arrival of their babies. We hope each and every one of you have a fabulous summer break. We look forward to seeing those children who will return to us in September and our school leavers passing by the nursery in their uniforms.

Summer News from Reception

We've had another successful term in Reception. The children have loved our big ideas which have ranged from growing plants, finding out about worms and mini beasts, thinking about how to look after our world and recycling, investigating sharks, going on under the sea adventures and visiting outer space! The children loved having a 'garden centre' and were particularly keen to find out about cacti. We ended up with quite a collection!



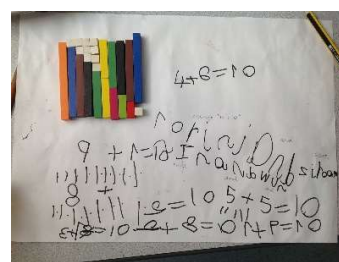
Minibeasts and worms proved a great hit. We made our own wormery and even found out about the longest worm in the world!



The children were fascinated to find out about under the sea and loved having the chance to investigate 'real' fish and crabs.



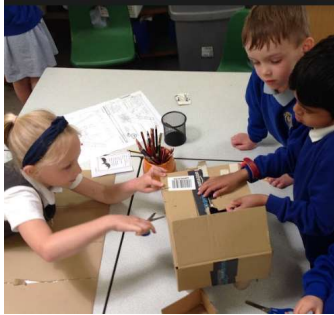
A spaceship crash landing on the mounds was very exciting and prompted lots of questions about planets, the universe, astronauts and the space station.



We have a lot of keen writers and several children have been busy writing stories, information books and developing their phonic skills. In Maths we also have been finding out about numerical patterns. We have been investigating the links between numbers, doubling, halving and sharing.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and wish all the children the very best for Year 1.

Summer News from 1N



Wow! What a year. Everyone has worked so hard throughout, not only this final term, but the entire year. You should all be so proud of the wonderful things you have achieved, I know that I sure am! You have all accomplished so much. I especially enjoyed watching your creative side come alive whilst making your wonderful structures in DT. You worked so well as a team and your final results were impressive.

You have enjoyed asking insightful questions during our Learning Challenge of the Innovation of Flight. You were a credit to the school on the trip to Shuttleworth and your politeness and eagerness to learn was recognised by the hosts of the day. You stepped into character and pretended to be a significant person, answering your friends' questions with great thought and humour.



We enjoyed celebrating a momentous occasion; the Queen's Jubilee and it was wonderful to see you celebrate with your friends.



You cheered each other on during your first Sports Day and tried your best with every sporting event. Well done for participating with courage and resilience.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of you. We have learnt and sang songs linked to our topics, made each other laugh and been so helpful and kind. Everyone of you has absorbed themselves into a challenge this half term and developed so much. Have a fun, restful summer holiday; you sure deserve it. Well done, my super Year Ones!

Summer News from 1R



Well 1R, I can't quite believe that it is already time for the summer break. The adults have all been so impressed with the huge amounts of effort shown in all areas of the curriculum. We started the term with a DT focus and worked on our planning skills before learning various joins and attachments that can be made from cardboard and similar materials. We completed briefs assigned by various characters in order to meet their needs, making a range of different structures. We showed great teamwork skills in our groups to achieve this. Our LCC topic 'How has flight changed?' proved very popular with the children! Our learning led to a wonderful school trip to Shuttleworth where we discovered a huge amount about aeroplanes. We saw some amazing flying machines and even got to ride on an antique bus around the Shuttleworth grounds.



We also had a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee. This unprecedented day was a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about her reign as Queen and the amazing life she has led. We made a range of creative jubilee themed items for our special lunch outside to go with our patriotic outfits. Sports day was also highly successful and we enjoyed lovely weather for the event. The children were amazing with their listening skills and showed great effort in the events that they participated in, supporting their peers whilst competing fairly. Finally, our special festival day was amazing fun and the children loved watching the magic show to kick off the event. All year groups performed with a range of singing, dancing and more - Year 1's performance of 'Row Row Row Your Boat' was stellar. Have a wonderful summer Year 1 - well done to you all. Mr Wright ☺

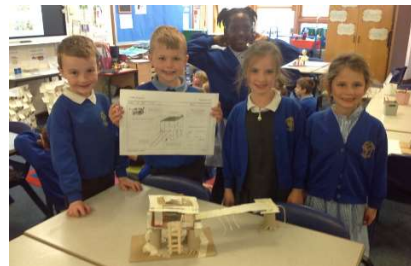
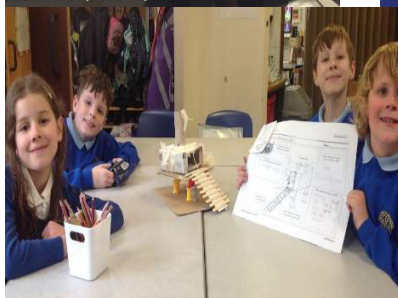
Summer News from 2A



Well, 2A, what a final term it's been! I was so impressed with your architecture skills, and teamwork, when we built some structures in DT before half term, and I thoroughly enjoyed our last learning challenge where we were finding out about the innovation of flight. We were lucky to visit the Shuttleworth Experience and see a variety of flying machines. You were so well behaved and, as the photos show, you all enjoyed trying on the different pilot gear!

You've all worked so hard this year, both in school and at home, and I'm very proud of you all. I hope you all have a truly amazing summer and make many memories with family and friends. Have fun, and good luck for Year 3! Mrs Ashley

We have had lots of 'special events' on Fridays this term and it was so wonderful to see you all running, jumping, balancing and working as a team on Sports Day. Jubilee Day was fun and again it was great to see you working as a class to sing, create historical bunting and celebrate together. I have loved teaching you all on a Friday and I wish you lots of luck for September and Year 3. I know that you will continue to work hard and try your best. Thank you. Mrs Clough.



Summer News from 2S



Wow, 2S what a busy summer term it's been! Before half term you amazed me with your architecture skills when you worked together to build some brilliant structures in DT. We also had a lovely day celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You all came dressed for the occasion and looked great in red, white and blue!

During the second half term we celebrated sports day where you all joined in and had fun taking part. However, the highlight of the term for me has to be our visit to the Shuttleworth Collection for our last learning challenge. We were learning about the innovation of flight and you all impressed me with your engagement and great learning enquiries. We had lots of fun trying on old pilot hats, learning about the old planes and riding on a bus that was over 100 years old.

It has been a pleasure to teach you all this year. You have worked hard to make progress and I am very proud of you! Have a fantastic summer making memories with your family and friends! Good luck for year 3!
Miss Sibson



Summer News from 34B

In our last Science based LCC, we explored magnetism, including how magnets repel or attract materials, magnetic poles and links to the Earth's magnetic force field. Using a range of information texts and the information gained from LCC, we wrote our own explanation texts in English.

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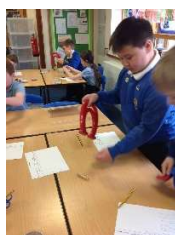


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Summer News from 56A



I am so proud of all members of 5/6A because they have consistently embraced challenges and have been curious and inquiring learners throughout the year. An extra special congratulations to Year 6 children for completing their SATs with determination and resilience. You did amazingly! What SUPERSTARS! Rest and relax, enjoy the time with your family and friends. May your adventures be as wonderful as you are.



This term our learning has been driven by the theme of water and nature with the main focus being on Rivers. The children have enjoyed discovering how rivers shape the landscape and how people interact with rivers across the world. Inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe and utilising the skills we have developed over the course of the year we created our own art using photographs of tropical flowers as inspiration.

A wealth of experiences have enriched our learning this term including swimming lessons, visits from a paralympian and the police force, a festival of arts in which we danced and sang our hearts out and of course, Y6 students have visited their new schools.



We have also undertaken a design technology project in which we designed, constructed and tested a variety of different structures. I was delighted by the cooperation, communication and collaboration the children showed in building their bridges. The summer term is always busy and this one has been no exception. Great job everyone!



With the holidays around the corner, please encourage your child to keep reading over the summer in order that they maintain their reading stamina and fluency ready for Y6 or Y7. The library service is running their summer reading challenge and this can be a useful way to encourage them to keep reading.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Mrs Atkin 😊

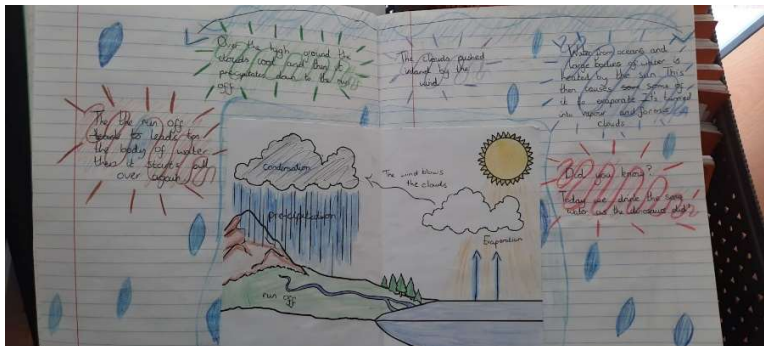
Summer News from 56K

5/6 K have been an excellent class to teach this year- they are always keen to try new things and work together to meet challenges. I am especially proud of the year 6 students for the determination and resilience they showed in preparing for their SATS and meeting the challenge.

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They have done so much extra-curricular work on top of the usual curriculum: swimming lessons, visits from a paralympian and the police force, a festival of arts in which we danced and sang our hearts out to Rhianna and "Raindrops are Falling on my Head" and of course, Y6 students have visited their new schools. The summer term is always a busy one and this one has been no exception. Year 6 are looking forward to their new schools and Year 5 are looking forward to being at the top of the school!

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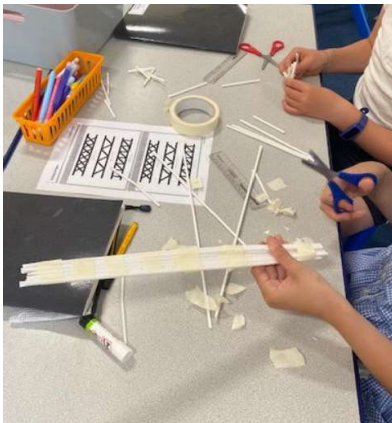
Summer News from 56W

5/6W have had an excellent end to the school year and should all feel incredibly proud of their hard work and achievements. They have continued to impress me with their positive attitudes to their learning and willingness to embrace challenges. Also, a huge congratulations to Year 6 for their amazing SATS results.

This term our learning has been around the theme of Water and Nature with the main focus being on Rivers. 5/6W have enjoyed finding out how rivers are formed and how they shape the landscape. They have also enjoyed carrying out independent research on world rivers and learning about how people interact with rivers. In Design and Technology, the children have enjoyed exploring different bridge structures and working in teams to build their own.

Additionally, 5/6W have taken part in a range of extra-curricular activities. This included swimming lessons, a visit from the police force, playing sitting volleyball with a paralympian and a wonderful festival of arts in which the children danced, sang and created collaborative artwork. It really has been a term packed full of new experiences and exciting activities!

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Reading for Pleasure

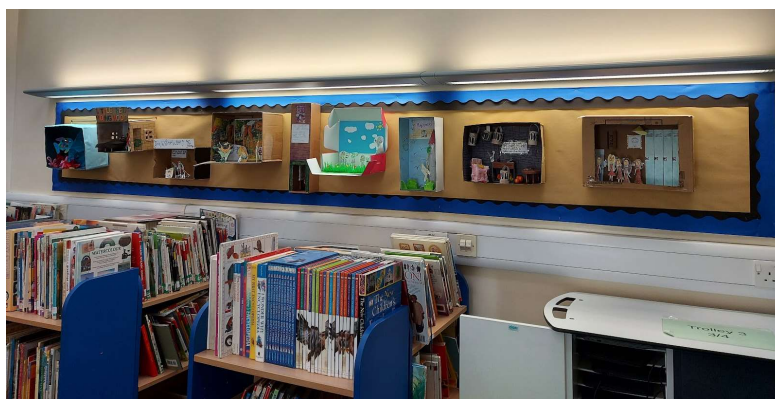
As we come to the end of the first year of the Reading for Pleasure programme, there have been significant and positive changes throughout school. This year, we have made changes to ERIC (everyone reading in class). Children have time during the day to read anything that tempts them and have the choice to read by themselves, with a partner or in a small group, which has helped to develop informal book talk!



Since October half term, we have enjoyed Millfield Book Club every Tuesday afternoon. Adults from around school have shared a book of their choice with Year 1 to Year 6, which has allowed staff and children to enjoy a variety of exciting and tempting texts. Some texts include non-fiction, graphic novels, poetry, picture books, chapter books, choose your own adventure books and many more!



There are many amazing displays around school and in various classrooms, which have been inspired by the children!



In September, we will be continuing our Reading for Pleasure programme and will share more of our journey with you all.

Summer Music with Mrs Clough

It has been a busy Summer Term of music at Millfield. As well as our regular class music activities years 1, 2, 3 and 4 and our school choir have been busy practising for a performance which we did on stage in school in early July. It was a wonderful experience for the children and I was so proud of them performing with such confidence. Well done to all!

Our Reception children have loved listening to many styles of music and singing lots of counting and action songs. They have enjoyed playing different percussion instruments and worked really hard to keep the pulse on boomwhackers, play a repeated rhythm on an untuned percussion instrument and improvise on the glockenspiels. We had so much fun playing claves, tambourines and lollipop drums and marching around the room just like a real marching band!



Our Year One children have enjoyed improvising and creating their own music as a class using boomwhackers and other percussion instruments. They have listened carefully to musical instructions and had a go at playing a riff on the glockenspiels. They have had lots of opportunities to perform to each other and it was fantastic to see and hear them up on stage singing in unison and in a 2 part round.



Our Year 2 children have worked hard to develop their recorder playing skills this term. They have learnt to play the notes B, A, G, E and D and their musical theory knowledge continues to grow and improve each week. They have enjoyed the challenge of working individually and in small groups to read, practise and play music on the boomwhackers and glockenspiels to be performance ready! They performed brilliantly with such confidence! They have also had a go at using an online composition package to create their own music as a class and continued to listen to and appraise different styles of music.



In Years 3 and 4 we listened to the story 'A River' by Marc Martin and used this as inspiration to compose music telling the story of a river's journey. The children explored the sounds of the different musical instruments first and then decided on the order in which they should play them. They worked hard to include different dynamics and tempos in the performances of their pieces. They have also enjoyed playing the glockenspiels to explore pitch and gain confidence when improvising.



In Years 5 and 6 we learnt about the pentatonic scale and had a go at improvising and performing using just these 5 notes of the C major scale. The children especially enjoyed composing and performing their own song/piece of music on a theme of their choice. They chose whether to work individually, in pairs or small groups and had to draw on all of their musical knowledge including structure, texture, dynamics, tempo, pulse and rhythm to create and perform.



Our School Choir has continued to impress me with their focus and dedication. They performed again - 4 songs which included unaccompanied, round and harmony singing.



A huge well done to the children that took piano and singing exams this term too. James, Jacob, Alicia and Maisie, we are very proud of you!



I will miss teaching Music at Millfield in September. I am so proud of what the children have achieved in the last 2 years and wish them many more happy, musical adventures. In the words of Abba....."Thank You For The Music!"

Arts Festival Day

On Friday 8th July the whole of Millfield school, staff and children, took part in a Festival Day to celebrate the Arts.

As part of a TEFAT Arts Award/Artsmark project involving a number of schools our Year 4 children have been working really hard with a dancer and choreographer from 4D Dance this half term. They helped to create their dance works, rehearsed with commitment and enjoyed performing them on a 'pop-up' stage with lighting and sound provided by The Young Tech Academy. All of this work, along with a sketch book they are producing, will help the children to receive an Explore or Discover Arts Award Certificate in the Autumn Term.



Having this huge stage on the field at Millfield was such an exciting experience and we are so pleased that we involved the whole school in having the opportunity to perform on it. From Reception to Year 6, not forgetting the choir, we had performances of poetry, singing, dancing and instruments. It was an amazing celebration of the Arts and our talented children. We are so proud of them all for getting up on that stage and performing in front of the whole school!



As well as these performances we all took part in learning and performing a communal dance with BaseDance artist Diccon who was touring with the stage, we had a lunch time disco which was so much fun, we watched a magic show and we took part in a range of different Arts/Festival activities including painting, willow weaving, hair braiding, mask/hat making, a parade, face painting and wearing temporary tattoos.



It was just the most fantastic day, one I will never forget, and one I hope the children will remember and talk about forever. They all looked so colourful in their festival clothes so thank you for your support in this too. Have a lovely Summer. Mrs Clough

Sports Day

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children had their Sports Day on Friday 17th June and Key Stage 2 Sports Day was held on Friday 1st July. The children had a fun and memorable day. It was great to see all pupils participate and have a brilliant time competing in a series of running, throwing, jumping and team building activities. The children competed in their House Teams and accumulated points for positioning as well as for sportsmanship. As part of their PE curriculum, they have been taught the necessary skills to participate and have been working very hard in their PE lessons over the last term. All children performed to the best of their abilities and should be very proud of themselves.

It was great to see so many friends and family come and support the children then stay for our picnic lunch. Thank you for your co-operation and encouragement during the day.

Congratulations go to Defew (Green team) who were the overall winners on the day.



Sports News

KS1 Cricket festival

A group of children from KS1 attended a cricket festival at the Hive in Ely and participated in a range of skills involved in playing cricket. The children had fun having a go at bowling, batting and fielding in their small groups.

Year 2 Funky Cones

Year 2 had a visit from Witchford Sports Partnership and played Funky Cones. The children worked in small groups to hit the light on the cones. The children enjoyed the challenge as the lights on the cones got quicker!



Year 3/4 Orienteering

Year 3/4 had a visit from Witchford Sports Partnership to teach us orienteering. The children learnt how to read a map, including symbols. The children worked in small groups to follow their map around the playground. Each checkpoint had a number which they had to add up at the end.



Year 5/6 Pentathlon

The Y5/6 children enjoyed taking part in a pentathlon that involved meeting Paralympian Rob Richardson. We had a go at a range of different sports, including seated volleyball!

NEW! Archery club

We have been learning archery this term and have 'loved it'! We learnt the skills to shoot with a bow and arrow before creating fun games in small teams.

