Athletics

All age groups have had a busy season. Our juniors have hosted other schools for Festival Athletics on our track, where everyone gets the opportunity to try all the events. They have been a lovely atmosphere as children take their first steps in the sport. The senior year groups have been successful at the County Championships, the County Schools’ Championships, the Prep School Regionals, and the National Prep Schools’ Championships Finals where we had 49 competitors. The boys’ and girls’ teams won the County round of the English Schools Cup and the girls’ team again made it all the way to the final where they finished as the tenth best school in the country. The team had a great adventure with the athletes from Millfield who also made the final.

From September we will have a new long jump and sprint/hurdle straight, to allow year-round training for all age groups during the club sessions.

Sport

In 2017-2018 our pupils achieved considerable success at National level in a variety of individual and team sports including biathlon, fencing, golf, hockey, riding, swimming, tennis and trampolining.

With dedication, determination, and sometimes fortune, a few might follow some of our illustrious alumni into senior international or professional teams.

Every pupil has enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school and participate in an enormous range of challenging activities on a weekly basis. The lessons learned, such as commitment to a team, resilience and sportsmanship in defeat, have benefitted all.

“Goodbye, good luck and thank you” to our leavers for their huge contributions to Millfield Prep Sport. We hope every pupil departs with fond sporting memories, a passion for sport and an onward determination to make the most of their outstanding talents.

Basketball

As we said goodbye to coach, Mr. Cageao, there was lots to celebrate, as we were runners-up at both the IAPS National Finals and in the Central Venue League.
**Boys’ Cricket**

Millfield Prep continues to nurture talent, enabling every boy the opportunity to represent the school in cricket. We run winter cricket programmes for development squads and have introduced an early morning training session for emerging players.

The development teams at U10, U11, U12 and U13 ages have again played against various county sides, including Somerset, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire. A highlight was the U13 team beating Somerset in a thrilling match on the Dutton Pitch and Bobby Mulvey scoring a century. The boys’ 1st team made it through to the Quarter Finals of the National Bunbury Cup and National IAPS Cup. The U12 team once again won the Somerset County Cup, ensuring Millfield Prep will be amongst the schools playing in the National Bunbury Cup next year.

William Smeed, Henry Smeed and Jamie Baird have played for Somerset 2nd this summer. William scored a hundred against Middlesex.

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Girls’ Cricket

Girls’ Cricket now offers a winter training programme and is a main sport in the summer for Years 6, 7 and 8. There is a full fixtures list for all abilities, in both incredible and hardball matches, including development games against counties.

We have entered the County 8 a-side knockout cup and the Lady Taverners national indoor schools competition, where we won the county round but narrowly missed out on another trip to Lords when we were defeated in the regional semi-final. The Senior Development team won the 8 a-side county hardball championship.

We hosted the inaugural IAPS U11 Finals and were extremely successful, winning the competition. The U11 team had the opportunity to play some cricket matches and enjoyed their first experiences of playing the sport.

County Players in 2017/18

Hampshire Girls
U11
Olivia Parr

Somerset Girls
U12 Development Squad
Lilly Hawkins, Jessica Hewitt

Cross Country

The girls’ team won the Leweston and Edgarley Relays and finished fifth in the English Schools’ Cup National Final, with Daisy Pellow finishing second overall. Both the boys’ and girls’ teams won the Mendip Senior League with individual winners in the three races. Lydia Louw and Lauren Pickup qualified and ran well for the Somerset team at the English Schools Cross Country Championships.

This year, our Juniors had a large entry into the Mendip Junior League. Caleb Gifford Groves and Ruby Bodman won their age groups and Millfield finished as top school overall. Caleb went on to win the Inter-Area race. The National Prep School Final was sadly cancelled due to snow.

Fencing

It was another successful year for fencing. Our Year 8 fencers joined the Millfield Fencing squad at the Public Schools’ Fencing Championships and the interaction, support, bonding and learning from all was excellent. The best individual result was Alex Cupper in the boys foil – finishing 5th out of 93 in a Year 8/9 age group.

Millfield once again won the overall IAPS Fencing competition title with gold medals for Alex Cupper (men’s epee), Oliver Coombe (men’s sabre) and Laura Judge-Wee (ladies sabre). Alex also finished second in the men’s foil and Laura won the girls’ Champion-at-Arms trophy. There were numerous superb performances from our fencers who started fencing in PE in Years 5 and 6 or in clubs in Years 3 and 4, all of whom scored points towards the team title. Isobel Ackerley, Ed Rose, Maia Giaretti, Sammie Beaumont, Victoria Baughan, Hamish Hendry and Max Edwards all impressed the coaches with both their performance and results.
**Football**

This year’s U12 and U13 groups took time to work together, with knock outs in the early stages of the ESFA Cup. They were finally rewarded by being runners up in the Mendip League Final. Several boys played for the District side – Prajwal Pun, William Broomhead, Alex Chung and Callum Jessett – and enjoyed playing and coaching with boys from other schools.

The U13 Girls’ team retained their Port Regis Tournament title. A special mention to Lauren Pickup who has attended England Pathway Football camps and continues to play for Chelsea and the Mendip area team.

**Hockey**

Our U13A girls have had an outstanding season winning the Somerset Counties, Regional and National IAPS. They became West of England runners up and qualified for the England In2Hockey National Final, securing well-deserved bronze medals. The U13B team have successfully taken on many A teams, with the U13C and U13D girls steadily developing and many deservedly moving up through the ranks. The U12A and B girls won their respective Millfield Prep tournament, with the A team competing in the National IAPS Finals. The U11A team have competed in the Somerset Counties and Regional IAPS.

**Golf**

It’s been a busy year for the golfers, with more pupils than ever having lessons and playing out on the course. Highlights have included Harriet Lockley representing Wales and winning an international against Ireland, Freddie Turnell representing England Schools against Scotland and also winning the Somerset U14 and U16 Championships and Oliver Scriven finishing runner up in the U19 World Championships and also making his first hole-in-one!

Millfield Prep are currently the holders of the Stowe Putter, Radley Putter and Millfield Open, and are the IAPS Boys’ and Girls’ National Champions and the IAPS Team National Champions.

We are ranked as the number two prep school in the UK for golf by the Independent Schools Golf Association (ISGA). It has been an amazing 12 months for the golfers and the results have been a fair reward for all their hard work.
Multi-Sport

2017/18 has been another productive year for Multi-Sports. Jack Amor has been selected to fast track the England Talent Pathway in claiming both World and European titles in triathle and biathle, in addition to National tetrathlon titles. Our athletes have competed in the South West Regional and British Modern Biathlon Championships, British Tetrathlon and Pentathlon Championships, as well as the National Biathle Finals and the annual IAPS Triathlon event. Not only has this team achieved a range of outstanding successes at these events, they have demonstrated many improvements around teamwork and resilience.

2017/18 Highlights

British Biathlon
U12 Boys:
- Ashton Gifford-Groves (5th)
- Jack Amor (8th)
- Verner Krynauw (9th)
- Jasmine Caley (2nd)

U14C Team Silver:
- Jasmine Caley

National Biathle Finals
Year 3:
- Nancy Mallett (4th), Ruby Bodman (10th)

Year 4:
- Caleb Gifford-Groves (2nd)
- Agatha Stephens (8th)

Year 5:
- Sofia Knight (7th)
- Ashton Gifford-Groves (1st)

Year 6:
- Verner Krynauw (2nd)
- Lydia Louw (5th), Daisy Pellow (6th)

Year 7:
- Storm Munday (2nd), David O’Loughlin (8th)

National Pentathlon
Jack Amor (8th)

National Tetrathlon
Jack Amor (2nd)

European Triathle
Jack Amor (Individual Bronze, 2nd in Mixed Relay, Gold Men’s GB Team)

Netball

Every girl in the school has played a competitive match (where fitness allows). All three age groups were regional IAPS champions and we were one of only two schools nationally who qualified with all three teams.

The U13 team were National IAPS finalists, Regional IAPS champions, Somerset County runners-up, Colstons Tournament winners and Bryanston Plate winners. The U13B team won the Millfield B Tournament.

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The younger age groups also performed well with the U11 team becoming Regional IAPS champions, National IAPS finalists and semi-finalist at the Bryanston Tournament. Our U10 A team were Millfield Prep tournament winners.
Rugby

Millfield Prep continues to be at the forefront of adopting the coaching mind-set outlined by the RFU, facilitating creative players that make decisions for themselves, both in training and on the playing field. Next year, we will host some ‘adapted rules’ festivals, allowing players to focus on key skills and being innovative under pressure; important to long-term rugby playing development.

The U13A team had a great run, losing only one match at the Rosslyn Park HSBC National Schools 7s. They also enjoyed a mini tour in the North of England to play friends St Olave’s, amongst others. The U12A team went unbeaten at both the St Edward’s Rugby Festival and Millfield Sevens Festival. They will be looking forward to warmer climates with a tour to Dubai and Abu Dhabi next year.

Millfield Prep host Junior Festivals, as well as embracing the format of triangular fixtures, maximising the opportunities for all the boys to play and develop their skills. We have also made closer links with local rugby clubs, playing fixtures with and inviting them to our festivals.

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Riding

A key focus has been qualifying for the NSEA Arena Eventing Championships. We won several of the 80cm qualifiers and quickly had several teams qualify for the Championships at 70cm, 80cm, and Individuals at 90cm, 1m and 1.05m. We were rewarded with the elusive qualifying result for the 90cm team, which meant we would be going to Hickstead.

Some of our beginner riders have participated in numerous in-house competitions, including dressage and show jumping. Lily Rhys qualified for the Pony of the Year British Showjumping competition. Our younger riders entered some local competitions where they gained valuable experience and jumped several clear rounds.

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Sailing
It has been a successful year, with many complete beginners joining the club and learning how to sail. The more advanced sailors (and some that had only learnt to sail this year) raced in two events in the summer term. The Millfield Prep Schools’ Regatta provided very light wind, and was a good training event for the IAPS Regatta, in which our pupils placed 15th in the Feva fleet, and an impressive 6th in the Zest fleet.

Squash
Our close links with Millfield are enabling coaching on both sites all year round. The lunchtime sessions, open to all, have encouraged less experienced squash players and provided an opportunity to learn and develop their game. Six pupils attended the IAPS Squash tournament, with Sebastian Sawrey-Cookson reaching the quarter final of the U13 competition and Olivia Parr reaching the semi-finals, narrowly losing out in a very tight match. Sebastian and Olivia have also played for the Millfield U15 team in the National Cup.

Swimming
The Millfield Swimming Squad experienced another successful year in their sport, culminating in the Nationals where both school and British records were set.

Swimming Highlights
Somerset County Championships
Millfield Swimming were crowned Club Age Group Champions

Arena League National Club Final
Third place

IAPS Championships
Boys:
Quadruple National Champions
U11/12/13 - Overall

Girls:
Top Swimming School for 33rd consecutive year
Treble National Champions U12/13 – Overall

South West Regional Championships
A record total of 38 swimmers qualified from the Millfield Swim team, achieving 7 gold, 6 silver and 13 bronze medals

Summer Nationals
Only the top 1% of swimmers in the country qualify for this event. Well done to David O’Loughlin, who came 2nd in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke, setting a new British record, and 1st in 100m butterfly and backstroke. Matthew Hall came 2nd in 100m butterfly and 3rd in 100m backstroke, with school records and personal bests. Well done also to Grace Olding, Sofia Knight, Isabella Woodland and Georgina Woodland for their individual performances.
Tennis
For the fourth year running, Millfield Schools hosted the IAPS Tennis Tournament in glorious sunshine, welcoming 180 competitors from 23 different schools. The event saw a new mixed team format which involved 4 singles and 2 doubles, and both our A and B teams for the U11 and U13 age groups were placed in the main draw of 16 schools. Our U13A team (James Sclater, Calum Jessett, Francesca Davis and Florence Johnson) were National Champions, beating our U13B team convincingly in the final. Our U13A team were National Champions, beating our U13B team convincingly in the final. On the same weekend, Lucy Champion, Niamh McLoughlin, William House and Charles Ruffell represented Somerset in the U10 County Cup Competition, with the Somerset boys’ team qualifying for the National County Cup Finals. Francesca, James and Calum represented their counties in the County Cup Competitions, and Francesca, James and Charlie competed at National Level throughout the year. James also qualified for a Junior Tennis Europe event.

Both the boys’ and girls’ teams reached the regional finals of the Year 8 Aegon National Schools Competition, placing them in the top 16 teams out of 600 schools in the UK. The boys progressed to the National Schools Finals, narrowly losing in a tiebreak shootout. The U12 boys’ team qualified for the Premier Division of the Aegon National Club League and came joint third in the region. Sixty-four Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the Road to Wimbledon tournament at Millfield Prep and Olivia Parr was the eventual winner beating Alejandra De Rue in the final. In the boys’ event, Max Griffiths beat Oliver Lucas in the final and both Max and Olivia went on to represent Millfield in the Road to Wimbledon County finals in July, where they both reached the semi-finals.

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Trampolining
At the South West Schools Championships in November we entered two U11 boys’ and girls’ teams, and one U13 girls’ and boys’ team each. All qualified for the Southern Zonal Schools event, winning a gold, two silver and two bronze medals in the individuals competition.

At the Southern Zonal, two of our UT1 teams were successful in qualifying for the National Schools. Well done to Amelie Whittington, Lucy Champion, Manou Smits, Matilda Johnson, and the boys’ team of Sebastian Duke, Conor Donoghue, Krijn Smits and Brychan James. Ellis James also qualified as an individual, winning his event. The National Schools, in Belfast, saw our boys’ team finish in 2nd place, only 0.1 behind the winners. Ellis just missed out on the medals, finishing 4th. Our girls’ team came a credible 5th place.

Our last competition of the season was the IAPS National Championships, with the whole squad of 26 pupils eligible to compete. Our UT1A boys’ team of Ellis, Krijn, William Morgan-Hughes and Conor and UT13A girls team of Izaro Viguera De Haro, Charlotte Manton, Amelia Burrows and Libby Kilner became the IAPS National Champions, a fantastic achievement. Ellis also placed 2nd in the UT1 individuals. This was the third consecutive year that the U13A girls’ team have retained their title.