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Milbourne Lodge School
Pre-Preparatory Department
For boys and girls aged 4-7





Welcome

Welcome to Milbourne Lodge Pre-Prep department.

Milbourne Lodge is a Pre-Prep and Prep School for pupils aged 4–13 years. The Prep school was founded in 1912. It has an enviable academic reputation and long history of success at both Common Entrance and Scholarship level. The Pre-Prep department opened in 2009, for children aged 4–7 years, and enjoys an equal reputation for excellence. Pre-Prep boys and girls are prepared for entry into the Prep school at the end of Year 2.

The Pre-Prep is situated in the grounds of Milbourne Lodge with its own purpose built library and all weather outdoor play area. It has the added benefit of sharing the Prep school facilities such as the Music room, ICT room, swimming pool and extensive sports fields.

The Pre-Prep comprises three classes: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The teachers are well qualified, experienced, dedicated and caring. Each form has a full-time teaching assistant. Small class sizes allow for each child to have the individual attention they need, vital feedback about their learning and work tailored to meet their needs.



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Curriculum

We believe that the quality of education a child receives in the early years is the key to future academic success. A broad curriculum is provided and lessons are carefully planned. We aim high; stretching, challenging and inspiring the children to develop a love of learning. Pupils are provided with the opportunities to recognise their strengths and achieve their full potential; questioning, curiosity and problem-solving are all encouraged.

We offer many other quality learning opportunities such as outdoor activities, school visits, drama workshops, visiting authors/illustrators as well as curriculum focus days and weeks. In addition, pupils can participate in extra-curricular activities: chess, tennis, performing arts, cookery, football and judo.





Reception

The Milbourne journey begins in the Reception class where a safe, friendly and nurturing environment is provided for our youngest pupils.

Reception follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. The children's development is carefully monitored and assessed and they are supported in developing the knowledge, skills and understanding they need for:

Personal, social and emotional development

- making relationships
- self confidence and self awareness
- managing feelings and behaviour

Physical development

- moving and handling
- health and self-care

Communication and language

- listening and attention
- understanding
- speaking

Literacy

- reading
- writing

Mathematics

- numbers
- shape, space and measure

Understanding the world

- people and communities
- the world
- technology

Expressive arts and design

- exploring and using media and materials
- being imaginative



Years 1 & 2

In Year 1 and Year 2 the children build on their prior learning and achievements. The teaching is attuned to the children's experiences, interests and abilities, helping them to attain challenging but achievable goals.

By the end of Year 2 pupils are confident and well rounded, equipped with the core numeracy and literacy skills and ready for the next stage of their education in the Prep school.





Pastoral Care

The Pre-Prep department is a warm, caring environment where the children feel safe and valued. We celebrate the uniqueness of each boy and girl, encouraging them to explore, understand and cultivate their abilities and talents, whatever they may be. Our aim is to instill in each pupil the confidence to try new things, think for themselves and therefore reach their full potential.

Our values underpin all aspects of school life and help our children develop positive relationships and attitudes. We encourage social responsibility, as well as an awareness of citizenship, through our Global Link with a South African school. Tolerance and respect for others are expected at all times and kindness and good manners are rewarded.

Admissions

Children are welcome to join the Pre-Prep department at any time during the school year, depending on a place being available, but the main intake is in September.

An admissions policy operates between the Pre-Prep and Prep school at the end of Year 2. Parents are guided through this process by their child's form teacher and the Head of the Pre-Prep.



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