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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Take home notes from teachers to parents



NOTICE

A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

I write to you on the fourth day of our remote learning programme this Summer Term.

It has been strange not to see anyone around the campus, hear the bell, or sit catching up with all the children at lunch. Whilst the campus is quiet, I know that teachers, coaches and pupils are wholly engaged, working hard behind the scenes, learning new skills and adapting to our new regime so that there is continuity of education for our children.

I wanted to touch base with all of you to thank you for the part that you are playing in supporting your children's learning at this time despite the many challenges that you and your families may be facing. For my part, what has made it all worthwhile is hearing the children's voices and how delighted they were to catch up with their friends and teachers, especially if they did not have the opportunity to say a proper goodbye at the end of last term. It is fantastic to see the HMCs and merits flooding in, which shows how well our children are

adapting to this new way of living. I was delighted to hear that at 7am on Monday morning, we had 44 children take part in a fitness class from all over the world....even India! This is brilliant. Mrs Henderson has been telling me she has had 58 children sign up to her Cookery Club! The children are engaging with their Maths, English, Science etc, the choir have had their first rehearsal and all of Year 7 have been learning about castles in their History lessons. I am sure the children will ultimately gain a lot from this experience, growing in independence and resilience as a result.

I am very much aware that individual circumstances are different, so please do keep in touch with your child's Group Tutor, as constructive feedback is always welcome and we do need to be working collegially for the best possible outcomes.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

- Mrs Shayler

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter and that you and your families are well.

If your son or daughter was presented with a cup or trophy on Speech Day last summer, please could you let me know if you are able to safely return the award.

We are still receiving deliveries at school, but fully appreciate returning the trophies may be too tricky at this stage. If you are local and able to deliver the trophies/cups/shields on the way to shopping, please let me know and we will arrange a safe drop-off point.

We hope very much to be in a position to re-award the prizes at the end of the academic year.

Best wishes,
Mrs Morgan-Hughes

SCHOOL SHOP

The [School Shop](#) is "up and running" on an online basis, for mail order home delivery only.

ONLINE SAFETY GUIDES

A reminder of some online safety resources, for different apps:

[Houseparty](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Omegle](#)

[Snapchat](#)

[TikTok](#)

No Sport? Look Closer to Home

Since there is no sport on the television, pupils were set the task of writing a sports commentary on something that is happening in daily life...

Dog Walk by **Daniel H**

Woody and Ginger are lining up at the gates. Woody, the faster out of the two, and definitely one of the fastest in the season. Ginger, on the other hand, is on the lighter side - he can zoom past any other dog and he's not far behind Woody's speed. Their owners bringing them up and putting them in position. The crowd silences except from a few desperate chirps of encouragement.

The dogs sit in their positions, waiting for the signal. Each owner releasing their dogs leads ever so slowly. We can feel the tension building in the field. Three, two, one, they're off! Woody has taken the lead, not far behind is Ginger with his tongue to the side of his mouth. They look up and they see their target, they're locked on, this is the sort of experience we are glad to see in both of them. The ball drops and the rivals are panting. Leg after leg they keep pushing, they are bringing this down to the wire.

What's this? Woody's lost sight of the ball, he slows down to look but Ginger races through, never losing sight of his target. Can Woody bring this back? He empowers his legs on to catch up. Ginger is only a couple metres away, Woody is right on his tail. Ginger jumps and grabs the ball in his mouth and rolls on his back. Whoa! A plot twist, the referee says he has to bring the ball back to his owner. This has never happened before in the history of this sport. Ginger gets up and starts sprinting back and Woody with his phenomenal speed catches up and - incredible! - he snatches the ball from Ginger's mouth and carries it to victory. A well earned

victory goes to Woody, whilst his rival is left in the dust.

Bedroom Cleaning Final by **Oliver T**

It's the final we have all been waiting for. You join me here at the Bedroom Cleaning Arena. Outside hundreds of fans are making their way to the arena to see this final, fans singing chants and shouting for their team. The rules are simple, clean your bedroom before mum gets home.

And they're off! Both contestants have ten minutes to clean their room. Alex starting off with the clothes tactic - folding clothes as fast as he can - whilst down the corridor, Oliver starts with his bed. I've never seen anyone put on a pillow case so fast! The sun is shining over the arena as we approach halfway. Oliver, looking hopeless as he can't find his bed sheets, fans with their hands on their heads in desperation. Alex has finished with his clothes technique and has moved onto his desk, Oliver looking every where for those sheets, but still no luck. You've got to feel sorry for him really, all this effort to make it to the final and he can't even find his sheets!

Two and a half minutes remaining. Alex finally moving on to his bed, he is currently twelve seconds ahead of world record pace. Oliver's final found his bed sheets but it's too late now, he has NO chance. Alex has finished changing his bed, that's the bell! Alex has done it! In a time of 9:47. Oliver is dreading what's going to happen next, fans in disbelief as he falls to his knees, his hands on his head. Oliver has lost TV privileges for 2 weeks.

The crowd goes wild!

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY LESSONS

With practical DT lessons being limited at the moment, could I ask you to begin collecting and saving recyclable material which your children may use for model making tasks in DT. Cereal boxes, Amazon packaging, drinks bottles, egg boxes etc will all be useful modelling materials for children to complete their work. If you have access to Sellotape and glue also, that would be greatly appreciated.

- Mr French

THE JUNGLE BOOK

I hope you enjoy this video, which is clips of scenes from the Year 7 production of The Jungle Book, which they performed at the end of last term. Well done to all involved!

- Mr Boyd



COMMUNITY

NANCY'S READING CHALLENGE

Nancy M is fundraising for the NHS, by attempting to read 50 books by half term!

Nancy has already achieved her original fundraising target of £400, and has read 30 books so far.

Tomorrow morning (Friday 24 April), Nancy is being interviewed about her challenge on BBC Radio Somerset.

Well done, Nancy!

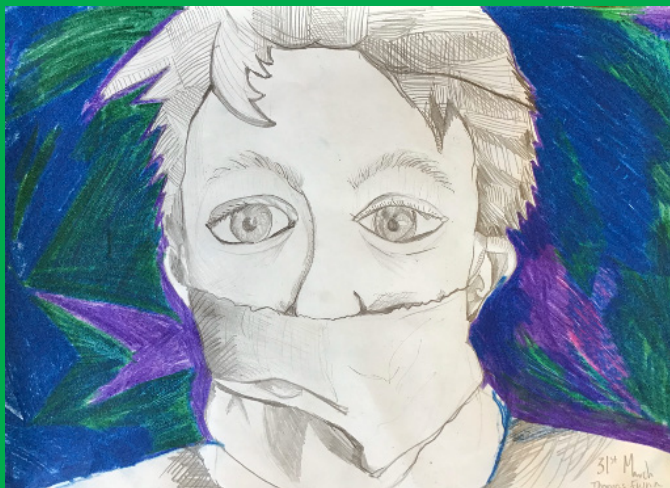
You can find the [JustGiving](#) page [here](#).



ARTS

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this brilliant self-portrait by Tom F, 8RM.



CHALLENGE

Weekly Challenge

Welcome to the totally voluntary Weekly Challenge.

In these strange times it's good to diversify and try things that are a bit different and even quirky. Each week, we shall have challenges and competitions that we hope children and families may choose to enter. They are meant to be fun, whilst still requiring some thought and creativity. This week we are being especially lighthearted!

In 2004, American vlogger Gary Brolsma made a video of himself lip synching in his chair. To date, his video has had over 700 million views! You can see his video [here](#) and a later one [here](#), where he was asked to conduct a marching band!

So, your challenge is...

To do your own lip-sync version of the Numa Numa.

Rules:

You must be sitting

Gestures, actions must be appropriate

Have as many participants as possible

If you think you have a brilliant masterpiece then send it to your Group Tutor, who will then forward to the adjudicating panel- me! We may even be able to create a compilation.

Note: Remember online safety rules and regulations.

- Mr Boyd

NOTICE

Year 7 & 8

Miss McConnell and Mr Guthrie would like to thank all the pupils in Year 7 and Year 8.

You have embraced your first week of online learning and risen to the challenge of home school. We have been impressed at how you have turned up to registration each morning and supported one another within your tutor groups. Your teachers are all working incredibly hard to deliver a variety of lessons to you and you are responding well. It is good to see so many merits and HMCs appearing. Make sure you are away from your screens at break and lunchtime and, if possible, getting outside to move about and have some fresh air.

This week has been a huge learning curve for all of us and you can feel very proud of yourselves for almost completing your first week of an unforgettable start to the Summer Term. Enjoy the weekend - you deserve a good rest!

- Miss McConnell (Head of Year 7) & Mr Guthrie (Head of Year 8)

REVIEW OF REMOTE LEARNING

We will be sending out a form to all parents so that we can review the first week of remote teaching. Parents should get this tomorrow afternoon and it would be very much appreciated if you could discuss with your children and reply by Monday morning.

DISSECTION SCIENCE LESSONS

I have filmed a dissection in stages, to allow for feedback from the class in between each stage, before unlocking the next video and moving on. We looked at lung structure, lung inflation, and the structures in and around the heart.

It was certainly a challenge for me to work out a way of filming it, uploading it and delivering it to my class! films can be found on [Media Store](#) - six films in total, for anyone who is interested in watching.

- Mr Stickley

REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

It has been wonderful to see so many lovely photos and videos of pupils hard at work with their remote learning, sports training, helping out at home and lending their hand in community initiatives.

Please do continue to send your photos and videos to: jones.g@millfieldprep.com, so that we can share all the wonderful things that the children have been up to.



ACADEMIC

Model Pupil

Daniel J, Year 6, with the marvellous model of Parisian Landmarks he has created. He has said that he will donate it for display in his French classroom (L6) when we return to school, and I am delighted at the prospect. Un grand merci to Daniel!

- Madame Eveson

CLUBS

BIRDWATCHING CLUB

Isaac C made this brilliant 'bird kebab' during the Birdwatching Club on Wednesday.

Isaac has cleverly constructed his from apple, raisins and pieces of bread.



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HOME ARTISTS

Some of the fantastic pieces by the Year 3, 4 and 5 Art Clubs this week.



Kiran L, Year 5



Sophie F, Year 4

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YEAR 5 ART

All of the a Year 5 teachers have been so impressed by how the children have adapted to the new challenge of remote learning this week.

They have been keen to learn and been so enthusiastic. We are very proud of all of them!

On Wednesday we took part in our first art lesson where they produced some amazing desert doodles.

