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14 MAY 2020



MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Take home notes from teachers to parents



NOTICE

A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the VE day celebrations with your children? Here in England we were lucky enough to have some brilliant sunshine. I very much enjoyed seeing all of the Hats for Heroes and also the VE Day cakes, my cake tasted okay, but did not quite look as good as Mrs Henderson's! Mr Shayler and I put out some bunting, enjoyed VE cake and scones, observed the two minutes silence, listened to the Queen's speech and enjoyed the rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's *We'll Meet Again*, and there was some comfort for us knowing that many of you were doing the same. The children have continued to be busy baking, raising money for charity and doing things for their communities, and I continue to be extremely proud of them and their creativity and initiatives.

This week, we have celebrated International Nursing Day on 12 May; an annual celebration which I talked to the children about in a previous assembly. It is quite pertinent now, as we are so grateful to all our medical professionals around the world.

As we approach half-term, we have decided to continue with Inter-House Sports Day for Years 6-8 on the last day of half-term. Mr Morgan-Hughes and his team have been extremely creative and we hope to have the winning team announced by 2pm the same day! So the day will start with the usual Group Tutor period, followed by lessons 1 and 2, then break and then the competition will begin. School will end for all pupils at 12 noon as per the calendar. Years 3-5 will have their Inter-House Sports Day after half-term as usual.

Thank you for your continued support and encouraging emails, it really does mean a lot to the staff and please do continue to liaise with Group Tutors with any queries or concerns.

Best wishes and stay safe
- Mrs Shayler



My celebratory VE Day cake



The vegetable patch is growing nicely in the sun!

COMMUNITY
VE DAY



Recipe of the Week



Elderflower Cordial

Ingredients

2½ kg white sugar, either granulated or caster
2 unwaxed lemons
20 fresh elderflower heads, stalks trimmed
85g citric acid (from chemists)

Method

1. Put the sugar and 1.5 litres/2¾ pints water into the largest saucepan you have, we use a jelly pan.

2. Gently heat, without boiling, until the sugar has dissolved. Give it a stir every now and again.

3. Part the zest from the lemons using a potato peeler, then slice the lemons into rounds.

4. Once the sugar has dissolved, bring the pan of syrup to the boil, then turn off the heat.

5. Fill a washing up bowl with cold water. Give the flowers a gentle swish around to loosen any dirt or bugs. Lift flowers out, gently shake and transfer to the syrup along with the lemons, zest and citric acid, then stir well. Cover the pan and leave to infuse for 24 hrs.

6. Line a colander with a clean tea towel or use a proper jelly bag. Sit it over a large bowl or pan. Ladle in the syrup – let it drip slowly through. Discard the bits left in the towel. Use a funnel and a ladle to fill sterilised bottles (run glass bottles through the dishwasher, or wash well with soapy water. Rinse, then leave to dry in a low oven).

The cordial is ready to drink straight away and will keep in the fridge for up to 6 weeks. Alternatively, you could freeze it in plastic containers or ice cube trays and defrost.

YEARBOOK ART COMPETITION

As the most eagerly anticipated publication at Millfield Prep, the Yearbook is a visual record documenting life at school. For this year's edition, pupils are invited to flex their creative muscles and design the front cover!

[Click here to find out more](#)

You can show Mr Maxwell your designs in lessons, but please send your final designs to jones.g@millfieldprep.com

AMAZING DESIGNS



Luc M in Year 5 has made this great catapult as part of his study of Roman weapons in Latin



Zara B has made this beautiful bag



Ainara B G has made this brilliant stationary box

ARTS

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this brilliant painting by **Gabby R** in Year 7



ONLINE SAFETY GUIDES

[PlayStation 4 Safety Guide](#)
[Netflix Safety Guide](#)

Year 8's Spine Chillers

Well done to all of the Year 8 pupils who took part in the Spine Chillers Competition. The pupils had to write a spine chilling story in just 100 words. The winner of the internal competition, between 8BM and 8BF is... **Fleur K!**

The Never-Ending Forest

Desperately hushed I crept through the never-ending forest with towering trees blocking out the light and watching over me as I carefully placed my sore feet, trying not to make contact with a twig below. I was fleeing from an abandoned building, whilst being chased by a black looming figure with a sharp, pointed knife which seemed to not to leave my shadow. My right leg had an open wound, blood was gushing out rapidly. I tilted my bruised head round and crash - I was lying stuck on the dark, damp floor. This was never going to end.

SPORT

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that the Inter-House Senior Sports Day competition is taking place on Friday 22 May. It will be a house-based event with no individual awards, although PE staff will be able to share individual points scores after half term. The event is for Years 6-8 and after half term we will be running the Junior competition. On Friday before half term, pupils are expected to attend normal lessons for periods 1 and 2. Half term starts at 12.00pm. During lessons 3 and 4, please could pupils warm up and then participate in a throw, jump, sprint and distance run. Details are on Showbie. Times and distances must be logged into pupil's Physical Education Showbie accounts by 12.00pm.

Please could parents support with measuring distances and timing if possible. Pupils can start to log times from Wednesday 20 May onwards. We will enter results onto the English Schools Athletics Award Scheme. Pupils will be awarded one point for participation in each event. Bronze = 2 points, Silver = 3 points, Gold = 4 points. Scores will be added up to determine the inter-house champions. We aim to announce results around on [MPS Sports Twitter](#) around 2.00pm.

Best wishes, Jo Morgan-Hughes

SPORT

SAILING SUCCESS

This weekend, I attended a sailing competition called "Bäst på Baggen". The regatta was located at Baggensfjärden in Stockholm archipelago. I was sailing RS Aero, which is a big change from sailing RS Feva. I started sailing RS Aero in Sweden a month ago when the schools closed in the UK. The big difference to the RS Feva is that this is a single-handed boat with no spinnaker and it only weighs 30 kg. This was my first regatta and it was a two-day competition where we managed to complete eight races overall.

The first day started off with shifty conditions and tremendously light winds. I wasn't doing very well in the competition until in the third race, when a lovely sea breeze came. Suddenly it was perfect conditions to sail in and I won the race!

The next day provided us with extremely strong winds and it was difficult to manoeuvre the boat properly. It was a big challenge considering my weight. Half of the boats didn't finish the races. I capsized in the last race but managed to finish in a good position anyway. Overall, it went very well with perseverance and I was placed second on the podium.

The regatta was a great experience, both learning how to sail a new boat and to manage the boat in demanding conditions. - Vanja R-E



ACADEMIC

ACCELIUM OLYMPICS

This week's challenge is to brush up on your Accelium skills!

Remember, all pupils in Years 3-8 have log on codes. If you have forgotten or lost yours, then contact your GT.

We are entering Millfield Prep for the World Accelium Olympics, playing against other pupils from around the world.

Tournaments start week beginning 25 May.

Tournament 2, Years 3 and 4

Tournament 3, Years 5 and 6

Tournament 4, Years 7 and 8

All entrants enter under a 'nickname' and scores are shown as a school total, not an individual - so give it a go!

ACADEMIC

EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL Pupil of the Week is **Jon B G**. He has been putting so much effort into his work this term. He has a brilliant approach to his learning and always takes part in our remote lessons with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude. He is a great independent learner and often goes above and beyond what is being asked. Well done, Jon!



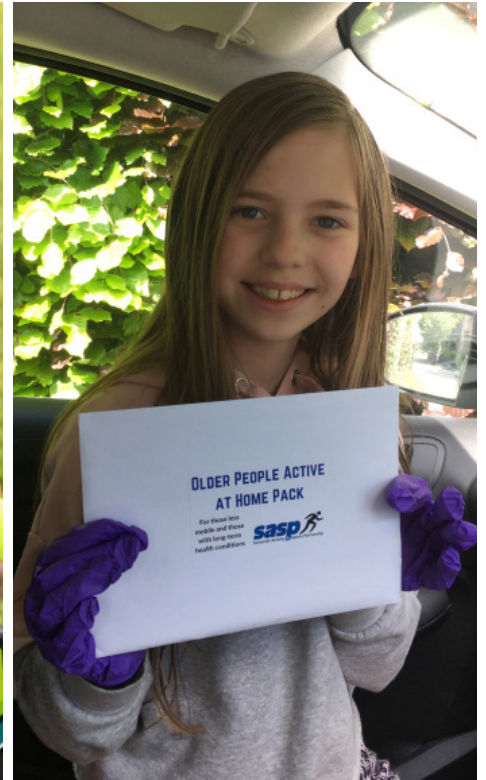
Community Superstars



Helena and Daniel C spent their 12th birthday doing a 12 hour cricket fundraiser to raise money for the NHS. They also had a socially distanced cake sale and have managed to raise an amazing £2,000 so far! Click the icon to watch a video of the day.

Scarlet O has been helping her mum deliver 'Older People Active At Home' packs free to local residents around Barton St David, Butleigh, Keinton Mandeville and Street. The packs were made by Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership, to encourage older people who have long term health issues or who are staying at home more due to the current situation, to stay active with some simple exercises using a resistance band included in the pack.

Well done to **Isla B**, who completed the 2.6 Challenge in her garden last week! Isla completed 26 different sports activities back to back, planning a course around the garden, with activities such as; Football (scoring 5 penalties, saving 5 penalties), Cricket (bowling 4 overs and then batting for 4 overs), hula hooping, bobbing apples and star jumps!



ACADEMIC

YEAR 8 HISTORY

On Monday, 8XF began their lesson watching historian Tracy Borman deliver her introductory session to her textbook, *Henry and the Men Who Made Him*.

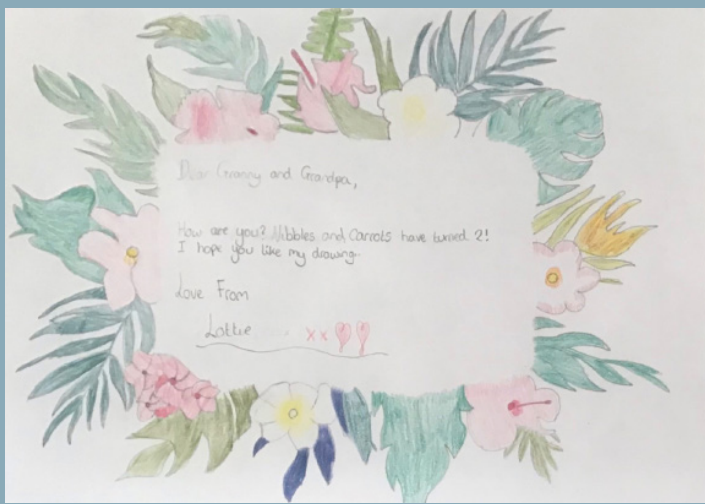
Our pupils learnt about Henry VIII, delivered the day before as part of the 'Field of the Cloth of Gold 500' history conference. The pupils evaluated primary evidence to make judgements about King Henry as part of their latest study of the Tudors.



ACADEMIC

MY GOOD ACTION

In Year 6's RS lesson, they discussed good actions and pupils had to decide on something they could do for others, create it and then reflect on how it had made the recipient and themselves feel. Lottie produced a lovely example, which I am sure made her Grandparents very happy.



ACADEMIC

SUPERB SOURDOUGH

Pupils have shown outstanding patience, cultivating a sourdough starter using wild yeasts, then to going on and baking a sourdough loaf. True commitment to microbiology!





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Well done everyone for completing another fantastic week of home learning.

We continue to be amazed with everything that you achieve. Thanks again to your family who are supporting you at home with your learning and helping you to achieve such a high standard of work.

The photos and videos I've seen of your 'Hats For Heroes' were excellent, well done for continuing to support our brilliant and brave key workers.

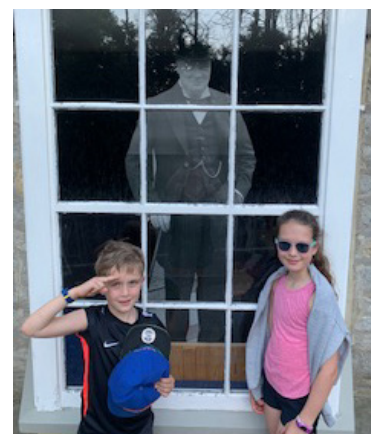
I have been so impressed with the painted stones and pebbles after this week's assembly and can't wait to put them all together in our gardens when we return to school.

Keep safe, look after yourselves and those closest to you.

- Mr Jory



VE Day Celebrations



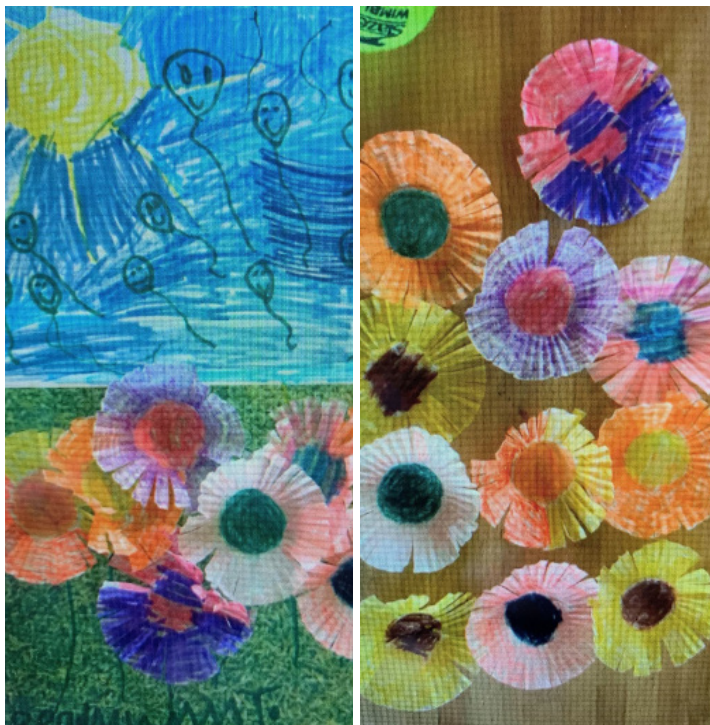
ONLINE SAFETY ACTIVITIES

[Age 4-5 Activity](#)
[Age 5-7 Activity](#)



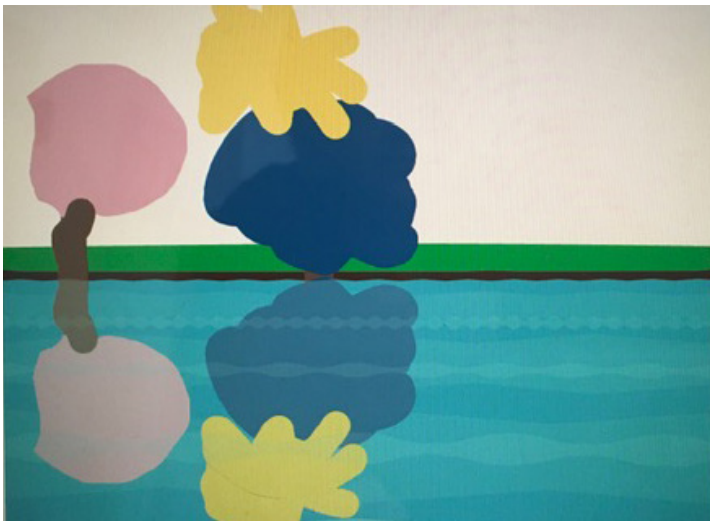
FABULOUS FLOWERS

Each day, Reception children are set a fine motor challenge to support their hand dexterity. Yesterday, they were asked to decorate and cut up cupcake cases to make flowers.



YEAR 1'S REFLECTIONS

Year 1 used Purple Mash to make pictures illustrating how water can reflect images. Here are some brilliant pictures from **Trinity** and **Max**.



RUNNING FOR THE NHS

Well done to **Lowri** for running a mile to raise money for the NHS!



BRILLIANT BIKERS

A huge well done to **Zara**, **Gabriella**, **Stan** and **Addy**, who have mastered riding their bikes without stabilisers! A fantastic achievement!



NATURE LOVERS

Noah, **Oscar** and **Raffie** have been bug-hunting in their gardens, whilst **Noah** made this great butterfly feeder.

