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MILLFIELD
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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NOTICE

A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

This is our final Bulletin for this term and it has definitely been the most memorable term of my career!

I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this terrible pandemic. It has certainly been a real challenge for us all and it has been a true team effort to ensure the children continued to be educated. We managed to adhere to our academic timetable, provide sporting and musical clubs and run activities too. I appreciate that everyone's circumstances are different and that technological and Wi-Fi provision has varied depending on where in the country, or the world, you are. However, we got there in the end and we got there together - thank you!

To those who are leaving us this term, do keep in touch and we wish you every happiness and success for the future.

Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable summer and here's hoping we will be back to normal come September.

- Mrs Shayler

ARTS

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent large colour pencil study by **Ellis J 8RF**

SUMMER LEARNING

Next week, we will be sending you a Summer Learning Booklet, with some suggestions of activities and projects to help support the children's learning next year and to keep their brains active over the summer holidays.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS

As we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 8 leavers, we wanted to share the traditional pictures of our pupils who have been with us since Reception! The Year 8 Group Tutors also made this wonderful video, to say goodbye to their tutees.

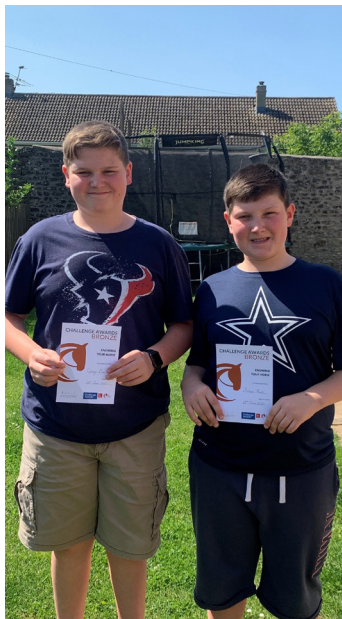


These photos show the Year 8 pupils who have been here since Reception class (for 9 years)

SPORT

EQUESTRIAN AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the pupils who have completed their Equestrian Bronze Challenge Awards this term. Well done for all of your hard work!



THE DUCKS' NEW HOUSE

Victoria B in Year 6 has made this brilliant duck house in Design and Technology. It was brought in today and looks at home by our pond already. We are sure the ducks will be fighting over who gets to live in 'Duck Palace'.



SCHOOL LIFE

YEAR 6 LOCKDOWN LEGENDS

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our self-named group of Year 6 pupils, The Lockdown Legends. They have been a credit to themselves, the school and parents in how they have conducted themselves in challenging times. Coping with arduous hygiene regimes and social distancing all whilst still carrying on their learning and fully engaging in school. We celebrated our last packed lunch together with a well-earned ice cream in the boiling hot weather, looking over our amazing grounds. Have a fantastic holiday and hope to see you all in September.



CLUBS

BIRDWATCHING CLUB

This week in Birdwatching Club, pupils learned the difference between three of our summer visitors – swallows, house martins and swifts. The Somerset Levels are a great place to spot these if you go out for a walk over the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR

Oliver S has been doing a charity car wash to raise funds for the WWF. He wanted to raise money for the animals due to a drop in donations that charities might be having. He's managed to raise £45 over the last four weeks! Well done, Oliver!



ACADEMIC

SHAKESPEARE SHORT FILMS

Year 8 have been making videos of Shakespeare plays this week. After much inspiration, perspiration and a dose of fun, there have been some ambitious videos uploaded! I have asked our resident Shakespearean expert Miss Jones, who edits the Bulletin and also used to work at the Royal Shakespeare Company, to vote for her winning entry. Congratulations to winner **Alexander H** for your brilliant [Macbeth Lego Movie](#)! Well done on [this fantastic entry](#) too, **Bianca G V** & **Chizara E**.



ARTS

FREEDOM PROJECT

Year 5 have been rehearsing incredibly hard since January in preparation for the Freedom Project. This was a vocal performance, where the pupils were learning songs that spoke about different fights for freedom including the Suffragettes' March, Civil Right Medley in memory of Martin Luther King, and a song dedicated to all those who fought in World War I. In June, we were due to link up with the choirs at the Senior School, Elmhurst Junior School, Brookside Academy, and Bath Camerata to perform what promised to be an amazing programme of music.

Unfortunately, due to the worldwide pandemic, this had to be postponed. However, rather than let all that hard work be put on hold, all the choirs got together and produced a virtual recording of the final song, *The Freedom Finale*, which you can watch [here](#).

We also have exciting plans to resurrect the project in 2020/2021 and this will act as a useful warm-up to get everyone excited for the real thing!

CLUBS

GARDENING CLUB

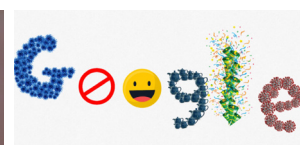
This week in Gardening Club, the children searched for types of flowers in all colours of the rainbow. The petals were frozen in ice, which acted as a magnifying glass to observe the intricate structure. The children had to find out the names of the different plants, and the ice cubes transformed into some brilliant rainbows to serve as a reminder of all the hard work of the NHS.



DESIGN

GOOGLE DESIGNS

Year 8 have been creating these excellent Google signs based around different themes. Can you work out what each one is celebrating/signalling? Remembrance Day, Summer, environment, the Olympics and the end of COVID-19.



ARTS

POP ART PROJECT

Year 5 have worked really hard on various art projects this term - from Impressionism, Cubism and Kandinsky, to Dioramas and Pop Art! This week, they created their own Andy Warhol inspired pop art! Well done to all the Year 5 artists.



DESIGN

SUPER SHOP FRONTS

7RF have been working hard designing and making a shop front to fit into the high street. They had to choose a target audience, research interests and designs and then model their idea. Well done to all.



DESIGN

PET PALACES

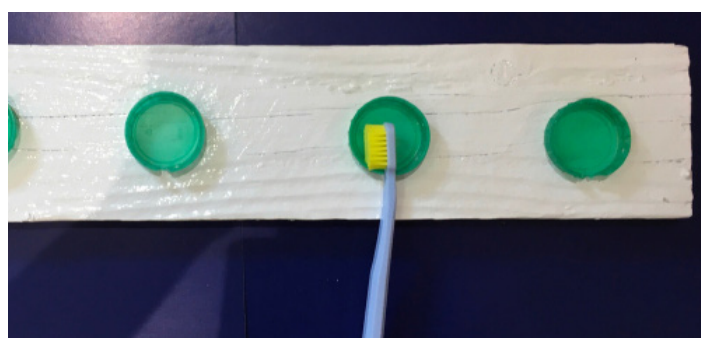
Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this term and have produced some excellent design projects. Here are just a few examples of the brilliant pet palace designs that they have come up with. Well done to all.



DESIGN

YEAR 6'S UPCYCLING PROJECT

Year 6 have been doing some work in Design Technology looking at recycling, waste and reusing products. Here are some fantastic upcycling projects created from waste materials found around the house. Well done **Frankie C, Lottie R-B** and **Joe T** for these great projects.



ACADEMIC

BRILLIANT BUSINESS

Joshua H decided to take an opportunity in lockdown to enhance his knowledge of the business world. Over the course of this term, he has explored a variety of different topics ranging from 'Rate of Return' to 'Bonus Structures'. He concluded this work with an excellent presentation and business pitch. Well done, Josh!



SPORT

PUPILS SWIM TO SUCCESS TO IAPS REGIONALS

The IAPS regional swimming qualifier results were recently released and a huge well done to all our swimmers involved in the competition. We would have had numerous qualifiers for the national final that is held at the Olympic pool at the London Aquatic Centre. Although the final won't be going ahead this year, we would still like to celebrate their success and say a huge well done for their performances. Well done to all of those involved and those who would have qualified for the national final. Last year, Millfield Prep won the Overall Girls' Award for the 34th year in a row, also picking up the Overall Boys' Award.

Boys			Girls		
Years 4 & 5			Year 5		
Event	Swimmer	Place	Event	Swimmer	Place
4 x 25m Medley Relay		7th	4 x 25m Medley Relay		47th
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		10th	4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		53rd
25m Backstroke	Josh S	42nd	25m Backstroke	Nancy M	44th
25m Breaststroke	Luc M	17th	25m Breaststroke	Ruby B	79th
25m Butterfly	Jack M	3rd	25m Butterfly	Enid M	70th
25m Freestyle	Cameron P	112th	25m Freestyle	Agnes C	110th
Year 6			Year 6		
Event	Swimmer	Place	Event	Swimmer	Place
4 x 25m Medley Relay		1st	4 x 25m Medley Relay		5th
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		5th	4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		11th
50m Butterfly	Andrew T	22nd	50m Butterfly	Asta M	2nd
50m Breaststroke	Caleb G-G	6th	50m Backstroke	Brianna D	36th
50m Freestyle	Samuel C	15th	50m Breaststroke	Sian D	32nd
			50m Freestyle	Elis D	20th
Year 7			Year 7		
Event	Swimmer	Place	Event	Swimmer	Place
4 x 25m Medley Relay		3rd	4 x 25m Medley Relay		1st
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		4th	4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		2nd
50m Butterfly	Oliver N	7th	50m Butterfly	Eva L	3rd
50m Backstroke	Daniel B	2nd	50m Backstroke	Maia D	7th
50m Breaststroke	Oscar R-D	12th	50m Breaststroke	Sydney B	10th
50m Freestyle	Daniel P	10th	50m Freestyle	Tilly A	14th
Year 8			Year 8		
Event	Swimmer	Place	Event	Swimmer	Place
4 x 25m Medley Relay		2nd	4 x 25m Medley Relay		2nd
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		1st	4 x 25m Freestyle Relay		1st
50m Butterfly	James T	4th	50m Butterfly	Nomi G	6th
50m Backstroke	Adam W	1st	50m Backstroke	Sienna F-M	9th
50m Freestyle	Tom F	5th	50m Breaststroke	Eleanor H	2nd
			50m Freestyle	Georgina H	1st

ACADEMIC

RS BAKE OFF

Sophie H (Year 7) and **Raum E** (Year 8) have made this fantastic religious food. Well done both of you. Can you identify which one is eaten at Eid and which one is for Shabbat?



Tea and Music Concert

On Wednesday 24 June, our second remote Tea and Music Concert of the term took place. Twenty-eight pupils from Years 3-8 presented some outstanding recorded performances and, once again, we were given the opportunity to use 'Premiere' on YouTube, a programme which provides a countdown to the start of the concert and then runs things just as we would in the Recital Hall!

It is wonderful that we had so many pupils wanting to take part in the Tea and Music events and I am delighted that we are able to continue to give a performance platform which allows pupils to showcase their learning and talent. Everyone has clearly adapted beautifully to undertaking their music lessons remotely, as the overall standard was exceptionally high. To see the pupils gaining so much enjoyment from their music is fantastic and the huge variety of instruments on display during the concert including piano, keyboard, violin, harp, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, voice, drums and glockenspiel was very impressive. It takes a tremendous amount of courage to press record and play or sing in front of a camera, but as with last week's event all the pupils did incredibly well and they should be very proud of their efforts!

If you missed the concert and would like to watch, you will be pleased to know that it will remain in our YouTube to be enjoyed in the future.

Well done again to all those who performed so beautifully - you created an outstanding concert and can take a very well deserved bow!

Year 3
Georgina F
Millie S

Year 4
John A
Ollie S

Year 5
Enid M
Sophie B

Year 6
Asta M
Leon H
Chloe de J
Sophie A
Seth C
Victoria B
Zara B

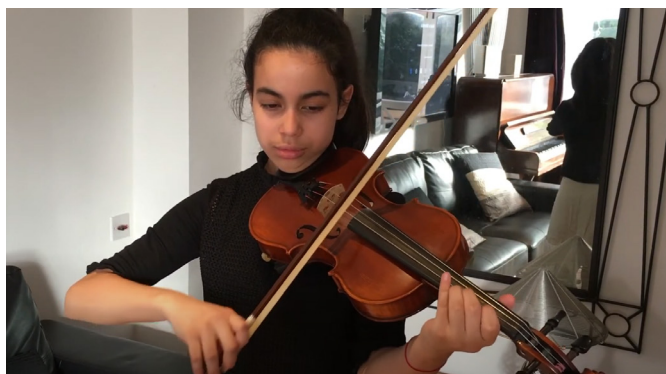
Year 7
Oliver A
Annabelle S
Pierre J
Watita D
Julian T
Scarlett B
Jack L
Niamh M
Daniel B
Tamara G V

Year 8
Charlie W
Cammie C
Tansy F
Nuccio S-R
George C

ACADEMIC

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you still want to order school photographs from this year, please click [here](#).





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A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

As we come to the end of a busy and fulfilling year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children. They have worked so hard and never cease to amaze us with their skills and talents. Our school values continue to be at the forefront of everything we do, which all strengthen their character and their ability to make the most of every aspect of school life and to be brilliant. We are so proud of all the children, especially how they all adapted to home learning and dealt with the difficult times of COVID-19.

I would like to thank all parents for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation, consideration and understanding, especially during what has been a difficult Summer Term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this year. It has been a year of challenges, changes and developments and they have embraced this with enthusiasm and goodwill, and continued to provide the best education for the children.

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this year all the very best as they continue their educational journey. I know that they have all had a great start here and that they will go on to achieve great things, and I hope they will take with them many happy memories of Millfield Pre-Prep.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break and look forward to hearing about all your adventures when we return on Monday 7 September. Stay safe and look after each other.

- Mr Jory

DIARY DATES



Wednesday 1 July

Change to collection times:

Year 1 – 12pm

Reception – 12.15pm

Pre-School – 12.30pm

If you have siblings in other year groups, you will be able to collect together.

PRE- SCHOOL'S MOVING UP VIDEO



YEAR 1'S BIRD STUDIES

The children in Year 1 have been learning about different animal groups. This week they looked at birds and their different characteristics. They were very surprised to find that there are some birds that do not fly. How many can you think of? The children made these colourful parrots by drawing round their hands to make the feathers.



RECEPTION MINI BEASTS PROJECT

Last week in Forest School, the Reception children used a variety of natural materials to build homes for mini beasts. They thought about what would make a perfect mini beast home: dark, shady places to stay cool and dry, a place to hide from predators and somewhere to find food. They built some very up-market residences and this week will be going back to see if anyone has moved in!

They continued this theme in Art and made some amazing clay models of their favourite mini beasts.



YEAR 2'S FOOD CHAINS

Year 2 have worked tremendously hard during home learning. Last week they learnt about food chains, plant life cycles and the story *Emily's Bees*. The children made some delicious honey flapjacks and created some food chains using their toys.



PRE-SCHOOL'S DREAM ICE CREAMS

With the return of the hot, sunny weather, the Pre-School children designed their dream ice cream! They cut as many circle scoops for their ice cream as they desired and topped it with either a cherry or a flake. Our mouths were drooling by the end of it, dreaming about what it would be like to indulge in such a treat! We continued with our shape theme and the children learnt how to draw circle, square and triangle shapes and created their own Kandinsky-style pictures. The Pre-School teachers can't quite believe the end of the year is here. Even though our time together has been shortened, it has been a wonderful year with lots of lovely memories.

