



NEWSLETTER



Notice from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

Firstly, can I say how lovely it is to have the children back at school and to hear their chatter and laughter around the campus. Secondly, can I thank you for all your support during our first week back. I appreciate that a new routine can be tricky to establish, but I think we are all getting there.

With regards to the logistics of our first week, on the whole everything has gone better than expected, drop off seems to be working really well, however, please can I request that in the morning you do not drop the children off before their allocated time slot, unless this has been cleared with the Group Tutor or Head of Year: the reason being that there may not be a member of staff to supervise them. I appreciate that pick-up is a little more stressful for us all and I thank you for your patience with this. Now that activities have started we will review the timings, giving careful consideration to maintaining the social bubbles. Please can I ask that, at pick-up time, you do not arrive before your allocated time as it can have a knock-on effect, causing queues and affecting the pick-up of the other year groups. We will keep these aspects of the day under review and let you know of any changes in due course.

It is really helpful for staff who perhaps don't know all

of the children yet, if parents can write the name of their child in large print and place it onto the windscreen, as this may speed up pick-up. I thank you all for staying in your vehicles, as it helps us to maintain social distancing.

The induction of the children was great; they had fun, made new friends and now seem to have a good understanding of the safety measures in place and the importance of maintaining their bubbles. The Fun Run on Wednesday for Years 6, 7 and 8 was super, we managed to keep the year group bubbles and it was great to get the children running free around the route in the fresh air and the sunshine. It has been wonderful to hear them singing, see them cooking, watch them playing sport and I have very much enjoyed chatting to them and finding out about their time away from school.

Lessons have started in earnest and as we dust off the children's brains and re-engage their inquisitiveness, I am sure any misconceptions which occurred during lockdown can be ironed out and caught up.

Please do continue to keep in touch with your Group Tutor if you have any queries.

Best wishes and stay safe
Mrs Shayler

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Pre-Prep Newsletter

DIARY

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

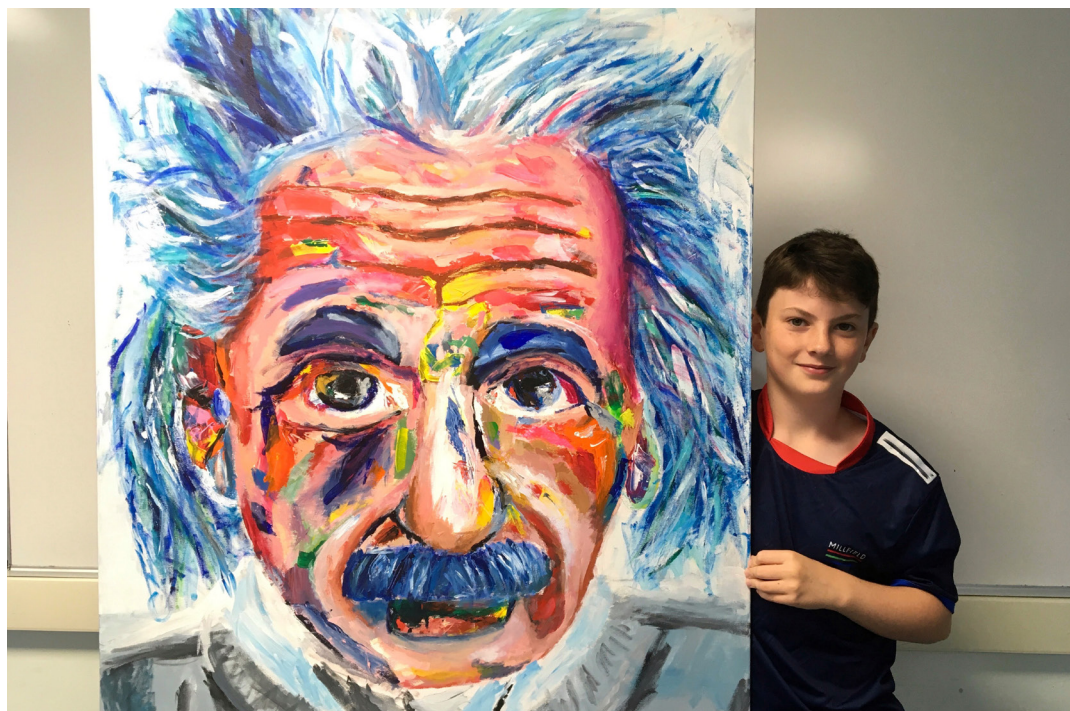
Year 5 Inter-House Fun Run, 1.15pm

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Boarders Sunday: Multi-Activity
Extravaganza

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Year 3 & 4 Inter-House Fun Run,
2.30pm



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great painting of Einstein by **Hamish H 7BD/PTM**.

Our New Head Girl & Boy



"It was the middle of the afternoon when I got the call from Mrs Shayler, I was in the kitchen making a bowl of cereal when all of a sudden the phone rang. I immediately assumed it was my grandad because he hadn't called yet that day. My mum was quite close to the phone so I thought she'd answer it, but when no one went to get it I sprinted into the living room before it rang off.

I answered the phone and said hello as usual, and I'm sure you can imagine how shocked I was when I heard an unfamiliar voice say: "I'm looking for Amelie, is she there?" I was totally lost for words when I realised it was Mrs Shayler! I was so baffled so I was barely able to say two words without stuttering. My mum rushed into the room when she heard me say Mrs Shayler's name. We spoke for a few minutes and it turns out Mrs Shayler had a "little job for me" as she put it. The conversation ended with me being appointed Head Girl for the Autumn Term! This has been a dream of mine ever since Year 3 and I'm so immensely happy and excited I get to live it out!

Although I'm sad that we might not be able to do as much as we normally

would due to coronavirus, I am still VERY exited about any responsibilities I will have as Head Girl. I hope that as Head Girl I can help other people have an amazing experience at Millfield Prep, I am also excited to be a voice for other pupils and I'd be very happy to listen to any of your thoughts or feedback on school matters. I hope I can make all my family and teachers proud and represent the school!"

*- Head Girl, **Amelie W***

"When my mum's phone rang, I never expected it to be Mrs. Shayler. I was so surprised when I heard I was going to be this term's Head Boy, that I had a big smile for the rest of the day!

At the end of the day, I hope that I will be a good ambassador for Millfield and set a great example to the younger children.

I'm quite excited to work alongside Amelie and together I think we will do a fantastic job."

*- Head Boy, **Pierre J***

MY FAVOURITE PART OF MY FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

I really enjoyed playing rugby and I like it because I never played rugby before and I always like to learn new things. Another thing I like playing is the flag game, because I never knew this game and now I really like it. The boarding house here is really good - I always like to skate on the skateboard or the scooter and I like to play with my brother at the Xbox. The food here is much better then I thought, it's even better than my food at home! Mrs Velasco is the best teacher I have had in my all life. The other pupils in my class are so nice. I always knew Millfield Prep was good, but I didn't know it would be this good!

- Ariel D

Some of my favorite moments after coming back from the holiday have been seeing all my friends and making new ones, playing with my friends, and enjoying the school lunches.

- Marcello J-R

My best memory about joining Year 6 is meeting my new buddies, making new friends, coming to school again, making new friends and playing silly games like the flag game where you run and try and stop other people to get the flag back to your team!

- Barnaby D

I was really excited to come to a new school and make new friends. I really enjoyed the first few days of school it was super fun and I loved playing all the fun games with Mr McNulty and it was really fun and my new friends made me smile.

- Livi S

My first day at my new school, I was so excited and I made two friends. I felt so welcome.

- Archie C

Fun Run



The first inter-house event of the year took place on Wednesday when Years 6, 7 and 8 all ran in the Fun Run.

The weather was glorious sunshine and it was a great start to the sports programme for our pupils. There were some close races and it was also great to see the staff also run alongside the pupils, but a shame that they couldn't keep up!

The Junior part of the school will have their races next week and we will then know which house has taken an early lead.

Click the camera icon to see more photos.



Results

Year 6 Boys
Tom B
Ethan W-B
Joshua S

Year 6 Girls
Vienna T
Iona M
Ruby B

Year 7 Boys
Taylor P
Caleb G-G
Tom M

Year 7 Girls
Asta M
Tabitha O
Georgie G

Year 8 Red Boys
Dexter T
Will M-H
Oliver T

Year 8 Blue Boys
Cai L
Oliver N
Samuel G

Year 8 Girls
Annabelle S
Eva L
Scarlett B



Year 4 Orchestra Day

Every year, pupils in Year 4 are lucky enough to learn an orchestral instrument as part of our Orchestral Project. This usually culminates in the formation of the Year 4 Orchestra and a special performance in the Summer Concert at the end of the year.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to hold our Orchestral Taster Day. Things obviously had to run a little differently this year, however it was wonderful to see all the pupils so engaged with the staff performances and to hear some live music again after so much time apart! Several pupils demonstrated some raw talent when given the opportunity to try an instrument and we were only sorry that our policy against sharing instruments prevented the pupils from trying everything! Pupils in 4ESH

are being offered the choice of French horn, violin, cello, oboe, or trumpet/cornet and pupils in 4MCJ are being offered the choice of trombone/tuba, flute, clarinet, double bass or harp. All pupils were given booklets to take home and asked to indicate their first, second and third choice on the last page. If any Year 4 pupils have not returned their booklet, please can we ask that this is done by Friday at the very latest.

Many thanks to all the staff involved for their wonderful efforts on Tuesday. I know all the Year 4 pupils are hugely excited about the prospect of learning a new instrument and I am very much looking forward to hearing the children's progress as well as watching their enthusiasm grow as the term progresses!



Year 6's Mission To Mars

Year 6 were introduced to their IPC topic, Mission to Mars, on Tuesday. The first task for the children was to work out what skills you would need to be an astronaut and live on Mars. The children did some team building exercises in the tutor groups and explored our Forest School during the activities. A great start to the term for Year 6.



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The current offering from Bon Jovi is a song about the pandemic, inspired by a media headline that accompanied a picture of Jon Bon Jovi washing up in a restaurant instead of touring with the band. The headline was 'If you can't do what you do, you do what you can.' This became the inspiration and title for the song. Jon Bon Jovi invited the public to send in their stories to help shape the words. The words seem particularly relevant to us as term begins because we can't do what we did, yet we do what we can. We can accept this and embrace the challenge of doing what we can, in doing so we can be freed from anxiety about not doing what we did. Focussing on what we can do, adjusting to the present and to small, simple next steps, will help us reach the end of each week feeling better about ourselves, feeling positive about our purpose and not staggering under the weight of what was.

Dear God,
Give me the grace and the peace to accept that things are different.
Help me to leave aside any worries about not being able to do what I did.
Help me to embrace new ways of doing and new ways of being.
Help me to flourish as I encourage others to flourish too.
Amen

Wellbeing tip for the week: Embrace the sentiment 'If you can't do what you do or did, you do what you can.' Allow yourself to adapt to new ways, without the burden of old ways being a pressure. Thoughtfully reflect what was good that you need to keep because it is helpful. What is it that needs to be left behind because it is simply a burden and no longer relevant or helpful now? Then write it down, tell a friend or make a song!
- Mrs Kitto, Chaplain

COMMUNITY SUPERSTAR

Well done to **Freddie G** in Year 6, who over the holidays made use of his time by stocking his treatbox in aid of Yeovil District Hospital Children's Ward. He made and painted the box and for the first six weeks of the holidays baked a range of treats every day, including, Victoria Sponge, chocolate truffles, shortbread, apple cake, Guinness cake, chocolate fudge cake and caramel shortbread! Locals donated very generously and he presented a cheque of £410.05 to the hospital children's ward, which will be used to purchase art and craft materials for the young people who need to stay in hospital.



ONLINE SAFETY

Normally as part of the induction programme at the start of this term we are very fortunate to be joined by a consultant from the UK Safer Internet Centre and the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) who lead some very interesting and thought-provoking Online Safety presentations to parents and all pupils in Years 1 to 8. Unfortunately, this wasn't possible this year, but instead the UK Safer Internet Centre and the SWGfL created some pre-recorded presentations that the pupils watched with their group tutors earlier this week.

Online Safety education is vital for anyone who works with or cares for young people and forms a vital aspect of our school's safeguarding strategy. Recognising, responding and dealing with online issues can be challenging, while legislation and inspection highlight a setting's ability to keep children, teachers and other staff safe online.

The presentations talked about the positive and negative effects of the internet and social media, and how to keep safe in the virtual world. In this field the positives far outweigh the negatives, but it is hugely important our pupils know how to keep themselves safe, know how to act as responsible digital citizens and know what to do if they come across something or someone who makes them feel threatened or uncomfortable.

Click the icon to watch a presentation that has also been created for parents to watch.



Please find below links to some resources you might find useful.

[Common Sense Media](#)
[UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
[Have a Conversation](#)
[Live Streaming & Vlogging](#)
[Instagram Checklist](#)
[Snapchat Checklist](#)
[Twitter Checklist](#)
[Facebook Checklist](#)

MATCH ATTENDANCE

We are very sorry that parent attendance at sports events will not be allowed at present.

We will continue to monitor the situation and let you know of any updates.

Boarding Life

CHESTNUT

On Wednesday night, the Chestnut 2020 boys played a game of 'Face Paint Football'. There were two teams with two different types of face paint on the pitch. The premier league are trialling it next season! It was another great chance for them to get to know each other. Luckily all the paint washed off in the showers afterwards or it may have been a little awkward in lessons the next day! We have also had two birthdays this week. The boys really do need to practise their singing, as it was loud but not very tuneless!



HOLLIES

The Hollies girls in their social bubble after the Inter-House Fun Run!



BEREWALL

The Berewall boys ready for their first day back at school on Monday.



CHAMPION

It's been a very exciting start to the new term at Champion. Not only have we welcomed lots of new faces but we have also celebrated two birthdays! **Sehyr** turned 10 on Monday and **Sloane** celebrated her 12th birthday on Tuesday - this resulted in plenty of birthday cake to share.



SPORTING NEWS

TENNIS

Well done to **Toby W** who won the Mini Orange Grade 5 at the Wimborne Minster County Tour Tennis Tournament, in Dorset over the holidays with a very close final win of 14-12 in the tiebreak.

Charlie R did very well to be placed sixth in his group in the LTA U12 National Series event at Millfield and won the consolation at the U14 Grade 4 in Ealing over the weekend.

Louise H came second in the U18 girls singles at Woodford Wells and was placed third in the U14 Oxfordshire County Closed.



BACK TO SPORT

It has been wonderful to see our pupils enthusiastically and safely back participating in sport!



DANCE

Congratulations to **Megan B**, who won first place in the Let's Dance Choreography Competition at the South West School of Dance this summer!



SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following swimmers for their Pathway selections!

England National Pathway (last year's Year 8s, now Millfield Year 9)

Adam W
Nomi G
Harrison C

England South West Regional Pathway

Asta M
Eva L
Maia D
Oscar R-D
Annabelle S

Somerset County Pathway

Caleb G-G
Charles R
Samuel C
Taylor P
Andrew T
Caty R



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NOTICE

A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those joining our Pre-Prep for the first time. It has been so lovely to see everyone this week arrive with positivity, energy and enthusiasm for the new term. We are so proud of how the children have independently come into school and it is great to have Pre-Prep full of voices, laughter and a buzz of learning again.

The children have settling well into their new classes; displaying a liveliness and vigour for learning in their class bubbles. This year will bring new discoveries, new friendships, and new learning opportunities, which I am really looking forward to sharing and celebrating with you all as the year progresses.

- Mr Jory

YEAR 1

LEARNING ABOUT THE BRAIN

This term Year 1 are starting by learning about their brain. Professor Spark has set them lots of exciting challenges. In one of their challenges, the children had to make a split pin character, with no instructions. They used their knowledge and their skills to complete the task. Well done, Year 1!

Year 1 would like to say a big welcome to **Theo**, **Isla** and **Hunter** who have joined our class this year.



A FUN WEEK BACK

What a fantastic first week back for Pre-School. The children have arrived with big smiles and bundles of enthusiasm. They have enjoyed dancing, drawing, playing with the sand, water, puzzles and duplo, but most of all they have enjoyed being back together! There has also been great excitement in the Pre-School garden as snails, slugs, worms and spiders have been discovered in the most surprising of places. Bug houses have been built and pictures of mini beasts have been painted. It's been a lot of fun!

We would like to welcome **Gus, Ophelia, Mufaro, Joshua, Millie, Matilda** and **Ottillie** to the Pre-School.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Whilst the sun continues to shine, the Reception class have been making the most of being outside and we have loved exploring our outdoor play.



YEAR 2

BRAINWAVES

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have been very proud of how sensible they have been coming into school and following the new rules.

Our first topic has been 'Brainwave'. The children made models of neurons and found out how we learn new skills. We even had an experiment with eggs! Ask your child about this - can they remember how the brain is protected inside the skull?

