

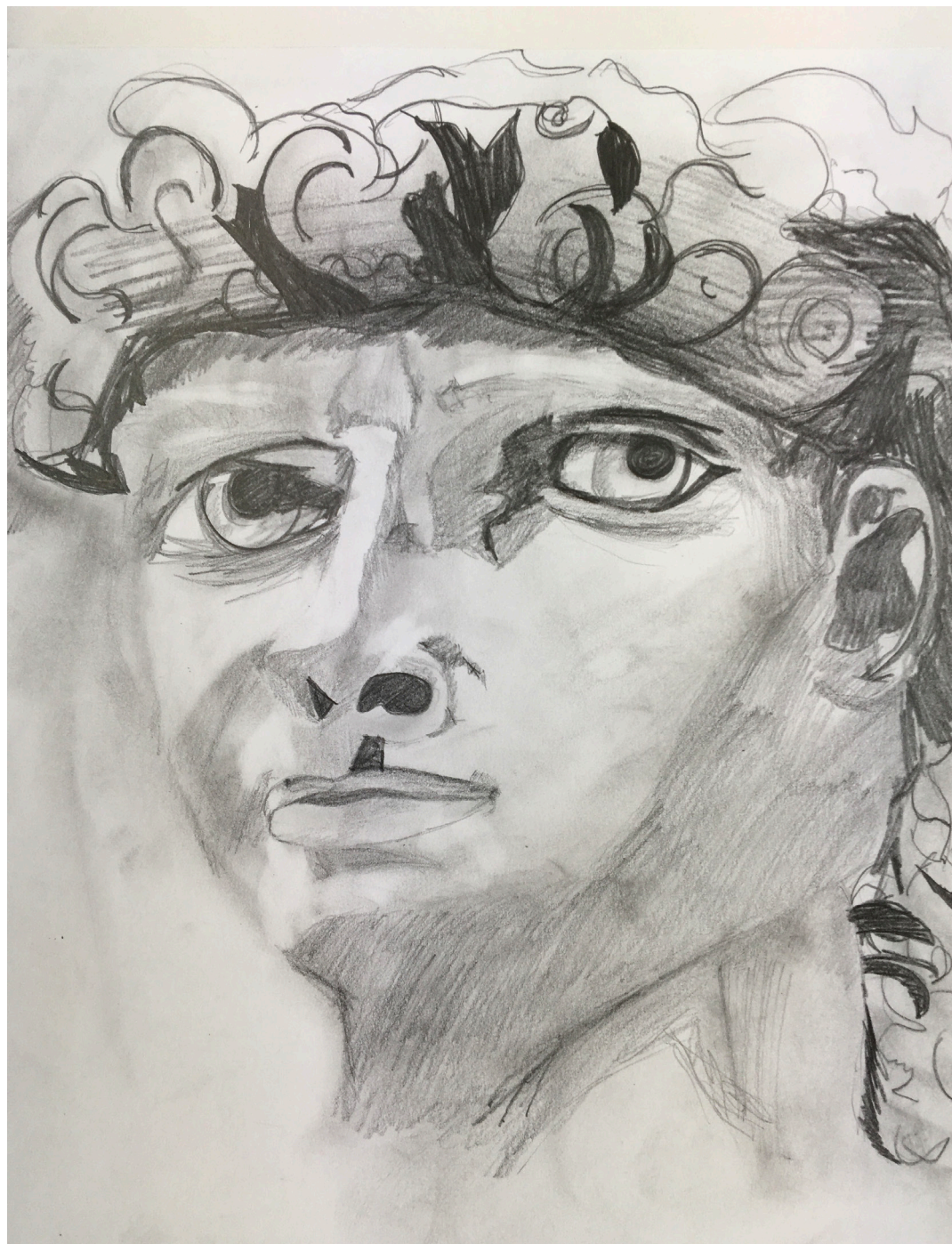


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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent pencil drawing of Michelangelo's carving 'David' by René M 7BM.

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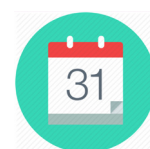
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DIARY



SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
Boarders Sunday: Wellbeing Day

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
Informal Parent Teacher Meetings,
Years 3-6, 4.00-7.00pm

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

For any changes of address, please
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Juniors' Fun Run



Well done to all the Juniors in Years 3-5 who took part in the Inter-House Fun Run this week!

It was great to see all the children participating and enthusiastically cheering for their house and classmates.

Click the camera icon to see more photos.

The Inter-House Fun Run races have now all been completed - congratulations to all the runners and staff who raced around the course. The results are now in and this year's house competition has started with...

1. Danes
2. Jutes
3. Angles
4. Saxons



Juniors Results

Year 3 Girls

1. **Lowri S-M**
2. **Sophia E-N**
3. **Layla K**

Year 3 Boys

1. **Noah K**
2. **Micah G**
3. **Harry G**

Year 4 Girls

1. **Elsie S**
2. **Polls W**
3. **Florie W**

Year 4 Boys

1. **Wills J**
2. **Noah B**
3. **Hugh M**

Year 5 Girls

1. **Eva D**
2. **Chloe S-S**
3. **Lois M**

Year 5 Boys

1. **Connor P**
2. **Sam M**
3. **Jamie G**



YEAR 4'S BRAINWAVES

As part of Year 4's Brainwave topic about how we learn and our brain works, to help pupils understand fully (and to avoid having to dissect anything!), the class made brain hats so that they could see the different parts of the brain and what jobs they have.



YEAR 7'S AUTUMN HAIKUS

This week 7RF have been writing Haiku's about Autumn, as well as following the structure of a Haiku the children focused on one particular moment in the season. Here are some examples from **Evie T**, **Katriel C** and **Leo M**.

The autumn petals
Falling down the orange trees
Swaying in the breeze
- *Evie*

Leaves painted orange
Dancing in the warm sun's smile
While the wind sings
- *Katriel*

Getting cold and dark
Red and yellow autumn leaves
Forest glowing red
- *Leo*

YEAR 8'S MATHS MAZES

During the first week of term, a group of Year 8 pupils decorated the playground with a series of different mathematical mazes. They had to draw and solve their own maze and then move on and try to solve the others. A lovely way to get outside and get moving whilst challenging their minds!



I have made a lot of new friends and it has been so fun playing with them. A few lessons I like are Maths and Art. It's been amazing how my boarding house has welcomed me and my dorm mates are so fun and kind! It's been great joining this school and I'm loving it, I just can't wait to make more amazing memories and spend loads more time here.

- **Alicia P**



HISTORY OF MILLFIELD PREP SCHOOL

This week, Year 7 pupils are learning about their own school, founded in 1946, as part of their first enquiry question "What makes good history?". Pupils were given a selection of extracts from the documentary, *The Millfield Project*, made in 1965 when Millfield Prep was Edgarley Hall. Using the National Archives and the school's own website as historical sources, pupils analysed what the sources tell them about the early years of their school, including learning about the founder of the school, Jack Meyer, and his philosophy for Millfield. We hope pupils left the lesson with a real appreciation of the history of their school which will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in less than six years time!



GETTING SOME PERSPECTIVE

In their introduction to RS, Year 7 and 8 have been learning about perspectives.

They are learning that there are different perspectives to faith, belief and views. Sometimes you need a little help to see each other's points of view. What do you see? Can you help others to see it, do you need to look from a different angle?

Religious Studies does not have all the answers but we enjoy asking questions and learning about different viewpoints. We are lucky to be a subject where sometimes there is no right or wrong, but listening to each other is key!



YEAR 8'S STONE CARVING

Some Year 8 pupils have started a stone carving and here is a group getting to grips with the process. They have all made an excellent start and are certainly enjoying working outside in this warm weather!



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

It's so wonderful to be back at school, seeing friends and catching up with teachers but we know it is not quite the same. Social distancing, hand sanitising and bubbles all mean that sometimes we worry about getting things right and are anxious about the things we are doing.

God tells us to trust, but sometimes that seems really hard when we doubt or overthink. One little thing we can do is to give our worries over to God. Try not to carry them around all day in our school backpack or our head. If they are the worries of our parents or a friend, then we don't need to be carrying these around with us. We might need to talk about our worries and concerns or perhaps pass them back to the owner. If they are our own worries, then do find someone to talk to about them.

There are lots of little things you can do. I like to give my worries to God in Prayer - it doesn't mean they always go away but it helps me to get through the day knowing that I don't have to carry them alone. This is a helpful exercise to practice.

Choose a day when you're feeling happy and write a letter to yourself, either on paper or on your iPad, to read when things are more difficult or you're struggling to cope with carrying any worries around. Remember to include advice about things that have helped you to cope in the past. Read your letter to remind yourself that you have days when you feel less worried and your mood improves.

There are always people you can talk to in person, by email or on the phone. Keep talking, everyone!

- Mrs Kitto, Chaplain

EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Chiara C** for being awarded EAL Pupil of the Week.

She has had a fantastic start to the year, showing great enthusiasm in lessons and not being afraid to practice new words and expressions.

She showed a lot of initiative accessing work whilst in quarantine and participated well at distance.

Keep up the great work!



FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR

Well done to **Maddie M** in Year 5 who read over 200 books during lockdown, to raise £200 for the NHS!

Due to her donation, she has her name painted onto the NHS Spitfire!



Boarding Life

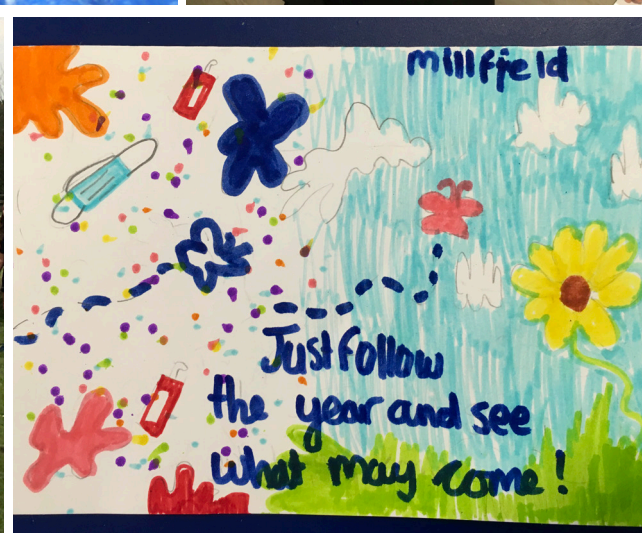
CHESTNUT @MPS_CHESTNUT

The Chestnut boys made the most of the glorious September sunshine with an evening of waterslide fun, followed by a trip to the Chestnut ice-cream factory. It always amazes us just how fast they zoom down the slide, trying to avoid the chilly spray from the hose. After warm showers, the boys had the opportunity to create marvellous icy desserts topped with fruit, treats and sauces. Some boys showed great creative flair whilst others simply poured everything on, but they all tasted delicious!



HOLLIES @MPS_HOLLIES

Hollies girls had a wonderful weekend enjoying activities onsite. A chance for reflection was created in the outdoor chapel service, held round a campfire with toasted marshmallows and popcorn. The campus tour and scavenger hunt allowed the girls to explore the beautiful grounds and burn off some energy before settling down to some art work. **Katherine** devised a lovely colourful piece which captures the idea of taking opportunities. This seems a great thought to begin the year with. We end the week here at Hollies by celebrating our first teenager – Happy Birthday, **Scarlett!**



BEREWALL @BEREWALLHOUSE

The Berewall boys have had lots of singing practice with all the birthdays this week!



CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

The Champion girls had a great weekend, celebrating **Isabella's** birthday and enjoying the hot weather with a barbeque. The girls cooled off with a big waterfight!



SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

A big welcome to all our new riders! If anyone would like to join the waiting list for riding lessons, please email newman.h@millfieldprep.com. Well done to all our riders who competed on the weekend with some brilliant scores and wins:

Team 3rd in 70-75cm
Frankie C
Hastings A
Mimi W
Ava A

Team 2nd in 80-85cm
 and Qualified for
 Nationals
Mimi W
Agatha S
Bryany S
Ava A

Team 2nd 90-95cm
 and Qualified for
 Nationals
Frankie C
Emily G

Bryany S
Agatha S

1st in Combined
 Training
Mimi W on Cameron

3rd
Frankie C

Some brilliant dressage
 results for **Isla S**

6th in the 1m
Emily G



Emily G on Bruce



Isla S on Memphis



Mimi W on Ruby



Sarah B on Louella



Frankie C, Agatha S and Emily G

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country runners would normally be racing in the Mendip Senior League, but this has been postponed. Instead we held an internal race - it was a double the distance fun run course! The athletes are so keen to get to full fitness that they completed the run and then went off to their other sports sessions! Thank you to the amazing grounds staff who have created a great course for them to run around.



TENNIS

Charlie R won the U14 Grade 4 Glamorgan Open in Radyr at the weekend and is due to play in Wincanton next weekend.

The U14 boys and girls teams will compete in the first round of the National Club League (Premier Division) this coming weekend. The boys are playing away against Swansea Indoor Tennis Centre and girls will travel to Bournemouth to play the West Hants Club.





NEWSLETTER



NOTICE

A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

The children in Pre-Prep have had another amazing week in and out of the classroom, learning and playing with their friends. The weather has allowed us to utilise our amazing outdoor areas and to observe the signs of autumn. I would just like to remind parents to bring in hats and coats as the weather is likely to change quickly over the next few weeks.

The clubs and activities before and after school have gone smoothly this week, with children enjoying a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Mrs Kincaid is now going to be offering Creative Dance sessions on Monday afternoons for Reception and Pre-School. If your child would like to participate please let us know.

As you know, we are continuously reviewing the processes and procedures, and due to the support and efficiency of all parents at drop off time, we are now in the position to welcome all children in from 8:30am. However, it is important to observe 2m social distancing and for all adults to wear masks. Also, be mindful of where you park, as the yellow line markings are for families to line up and are not parking bays. We appreciate your support and cooperation in maintaining social distancing and following all our procedures and the lines and footprints which are there for your safety. We are trying to minimise any inconvenience where we can, however our priority has to be the safety of all the children, their families and staff.

- Mr Jory

RECEPTION

SIGNS OF THE SEASONS

Reception have been for an autumn walk to search for signs of the season changing. They all had a partner to work with and collected lots of brilliant things. The children will be using these things to support their learning in class. Everyone had a lovely time and was so happy the sun was shining.



DIARY



SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Swimming

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - 1.15pm

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Harvest Celebration

This year we will be recording our Harvest Celebration, which will be sent to all families. We are collecting for the Food Bank and welcome all donations, preferably boxed. Please bring in by Friday 25 and place on table at drop off time in the mornings.

Exeat Weekend

School ends 3.15 pm. No clubs.

CLUBS

HORSE RIDING

The Pre-Prep riders had an amazing first session. Everyone started to learn to ride, put on a head collar and lead rope and walk the ponies slowly. Thank you to Shannon for teaching us and Becky for helping us. We all want to do it again everyday!



TADPOLES

BUG HUNTING

This week, the Tadpoles have been learning all about bugs. They experimented with pretend bugs during circle time and the children realised that the magnifying glass made them look bigger. The class soon had on their welly boots and went to explore outside. They found ants, spider webs and lots of wood lice. During the bug hunt the children couldn't resist playing in the freshly fallen autumn leaves!



YEAR 1

BRILLIANT BRAINS

What busy brains Year 1 have! The children have made paper brains, showing how their neurones link together to send messages. They have found out that the brain has two hemispheres and that it sends and receives messages, to and from all of their body. The mysterious Professor Spark has continued to set the children brain challenges this week, which they have really enjoyed.



DANCE CLASSES

We have a few spaces left in our Pre-School Creative Dance class and reception Ballet class. An introduction to moving and listening to music for the younger ones and beginning to learn the fundamental movement skills for Reception children, with a few movement and music games along the way! You can still sign up on SOCS via the Parent Portal.

YEAR 2

BACK TO NATURE

Year 2 had a wonderful time in the orchard on Friday. They collected over 1kg of blackberries ready for the Blackberry and Apple Crumbles on Wednesday. Whilst in the orchard, the children found sloes, apples, mistletoe and hawthorn berries.

Here are some quotes from the session, "Isn't nature beautiful." "I love picking blackberries" and "Forest School is really fun"!



FROGS

SCARY MONSTERS

It's been very exciting in the Frog room this week, as the children are beginning to learn their sounds. The first sound is 'M', which made them laugh as it made their lips tickle! The children thought of lots of things which began with the sound and then chose to make a monster face. The children designed their frame, then had to tear strips of paper, which was quite tricky and decorated their monster faces. There was a real variety of monsters; some were scary, some were a little bit scary and some were glittery!





MINIS NEWS



MINI FOREST EXPLORERS

The Minis have had a brilliant first week back playing in the Pre-Prep Forest School. It was wonderful to welcome all the new Minis and to see our old Minis back for another term of fun! There were lots of exciting activities, including a conker rolling area, bug hunting and the mud kitchen potion-making area. The Minis really enjoyed making snails and hedgehogs out of clay and collecting leaves to design their own woodland inspired people. Lots of fun had by all.

