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MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## ART OF THE WEEK

This week's 'Picture of the Week' is this excellent stone carving by **Henny C 8RM**



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## HALF TERM PICK UP

### FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Half term – there will be no afternoon lessons, clubs, games, activities or after school provision.

11.45am Year 3 & 4 pick up from Martins Lane  
11.45am Year 7 pick up Sports Hall Car Park  
12.00pm Year 5 pick up Martins Lane  
12.00pm Pre-School pick up normal point  
12.15pm Year 6 pick up Martins Lane  
12.15pm Year 8 pick up Sports Hall Car Park  
12.15pm Reception-Year 2 pick up normal point

Boarders pick up from house from 12 noon onwards.

Older siblings to be picked up as the same time as younger where possible.

Many thanks for all your patience and cooperation. Have a safe and restful half term.

## SPORTS WEBINARS

Parents with pupils in Year 7 and 8 are warmly invited to attend the sports webinars hosted by our Senior School. If you would like to attend, please contact [Lynne Beaumont](#) to book a place.



# Cushion Concert

Tuesday afternoon saw the first Cushion Concert of the year broadcast via YouTube Premiere. Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 gave some outstanding performances and it was wonderful to see such a vast array of talent, dedication and enthusiasm on display. Junior music lessons had been rearranged for the recordings which allowed participating pupils the chance to play in front of their classes, affording them a real sense of performance as well as that all important opportunity for a bow! Despite not having performed in front of an audience since March (and in some cases, having never performed in front of an audience at all!) all the pupils rose to the occasion beautifully and they can all be hugely proud of themselves. We also have to comment on how wonderfully behaved all the juniors were in their roles as audience members and the support shown for every single performer was extremely moving. We feel exceptionally lucky to have such incredible musical talent in our younger years and we are hugely looking forward to hearing all the performers progress and grow in their love for music as they move through the school. If you missed the concert and would like the chance to watch, click [here](#).

Heartfelt congratulations to the following: **Willow S, Layla K, Noah K, Micah W, Harry G, Florie W, Amelia S, Georgina F, Oliver G, India E, Dotti S, Tilly B, Henry G, Florence C, Florence R-B, James H, Evsey O, Zia G, Joe T, John A, Seb G, Joel G, Toby W, Eva D, Zara A-M, Claire G and Jamie G.**

The Juniors may have set the standard high, but there will also be an opportunity for our older pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 to participate in a Tea and Music Concert after half term and we have no doubt that they will demonstrate equal enthusiasm and musical flair. Details will follow, so watch this space!



## JUNIOR PASTORAL REPS

The newly chosen Junior Pastoral reps had their first committee meeting last week and received their badges on Friday. They will meet with Mrs Harris once a term and feedback concerns or suggestions from their classes. The children have already thought of some good ideas for the year ahead and we look forward to implementing these when we can. Well done to **Micah W, Tammy R, Polly W, Zia G, Jessica H, Toby W, Kevin W, Agnes C, Emi L and Josh L** for taking on the roles.



## COOL CALENDARS

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Year 6 pupils have been working on posters for the months of the year in their French classes. Here are some brilliant ones:



Frederick H



Lola S



Oli H



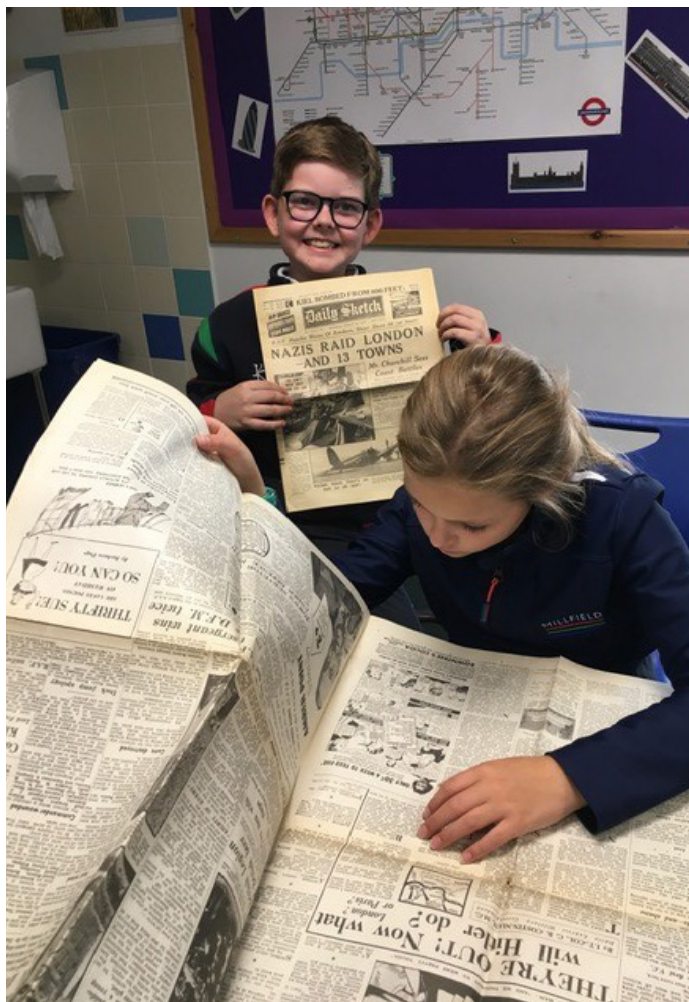
## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

**Edward P** has been chosen as Mathematician of the Week for great attitude and enthusiasm for learning in Maths, especially with his work on calculating with negative numbers and fractions.



## WWII NEWSPAPERS

**Joe T**, 5HCG, brought in some real newspapers from World War II last week, to link in with the book the class are studying in English - *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo (which is all about the adventures of two evacuee children). The whole class loved it!



## LINGUIST OF THE WEEK

Many congratulations to **Ivan T** in Year 8, our Linguist of the Week. Despite only starting to learn French at the beginning of this term, he has impressed us all with the amazing progress he has already made, and with his admirable work ethic. Felicitations, Ivan!



## CARE HOME CONCERT

Members of our music extension group have been working extremely hard in their sessions on Tuesday afternoons to put together a special remote concert, which will be sent to residents in care homes and residential settings across Somerset at the end of this week. Sadly, circumstances this year have prevented us visiting care homes and performing in person as we would usually, however we all believe that music has the power to unite us as well as bring joy and we were determined that we would still be able to entertain the residents, albeit remotely. As ever, the pupils displayed some exceptional skill and talent and it was lovely to hear such a variety of music being performed. We have already had some lovely letters of appreciation from care homes who are greatly looking forward to receiving their copy of the DVD and we sincerely hope that the residents and staff enjoy the concert. Many thanks to all the participating pupils – you can all be extremely proud of yourselves!

**Elis D, Asta M, Ed R, Jack L, Annabelle S, Tamara G V, Amelie W, Rafferty S, Pierre J, Julian T, Ivan T, Aggie S, Maisie S and Steffi B D L O.**





# Year 7's Latin Courtroom Drama

Year 7 pupils studying Latin have been translating a play based on a courtroom drama involving a merchant and an unpaid debt. [Here](#) is a short video of them acting it out in Latin. They have also acted the play in English based on their own translations of the text. The pupils have worked really hard to produce them, and enjoyed being given the opportunity to use Latin as a spoken language, as well as show off their considerable acting skills!



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week's Headmistress' Assembly focussed on the impact of black people in Britain over time, to coincide with Black History Month. The recent Black Lives Matter movement has shed new light on the history of Black British History with a wealth of new histories being read and, in many cases, republished due to the interest generated by historians such as David Olusoga and Toby Green in recent months.

Beginning the assembly with Olaudah Equiano, whose remarkable story from slave to abolitionist set the scene, Mrs Shayler charted the stories of six influential black Britons who were to change the course of history and in many cases, were pioneers in their field. The lives of Mary Prince who helped to change the views of Parliament and those of the British people, and Claudia Jones, who began her own newspaper to share stories of black British people, also showed the role of black women. In more recent history, Lord Learie Constantine, a professional cricketer and first black member of the House of Lords, and Eniola Aluko, footballer and trained solicitor who bravely shone a light on racism and bullying in football at a select committee, were also considered.

Launched to mark Black History Month 2020, these stories of important black Britons helped our pupils understand the impact of black British people that are the focus of the UK Parliament project. Next year, the History Department will be introducing a new enquiry focussing on black Tudors in Year 8, which we hope our pupils will find as fascinating and informative as the subject of this week's assembly.



## EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Our EAL Pupil of the Week award goes to **Maxi N.**

He is trying hard in lessons, listening well and practising speaking more and more, with increasing confidence.

His independence has really grown over the last few weeks so keep up the good work!



## YEAR 7 CHAPEL

Last Friday, Year 7 were able to have a socially distanced chapel. Rev'd Kitto did two different sessions so that the whole year group could be involved. There was even a live stream for any pupils who were learning online. We moved from our own chapel to the assembly hall so we had space. Looking at the story of Martha and Mary we reflected on slowing down. With a time for silent meditation as well as prayers and readings, it was amazing to be a community gathered together.





# Pottery Club

Some lovely pottery has been made this term. The boys are pictured with their dishes, gorillas and other favourite animals that they have created recently.



# Reading

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Studios Year 8 pupils getting to grips with the literary rigours of *Thursday's Child* by Noel Streatfield. Keep up the reading over half term. [Here](#) is a link to the book recommendations for all years.



## BOARDERS' CHAPEL

On Sunday, Rev'd Kitto and Sir Nigel, her chaplaincy wellbeing dog, visited each house for a chapel service and reflection. The boarders heard a story about bringing a community together, which taught them about patience and the gifts that they can bring.



## CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Earlier this month, the London Marathon went ahead in a new way. Elite athletes competed in London whilst 45,000 runners ran their 26.2 miles wherever they could. It was a windy and wet weekend, yet it was inspiring to see such a range of runners, from novice to elite, participating. It was even more inspiring to hear the stories behind some of the runs. The capacity of people to bring hope, to demonstrate love and compassion is amazing.

Brigid Kosgei, world record holder and winner of the elite women's race on 4 October said, "I continued to follow my guiding principles of hard work, discipline and perseverance; that's all I can do and then hope that's enough for a great performance on race day. Some days you have to be more patient than others, and some days you may not feel like running, but in the end it will pay off.... You must be disciplined and persevere with everything you have talent in."

Brigid's words also reflect words from the Bible, where the Gospels tell us about using our gifts and talents well. Letters throughout the New Testament speak of discipline and perseverance, of patience, consistency and hope.

'For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.' 2 Peter 1.

Be inspired, take your opportunities, create opportunities, and know that you, the young people and the families you support can – with perseverance, patience, hope, love – achieve anything.

Dear God,  
Thank you that with perseverance, patience, hope and love we can achieve great things.  
Help me to persevere, with patience, hope and love to achieve great things for common good.  
Amen

**Wellbeing tip for the week:** What have you been inspired to do, for others or for yourself? Every day this week stop, have a cuppa and take some quality time to pause and reflect about someone or something offering positive inspiration to you or something that you have been inspired to do. What made it inspirational? How did you respond? How did you feel? Capture some words from this and maybe share your reflections over a (socially distanced) cuppa with someone else, it could be inspiring!



# Year 6's Perfect Plants

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Year 6 are rounding off their topic 'Mission to Mars' in Science by looking at what plants need to grow, and deciding which seeds might be able to grow on Mars to feed us.



## Juniors' Kindness Awards

Well done to the first recipients of our furry friends in the Juniors, Miffy, Chota and Oreo.

This term we have had to change how we give out the awards and have given the children pin badges for the week, rather than cuddly toys.

Miffy and Chota are awarded for acts of kindness - Miffy for Years 3 & 4 and Chota for Years 5 & 6. Oreo is awarded across Years 3-6 and is based on our personal goals from the IPC curriculum.

This week, **Raffie B** has been awarded Miffy for showing kindness to his classmates, offering to help tie their laces when they are unable to. **Lilly W** has been awarded Chota for being kind to those in her class, showing willingness to work with anyone and making sure no one is left alone at lunchtime.

**Pippa M** has been awarded Oreo for showing great thoughtfulness, communication skills and empathy during a class discussion about a book Year 5 are studying called *Friend or Foe*. Well done to all!





# Boarding Life

## CHESTNUT @MPS\_CHESTNUT

The common room became the set for a quiz show this week! The boys were split into teams and were all given a quiz show buzzer linked to a quiz on the tv. The competition was fierce as they were able to steal points off each other whilst they competed in various rounds. The winners won virtual prizes, as well as some edible ones! It is amazing how much general knowledge they have and just how loud they can be as the completion reached its tense climax!



## CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

It's been another fun-filled week at Champion. The girls love to make others smile and as you can see **Sehyr** and **Emily** did just that on Monday after a collection of scrunchies arrived. Over the weekend, the girls were treated to toasted marshmallows and chocolate biscuits in our garden and, on Sunday, a hotly contested bake off - the results were delicious! Wishing all the Champion families a restful half term.



## BEREWALL @BEREWALLHOUSE

On Wednesday, we started the Halloween celebrations early with an inter-dorm pumpkin carving competition. All the boys had to use teamwork, initiative and their creative sides. Mr Close and Matron Andrea were our neutral judges.

Congratulations to the top 3:  
1st: **Alannam, Daniel, Freddie and Sam K**  
2nd: **Edward, Vansh, Jack and Jake**  
3rd: **Monty and Jasper**





# Boarding Life

## HOLLIES @MPS\_HOLLIES

The last weekend of the half term warranted a special treat for the girls. A pamper evening on Saturday included a variety of beauty treats and sweet treats. Face masks, nail varnish and body glitter created some interesting looks! Pizza, marshmallows and treat-sized chocolate formed the special snack menu and was enjoyed by all. A well-deserved lie in was appreciated on Sunday morning followed by a leisurely breakfast in house before some multi sports, coding and gift box making. Reverend Kitto and her dog, Sir Nigel, visited the girls on Sunday as part of the Chapel programme. Cake baking, loom bands and pompom making continued throughout the weekend and into this week, creating some tasty Geography prep as well as the first cake in the Hollies' Bake Off competition that will run into next term. The award for biggest pompom goes to **Masha**: a hefty 17cm diameter! Another important award for this half term is the Brilliant Boarders Award...



## Brilliant Boarders Award

### HOLLIES

All the girls have been absolutely immense this half term and it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work and live alongside them. It has been extremely difficult to choose, however, we have chosen two pupils who are both new to boarding this term but you would never have known it! They have fitted in extremely well and all members of the house appreciate their thoughtful, humorous and bubbly characters. They both have this wonderful ability to make people smile! Huge congratulations to **Rosie S** and **Ale M C**.

### CHESTNUT

Chestnut's Brilliant Boarder is **Miguel F B**. He arrived early for the 14 day quarantine period but despite that, and having severe toothache which resulted in a tooth extraction, he has stayed positive and taken everything in his stride. He's doing brilliantly in EAL, working hard in school, is really helpful around the house and has made some great new friends.

### CHAMPION

During the exeat, **Sofia V** demonstrated why she should be nominated for the Brilliant Boarder award. Sofia was kind, considerate and really helped the staff throughout the weekend. Sofia is always ready to help out and has been brilliant helping our younger boarders to settle in - truly a Brilliant Boarder!

### BEREWALL

**Oliver S** is the Brilliant Boarder for Berewall this half term. Oliver has shown amazing compassion for his fellow boarders and always puts others first. Well done, Oliver.



# SPORTING NEWS

## EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Emily G** who placed fifth in the 90cm Open at Badgeworth Arena on Dusty at the weekend.



**Isla S** took her pony to Pontispool for the weekend to practice on the cross country course.



This is **Myla C** on her new pony Billy. Looking forward to some fantastic times ahead. Billy has settled in very quickly. I am sure that Myla and Billy will soon be a very strong and competitive partnership.



## RIDER OF THE WEEK

This week's Rider of the Week is **Isla B** who rides Mr Cow. Isla has had a fear of cantering for some time, but this week she has conquered those fears and cantered. Congratulations and a very big well done!



**Mimi W** and **Agatha S** rode brilliantly in their lesson on Wednesday, doing some Eventing practice.





# SPORTING NEWS

## TENNIS

This weekend, **Charlie R** played some brilliant tennis to win the U12 Grade 3 LTA Winter Regional Tour in Swindon. He will compete in the U12 Grade 2 LTA Winter National Tour at Bath University from 25-29 Oct, so we wish Charlie all the very best of luck for that. **Toby W** played in his first Green Ball Tournament in Chard and won the U10 competition. **John A** was the Runner up in the Orange Ball event in Wincanton. Good luck to all our Millfield Prep players competing over half term.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Our athletes have been busy this week recording times for the Leweston Virtual Cross Country race. Schools around the country have all run the same distances and the times will all be out together. We have had runners from Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 all setting times and we can't wait to hear how they have done.







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# NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Dear Parents,

Since our return to school in September, it has been lovely to see all the children engaged and enthused with their learning and enjoying time with their friends in school. The additional measures which have been put in place to prevent COVID have simply become part of school routine now and the children are loving every second of being back at school. This shows how amazing Millfield Pre-Prep is in ensuring that the children's mental health and wellbeing is prioritised alongside academic achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their care and commitment to this and also to each of you for working with us to reassure your children regarding new routines and for following the new procedures.

Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in November for another fun packed half term full of laughter and learning.

- Mr Jory

## CHAPLAIN'S ASSEMBLY

Frogs and Reception children heard all about an owl who saw the whole year pass by in their assembly with Rev'd Kitto this week. They enjoyed playing the trees growing and swaying in the wind, learning about God's wonderful creation and that, just like the owl who noticed everything in the story, God notices us too and loves us no matter what.

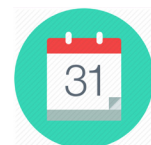


## YEAR 2 EXPLORERS WEEK

This week Year 2 have started their Explorers Week. The children are learning about the adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his trip around the Antarctic. They have learnt about the foods available to him and his crew: penguin, seal blubber and limpets to name a few. The children then made Ship Biscuits and had them for snack on Tuesday- they were not overly impressed! On Friday, they went to Forest School and the children learnt how to make and be safe around a fire.



## DIARY



### FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Half Term begins  
Pre-School - 12pm  
Pre-Prep - 12:15pm

### MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Term begins  
Early birds - 8.00am  
All classes - 8:20-8:40am

## TODDLER SWIMMING

For toddlers aged 1 and 2  
(must be accompanied in the water  
by a responsible adult)

Parents/guardians can gain confidence in the water with their little ones and learn how they can progress their child's swimming whilst staying safe. Children will learn safety skills in getting in and out of the water and will gain independence and confidence.

The lessons are run by staff with a Swim England Level 2 Swimming Teacher qualification or above.

Lessons last 25 minutes and cost £6.50 per week, payable termly. Your child's day and time of attendance will be confirmed prior to the start of the term.

Application forms can be downloaded [here](#).

If you would like any further information please contact Millfield Swimming Pool on 01458 444 519 or by e-mail at [swimschool@millfieldschool.com](mailto:swimschool@millfieldschool.com)



## TADPOLES

## THE GRUFFALO

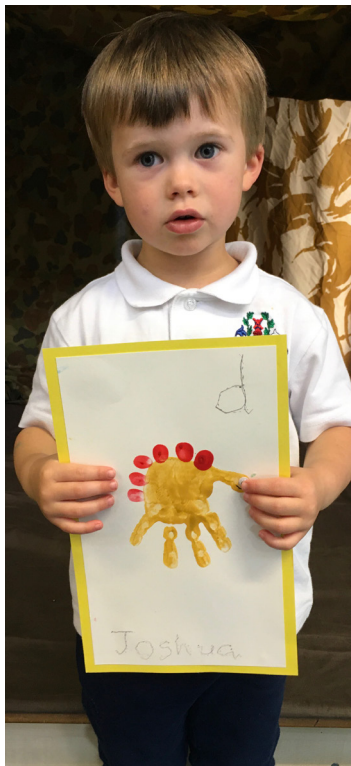
This week the Tadpoles have been learning all about the story *The Gruffalo*. Everyone went for a welly walk to find things for their adventures. Along the way, the children discovered acorns, sticks and leaves which they used in their new Gruffalo den. The Tadpoles practiced making their own log pile houses and finished off with story time using character props from the book.



## FROGS

## DINO-CRAZY

Whilst the Tadpoles are hunting for a Gruffalo, the Frogs have gone dinosaur crazy! It all started with an egg, then two days later the first crack appeared; the excitement was palpable! The children have enjoyed the process of watching the dinosaur slowly hatch from its shell, each day thinking and chatting about whether they could see a bit more. Finally, a small stegosaurus emerged. Their interest was so keen the children helped create a dinosaur den where they could pretend to be paleontologists and use the microscopes and magnifying glasses to observe the dinosaurs more closely. They made dinosaur pictures using their handprints and each discovered they had their very own dinosaur name. So don't be alarmed if the children introduce themselves as Titan-ceratops or Boom-saurus!



## RECEPTION

## SUPER SNAILS

Reception have some new pets - giant African land snails. The children have been using the internet to find out how to care for them and decided to find out how big they can grow. The class found out it can be up to 20cm, and decided it would be a good idea to measure them once a month to see how fast they grow, so have colour coded them and created a chart. We wonder how much they will grow by the middle of November.



## YEAR 1

## FUN AT THE FAIR

Year 1 have been looking at fairground merry-go-rounds. They noticed that many of them had different vehicles on them for children to ride in. Using paper plates and cardboard tubes, the children made their own merry-go-round. They used two tubes with different diameters, slotting the smaller tube inside the larger one, so that it could rotate. They then chose different modes of transport to go on their merry-go-round, including air, water and land vehicles.







# MINIS NEWS



## MINI TUMBLE TIME

The Minis had a wonderful time in the lovely space of the big Pavilion for Mini Tumble Time. There were slides, tunnels, bats, balls, hoops, frisbees, ball launchers and fancy dress to run around, play with and use up all their energy on. They loved running through the huge rainbow tunnel and jumping in the colourful ball pool. For those who were feeling a little less energetic, there was playdoh and a big colouring sheet on the ground to play with. At the end of the session, we got the parachute out and sang lots of songs whilst making the parachute fly up and down. We got all the ball pool balls flying in the air and let the Minis run around underneath. Their favourite part was when they all sat on top of the parachute and the parents gave them all a little ride.



