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MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent pencil study of a shell by **Darcey H 8BP**



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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week's Photo of the Week comes from Mr Sweet, who took this lovely picture of the Tor at sunrise on his 6am bike ride to school.



# Poetry of the Week

Year 7 have been studying the intricacies of sonnet writing. With her favourite subject in mind (food), here is a deliciously, mouth-watering sonnet from **Lottie R-B**.

*Pancakes with maple syrup are the best,  
I like chocolate and vanilla ice cream,  
Today for dessert I had Millfield Mess,  
When you use shiny sprinkles they can gleam.*

*Victoria sponge is very nice,  
Chocolate chip cookies and a slice of cake,  
I like chicken curry with lots of rice,  
Millions of things can be fun to bake.*

*Oranges and lemons are citrus fruits,  
Pasta is very tasty with some sauce,  
I really do not like pickled beetroot,  
Burger and fries is my favourite of course.*

*Sausages and mash smothered in gravy,  
Lots of food in the world is savoury.*

Where? by **Matilda W**  
(based on the New York City subway)

*So many lines,  
Each leading to a different adventure,  
New people to meet and new places to see,  
Should I go play it safe,  
Or, or should I take a risk?  
I wish I could go on two routes,  
each line goes so far,  
how long would it take to turn back?  
No time to think  
the clock is ticking!*

Year 8 have been studying *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost and *The Minister for Exams* by Brian Patten. In response they have been writing their own poems about choice.

Stay or Go by **Charlie B**

*Should I stay or should I go?  
England or Finland?  
Rain or snow?  
Friends and family,  
Or new beginnings?*

*Tall fir trees, wooden cabins  
Green waves flash through the sky,  
Frozen lakes, flowing rivers  
Bears, woles, reindeer,  
Should I stay or should I go?*

*All I know, loved ones and memories  
Leaving everything behind,  
Jobs, income, knowledge,  
Starting from scratch.*

*Should I stay or should I go?  
Rain or snow?  
Friends and family,  
Or new beginnings?*

## PARENT NOTICES

### 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.

## CUSHION CONCERT

A reminder that the Cushion Concert for selected pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be broadcast next Tuesday 13 October. To allow time for parents and children to get home and enjoy watching the concert together, we have decided to delay the start to 5.30pm. If your child is taking part, you will be emailed separately today. Performances will be recorded on Friday this week (9 October), so please could I ask that participating pupils remember to bring their instruments and music. The link to the concert will be sent to all parents on Monday next week – we hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music.

- Mrs Sturges

## 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.

## LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

Joshua U and Julian T are this week's Linguists of the Week!

Joshua has been nominated for his excellent work ethic in Latin and very good progress so far this term. Well done, Joshua, keep up the good work!

Julian prepared an excellent Kahoot and class test for his Spanish class. Well done, Jonathan!



## PARACHUTE FUN

Year 6 had a fun time in Multis on Wednesday playing parachute games out in the fresh air. Thank you to the Parents' and Friends', who bought us the parachute!



## CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This Saturday is World Mental Health Day. So let's talk about our mental health and not be afraid to say when it's not so great too. What anchors do we have to help us?

Try to find good habits and build them into your everyday. Perhaps being kind to yourself whilst you brush your teeth! Having good mental health means that we are aware of when we feel good and when we don't. It's recognising that some things are hard and that's okay.

It is so important to talk. If you are struggling, don't do it alone. Reach out to someone to talk to, even if it's just the dog.

One way is through prayer. A two way connection with God. Sometimes it's hard to listen, so just try. Perhaps listen to the birds, music, look at a painting or a piece of scripture. God can speak through your friends in the kindness they show and the kindness you show others too.

*Dear God,  
Please help us to make wise choices today, to look after one another.  
Please help us to make wise choices for tomorrow, to look after our planet.  
Please help me to make wise choices now, to look after myself.  
Please help me to make wise choices that will lead to changes for good.  
Thank you for one another, for our planet, for the love of Jesus.  
Amen*

**Wellbeing tip for the week:** In turbulent times what anchors can you put out. What points in the day or the week will you keep consistent and hold yourself too? A morning cuppa and time to breathe, eating with family, a favourite evening TV show, some daily exercise, a weekend treat, time for reflection or prayer? In changing times make sure you have fixed points for your own rhythm, wellbeing and respite.

- Rev'd Kitto

## EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL Pupil of the Week is **Claire G.**

Claire coped really well with remote learning. She was ready and prepared for every class and participated as well as she could.

It was great to see her putting in such effort.

It's lovely having her back in class this week!



# Speech and Drama

The Juniors have begun preparations on their autumn production. As we cannot welcome a live audience, we have other plans for the Juniors to share their work and will be releasing some surprise material towards the end of term, so watch this space!

Years 7 and 8 have been busy in curriculum Drama this half term. Year 7 have been focussing on developing their practical skills, whilst Year 8 have been getting physical with Commedia Dell'Arte.

Speech and Drama has been wonderful, with 60 pupils preparing to sit exams in January. We are looking to expand further after our January exams, and we would welcome interest from pupils in all year groups, from Pre-Prep to Year 8!

The Year 8 Production Club has been going well, with pupils working on small collaborative projects as they navigate their way through the 'new normal'. It has been wonderful to see them bouncing ideas off each other and using their imaginations.



## COOK AT HOME CLUB

Mrs Guidi made Mrs Henderson's Somerset Apple Upside Down Cake from last week's Newsletter and it looks delicious!

Have you tried the recipe? Send your pictures to [newsletter@millfieldprep.com](mailto:newsletter@millfieldprep.com)



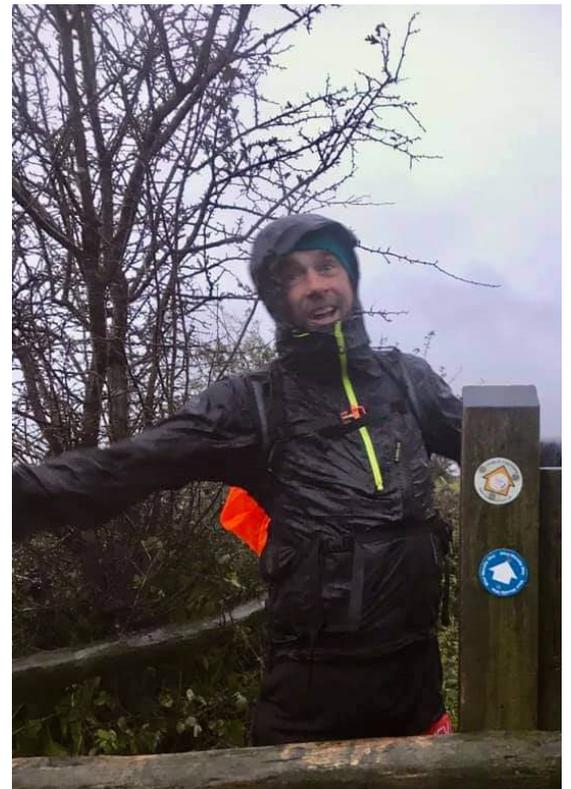
## CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge well done to Millfield Prep staff member Sid, who ran the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday, to support the charity Royal Osteoporosis Society.

Sid ran the 26.2 mile marathon in the local countryside, through Draycott, Priddy, Wookey Hole, Wells, Pilton and West Pennard, finally finishing the race at the top of Glastonbury Tor.

"If i was asked to do it all again I definitely would, as it is what I love doing at any opportunity", says Sid. "Running or walking, short or long, no matter what your ability, running is not all about the time or distance, it is the overall achievement and the wellbeing - great for the mind, body and soul. I would like to encourage anyone to take those first few steps, no matter how far. There is a great local community out there to help and encourage fellow runners and walkers of all abilities."

The team have raised a brilliant £415 on their [JustGiving](#) page so far.



# Boarding Life

## CHESTNUT @MPS\_CHESTNUT

On Wednesday evening, the Chestnut boys took part in their first Skateboard Curling event of the year. The boys were put into teams and took it in turns to launch each other, to try to end up in the various scoring zones, to earn point for their teams. Their only way of steering was by leaning, which caused some funny end destinations, such as ending up wrapped up in the tennis net! The Olympic committee have been in touch and they're apparently keen to make it a Winter Olympic sport!



## HOLLIES @MPS\_HOLLIES

1 October was the Chinese mid-autumn festival. The girls celebrated by sharing **Olivia's** authentic mooncakes. Pyjamas and duvets were called for, for an explosive film night with our newly acquired popcorn makers! On Sunday, the girls took part in activities including some problem-solving games and craft activities. To accompany the friendship bracelet making on Tuesday, more treats arrived in the form of hand-crafted iced biscuits for the girls. Smiles all round, and huge thanks to all the generous parents for our lovely surprises this week.



## CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

It's been another busy week at Champion and when the weather is too bad to play outside, we turn our attention to the indoor activities. So far this week, we have had 'horse jumping' over laundry baskets in the corridors, a dance show, furious games of Uno and more relaxing craft activities to entertain the girls. We also celebrated **Sofia's** 11th birthday with yummy cake and pizza! We are all really looking forward to a lazy Sunday morning in house!



## BEREWALL @BEREWALLHOUSE

A wet and windy weekend led to indoor fun. Tower building, movies and eyes down for bingo on Saturday night were followed on Sunday by the start of the house table tennis competition. First round competition was fierce, with closely fought matches. Finally, because they have loads of energy to burn the boys played cricket in the rain!



# SPORTING NEWS

## EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Dotti S** who competed in her first competition on Saturday at KSEC, coming home very pleased with a fourth place rosette!

The Year 6 and 7 riders had a great afternoon jumping some arena eventing fences on Wednesday. Everyone rode well. Well done, folks - same again next week!



## TENNIS

On Saturday, 16 Year 3 Mini Red Tennis players took part in an internal Mini Red Tennis Tournament in the Sports Hall. Everyone played well and had lots of fun. The Red Team won by 13 points to 5 overall.

We wish **Charlie R** all the very best in the U12 Winter Regional Tour this weekend in Swindon.





# NEWSLETTER



## RECEPTION

### THE JOLLY POSTMAN

This week, Reception have been looking at the story of *The Jolly Postman*. The children have been looking at placing the characters in the order they appear in the story, introducing them to place value (1st, 2nd, 3rd). They have also been learning about addresses and sending letters. The children wrote their own addresses, designed a postcard and posted back to themselves.



## DIARY



**FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**

Half Term begins

Pick Up Times  
Pre-School - 12pm  
Pre-Prep - 12:15pm

## PRE-SCHOOL

### PE FUN

The Pre-School children enjoyed using the large apparatus for PE this week. They have been jumping, swinging, climbing, balancing and crawling! It was wonderful to see the children's confidence grow using the different apparatus, especially jumping off the rather high bench. Well done everyone.



# BUDDING ARTISTS

Last week, Year 2 learnt about the artist Turner. The children looked at a range of his paintings before using water colours to create their sky and sea. They used salt and cotton wool to add texture to their paintings. Later in the week, the children learnt about the SS Great Britain. The children painted their own versions of the ship to go on top of their seascapes.



PRE-SCHOOL

# TADPOLES PE

The Tadpoles had a really fun PE lesson on Thursday morning, and loved playing with the cones!



PRE-SCHOOL

# HOW EGG-CITING!

Last week, **Nina** spotted an egg laying on the side, what could be inside? There were lots of theories: chickens, a lizard, a crocodile, a dragon?! After a lot of discussion, it was decided that there was a dinosaur inside, more specifically a T-Rex! The children followed the instructions and placed the egg inside a tank and then filled it with water. Now all they have to do is wait!



YEAR 1

# TERRIFIC TREES

Year 1 have been learning about the different seasons. They sequenced pictures representing the seasons, then made their trees. Each side of their 4D trees illustrated one of the seasons. The children discussed what their tree should look like and did some fantastic colouring too.



# MINIS NEWS



## MINI SHAPE AND COLOUR

This week's theme at Minis was all things Shape and Colour. There were four colour zones; blue, yellow, red and green, with lots of loose part play using the colours and adding in sensory rice and pasta to pour and scoop. The Minis really loved playing with all the toys in the different colour zones! We also had lots of different shape blocks to climb and soft shapes to build towers with. They did some shape painting and made shape monsters to help them learn all the different basic shapes as well as a ball colour-sorting station. A very fun and colourful week!

