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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER



Children in Need



On Friday, the whole school raised money for Children in Need with a non-uniform day.

Reverend Kitto started the day off with a special assembly and then spent the day taking Pudsey Bear for visits to all of the classes.

Thank you to the amazing catering team for a fabulous Pudsey-themed lunch!

A brilliant £920.00 was raised - thank you to everyone for your donations.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the day.



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EXEAT

The next Exeat weekend will be on Friday 20 November. School will finish at 3.45pm. There will be no after school games, clubs, activities or after-school care. Pre-Prep will finish at 3.15pm.

Please do not arrive early for pick up, as it will cause congestion in the car parks as the children will not be there. Older siblings to liaise with GT about leaving with younger siblings. Boarders to be collected from boarding houses at 4.00pm.

Martins Lane:	Sports Hall:
Years 3&4 - 3.30pm	Year 8 - 3.30pm
Year 5 - 3.45pm	Year 7 - 3.45pm
Year 6 - 4.00pm	

Odd Socks Day

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On Monday, pupils across the school joined in with Odd Socks Day, in support of Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils were taught about our school value 'Be Kind' and the importance of celebrating our differences.



TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

After the amazing success of the Cushion Concert before half term, Tuesday evening saw the first Tea and Music Concert of the year and the turn of our talented musicians in Years 6, 7 and 8. Although current circumstances are still preventing us from holding public events, we were determined to give our pupils the sense of occasion associated with live performance and so, as part of the recording process, we asked them to perform in front of their classes affording a friendly audience as well as that all important opportunity for a bow! As always, there was a wide array of instruments on show with an eclectic mix of genres providing something for every taste in music. The pupils all demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm and tenacity throughout the recording process and each should be extremely proud of what they have achieved. Thanks must go to all the pupils who acted as audience members – it was truly wonderful to see such a keen level of interest and unfailing support for each performer – and also of course to the music staff who prepared the pupils so beautifully. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of those musicians involved for all the encouragement given behind the scenes, without which of course, these concerts would not be possible.

As was the case during the lockdown period during the summer term, we had so many budding musicians keen to participate in the Tea and Music Concert that we have been able to produce a second event which will be broadcast on Tuesday 24 November at 5.30pm. Parents of those pupils performing in this second concert will be written to separately by the Friday this week and a YouTube Premiere link will be sent to all parents early next week.

Huge congratulations and thank you again to the following pupils:

Year 6

Tom B, Freddie G, Josh L, Amber J, Lola S, Enid M, Kevin W, Lily S

Year 7

Caty R, Mimi W, Myla C, Evie T, Zara B, Asta M, Chloe J, Leon H, Elis D, Lottie R-B, Brychan J

Year 8

Katherine B, Aggie S, Julian T, Scarlett B, Sylvie B, Helena C, Amelie W, Pierre J



MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Our Mathematician of the Week is **Mila B.** Since joining in September Mila has shown consistently that she is an exceptional mathematician. She achieved full marks on her initial assessment. Since then, her work ethic has been second to none and she always comes to class with an open mind and a positive attitude. Well done, Mila - keep up the good work!



JUNIORS' KINDNESS AWARDS

This week's Juniors' Kindness Awards go to:

John A 5HCG – John received Chota for being kind and considerate to all his peers, particularly in the face of disappointment this week, John was unfalteringly selfless and thoughtful.

Emi L 6SAL – Emi received Oreo for showing great communication, inquiry and thoughtfulness. Emi has been learning about charities during her studies in humanities. She decided to do some research on Children in Need and created her own presentation, which she showed to the Juniors in assembly.

Ariana W 3BJD – Ariana received Miffy for helping others in class with tricky tasks, she always listens to others and is always kind.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please bring in any contributions for the Christmas hampers, which will be distributed to the local community, before the end of term - in person or via Amazon Pantry.

A huge thank you in advance for your generosity: it makes a huge difference to the lives of families who are struggling even more during this pandemic.

Any queries please contact kitto.m@millfieldprep.com

FABULOUS FLOWERS

Year 8 pupils have been getting to grips with ideas about how flowering plants reproduce. They have simplified the process in class by using models and everyone enjoyed looking at lily flowers, minding the pollen as they dissected them! The plant kingdom has flowers with so much variation. The BBC's *Private Life of Plants* (presented by David Attenborough) has enabled everyone to see many examples from around the world.



Picture of the Week

Remembrance Writing



This week's Picture of the Week is this brilliant surrealist study by **Edward P 8BD**.

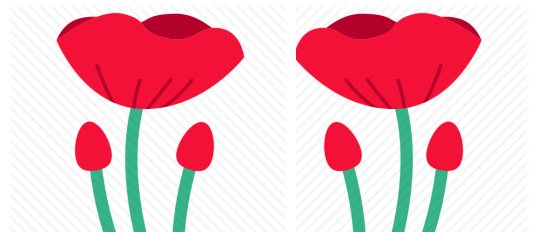
Remember by **Dylan P-C**

Who remembers the war? Hopefully everyone. Cycling through this beautiful, peaceful place I think of all the people who were protecting our country and risking their own lives for us. On the 11th of November we take two minutes of our day just to remember those who have fallen in the line of duty. On this day an unknown body was taken to Westminster Abbey from France and buried in front of the kings.

I cycle through this amazing place feeling like those that aren't with us, actually are. My great grandfather fought in the war and the stories my mum told me about what he was like are amazing. He got taken from home and went to war in his late 20s when my granny was just a baby. He was a soldier, got captured by the German Nazis and was put in a prisoner of war camp. For over three and a half years he was there, and for the first year he was put in an Italian prisoner of war camp and then transferred to a German camp. He eventually came home and his daughter, my granny, didn't recognise him. You wouldn't believe what they went through.

As I pass through it's hard to imagine people as young as 18 years of age having to kill people and watch people die in front of them. As well as this, I think of the women who left at home not knowing if their son, brother, father, cousin will ever come home.

Remember



WHERE TEACHERS KEEP THEIR PETS

This is a poem by 3BJD, who have written this as a class in their English lessons, where they have been working on prepositions.

The class read a poem called *Where Teachers Keep Their Pets* and then created their own rhymes.

*Mr Pear keeps his bear
Underneath the Xmas fair*

*Mr Churd hid the bird
Towards the corner of the herd*

*Mrs Ware keeps her bear
Around her itchy, purple hair*

*Mrs Douse keeps her mouse
Underneath her glorious house*

*Mr Log has a dog
In a massive fog*

*Mr Tear keeps his bear
In his plaited hair*

*Mr Trupp keeps his pups
Underneath dirty coffee cups*

*Mr Fog keeps his frog
In his smelly bog*

*Mrs Landa has a panda
By a girl who's called Amanda*

*Mr Hat keeps his cat
Underneath his front door mat*

*Mrs Topps keeps her sloths
Under her itchy mops*

*Mr Tear keeps his hare
Underneath a prickly pear*

*Mrs Beer keeps her deer
In her dirty, hairy ear*

*Mrs Dennings keeps her lemmings
Inside her giant, stripy leggings*

*Mr Douse keeps a mouse
In his fun, silly house*

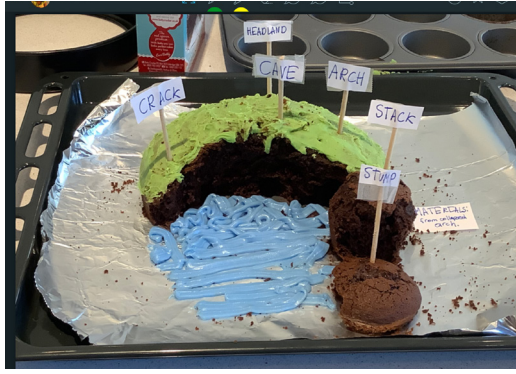
*Mr Beater keeps his cheetah
In the corner by the heater*

*And Mr Bear keeps his hare
With his spotty underwear.*

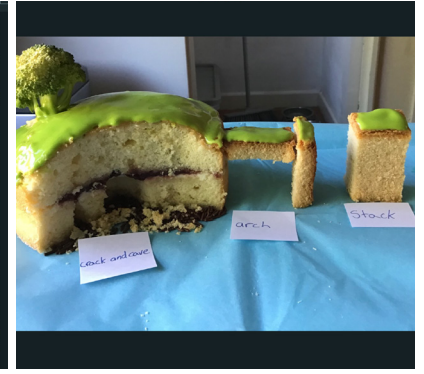
Marvellous Models



Gabby R



Jasmine R



Dylan P-C



Samuel G



Lucy C



Rafferty S



George M



Oliver A



Ivan T

Year 8 geographers are learning about the topic 'Coasts' this term. We would usually spend a day out on a fieldtrip at Lulworth Cove in Dorset, finding out about how the sea shapes coastline but due to Covid restrictions, we have had to adapt how we approach the topic. Year 8 were therefore set a challenge to create a model to show how a headland is eroded. They needed to include the following stages: crack, cave, arch, stack and stump. Here are some examples of the creations the pupils made. You can see from the images above and stop motion videos by [Alannam A and Harry D](#) and [Wills H](#) that the pupils were very creative and ambitious and their models are superb!

Christmassy Crisps

On Saturday during Multis, pupils from Champion and Chestnut (in two separate sessions) took part in a blind tasting of some of the more unusual Christmassy crisp flavours: sausage roll puffs, smoked salmon and king prawn cocktail, pigs in blankets, Camembert and thyme, turkey stuffing bites, butter basted turkey and herb, Aberdeen Angus steak and truffle! Of the seven flavours on offer, two pupils from Chestnut were able to correctly identify two of the flavours - believe me this was quite impressive considering the crisp flavour descriptions and the actual ingredients were hard to match up.

The most popular flavour across both houses were the pigs in blankets flavour; we definitely wouldn't be recommending the Camembert and thyme or the smoked salmon and king prawn!



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Last week a colleague said to me "This week is hopeful" - that was even before news of a possible vaccine was released. Simply articulating that the week could be filled with hope immediately lifts the spirit.

As we enter a period of waiting patiently for advent, Christmas, and the holidays, Diwali last weekend reminded us that there is hope. This festival of light showed us that light overcomes darkness. There is hope, we just have to articulate it and look for it.

*Loving God,
Thank you for hope.
Thank you that your Holy Spirit brings hope into our lives.
Thank you that we can share hope and love with others.
Help us to pause and to rejoice in all that brings us hope and joy each day.
Thank you for your gift of faith, hope and love.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Step into this week with hope. At the start of each day, take a moment to think about your hopes for the day ahead - your hopes, hopes for others, hopes for our world. Consider, even before getting up, what things you could do that day to help move a step closer to realising your own hopes or the hopes of others. Get up, enjoy a day filled with hope, at least a nugget of hope, that you can look forward to.

- Reverend Kitto

EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK



This week **Ivan T** is our EAL Pupil of the Week.

Ivan has worked really well in class and he has a great memory for new words. He is sharing his ideas in lessons more and more as he is growing in confidence.

Well done, Ivan - keep up the great work!

Boarders' Diwali Celebration

Reverend Kitto visited Berewall in Saturday to help celebrate Diwali with them. **Vansh** told the story of Rama and Sita, was given a present and helped light diya outside of the house. With lights all around the common room, dancing and food, including traditional sweets, it was a truly light-filled evening. A good reminder that light shines in the darkness and there is always hope.

On Monday morning, Vansh and his class made diyas out of clay and learnt more about this festival in their Religious studies lesson.



Boarding Life

CHESTNUT
@MPS_CHESTNUT

The boys started their Wednesday activities with a football tournament on the floodlit court. After some end to end football and a visit from Sir Nigel (and Rev Kitto) we then headed over to school for some wheeled relay races. The boys had to race over four legs around school. They raced on scooters, the beetle buggies and the three wheelers. The races were fast and furious with some exciting finishes and noisy supporters! They certainly burnt through some energy and the evening helpers had to lay on extra toast and fruit for them all to recharge!



CHAMPION
@CHAMPIONMPS

We've had a variety of activities here at Champion this week. The first round of our Bake Off competition began with some of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls showing off their skills. We also celebrated Children in Need in style with a selection of cowboy hats and onesies. We also said a fond farewell to Mrs M, our Thursday Evening helper. The girls also designed some Christmas cards - it's never too early!



Boarding Life

HOLLIES

@MPS_HOLLIES

Children in Need was an excellent reason to decorate the house this week. The girls raised money for the charity by wearing their own clothes into school and completing some fun activity competitions in the evening, with the winners choosing some extra tuck! At the weekend, the decoration continued as we began the build up to Christmas with festive door decorations and friendly elves pictured round the tree. Beautiful music was heard in the Tea and Music Concert, with some accomplished performances from **Katherine**, **Scarlett** and **Sylvie**. Very well done to them and we look forward to hearing more practice soon. We discovered **Emily's** hidden talent as an accomplished pianist whose practice filled the house with tranquil sounds. **Tamara** and **Matilda** created an imaginative Sundae Cake for their 'Bake Off' entry, followed a few days later by some amazing Merry Macaroons from **Maia**, **Eva** and **Tilly**. Great creativity, concentration and perseverance shown by all!



BEREWALL

@BEREWALLHOUSE

This Saturday was Diwali and to celebrate we had a feast and a party. Reverend Kitto came down and along with **Vansh** explained the meaning of Diwali to us. We then feasted and partied, celebrating the festival of light with our own disco lights and some interesting dance moves!



SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

Matilda and Bluebell taking part in the Children in Need dressage.



RIDER OF THE WEEK

Myla C showed true commitment this week, exercising Lizzie her racing pony in the pouring torrential rain and helping other riders before getting herself ready for the competition on Sunday. Well done, Myla.



Well done to all of our riders who took part in the Children in Need and NSEA competitions in school over the last week.



SPORTING NEWS



The Children in Need Showjumping Competition raised a wonderful £550. Well done to everyone who took part!

Class 1 - 1m

1st **Emilly G** on Bruce
2nd **Agatha S** on Billy
3rd **Bryany S** on Kalley
4th **Frankie C** on Forest

Class 2 - 80-90cm

1st **Ava A** on June
2nd **Emily G** on Bruce
3rd **Agatha S** on Billy
4th **Myla C** on Billy C
5th **Mimi W** on Ruby
6th **Frankie C**
6th **Isla S** on Memphis

Class 3 - 70-80cm

1st **Myla C** on Billy C
2nd **Mimi W** on Cameron
3rd **Mimi W** on Ruby
4th **Isla S** on Memphis
5th **Hastings A** on Roo

Class 4 - 60-70cm

1st **Isla S** on Buddy
2nd **Livi S** on Ruth
3rd **Hastings A** on Roo
4th **Lola S** on Taffy
5th **Myla C** on Lizzie
6th **Julian T** on Mr Ed

Class 5 - 30-40cm

1st **Frankie Y** on Louella
2nd **Tilly B** on Mr Pickles
3rd **Matilda R-C** on Bluebell.

Class 6

1st **Tilly B** on Mr Pickles
2nd **Matilda R-C** on Bluebell

TENNIS

On Saturday, we held a Mini Red Tournament in the sports hall for Year 3 players and this week the Red team narrowly beat the Blue team. Everyone played really well and had improved since last week. Three players received a prize for showing great sportsmanship (**Micah G**, **Lowri S-M** and **Raffie B**) and **Noah K** received the most improved player award. The Year 4s were due to play an Orange Ball Team Tennis Tournament outdoors but sadly due to the wind and rain, we resorted to a Sponge Ball Mini Red Team Tournament indoors in the sports hall and again the Red team narrowly beat the Blue team.

We would like to encourage all our tennis players to sign up for British Tennis Membership (which is free) so that they receive an LTA rating and are able to enter tournaments outside school (after the national lockdown). We are also able to send off the results from internal match play to the LTA, provided it is a proper match and the players both have a British Tennis Membership number (BTM) and these results can go towards improving their LTA rating.

There is lots of information on competing on the LTA website or click these links for help on [how to sign up for British Tennis Membership](#) and [how to sign up for tournaments](#). If you do decide to sign up your child for British Tennis Membership, I'd be very grateful if you could send me (thomas.s@millfieldprep.com) their BTM number once you receive it.





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CHILDREN IN NEED

Pre-Prep enjoyed their non-uniform day and visits from Pudsey bear for Children in Need on Friday. A brilliant £920 has been raised!



DIARY

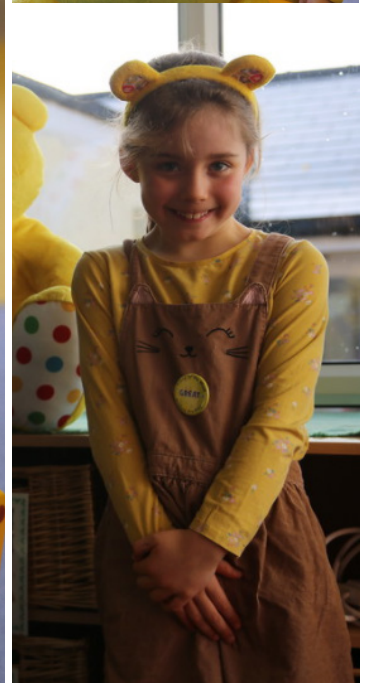


FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Exeat weekend
End of school 3:15pm
No clubs, creche or late club

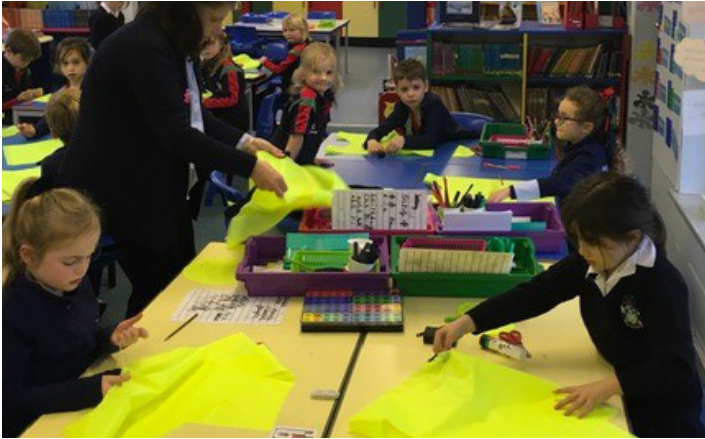
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

No swimming



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Year 1 spent lots of time looking at how to cross the road. They talked about where was best to cross and how they should hold an adult's hand. How lucky they were to be visited by a stormtrooper, who came to help them cross the road. He showed the children how to do it properly and then he helped everyone to cross in pairs. The children had lots of fun and learnt lots on the way. See more pictures [here](#). Year 2 have been discussing how we can stay safe on the roads and have started to make a road safety vest. The children were very patient while sewing, with only a few pricking their fingers.



YEAR 1

SUPER SCIENTISTS

This week, Year 1 started a topic called 'It's Shocking'. They started by learning about static electricity, using balloons. They found out that by rubbing the balloons on their hair they could create static electricity and stick their balloons to the wall. Next, they discovered that static electricity can make their hair stand on end. They looked so funny and all laughed a lot. Finally, they took part in a scientific investigation to see what else the balloon could pick up. Their balloons picked up pieces of paper and tissues, but not plastic cubes or metal spoons.



TADPOLES

TRAFFIC COOKIES

After making some tasty traffic light cookies, the Tadpoles went for a walk to practise their road safety skills.



ODD SOCKS DAY

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The children wore odd socks to school on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying Week, raising awareness to be kind.



FROGS

PERFECT PIZZAS

In Pre-School, the Frogs always learn a sound each week. This week it was 'P'. Whilst thinking of things that begin with a P - pirate, parrot, pig, Percy - **Stan** said plums and then **Lucca** said pears, which got everyone thinking of different foods that began with a P. The children came up with pineapple, pie, pasta, pizza, popcorn, peas, pickles and, Mrs Cocks' favourite, pomegranate! Everyone decided to take a vote and see which food they would like to cook. Making pizza was the overall winner, though we did have a discussion about not being able to vote for two things and only having one vote! So the children made pitta pizzas and they looked and smelled amazing. Great choice, Frogs!

