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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent cubist self portrait inspired by the artist David Hockney and created by **Harriet L 8XF**.



Parent Notices

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Online Critical Thinking Guide

With our pupils currently spending more time online doing their school work, communicating via social media, sharing online and researching different sites and platforms for information, the guide [here](#) contains some very useful advice on empowering them to make smarter choices when navigating their online world safely.

EXEAT

A reminder that the weekend of 23 January is an Exeat weekend, therefore school will finish at 3.45pm on Friday 22 and return on Monday 25. There will be no Year 7 games after school on Friday or Saturday morning enrichment programme running.

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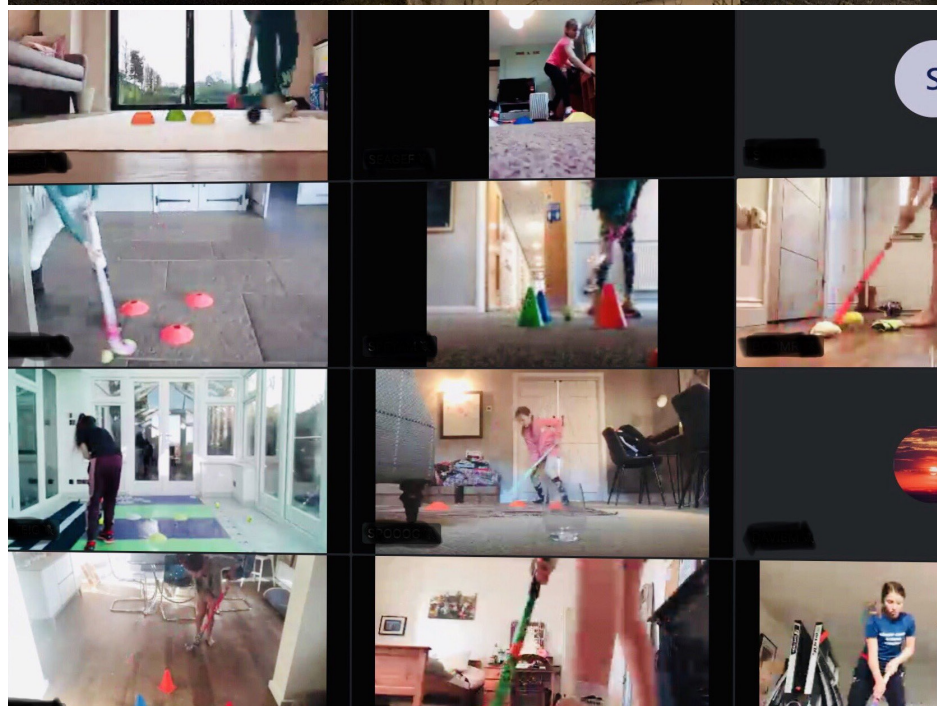
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EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Our EAL Pupil of the Week award goes to **Karina S.**

Karina only joined us this term, but has already impressed us with her hard working attitude. She is keen to learn and loves a challenge. With this approach we are sure she will have a very productive term in all her subjects.

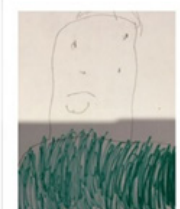
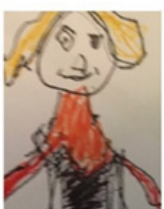
Great work, Karina!

YEAR 3'S SELF PORTRAITS

In Art, Year 3 have been drawing self-portraits in the style of Julian Opie. Opie uses thick black outlines and distinctive colours to create cartoon-style images. His work appeared on Blur's Greatest Hits album and we listened to *Song 2* to get us in the mood. Here are just a few of 3BJD's brilliant creations:



3bjd



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we make our way through this lockdown, what's on your mind? Are you absorbed by the enormous demands of the present situation, do you sometimes glimpse beyond it, knowing that vaccinations are underway? Do you make plans, imagine possibilities or let your mind gently 'wander over the contours of the future'? (I 'magpied' that lovely phrase from the public philosopher Roman Krznaric.)

Krznaric also references a study of residents in Chicago, using responses via mobile phones, which suggested that on average 82% of our thinking is in the 'now', dealing with immediate or non-time related things. 14% is spent focussed on the future and 4% of our time is thinking about the past. Of course, we are primarily focussed on the immediate however, looking forward, visualising a better time, can be a very positive tonic and our incredible brains have the capacity to do just that.

As we go through this lockdown, we may become absorbed with the now or the worry of the 'next'. Sometimes we may forget, or simply side-line, looking forward, not connecting with the importance of future hope, wisdom, community and dignity. We, and those we love, will be experiencing this pandemic in very different ways across a vast continuum of severity, yet we still look ahead. As your mind makes plans, imagines possibilities and 'wanders over the contours of the future', you can consciously use forward thinking to improve your wellbeing in the present, to grow emotionally and flourish spiritually. Whether you have any faith or none, allow yourself time to seek a root of peace, a ray of hope. Matthew's Gospel advises "Don't worry about tomorrow, seek first God's kingdom."

*Creator God,
Thank you that in you I can find a root of peace, for the future, for today.
Thank you that in you I can find a ray of hope, for the future, for today.
Thank you that I can dream dreams, that I can look ahead, that I can seek your love.
Thank you that I can pray, that I can find you and that I can know your peace and hope today.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Every day this week, allow yourself time to dream, to visualise a brighter future two, three, even five years ahead, well beyond the 'now and the next'. Where will your 'wandering' take you and where will your peace come from?

- Reverend Kitto

CHESTNUT BOARDERS @MPS_CHESTNUT

Chestnut Lunch Club met this week on Tuesday. A chance to catch up with each other for a chat and a spot of lunch. There was a large array of lunch options on offer ranging from healthy fruit to not so healthy pizza. Mr French excelled himself by creating a buffet whilst the boys chatted! The boys then stayed on the call right up until the next lesson started, chatting away. The boys are also having one-to-one calls with house staff and we have games lined up for the next meeting on Tuesday!



Saturday Enrichment Activities

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HOT CHOCOLATE AND CHAT

Great mugs and impressive hot chocolates were made. All the pupils were so polite, they listened to each other, joined in with the conversations, and waited patiently for their turn to talk - so impressive.

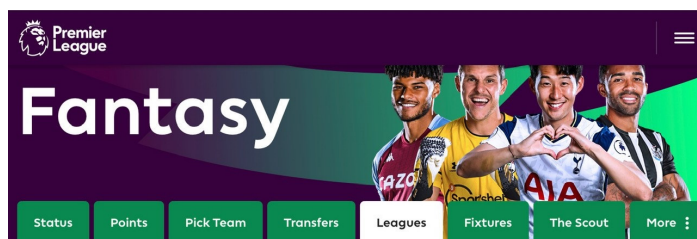
Year 7 were in a different 'zoom-room' and had a conversation looking back at previous holidays and thinking about what we would like to do when we are out of lockdown. I was impressed with the pancakes one family were enjoying for their breakfast.

Meet my pet was great, some lovely dogs and cats took part!



FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Millfield Prep Fantasy Football Club is proving to be a tight league, with multiple leaders already in the first two weeks. Congratulations to **George P** for leading so far. With many more fixtures still to play, it will be interesting to see if he can hold onto his lead!



Millfield Prep

Invite people to join this league

League scoring started in Gameweek 18

Select phase Overall

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1	GeorgesGunners George P	78	118
2	Savage FC Chantal C	44	101
3	Mendip United Monty C	54	100
4	Wells United Herbie C	55	100
4	Liverpool FC Aman T	77	100

AIRFIX MODELLING & WARHAMMER

With another lockdown and winter weather making the indoors more appealing there are opportunities for other hobbies.

Model making is one such past time that has appealed to generations. Building railway scenes or military aircraft and tanks are always popular.

An increasingly popular setting is Games Workshop's Warhammer 40,000 universe. The characters (as wide ranging as your imagination can conjure) are represented by plastic miniatures, about 40mm in height. **Toby B** is new to the hobby and has made excellent progress building and painting his miniatures. Perhaps helping our ECO School credentials, Toby has scratch-built a barricade by recycling the left-over plastic sprue frames! There is more to be done before these miniatures are considered 'finished' and not too late if any other pupils (Years 6-8) are interested in joining either club (running on a Saturday morning this term).

Microsoft Team Codes

Airfix Model Club - 4425lhh

Warhammer Build/Paint/Game - v8bl7nk



The Saturday Writing Workshop group were set the task of writing a piece entitled *A View From My Window*. Here are some of the brilliant pieces submitted:

*When I look out side my window I see;
The emerald green grass shielding the millions of species of bugs and animals burrowed into the soggy earth.
The reflection, like seeing double of the trees who stood like dark soldiers two meters apart because of COVID rules.
The shining gem of the sky peeking through the cobblestone houses.
The crystal raindrops on the window creating a cosy feeling while you are sheltered from the rain.
The odd crimson red fox and her pups running across the sun-kissed grass chasing a squirrel.
The friendly cat who lives next door making himself at home.
The busy noises of cars and vans rushing to get to work, but now nothing but the sound of people chatting as they walk by getting their one bit of exercise.
Kids in the windows trying to work, trying to not cut off the meeting, trying to hear the teacher to know what they are supposed to be doing.
And that is what is outside my window.
If you come and see it you will see it differently, even if you were with me at that moment at the time I saw it, you would still see it differently, and that is how the world works.*

- Francesca Y

As I look out of my bedroom window, the first thing that comes upon my eye is the mighty oak tree, it seems like it is glancing at either way it stood. It has been there for years and years now, ever since my mind can remember. It seems ancient and lifeless. I can vaguely see multiple birds chirping away whilst resting peacefully on the thin branches attached. To the side of this enormous tree there is a much smaller tree. It is a lot more upright and straight, not as broad as the oak. Its branches are more like twigs which can snap with ease. Underneath this, there is a huge, bright bush which is home to many bugs and insects. The roads are dead and lifeless no one around, no one is allowed now. The roads used to be so lively... how times have changed...

- Josh C

I stared outside to the green but so grey world. The once blue sheet pulled above is now crowded with chunks of grey, gloomy clouds. The sky dulls the surrounding area.

Just below, the driveway stands, its dark grey bricks leaving the view even less exotic, but there is brightening in sight.

As I look ahead, I see a person running, their jacket bright red, full of energy to help through all the grey.

Grey and brown hedges boarder the area, their green is dull, sitting with the musty brown. Yet with all the browns and greys, there is still an element of beauty.

Now I look out of my window, with the sky clear and the sun shining, everything brighter. I realise that everything is beautiful.

- Emilia B

JULIA'S HOUSE THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Juniors' Production fundraiser for Julia's House.

We received a lovely thank you note from the charity, which can be viewed [here](#).

Last Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 demonstrated some excellent foraging and creative thinking during a Forest School session.

They had to go out (in the quite blustery weather) and find an assortment of items that held particular characteristics, such as small, rough, round and something that made them go 'Oooh'!

The children found some amazing things in their gardens and outdoor spaces at home in the UK and Nigeria.

They recorded their work with pictures, collecting objects and even videos. Great exploring Year 3!



WELCOME OBERON

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The Equestrian team want to welcome **Sarah B's** new horse Oberon to the Millfield Prep stables. Oberon is a lovely horse who has settled in so well. During lockdown he has been hacking, schooling, jumping and also enjoying time in the field. He is very relaxed and we are sure that he and Sarah will have a fantastic time together. We are really looking forward to helping Sarah prepare for their first competitions together.

Sarah B: This is Oberon. He's my 15.3hh, 9 year old, grey roan, Irish sports horse. His show name is Cartown Apache and his nickname is Obi. He is an angel on the ground and jumping. He has competed up to BS 1m15 and has done BE 100 with his previous owners, the latest, a farmer who loved galloping him over miles of fields. He can be a bit cheeky at times, he likes a good old nousey and will nibble on his saddle and anything nearby, and he loves extra strong mints. I can't wait for my riding journey to excel with him with the help of Millfield Equestrian.



ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

If pupils would like to take part in some more physical activity, there are optional Athletic Development sessions available.



Click on the icon to view the schedule with joining links.

For the sessions, pupils will need to be in sports kit, have a floor space to exercise in and a drinks bottle.

If you are unable to access the links please contact lawlor.a@milfieldprep.com

VIRTUAL GAMES LESSONS

Some great photos here of our Juniors enjoying live Games and PE this week!



NETBALL CHALLENGE

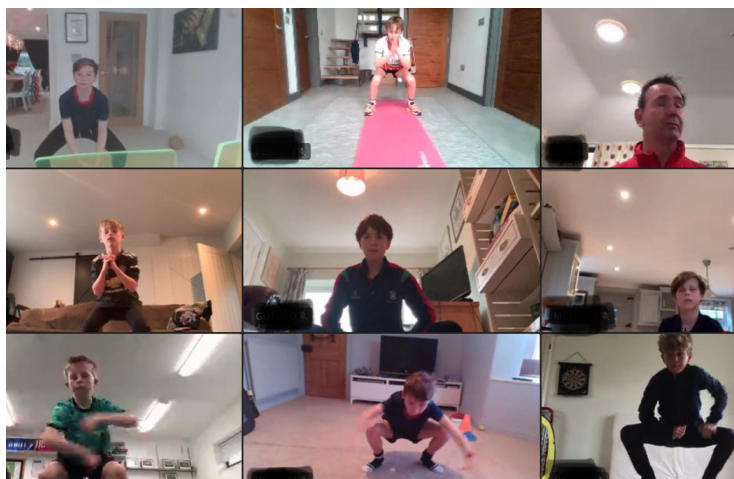
We have started a netball shooting challenge with a difference! All girls from every year group have been entered for their year group tournament. Please click [here](#) to see how it is done by our old girl Hannah Passmore, who competed in the challenge during the last lockdown for super league team, Team Bath.

The rules are simple:
45 seconds, 15 rolled up pairs of socks, 1 basket

From a distance of 4-5 metres, try to get as many pairs of rolled up socks into the basket as you can! If the scores are tied, the quickest person will progress to the next round.

Players have until Sunday 8pm to send across their videos for round one.

Happy shooting everyone! Each year group's tournament will be uploaded into their Microsoft Teams Games year group. Any questions, please email [Mrs Collins](#).





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A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Well done for another week of fantastic learning, in school and at home. The children have definitely settled into their routines and we hope you are enjoying the learning with them. Your continued support is much appreciated.

In assembly this week, we were talking about making people smile. Thank you for all the messages, they really made me happy. Please keep sending in your pictures, jokes, videos and voice notes, so we can share them over the next few weeks to make others smile.

I look forward to seeing what you all achieve this week. Keep smiling, keep safe and keep looking after each other.

- Mr Jory

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory.

Pre-School
Ophelia G
Catherine C

Reception
Adeline P
Zachary D

Year 1
Teddy P
Noah F
Isobel R
Lulu K

Year 2
Aurelia C
Barney G
Oliver H

RECEPTION

BRILLIANT BOOK REVIEWS

The Reception children have been doing some amazing home learning, here are some pictures of some children doing some weighing. They had to find things that are heavier and lighter than each other.

The children have also been writing book reviews. They had to choose their favorite book. We had some great book reviews from fiction books, non-fiction books and even a joke book!

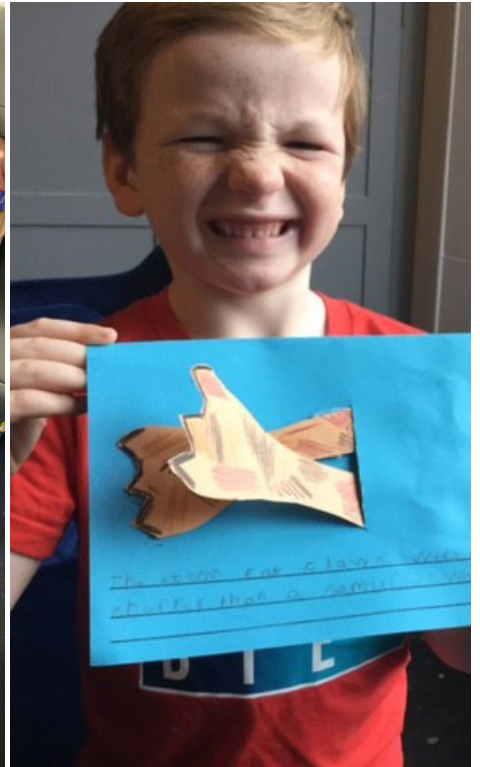
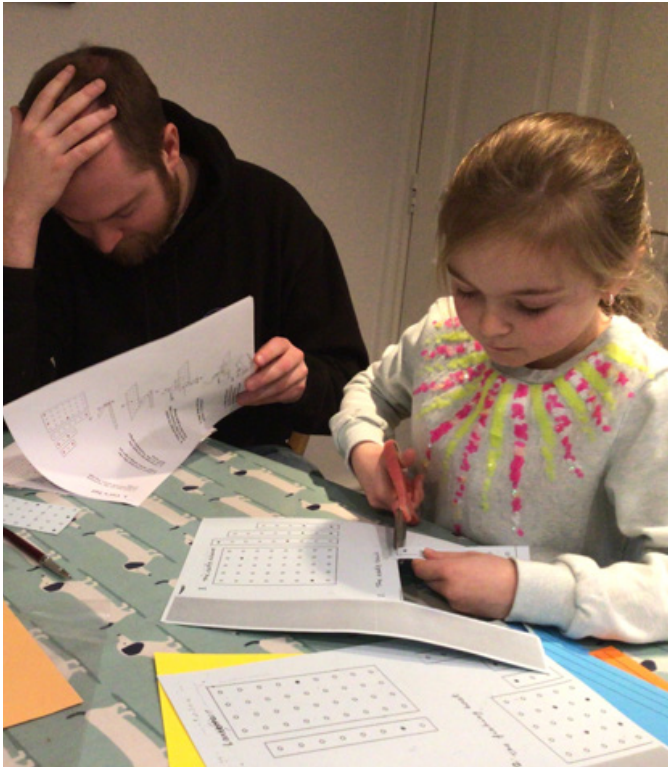
Reception class have also been doing some pattern making. What amazing patterns they made from objects they found around their house. Well done, Reception!



POSITIVE PUPILS

I have been very proud of the Year 2 pupils this week. Their positive attitude and resilience has astounded me. We have been making moving booklets using linkages. As you can see, this wasn't an easy challenge for parents either. The children used a range of figurative language to retell the Mousehole story. Their use of similes and metaphors were fantastic. We have also been finding out about forces. They were given the challenge to find out which surface would provide the most friction. They were very inventive with the surfaces they used!

- Ms Denbee



YEAR 1

RAINBOW WEEK

Year 1 had a 'Rainbow Week' this week, and learnt about all of the different colours of the rainbow. They made rainbow fruit salad, which looked really yummy. The children also learnt about colour mixing by making cardboard spinners. For their literacy, the children had a mnemonic challenge. They had to make up their own mnemonic, to help them remember the colours of the rainbow in the correct order. Well done, Year 1!

Ride on your great big itchy vulture
- Isla

Rhinos on yachts get bigger in volume
- Lulu

Robin ordered yucky gruesome baddies in vain
- Theo

Rake out yucky green bugs in vegetables
- Joshua



OREOS AND OBSTACLE COURSES

Our sound this week was 'O', so the Frogs baked Oreo cupcakes. They weighed out the ingredients, cracked the eggs, mixed it all together and used two spoons to place the mixture in the cases. They decorated their cupcakes by piping out some icing and popped an Oreo on the top! They looked and smelled delicious. Good job Frogs! We would like to welcome **Aggie** to Pre-School.



Mrs Collins built a fabulous obstacle course for the Frogs to use last Thursday. A great time was had by all with swinging, jumping, balancing and even diving, along, over and through the obstacles!

