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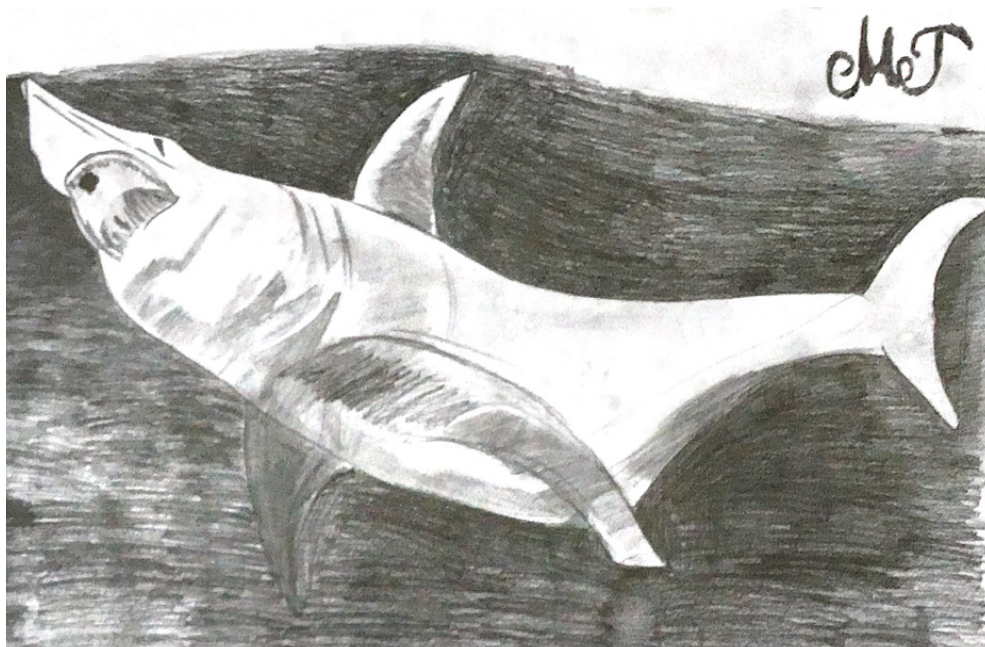


WELCOME BACK



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great drawing of a shark by **Marcello J-R 6BVG**.



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HONOURING HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE PHILIP

We marked the death of HRH with flying the Union Jack at half mast. We have set up an online book of condolence for pupils and staff. Our school Chaplain Reverend Kitto led us in prayer when we returned to school on Monday morning and on Thursday she took an assembly that shared his life and achievements with the school community. We will be finishing our sport early on Saturday, so that we can join with the nation in observing a minute's silence before the funeral commences. We remember all of the charity work that he supported, his love of cricket and the setting up of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards that so many of our pupils currently in Year 8 will start next year. He was a humble man, who served his country and his Queen with honour, duty and dedication. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Fly high your majesty

Your courage and bravery

Your smile and happiness you gave to the Queen

She fell in love with you when she was thirteen

Her love made you stronger 'till this day

You amazed us

French, German and English were the languages you spoke,

The Air Force was your job

Queen Elizabeth was your love

Now you're flying above

He made you a great man

Rest in peace, Prince Philip.

Your spirit will get people going.

May your legacy be with us and forever more.

Pat K 8BD

Dear God

Thank you for giving Prince Philip a lovely life.

Thank you for the support he gave to the Queen for all these years.

Amen

Monty G 8BN

Thank you for what you did in your life and what you have achieved, and how you have inspired many children in many different ways. As well as making the Duke of Edinburgh Awards for young children to make friends and learn new skills, and all your charities.

Alex Y 8BF

Prince Philip. In 1947, he made the Queen his wife, and for 73 years they had the best life ever. Proud of his children and grandchildren, they will miss him a lot. He supported charities, a wonderful legacy. As a young man, he served in the Navy. We thank him for this service, for serving in the Navy and for making the Queen happy. We pray for the Queen in this time of mourning.

Ava C 8BM



Ivan T 8BD



SATURDAY 17 APRIL

On Saturday, HRH Duke of Edinburgh's funeral will take place and, as a mark of respect for any families wishing to pay tribute, all school games and activities will finish by 2.30pm. Please check SOCS carefully for your child's pick up time and location to allow staff, pupils and our community to pay their respects if they so wish.

LEGO CLUB

If you have any spare or unwanted Lego, please do let us know, as Lego Club has expanded and more blocks are needed!

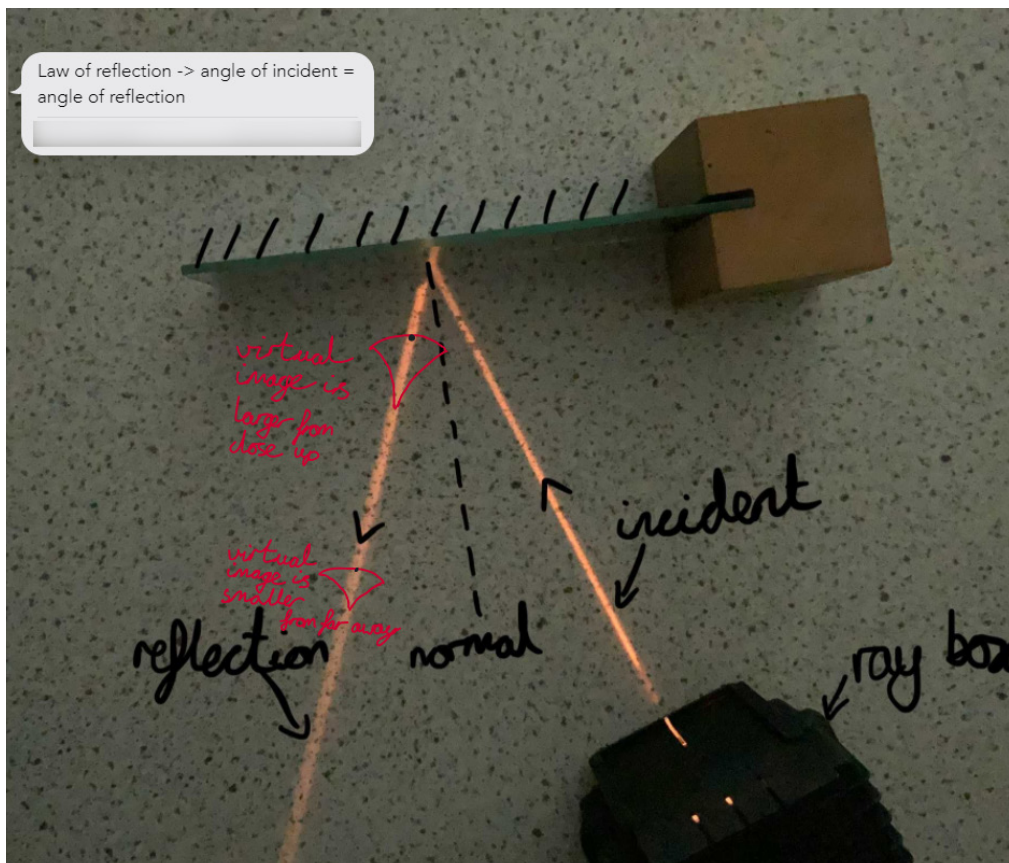
ECO CLUB

The Eco Club have been planting a hedge along the side of the Glastonbury Road.



YEAR 8 SCIENCE

Year 8 have returned to practical work in Science. This week they have been investigating reflection and refraction.



DAFFODILS

*The daffodil
what do people think it is?
Is it a plant
or is it something way bigger?
Is it a alluring, speckled, vivid, and green
with a vibrant yellow colour
as bright as the sun?
Enrobed in ashen fragile crinkled cover,
that acts as skin to this graceful flower.
The way it sways in the whistling wind
like weak branch in winter.
I think it's way bigger than just a plant of
spring.
It's more like a majestic creature
adapting exactly like us.
In a way the daffodil is as humane as us.
We all are looking for ways to survive.*

by Taylor P



DEN BUILDING

Year 4 spent some time down in the woods this week building dens. It was the perfect introduction to our current topic about homes and habitats. Each group had to try and make a shelter suitable to house them all. We saw lots of interesting designs and features, though no one was keen to try them out overnight!



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

Have you noticed the birdsong? This week they seem to have ramped up the volume. In the early morning and in the evening, the air is filled with one of nature's finest soundtracks. Although the birds are all singing their own tunes, for their own purposes, the notes build and blend together into a magnificent chorus, even more powerful at this time when other background noise is less. Even if we are not avid 'twitchers' or dedicated followers of 'Springwatch', the dawn chorus and evening symphony is a beautiful gift that we can all enjoy. I will even go a step further to say we should enjoy because our world is singing and we just happen to be the audience.

This is an experience, it isn't about needing to learn or know the different sounds and species - we may know some instruments in an orchestra, but rarely do we know who is playing them! To fully enjoy the experience, we need to embrace our own silence and simply listen. Whether it is by an open window, in a garden or on a walk we can always treat ourselves to a pause, to stop and to listen. Take a seat, allow your awareness to focus on the unique soundtrack of your local feathered friends creating a concert that can be beautiful to your ears and wonderful for your soul.

The return of the dawn chorus and the evening symphony reminds us, as we have passed the anniversary of the first pandemic lockdown, that our amazing world goes on, that there is hope, there is something more that we are all connected to, both physical and spiritual. We may have very different experiences of this pandemic, we may hold different views about faith and we are all amazingly unique in our own way. Yet, we share this incredible planet and, in spite of everything, our world is once again singing to us, calling us to stop, to listen, to smile, to hope.

Wellbeing tip for the week: Make time to notice birds singing. Stop, listen and, for as long as you are able each day during this week, immerse yourself in birdsong, enjoying your own stillness. Even better, take a cuppa (or adults an evening glass of something) and listen whilst outside, focus on nothing other than the soundtrack being played - just for you. Be filled with hope and peace.

Dear God

Thank you for birdsong, for natural wonders that surround us every day

Thank you for stillness, for the natural beauty within us all

Thank you for peace and hope, for the signs and symbols that you have given

Help me to hear the song

Help me to be still within

Help me to know peace and hope

Amen

- Reverend Kitto

SCAVENGER HUNT

Year 3 have had a great first few days of term. On Wednesday, they made their own nature scavenger hunts for their classmates. They had to pick objects that would be tricky for their friends to find. They came up with some real challenges!



TENNIS

Toby W played in a Grade 6 U10 singles box league tournament in Bath last weekend and came second. **Joshua C** qualified to play in the U14 LTA Youth National Tour Series at Aldershot Tennis Centre on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

15 girls and 21 Boys entered the internal LTA Road to Wimbledon Tournament on Wednesday afternoon at Millfield Prep and in the boys event, **Wills H** beat **Thomas S** in the final 4-3,4-1 with **Freddie H** coming third and **Daniel B** coming fourth. In the girls event, the semi finalists were **Chloe d J**, **Isla S**, **Louise H** and **Niamh M**. Louise and Niamh will play their final round later this week for their place in the Road to Wimbledon County finals in July alongside Wills.



EQUESTRIAN



Mimi W and Piper at the NSEA arena eventing competition at Kings Sedgemoor.



Three little girls who love their ponies lots!



Emily G at Cherwell.



Myla C and Billy eventing on the weekend.



Welcome to **Harry G** and Spirit who have joined us this week.



Congratulations to our Hickstead qualifiers!



A great new partnership with **Lola S** and her new horse Jimmy. Lola had a great day, 2nd in 80 and 5th in first 90. The classes were huge!



Frankie Y enjoying her first hack on her new horse Lady.



Bronwyn M on her horse Rosie. Bronwyn said she can't believe how quickly Rosie has settled in and how happy she seems at her new home.



Myla C doing some training on her racing pony, Lizzie.

Results

Millfield Senior and Prep joined forces on Good Friday in an attempt to qualify for the Eventers Challenge Championships at Hickstead in May. We came away with qualifications in all classes and are looking forward to representing Millfield Prep at the Championships.

70cm

Lola S - Individual 4th

80cm

Team 1st – **Agatha S, Mimi W, Myla C** and **Frankie C**

Team 3rd – **Bryany S, Lola S** and **Livi S**

Frankie C - Individual 2nd

Agatha S - Individual 3rd

Myla C - Individual 5th

90cm

Team 3rd – **Agatha S, Myla C, Bryany S** and **Frankie C**

Frankie C and D-Day had a great day out at Moreton ODE winning the class. The other riders all rode really well with everyone having a great dressage scores, good show jumping and good schooling rounds cross country for what felt like the first at an event for far too long.

The team also ended up winning the team event, with **Frankie C** on D-Day, **Agatha S** on Billy S and **Myla C** on Billy C.

Well done to **Emily G** for your brilliant results:

Cherwell

1st - 1m Open on Bruce

2nd - 128 90cm Handicap class on Izzy

4th - Newcomers 1m on Eddie

5th - Foxhunter 1.10m 1st round on Bruce (now qualified for 2nd round Foxhunter)

Chard

2nd - Newcomers 1m on Eddie

2nd - Foxhunter 1.10m on Bruce

2nd - 128/138 handicap 95/1m on Dusty

Livi and **Lola S** have both had a great start with their new ponies:

Lola and Jimmy were individual 4th at KSEC arena eventing 70-75cm and qualified for Hickstead in May. Livi and Lola both qualified in the 80-85cm team at KSEC arena eventing and qualified for Hickstead in May. Then the girls went to Badgeworth Show Jumping and got a 1st and 2nd placing in the 85cm. Lola went to her 1st British Showjumping competition at Chard and won the 70cm and 4th in the 80cm. A fantastic start for the twins.



Emily G with her ribbons from Chard.



Congratulations to our Hickstead qualifiers!

Boarding Life

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BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have settled in and are enjoying the light evenings back with their friends.



CHESTNUT

We have welcomed some new boys to Chestnut this week. They have settled into their new home away from home really smoothly. The After Supper Football League has restarted this week. Wednesday evening saw the boys playing some wild games of Capture the Flag and Manhunt around the school grounds. Each team designed their own 'war paint' face paint design. Team Tiger had orange stripes and Team Lemon had yellow blobs! Luckily all of the paint came off in the showers afterwards or we could have had a tricky Thursday in school! The photos show some of Team Tiger hiding behind the trim trail and the boys recharging between games. It is fantastic to have the boys all back together in Chestnut again.



HOLLIES

Finally, we have the house full again! The girls have jumped straight back in to house life starting with belated birthday celebrations for **Sylvie**, **Freya** and **Masha** on Sunday evening. Teenagers now make up the majority of the house! A big welcome to **Isobel** who has been with us remotely for a term and is now here in person. Well done to all our early risers who go off to swimming, riding, fencing and athletic development early in the morning. They all got back into the routine brilliantly this week. The lighter evenings mean the girls can make the most of our beautiful campus by playing tennis, skateboarding or going for walks after school. It's a lovely time of year!



CHAMPION

It's been so lovely to have a house full of noise and activity once again. The girls have all settled back well and we have seen many new friendships being made. The lighter evenings give us more opportunity to head outside and enjoy our amazing grounds - a little chilly but no complaints!





NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

A warm welcome back to you all for the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and longer days.

It has been great to see everyone arrive this week with such positivity and energy for the new term, which I know will be full of learning and laughter as the children continue to be curious and challenge themselves. I am looking forward to seeing what they achieve as they continue to show us how brilliant they are.

As a reminder, the school gate will be open between 8.00am and 8.10am for Early Birds and then re-open again at 8:30am. Please do not enter via the pencil gate in the morning. It is important that you stay in your car with your child until the gates are open, then maintain social distancing, wear face coverings and leave the car park immediately. Thank you for your continued understanding and support to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

- Mr Jory



YEAR 1 I'M ALIVE

This term, Year 1 are looking at living things with a topic called 'I'm Alive'. The children have been learning about the seven characteristics of living things, as well as the needs of plants. In Forest School, they pretended to be seeds, collecting the things they needed to grow. However, there was not enough sunshine, soil or water to go round, so not all of the seeds could grow. The children discussed why some seeds do not grow and the need for plants to produce lots of seeds in order to reproduce.



DIARY DATES



Monday 3 May

Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed

SWIMMING

Monday – Year 1/2

Thursday – Pre-School

Friday – Reception



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
Flo S
Lucca C-L

Year 1
Grace S
Emmelie P

Reception
Daniel O-A
Zara G

Year 2
Meilin K
Teddy G

RIDING CLUB

The Pre-Prep Riding Club are very excited to be back riding again. They had an amazing time and would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at the yard for helping make our time so lovely.



BRILLIANT BOOKS

Before the Easter break, some of the Reception children made and wrote their own books. They wanted to then read them to the Pre-School children. Pre-School enjoyed them so much that they decided the children in the Pre-School could keep them! Well done, Reception.



YEAR 2

WHAT IS ALIVE?

Year 2 have started their new IPC topic, 'I'm Alive!' with a hunt around the school grounds to classify living things. Some were trickier than others! The children came back to the classroom to learn 'MRS GREN' - the seven signs of life. They had an amazing discussion about whether some things they saw were alive, were once alive or never alive. How would you classify a seed? A cloud? Or the sun? Amazing scientific discussions Year 2!



RADICAL ROBOTS

This week Reception class have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. They have used the junk modeling to make robots! Everyone then drew and labelled their pictures, saying which shapes they had used. We are excited to welcome **Daniel** back to school. Children were very excited to see him and have made him feel very welcome.



PRE-SCHOOL

FABULOUS FIRST WEEK BACK

What a glorious start to the summer term. The Pre-School children have enjoyed being back together and having fun! They have shared their holiday news, explored different activities, enjoyed the sunshine, been swimming and made new friends; what a busy week! We welcome **Harrison, Erin** and **Tyler** to Pre-School.

