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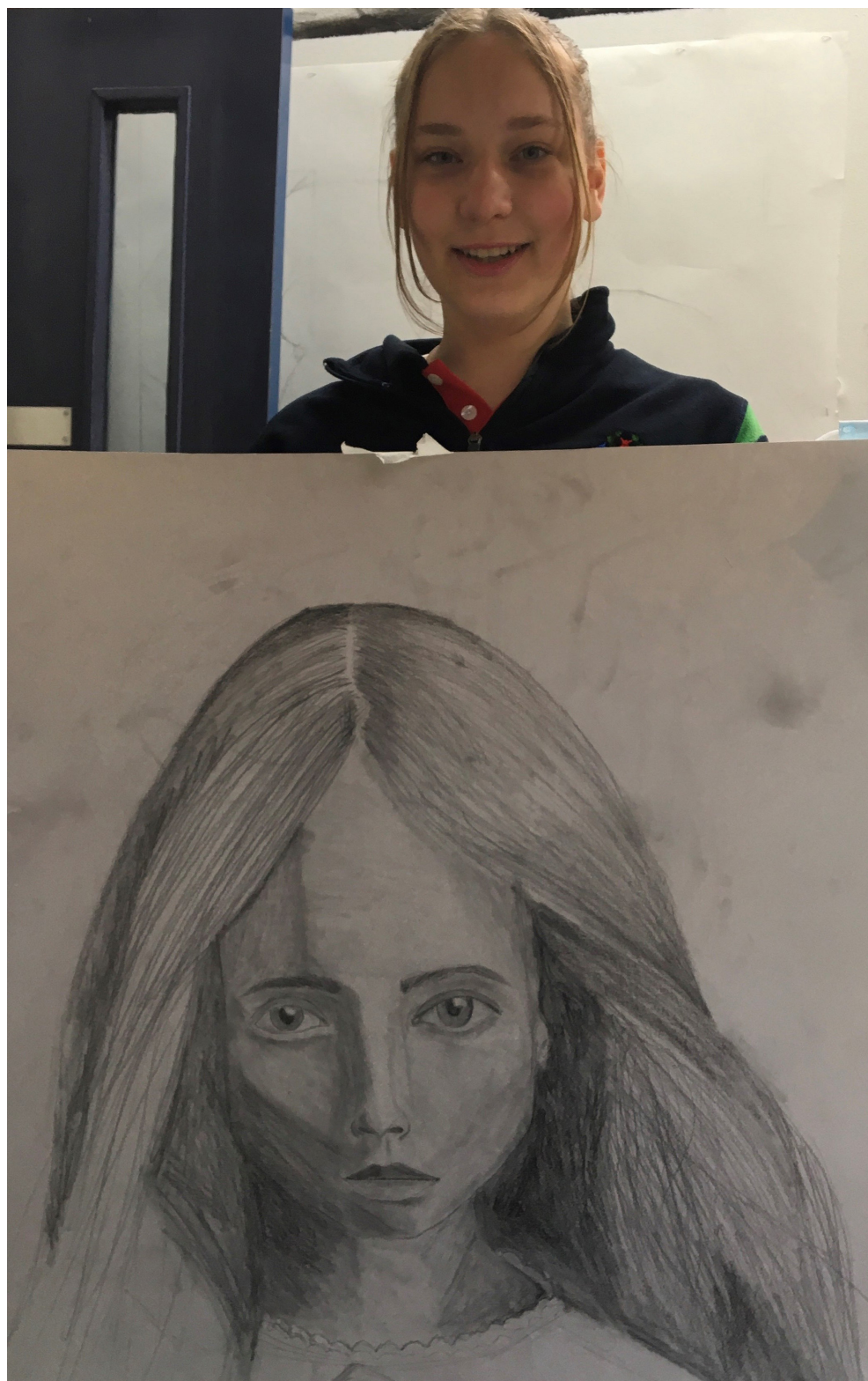
MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this impressive work in progress pencil portrait by **Masha Z 8RM**



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## THE BIG ASK

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The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

## FLEXI-BOARDING

Join the friendly Millfield Prep boarding community!

We have a few bed spaces left for flexi-boarders next term. From two to six nights per week, pupils are guaranteed a cosy bed and quality time spent with their boarding friends.

Flexi-boarding is even available over the weekend, so pupils can join in with the fun programme of weekend activities!

Find out more on our flyer [here](#) or contact [Carl Bingham](#) for more details.

## TEA & MUSIC CONCERT

It has been wonderful welcoming all our pupils back for the summer term and the Music Department has been alive with the sounds of beautiful music being performed as part of instrumental and vocal lessons. Clearly, the pupils have been working hard in the Easter holiday and we are extremely excited to already be organising the first Tea & Music and Cushion concerts of the term.

For the first time since the summer 2020 lockdown, we are planning on asking the pupils to perform as part of a live recorded concert rather than submitting individual recordings. Pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be recorded after school from 4-5pm on Thursday 29 April and Pre-Prep and Junior pupils will be recorded during the morning on Friday 30 April. The concerts will be streamed to parents from 5.30pm onwards on Tuesday 4 May.

If there are any pupils who would like to be involved but are having music lessons outside school with an external teacher, please can I ask that you sign up using the link [here](#) (the deadline for this is Sunday 25 April). Please note that pupils currently having individual music lessons through school will be signed up by their teachers.

If there are any questions about any aspect of the concert, please contact Mrs Sturges. We are hugely looking forward to hearing the pupils' performances - good luck to all!

## TERRIFIC TREES

6BVG making the most of the fine weather and drawing trees with black fine liners which are worked into by dissolving the ink. Here are some brilliant examples by **Fernanda U A** and **Keeleigh C.**





# JUNIOR AWARDS

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This week, we have had to award multiple awards for Miffy and Oreo due to exceptional kindness and work in class. **Isobel N** was nominated for Oreo for showing superb cooperation and thoughtfulness in class. **Toby B** was awarded Oreo for showing a great work ethic since returning from Easter. **Connor P** was awarded Chota for being an excellent buddy to a new pupil and going above and beyond what was expected from him. **Florie W, Amelia S** and **Polly W** were awarded Miffy for awesome kindness and team work shown when Year 4 were building dens in the woods. Well done to all!



## INTER-HOUSE BAKE OFF

Round one of the technical bakes has been completed, with a win for the Danes team, **Isla M** and **Dylan P-C**, with Isla becoming star baker. Every house made some top quality cheese scones which were judged blind by Mrs Henderson. Judging criteria were a golden colour, well risen with the perfect texture. Next week, the classic Victoria Sandwich cake!



## MUSIC RESULTS

We are delighted to say congratulations to **Freddie G** who has passed his Grade 1 Trinity examination on French horn.

Freddie has been waiting on his marks since December, however the results were delayed due to current restrictions. Well done on enduring the wait so patiently and on an excellent result, Freddie!





## ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

Year 8 pupils have been studying probability this week, using dice, playing cards and the playground staple - Rock, Paper, Scissors. The probability of all outcomes were investigated and then the findings were used to enhance our chances. Watch out if you're challenged to a game this week!



## OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

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Fantastic observational drawings in Art Club on Monday with Reverend Kitto.



## Chaplain's Thought of the Week

Whether you are a fan of the monarchy or not, the passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has been a significant event for the nation, even amidst the pandemic. There has been much coverage of Prince Philip's life and legacy in the media. One element that has come through and been applauded by all has been the positive impact on the lives of young people through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. This scheme, widely accessible to young people from any background or context, has been reflected on by many who have participated in the award and whose lives have been changed. The Award has often been regarded as the opportunity to do something beyond the classroom, to serve the community, to look beyond the immediate locality, to experience and overcome new and different challenges. Many of our Year 8 pupils are looking forward to taking part in this in Year 9.

In our school, there are many examples of young people being encouraged to learn beyond the classroom, to serve their communities and to look beyond their locality as courageous advocates or to understand big questions. Children and young people are encouraged every day to take risks in their learning, to experience and overcome new challenges and to flourish as wonderful human beings. Throughout this pandemic, it has been shown in so many ways that you can make a difference for others, individuals, or a community, through simple acts of selflessness and generosity.

In Matthew's Gospel chapter 25, Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me". Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". (NIV Bible)

*Dear God*

*Thank you for opportunities, every day, to make a positive difference to another person, to a family, to a community.*

*Help me, every day, to be courageous in making the most of every opportunity,*

*Grant me, every day, the wisdom, strength and compassion that I will need,*

*Help me, every day, to reflect your love and care to those I meet.*

*Amen*

**Wellbeing tip for the week:** Be courageous and wise to do something simple and make a positive difference for you. Perhaps use the longer evenings to take a walk or to simply sit outside, or inside by a window, and consciously do nothing other than relax, breathe and take in the moment.

- Reverend Kitto



# Sporting News

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## CRICKET

Last week, the boys and girls had middle and net training, a brilliant return to cricket for them, after their long period away from the game. With the weather sunny and warm it was lovely to see the children having fun and developing their game.



## GOLF

Well done to **Alexander L**, who had a great round last weekend, finishing 8th!



## TENNIS

Congratulations to **Thomas K** and **Georgie G**, who have both been selected to play for Somerset this weekend. Thomas will represent the U12 Somerset Boys County Cup Team at Torquay Tennis Club competing in Group E against Devon, Wiltshire, Avon and Cornwall. Georgie will represent the U12 Somerset Girls County Cup team at Royal Wootton Bassett Tennis Club in Swindon. Thomas and Georgie are also in Group E and will be competing against Devon, Wiltshire, Avon and Cornwall. We wish them both the very best of luck.

Congratulations to the following Mini Tennis players have also been selected to represent Somerset in the County Cup later in the term - **Toby W**, **Emma C** and **John A** for U10 County Cup and **Amelia S**, **Wills J** and **Flynn E** for U9 County Cup.

**John A** and **Fredi D-H** both played in the Grade 6 Under 10 tournament in Sherborne last Sunday and John won all his matches and won the tournament.



## EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to **Agatha S** and **Lola S**, who both placed in the top ten out of 70 riders at Bicton Arena on the weekend.



**Sarah B** and Oberon



**Isla S** on Bob doing some arena eventing training. Congratulations to Isla in her recent dressage competitions.



**Agatha S** and **Lola S** at Bicton



## BEREWALL

The Berewall boys had a movie and hot dog night on Saturday after an evening filled with playing outside in our beautiful grounds. Sunday was an afternoon on our 9-hole golf course or watching OM Lando Norris take a podium finish. The boys also took on the 'Pit Stop Challenge' with a fun wheel changing station!



## CHESTNUT

This week, the Chestnut boys had a busy Wednesday, in the gorgeous sunshine. The Pit Stop Challenge game was set up as a surprise for them in front of house for when they got back. They enjoyed some fast wheel change races. After supper, the boys played the second round of their After Supper Football League. A little later, we went up to the forest and made s'mores around the campfire. The boys all told stories about themselves, which really helped our new boys get to know everyone. We hope this amazing weather stays all term!



## HOLLIES

It's been an exciting week of tennis, skating, friendship bands and Hamlet. The Hollies girls have been enjoying playing out in the lighter evenings this week, making use of the beautiful campus. Sunday activities included crazy golf, forest school den building, chapel, swimming and rounders, so plenty to keep everyone busy. A more relaxing option of friendship bracelet making was enjoyed by many of the girls on Wednesday evening after cricket and swimming in the afternoon. The great snack debate also kicked off on Wednesday to give the girls a chance to vote for their favourite snacks to be included on the new term's rota. Finally, huge congratulations to our two new Heads of House: **Rosie S** and **Scarlett B**. They have already taken over their duties and are doing a fantastic job.



## CHAMPION

Birthday season is in full swing at Champion and this week **Orla S** celebrated her 10th birthday. Choice of cake was vanilla with chocolate icing and wow was there a lot of chocolate icing! Earlier the same day, the girls had fun playing crazy golf as part of the Sunday boarding activities. Certainly a busy Sunday!







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## RECEPTION

### SIGNS OF SPRING

Reception class have been searching for signs of spring. They decided to keep some of the spring flowers in their own flower presses, to make into book marks. Reception class have also been looking at 3D shapes. They have been hunting for 3D shapes around the classroom and adding them to the chart. The children worked very well together. Well done, Reception.



## PRE-SCHOOL - FROGS

### HOME SWEET HOME

The Frogs were set a challenge! They had a miniature photograph of themselves and had to build their smaller self a house using anything they could find in the Pre-School. Using a variety of different materials, the Frogs set about the task in hand and created some amazing houses. There were houses with trampolines in the garden, attics, courtyards, chimneys and voice controlled doors! They even numbered their houses as well. Building houses carried on into their outside play and the children created animal and bug homes using twigs and leaves.



## DIARY DATES



### Monday 3 May

Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed

## SUNCREAM

As the weather continues to improve, please send your child into school with a named sun hat and apply sun cream in the morning. Sun cream may also be brought into school in a named bottle, to be applied during the day.

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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

Josh K  
Rufus S

### Year 1

Teddy P  
Isobel R

### Reception

Marilin P  
Finn S

### Year 2

Matilda R-C  
Fizzy O



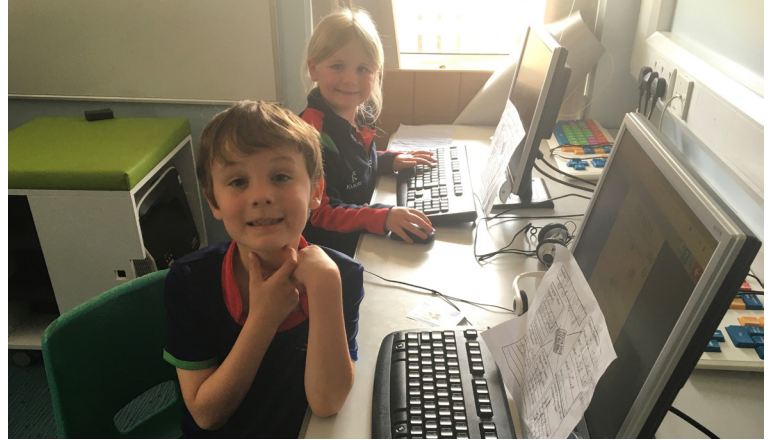
## PLANTING POTATOES

It is the growing season and Year 1 have been busy planting potatoes. They worked with their talking partner to put compost in the plant pots, then popped in their potato. It is lovely to see the children coming to school each morning, checking to see if they have grown before they enter the classroom. The children are also planting their own mini allotment box - watch this space for more gardening news!



## BUDDING JOURNALISTS

Year 2 have been wowing Mrs Robbins and Mrs Trenner in Literacy with their brilliant journalistic skills. They have been reading *Dinosaurs* and *All That Rubbish* and the children were tasked with writing their own newspaper reports, remembering the key criteria for a successful and exciting news read. They have been writing up their final drafts using PurpleMash on the computer, improving their typing skills. Great work Year 2!



### PRE-SCHOOL - TADPOLES

## PRETTY PAINTINGS

The Tadpoles have made use of the beautiful Pre-Prep gardens in the sunshine, playing and making new friends. They all worked together to make paint a big collaborative picture to display their lovely insect paintings. Well done Tadpoles!



### MINIS

## WELCOME BACK MINIS!

A huge welcome to all the old and new Minis for a term of fun! Our Monday and Tuesday Minis had a fantastic time getting to know each other as well as getting messy! The children rolled diggers down ramps and raked soil in our construction zone, added colours and clouds to our sticky rainbow and made some great paintings in our All About Me area. We finished with some super singing from both Minis and parents!

