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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this excellent charcoal drawing by **Lottie R 7RD/DEH**.



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Millfield Enterprises are providing a Holiday Boarding Programme for pupils to join during the summer half term holidays. The price includes a programme of campus-based activities, meals and 24 hour staff supervision.

Book your child's place [here](#).

Somerset Day

Tuesday this week was Somerset Day, which gave us a great excuse to celebrate the amazing county that we live in. The day started with an assembly from Reverend Kitto, and lots of activities happened throughout the day. The catering team even treated us to a Somerset themed lunch, with delicious hog roast rolls, ploughman's with local hams and cheeses, yummy apple juice and tasty apple cake and 'Millfield Mess' with local strawberries for dessert!



Assembly

Here are some fun facts about Somerset from Rev. Kitto's assembly:

Somerset has the longest preserved steam railway in the West Country.

The county town Taunton was the first town in the country to be lit permanently by electric street lighting in 1881.

There are over 400 types of cider apples grown in Somerset.

Somerset is home to the oldest breed of pony, the Exmoor Pony, which has been on Exmoor Moorland since ancient times.

Cheddar Gorge is the largest gorge in the country, at 500 feet!



Year 6 Art Club



Year 7 and 8 RS



Somerset Lunch

JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Miffy, Oreo and Chota were awarded to **Layla K**, for looking after a friend who is on crutches so thoughtfully, **Elsie S**, for her thoughtfulness and inquiry skills when writing a piece of persuasive writing on animals in captivity and **Joe T** for being consistently kind and helpful to both his peers and his teachers. Well done to all.



SUMMER CONCERT RECORDINGS

Recordings for the highly anticipated summer concert will take place on Tuesday 18 May and Tuesday 25 May. We are delighted to be involving over 200 pupils in the concert and we are hugely excited about streaming the recorded performances to parents on Thursday 27 May at 6.30pm via YouTube Premiere. Please note that the recording sessions will also appear in the pupils' SOCS clubs lists.

If involved in the concert, pupils will need to be wearing formal uniform on the day of their recordings. This is grey trousers, white shirt, tie, V necked navy jumper, blazer, grey socks and black shoes for boys and navy culottes, white shirt, tie, V necked navy jumper, blazer, white socks, and black shoes for girls.

Tuesday 18 May – formal uniform required

Lesson 1 – Orchestra Years 5-8 (pupils to begin getting set up during the usual 8.20am rehearsal time)

Lesson 2 – Year 7 Senior Choir

Lesson 3 – Junior Choir (Years 3-5)

Lesson 4 – Year 8 Senior Choir

Lesson 5 – Year 6 Choir

Lesson 6 – Year 6 Ukuleles (all pupils in Year 6)

Lesson 7 – Year 8 Steel Pans

Lesson 8 – Percussion Ensemble

After School 4-4.45pm – Edgarley Voices

Tuesday 25 May – formal uniform required

Lesson 1 – Year 4 Orchestra (all Year 4 pupils to begin getting set up during group tutor at 8.30am)

Lesson 2 – Junior Strings and French Horn Ensemble

Lesson 3 – Year 6 Flute Ensemble

Lesson 4 – Wind Trio and Oboe Group

Lesson 5 – Jazz and Blues band

Lesson 6 – Year 2 Recorders (all pupils in Year 2)

The pupils have worked extremely hard rehearsing for the concert, and I am exceptionally proud of their efforts in what has been a very challenging year. If there are any questions about any aspect of the recording process or concert, please either contact kew.j@millfieldprep.com or sturges.e@millfieldprep.com. We sincerely hope you will be able to tune in on Thursday 27 May for what promises to be an entertaining and hugely varied celebration of music!

YEAR 5'S BRILLIANT BATHYSCOPES

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This week, Year 5 made their own bathyscopes – putting their scientific knowledge and understanding of the ocean environment to the test! The bathyscopes were used to view through murky water and solve a mystery message at the bottom of each bucket. Well done, Year 5, excellent creativity and teamwork!



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

This week, we celebrated Somerset Day and this was a reminder of the most wonderful countryside that we live in.

The theme of Mental Health Awareness Week is 'Nature' and this is something we are so lucky to have all around us, from the playing fields, orchards, forest and cricket pitches, to the view of Glastonbury Tor.

I have been reflecting on hope this week. Hope as we slowly come out of the lockdown, hope for peace in the world, hope for our own dreams and ambitions.

I was reminded in a quote this week that if the grass looks greener on the other side, water your own grass. This is so important as it points to the fact that we are responsible for looking after ourselves and, as this quote shows, giving ourselves the self care and the water to grow. We have to develop good habits.

Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England, writes in his latest book, "What virtues have in common is that they can be built through pattern formation, repetition and development. They are like muscles which grow with exercise". He goes on to quote Ed Brooks, an Oxford scholar, who stresses three familiar virtues as "Particularly important to moral leadership: Humility, which points to our intellectual limits and the sometimes radical uncertainty in which we live; Humanity, which aspires to a solidarity with those on the periphery; and Hope, which raises our ambitions for the future".

Each day is a wonderful opportunity to help shape a positive future. Consistently living out positive virtues, listening to and valuing others and creating a culture of hope are all brilliant, simple ways that we can play our part.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

The Bible, Philippians
Chapter 4, Verse 8

*Dear God,
Please help me to live, today and every day, in a way that models positive virtues, that values others, that brings hope.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Get more sleep. Try making some small adjustments to routines, duvet weight, windows open or closed, caffeine and screen free time before bed... whatever will work for you.

- Reverend Kitto

WARHAMMER CLUB

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The Warhammer Build/Paint/Game Club has some new recruits (and we don't mean just the plastic miniatures)! This term, the club runs on a Friday for Year 6 and Year 8, 4.00-5.00pm. Everyone has done a great job of starting out in the hobby - it is a great opportunity for pupils to develop skills and be creative.



Oliver A and Toby B have teams fighting it out over a ruined city ably assisted by Luc M and Kevin W both acting as spectators and rule checkers.



Hastings A, Theo T and Josh L were busy preparing miniatures for painting by learning how to safely apply a spray undercoat. The Science Lab is a great venue as there is a good amount of space for setting up games as well as leaving room for model building.

EQUESTRIAN



Harry G and Spirit enjoying some fun in the fields



Agatha S and Billy and Sarah B and Oberon



Some of the riders tucking into brunch between competition classes

NETBALL

It is crazy to say, but on 7 May the Year 7 and 8 girls had their first netball match of the school year. Taunton School travelled to us with four teams to play and the girls were very excited. The girls all played brilliantly and the teams rotated lots of girls to play many positions.

Thank you to Mrs Morgan-Hughes for organising and Mrs Bodman and Mrs Kitto for umpiring.



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TENNIS

This weekend **Wills Jackman**, **Flynn Edwards**, **Florie Weare** and **Amelia Speyers** are all representing Somerset in the U9 County Cup competition. In preparation for this, Millfield Prep played Somerset in a friendly Mini Orange match on Tuesday and everyone enjoyed the competitive experience, despite the rain.

Next weekend **Toby Wong**, **John Angelosanto** and **Emma Champion** are representing Somerset in the U10 County Cup competition and Millfield Prep are also playing a friendly match against Somerset U10s on Friday from 5pm.

Louise Hodgkinson played in an U18 Tournament at Bath University on Saturday and in an U14 Tournament in Oxford on Sunday, where she won the consolation.



MULTI-SPORT

Some shoot-swim-run triathle training on Wednesday afternoon.



CRICKET

Well done to everyone who took part in the home and away matches against Hazlegrove on Wednesday.



Boarding Life

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CHESTNUT

Sadly it was too wet for Round 4 of the After Supper Football League (ASFL) on Wednesday, so instead we went inside for some games of dodgeball. All the boys then challenged **Shunsaku** at squash. Shun defeated ALL of the boys (and one very disappointed teacher)! Later in the evening, Chestnut became the setting of a live game show, with the boys battling it out on the big screen in a quiz named Buzz, aptly named because of the big red buzzers. They showed they have amazing general knowledge, despite some of the questions being written before they were even born. It was a very loud and laughter-filled hour! The photo shows just how exciting they found it!



HOLLIES

It has been another busy week in Hollies, with many girls still braving the early mornings for swimming, athletic development, fencing, horse riding and laser run, to name a few. Saturday brought a welcome chance to relax with a bit of pampering. The girls made waffles and pancakes with lots of summer berries, chocolate and cream to help them relax. Lastly, we have another teenager in the house as **Bea** turned 13, with a delicious cake, earlier in the week – happy birthday, Bea!



CHAMPION

There was a flurry of birthdays in Champion this week as **Dora**, **Karina** and **Sarah** all turned 12. The singing was as loud as ever and there was plenty of birthday cake to share!



BEREWALL

After a day of windy and rained off matches, the boys had some deserved downtime on Saturday, playing outside and watching sport on the television. Saturday night was movie night with some yummy homemade chicken wraps followed by ice lollies. On Sunday, the boys used their brainpower to design sphero robot chariots in our ICT labs as well as taking part in a tennis tournament.





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SOMERSET DAY

Pre-Prep flew the Somerset flag to celebrate Somerset Day. The children engaged in apple tasting, maypole dancing, wicker crown making, flag designing and listened to music and stories from Somerset. They were also treated to pork rolls, ploughmans and apple cake in the dining room.

Thank you to Barbers Cheese for their kind donation, which gave all the children in Pre-Prep an opportunity to taste different varieties of Cheddar Cheese.



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

Tyler T

Margot R

Year 1

Hunter B

Jack C

Year 2

William P

Aurelia C

Reception

Coco F

Sienna A-M



SOMERSET CELEBRATIONS

On Monday, King Alfred the Great and a viking came to visit Reception, to help explain about the history surrounding Somerset Day.



The first task Reception class had on Somerset Day was break a code. They found rolled up piles of old paper with some strange writing on it. They thought it could have been from the viking who visited us last night with King Alfred. They thought he must have dropped it when King Alfred chased him away. They found out it said 'I am a Viking'.



The Reception class also got to taste some amazing cheddar cheese and different types of apples. Barbers kindly donated three different strength of cheddar cheeses and we talked about how they tasted and which one we preferred. Some of the face of the children whilst tasting the Vintage was priceless. Thank you Barbers for your kind donation!



EXCELLENT EGGS

This week the children have certainly led the learning in Pre-School! It began with **Ophelia** very kindly bringing in a variety of eggs to show her friends. There was an egg from a bantam, a chicken, a goose and a Rhea. The children looked on the iPad for images of the birds and thought about describing words when talking about them. They then cracked the Rhea egg to see if it was the same as a chicken egg inside. It was! Everyone was amazed by the size of the yolk. On Monday, **Margot** brought in her yoga mat and demonstrated some yoga positions. This led to us joining in with an online yoga course, which everyone enjoyed. Finally, **Lucca** suggested an idea for a new role-play area, a farm. All his friends voted in favour of the idea and together we created Pre-School farm! It is so important to have the learning led by the children and Pre-School embraces their ideas and interests!



BUDDING ARTISTS

Year 1 have been learning about another famous artist this week. Maria Sibylla Merian was born in 1647 and was a famous artist. She travelled to South America to study insects and draw them. She was one of the first scientists to discover that caterpillars metamorphosise into butterflies or moths, and made the most beautiful paintings to illustrate their life cycles. The children studied some of her paintings and then did one of their own. Super artwork, Year 1!



PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

FABULOUS FEATHERS

Tyler inspired this week's crafting after he found a feather out on the playground and decided he would like to make a dreamcatcher with it. The Tadpoles worked very hard painting and decorating them and using a big needle to weave the thread across and thread through the pasta to decorate. They look amazing!



MINIS NEWS



Last week, our Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Minis had fun at their own Minis-themed Olympics, despite the wind! They scooped up Olympic coloured spaghetti with tongs and tried tossing it high in the air, printed the Olympic rings, and completed our obstacle course, climbing up and down tyres and over hoops, finishing up on our 1st, 2nd and 3rd podium. The Minis also enjoyed writing letters and stamping their envelopes before posting them into our postbox! After a busy morning, everyone had just enough time to shake their tambourines and bells before singing our goodbye song.