



# NEWSLETTER



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great drawing by **Maddie M 5HCG**.



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# VIRTUAL HISTORY

Year 8 pupils have been involved in a new VR lesson in History this week that uses our latest technology to immerse them in their study of the Tudors. The lesson was set up in the IT lab with pupils in pairs taking turns to use the VR headsets to examine four artefacts from the sunken ship, the Mary Rose. This is part of a wider enquiry focusing on Henry VIII. They were very fortunate to be able to see these artefacts in VR from the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth. Mr Ford kindly made contact with Class VR and they were able to secure the VR access we needed to make the most of our deep sea diver lesson on Jacques Francis, who along with his diving team salvaged a canon worth £2,000,000 on board (in modern money) and precious objects for King Henry VIII in 1545.



Our pupils were given QR code cubes which allowed them to move the artefact around, zoom in and out and uncover some of the detail from each of the objects found on the Mary Rose. Without leaving the classroom, pupils were able to analyse sources using the revision skills that have been embedded into their history lessons throughout the year. Their descriptions of what they saw and their suggestions helped their partner to look much more closely at visual sources and crucially know how they fit into the story of Jacques Francis and his salvage team.



This has been a very successful project and we hope to be able to partner with other organisations and heritage museums to build on the promise of VR in History. Thank you to Mr Ford for his expertise and time to make this lesson a reality.

# YEAR 6'S DIGESTIVE SYSTEMS

Year 6 are learning about the digestive system. They mapped out their organs, then produced some films of the journey of food. This is part of their 'Being Human' topic. Next up – Evolution!



# JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Oreo and Chota have been awarded to **Florence R-B** and **Sam M**. Florence has made a real effort to improve her communication skills at school and her teachers have been proud of her progress. Sam was very kind in Food Tech this week, when he gave lots of support to someone who had never done the subject before. Well done to both!



## SUMMER CONCERT RECORDINGS

On Tuesday, our larger ensembles and choirs took to the stage in the Assembly Hall to record items for the much-anticipated Summer Concert, which will be streamed to parents next Thursday 27 May at 6.30pm. We were hugely proud of all the pupils who took part yesterday (186 in total). They were enthusiastic, energetic and worked extremely hard throughout their recording sessions. They also sounded absolutely fantastic! A huge thank you to all parents and boarding houses for providing formal uniform for the recordings – after a year in sport kit, it was lovely to see everyone looking so smart! Next Tuesday 25 May it will be the turn of our Year 4 Orchestra, Year 2 recorders and smaller ensembles (see recording schedule below). Well done again to everyone who took part yesterday and good luck to those recording next week.

### Tuesday 25 May – Summer concert recordings Assembly Hall

- Lesson 1 – Year 4 Orchestra (all Year 4 pupils involved)
- 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



## CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look forward, hopefully, to another easing of the lockdown restrictions, there is a greater sense of communities building back – building back together, building back stronger, building back with purpose and hope.

As many communities rebuild, we realise how many connections and relationships we depend upon, because we have found them essential during this unprecedented time or because we have missed them greatly. We have also noticed how our connections and inter-connections go beyond our human relationships.

We are so lucky at Millfield Prep to not only have beekeepers amongst our staff, but to have hives in our school grounds too. Today (20 May) is World Bee Day. This is the fourth World Bee Day, a reflection of our growing realization of how essential these tiny creatures are to us.

It is also a great opportunity to pause and reflect how we, as individuals and as communities, are caring for those relationships that are beyond the human to humankind.

As we appreciate our relationship with each other and with our beautiful but fragile world, we also begin to understand more of our relationship with something bigger. This may be the sense of place and belonging as part of the world, the universe; it may be a sense of something deeper too, that spiritual connection which also plays an important part in our own human flourishing.

We are all uniquely individual and yet we are so dependent on community and relationships in our wonderfully inter-connected existence.

*Dear God,  
Thank you for connections  
For connections with each other  
For connections to our world  
For connections through our spirituality  
For connection with you  
Help me to do all I can  
To build back community  
To help positive relationships to flourish  
Amen*

**Wellbeing tip for the week:** Do something helpful for bees and insects. Choose a pollen rich plant to place outside, build a bug hotel, leave some long grass... enjoy time outside to pause, to really observe our insect friends going about their lives, appreciate their micro world, our beautiful world and know that it is good.

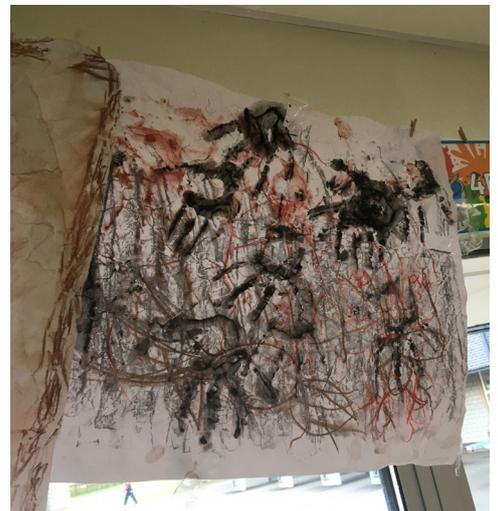
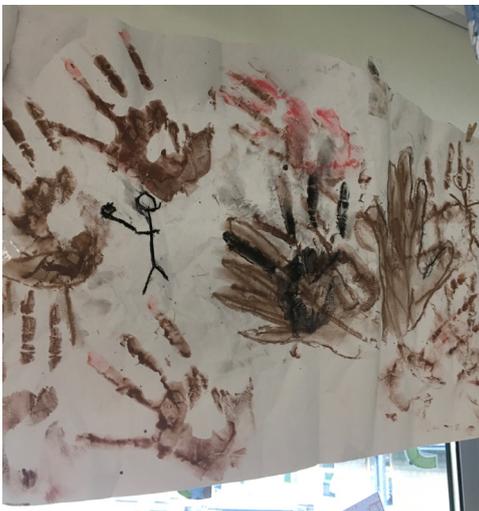
# POTTERY CLUB

Monday afternoon's potters have spent most of this term making a beautiful fairy house for their rooms or gardens. This week they were finally able to take them home. All lovely, colourful and shiny! Good work, potters!



# YEAR 4'S CAVE PAINTINGS

This week, Year 4 created some brilliant cave paintings. The children got into the spirit by completing their paintings under the table to create a "cave-like" atmosphere! They all tried really hard to recreate symbols and drawings we have researched. Well done, Year 4!



## YEAR 8'S SPAGHETTI STRUCTURES

Year 8 concluded their work on forces and structures this week by attempting some spaghetti bridges. Careful planning and preparation lead to some excellent designs, with many bridges holding over 1kg in weight. Well done to you all for putting your theory into practice.



## SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL

Year 8 have been involved in the Shakespeare Film Festival, researching and creating a short film based on a Shakespeare play. Miss Jones (our newsletter editor who previously worked with The Royal Shakespeare Company) and Mr Carruthers have chosen the videos they enjoyed most. And the winners are **Ernie F** and **Jamie B**, and **Harri L**. Well done on your brilliant entries, everyone!

## YUMMY FRUIT ART

Every boarder went to the Food Tech classrooms on Sunday and did some fruit art or fruit carving. A busy day and the pupils did really well!



## AL FRESCO SHAKESPEARE

Pupils performing Shakespeare outside in Monday's English lesson.



## EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to all our competing riders this weekend, from arena eventing to riders competing at British Eventing competitions. In the BE competitions, riders can only start to compete where they are in the year of their twelfth birthday and they are mainly competing against adults and even professional rider; so for two of our Millfield Prep pupils to do so well in this competition is fantastic. Wonderful results down to all their hard work and dedication over the last few years. **Agatha S** and Billy came 10th and **Frankie C** achieved fourth place.

Below is **Mimi W** on her new horse Natty. The pair are quickly getting a relationship helping to qualify the team of **Mimi W, Livi S** and **Lola S** for Hickstead in a couple of weeks. Mimi also went on to be part of the winning 80- 85cm team. Livi and Lola have also managed to qualify as individuals and Lola placed fifth in the Chard British Showjumping 90 cm.



**Mimi W** with her new pony Natty



**Livi and Lola S** at Chard BS



**Zara B** and Scooby



**Bella H-L** doing some great pole work on Charlie

## TENNIS

Last weekend **Charlie R** came sixth in the National Age group U13s 'learning through competition' event in Corby. Also congratulations to Charlie and **Josh C** who both got into the qualifying of the U14 Tennis Europe event in Wrexham on the first Saturday of half term.

Well done to **Wills J, Flynn E, Florie W** and **Amelia S** who all represented Somerset in U9 County Cup in Bath on Saturday and also good luck to **Toby W, John A** and **Emma C** who are representing Somerset in U10 County Cup this weekend.

On Saturday, **Louise H** came second in Grade 5 U14 Girls' Singles at Chippenham Tennis Club and came third on Sunday in the Grade 5 at Leamington Spa Tennis Club.



## CRICKET

### Boys U13B

The Boys U13B team continued their excellent season with an 88 run victory against Clifton College. The team were put into bat and after 10 overs were 85-0, with openers **Jake S-S** and **Lukas M** both scoring well. The team built well from this strong start reaching 163-3 from their 20 overs. Good fielding, intelligent field placings by captain **Kaden W** and good bowling restricted Clifton to 74-9 from their 20 overs, with **Daniel B** starring with the ball recording figures of 3-6 from 4 overs. Well done to all.

### Girls U13C

The U13C Girls were superb and won 224-360 against Wellington. Fantastic performance from these girls, superb team work and lovely smiles all afternoon in the beautiful sunshine. Thank you girls for a enjoyable afternoon.

Best Batter - **Lottie R-B**  
Best Bowler - **Kenisha N** and **Katriel C**  
Best Fielder - **Lottie R**

### Girls U11C

Victorious U11C team had a great game with Perrott Hill. Played in great spirit, the girls all showed improvement in their skills and had a fun time too!

### Girls U12

The U12 girls travelled to Wellington for a fixture. They played brilliantly but more importantly they were excellent team players and so encouraging to each other.



# Boarding Life

## CHESTNUT

The boys made the most of the lighter (and drier!) summer evening on Wednesday to get out onto the field and play some games together. The theme for the evening was spinning! They split into four teams and spent an hour racing, chasing, jumping and getting dizzy. There were challenge games where they had to run and kick a ball faster than the others. This sounds easy, but there is the small matter of having to spin on the spot for ten seconds before you can start! It was fantastic to hear the boys laughing and cheering together as the sun went down. The loudest cheer was for **Rhodri** when he achieved a James Bond style 'over and under' lap of the spinning rope game.



## CHAMPION

The rain this week certainly hasn't stopped the Champion girls from getting outside and making the most of our surroundings. **Yuna** and **Ruilin** have been designing bug hotels to host any willing visitors. We are waiting with baited breath to see if anyone moves in! Meanwhile, despite the heavy rain, some of the girls spent time out on the scooters, but the prize of the day goes to the brave group who went hunting for puddles to splash in - and found them. We may need to apologise to our lovely neighbours for all the noise!



## HOLLIES

This week, Hollies has enjoyed welcoming **Amy** who has been staying with us. It's always great to have new faces and personalities to add to the mix. The weekend activities enabled the girls to showcase their artistic talents with some tasty food art followed by a talent show with some amazing singing. The orienteering course also proved popular despite the downpour. We had a reminder of pre-Covid times on Tuesday, when many of the girls wore their formal uniform to record their musical performances for the Summer Concert. They looked very smart and grown up!



## BEREWALL

After another action packed busy week, the Berewall boys made the most of the dry evenings to play outside in our beautiful surroundings. On Saturday evening, the boys took advantage of the rain to have a movie night in front of the projector. A selection of the boys baked cakes and made popcorn for their house mates to enjoy!





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## NEW ARRIVALS

Pre-Prep have welcomed some new arrivals to the bird box. Do you know what type of bird this is? How many chicks do you think there are?



## DIARY

**Friday 21 May**  
Class photos

**Friday 28 May**  
End of half term - 12pm



## 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  
Harrison F  
Hugo D

Reception  
Marilyn P  
Daniel O

Year 1  
Freya W  
Bea M  
Jonah B

Year 2  
Barney G  
Rosie K

## YEAR 1

## GREAT GARDENERS

Year 1 pupils have been planting lots of different things in their mini gardens. They also planted some runner beans in transparent containers, so they could watch them growing. The children were amazed at how quickly they grow and were fascinated to see just how long the roots were too. The children measured their beans and recorded how tall they were in their bean diaries.



# COOL CATERPILLARS

A couple of weeks ago Pre-School had a delivery of baby caterpillars. The Tadpoles and Frogs have watched in awe as the caterpillars have grown and grown and finally spun their cocoons. They have learnt some fascinating facts, like why the cocoons shake, why the caterpillars have patterns on their backs and how long it will take for the butterflies to emerge. Pre-School has also had a fun time at Forest School and made jam sandwiches for their snack. Another busy week at Pre-School!



# HUNTING FOR HABITATS

Year 2 continued their exploration of different habitats and went on a habitat hunt around the school.

They drew the animals and plants that they found in each habitat and then discussed why these were best suited to each location.





# MINIS NEWS



## MINIS HIDDEN IN THE MINIS GARDEN

Thank you to all our Minis who braved the wet weather last week - especially our Thursday Minis, you were superstars! Despite the weather, all of our Minis were very busy hunting for bugs, making clay hedgehogs, digging up carrots, beetroot and radishes in our vegetable patch and sticking leaves on their muddy carrots. We enjoyed singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' in our water play area, as the frogs jumped off logs and splashed into the water. They all enjoyed their watering can showers on their lily pads. The Minis did some super singing with the parachute, as well as bouncing those vegetables high into the air.