



NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The first six weeks of this year have flown by. I hugely enjoyed House Singing this morning and I hope you did too, either on campus or via the live stream. The students sang their hearts out after weeks of hard work. Today's exceptional performances were down to their commitment and dedication in the weeks of rehearsals. Congratulations to everyone involved and of course, the winning house Saxons. I also loved being at the Pre-Prep Apple Day Celebration assembly and hearing about the stars of the week. There was great singing from everyone.

Our pupils have been taking part in lots of great work in a variety of topics this week including Ancient Egypt, the Romans and a music masterclass. Our IPC curriculum was epitomised by The Eye and the Ear Concert last Friday which saw pupils and visitors create art whilst listening to music, what a wonderful event, and one that I hope will become an annual treat.

We welcomed record numbers of prospective families to Millfield Prep last weekend for Open Morning, showing that interest in MPS not only remains strong but is increasing. Year 8 pupils toured prospective families around campus and we had remarkable feedback from the families who were so impressed by their enthusiasm and helpfulness, my thanks to them, the teachers and coaches, for making the day such a success.

I hope you have a restful two week break, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school at the end of the month raring to go for the second half of term.

With best wishes,
Gavin Horgan

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is a photograph of Saxons House, singing their winning song *Spice Up Your Life*.



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PARENT NOTICES

To reduce the amount of waste, could all Year 7 and 8 pupils (who are not exempt) please bring a cloth mask into school after the half term.

ROLE MODELS OF THE WEEK

This week Miffy and Chota were awarded to **Cooper L** and **Kitty D**. Both children have shown some superb kindness towards their peers over the past week. Oreo has been awarded to **Jagger B** for some brilliant prep about space. Well done to all of you!



EAL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Carla A M has been an excellent role model to her peers this week. She has excelled in her organisation and presentation skills, but has also shown resilience when having to correct mistakes on irregular verbs. Towards the end of the week, she was able to write a fantastic opinion piece on why Floella Benjamin is a British woman we can all admire.



IPC

As part of our ancient Egypt work, the children have been learning all about hieroglyphics. They first tried to decode the names of several gods, before having a go at writing their own name. We are all very much looking forward to our trip after half term to the The Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester.



Saturday 6 November 2021

Why not bring your friends and family to our annual fireworks event?

6:15pm - Gates open
7pm - Fireworks display
7:30pm - Lighting of the bonfire

Refreshments - Hot dogs and hot chocolate are included in ticket price (vegetarian option available)

Mulled wine, soft drinks, snacks and sweets will be on sale
The display will be on the Coxbridge Field (to the right of the bottom roundabout on-Martin's Lane)

We need to know numbers for this event, so if you are hoping to come, please fill in [this link](#) by **Thursday 4 November** and charges will be added to the end of term bill. Tickets for day pupils and their families should be collected from Reception and boarders will be given tickets for their families on the day via their houseparents. Car parking stewards will direct you to the parking areas. Please park in the designated areas and do not park on the road.

If you require disabled parking please inform Reception by Thursday 4 November.

Fireworks start at 7pm sharp



HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION

The House Singing Competition was exceptional today, with the pupils putting on a show. Well done to everyone involved, the preparation was all worth it with outstanding singing from all of the houses. It was also great to see the whole school coming together at the end, to sing Disney songs from across the world. Congratulations to Saxons House for being crowned the winners!





MUSIC MASTERCLASS

This weekend saw our first 'Saturday Bruch Masterclass' of the academic Year. With the sun streaming through the recital hall doors, we were delighted to be able to welcome our very own teachers, Mr Little and Mr Dobson, to lead us in a session devoted to percussion. There were an array of instruments on display, from drum kits and snare drums to marimba and xylophone, and some pupils were chosen to demonstrate these with pieces they had been learning in their one to one lessons. After we had heard from **Zac, Laurie, Hugo, Rupert** and **Amber**, we were treated to a performance by the percussion ensemble who played 'Pink Panther' much to the delight of the younger pupils who were attending as part of the audience. The masterclass was rounded off by every pupil who learns percussion joining together to participate in a large samba, performing a piece full of energy and spirit that brought a smile to everyone's face. A brilliant morning!



YEAR 5 ROMAN DAY

Year 5 took part in a Roman Day this week. They met a live Roman centurion who talked to them about life in Rome! The pupils had a super day, learning about how Romans bathed and the life of a gladiator as they were sent to their first battle. The pupils also took part in a Roman quiz which included questions about Britons, the Roman Army, Roman roads, chariot racing and gladiators.



VOLUNTEERING

Every Wednesday afternoon, a group of pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 are selected to visit Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve on the Somerset Levels. The pupils are involved in voluntary work on the reserve as part of our multi-activity programme. The volunteers working on the reserve are always delighted to see a minibus load of enthusiastic Millfield children arrive each week to help out. It is amazing how much of an impact a one and a half hour session of hard work every Wednesday can have on the landscape. Hot chocolate and biscuits are always well deserved after a busy afternoon out on the levels. Well done to all of the pupils who have helped already, for more information on the area, click [here](#).



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Blessings

The words from St Paul that we have looked at this half term, 'Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' are sandwiched in his letter to the Colossians between a reminder that 'Christ is all and is in all...' and 'Bear with each other and forgive one another...' St Paul reminds us that we are best equipped to build walls and not barriers, it can be tough, yet it can be done. We can all be courageous advocates, every day, helping others to 'live', to 'flourish' not simply 'exist'. St Paul is there way before a quote that some will pick up from a recently released film! 'The proper function of man is to live, not to exist.'

A statue to Betty Campbell, Wales' first black headmistress was unveiled in Cardiff last month. It was also the first statute of a named, non-fictional, woman in a public space in Wales. The inspirational story can be picked up here from the BBC Betty Campbell: Statue honours Wales' first black head teacher - BBC News and all this after Betty was told, at school, that her dream was 'insurmountable' due to her colour, gender and background.

I am so grateful that in our school hopes and aspiration are able to flourish, and education for wisdom is key, where a sense of community is promoted and dignity for all is proactively expected.

A Collect for Black History Month:

*Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and
injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Amen.

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

Take some time to reflect on a person who has inspired you, perhaps to think differently or more inclusively about something, to flourish. How did they help you and how has it made a difference? Can you reflect some of those inspirational qualities to somebody this week?

WEEKLY ECO-TIP

Over half term it's Halloween. Consider making soup from your pumpkin so it is not wasted. Find or make alternatives to plastic decorations, sweet wrappers and costumes so there is less waste.

Take a look at our new eco-board with The Pledgehog! The eco-council have chosen three focus areas this year: litter, waste and energy. Classes have discussed this and made some pledges as to how they will help us make a difference in these areas this year. What can you do at home?



Year 5 Virtual Field Trip to Ancient Rome

All three Year 5 groups visited the Computing & ICT Department on Tuesday morning, to go on a virtual field trip to Ancient Rome. The pupils used the Classvirtual reality headsets as part of their new IPC topic of The Great, The Bold and The Brave. They visited the Colosseum, Trajan's Forum, Baalbek Temples and a Roman Villa as well as examining the following artefacts - a victory pillar, Julius Caesar, a gladius, a ceramic vase and a ship. The pupils enjoyed being totally immersed in the virtual field trip and engaged really positively in the different topics covered.



Year 3 pupils have been busy building their wooden boats so far this term. It has been great to see so much creativity in the classroom and high levels of teamwork, with everyone helping each other to build their boats!



FOOD TECH

Year 8 have been working hard this week finishing their discovery of food from around the world. This week, Japanese food and sushi!! Pupils have followed guidance to continue working on knife skills to make decorative cucumber garnish to go with their sushi rolls. This is something which has been a new discovery to many, there were lots of happy faces, even after they had a little bit too much wasabi!



BOARDING LIFE

CHESTNUT

You can tell autumn has arrived, when we host the highly competitive Chestnut Conker Championships. The boys spent time picking their 'winning' conker, threaded it onto a string, then competed in the knockout rounds to eventually crown our two winners.



HOLLIES

Well done to **Isla** and **Zara** for performing in the Eye Meets Ear music concert at the end of the week. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The sound of music has continued in the house all week with many girls practising for the House Singing at the end of the week. **Morolayo** was awarded the Boarder of the week for helping out around the house and at roll calls. Dorm six won Dorm of the Week. It is great to see how quickly the Year 6 boarders have developed independence and organisation. A house football tournament and a bingo night on Saturday burnt off some energy, followed by birthday celebrations for **Sitara** on Thursday with a huge chocolate cake and lots of candles – Happy Birthday Sitara!



BOARDING

BEREWALL

Berewall boys had an end of half term treat with Domino's pizza for supper on Saturday. It was great to have a meal all sat around the table together. We also made use of the abundance of blackberries and made smoothies. We wish all our boys a wonderful and restful half term break.



EDGARLEY MANOR

The boys had a fantastic weekend embracing all that the Somerset countryside has to offer. Garden clearance, den building and blackberry picking were some of the things that the boys took part in.



CHAMPION

The Champion girls are getting very excited about the approaching half term but, before we leave for the break, we have House Song which many of the girls have never taken part in. Lots of shoe polishing has been taking place to make sure we look our very best for this traditional end of half term competition. Good luck everyone!



BRILLIANT BOARDERS

BEREWALL



The Brilliant Boarders awards are given out to boarders at the end of each half term, to celebrate the good behaviours of certain individuals. The awards can range from settling in really well, good behaviour, and being helpful in their houses etc.

So, congratulations to our Brilliant Boarders for this half term;

Edward - Berewall
Lucas - Chestnut
Ned - Edgarley
Yashika and Hope - Hollies
Florence and Ajua - Champion

CHESTNUT



HOLLIES



EDGARLEY MANOR



CHAMPION



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

U12/13 mixed teams played in the MPS hockey tournament on Saturday 9 October. MPS blues and MPS white teams played alongside teams from Bristol Grammar School. Overall the MPS white team won the tournament on goal difference! It was a fantastic afternoon of hockey in the glorious sunshine, which for some of the girls, was their first tournament. So well done, you were a real credit to the school!



Fantastic game for the U12C team against Queens U12Bs. Goals scored by **Amelia** and **Maisie**. Well done girls!



AC HOCKEY TRIALS

Also, a huge congratulations to **Georgie G**, **Asta M**, **Yasmin G** and **Amelia D** on their selection for AC hockey trials. Good luck girls!



This week saw the first race in the Mendip junior league. The race had been rescheduled and our 56 runners from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were excited to get their first race of the season under their belt. Conditions were perfect and it was a great start to the season. We had some fantastic performances and they are already looking forward to race two after half term. Thank you to the staff and parents for their fantastic help and support at the event.



The English Schools Cup cross country competition started on Wednesday this week, with the county round at Downside school. It was a fast course and after walking the route, we came up with a good plan of where to go fast and where to save energy. Our runners were nervous before the start but these nerves soon subsided once the starting gun went off. **Iona** dominated the girls race, **Vienna, Tabitha, Asta, Ruby and Ellie** all ran great races and the team won the event convincingly. This now takes them to the regional final where we hope to make it through to the national final.

The boys team was affected by injury and the COVID. The boys that stepped in to cover cannot be faulted for their efforts and the boys gained valuable experience for next year. **Caleb** paced his race perfectly and showed fantastic determination to claim a great victory right at the end of the race. Thank you to Miss Luxon for all her help at the event and to the parents who were able to support us at the event.



Our U13A's travelled to Hans Price Academy for the first round of the County Cup.

Millfield dominated throughout, with the majority of the match being played in the Hans Price half. However, Millfield were unable to break the deadlock in the first half. Millfield finally found the net on the 47th minute through a neat finish from **Tom M.** Soon after, **Monty C** and **Harry B** managed to add to the tally to secure Millfield a 3-0 win. On to the next round!

Two Year 7's, **Lola L-F** and **Rupert J** have been outstanding since the start of term, both showing their class even when playing a year up. Part of the squad is pictured down below, with **Harry S**, **Leo M** and **Freddie H** also playing.



SAILING

On a surprisingly sunny October afternoon, MPS hosted a friendly training regatta against 2 other Prep schools at the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre in Portland. Some of our sailors have only had 4 sessions sailing, so all did fantastically well to complete the race. **Noelle D** and **Adam S** were the winning boat, after securing a great position over the start line and not losing much ground throughout the whole course. Noelle has recently been selected for the Optimist Regional Team, as part of the RYA British Youth Sailing programme. It was a great opportunity for the team to see what racing is all about, and for our more experienced helms to coach the new crew. Well done everyone!



On Saturday 9 October, pupils took part in Round 1 of the National Swimming Arena League. A competition in which swimming teams across the region compete head-to-head for a place in the regional final (Round 3) in December then the National final in Cardiff in March. After a two-year break from the competition due to the Covid pandemic, it was great to return to team competition.

Well done to **Asta M, Charlie P, Dorian L, Hunter K, Iona M, Jon A, Keeleigh C, Maisie F, Tumi M, Viv L** for racing valiantly and securing vital points for the team. The next round will be held in November where Millfield will look to build on their performance leading into the regional final in December.



TENNIS

Toby W has qualified for the LTA U10 Winter National Tour in Corby at the end of half term which involves the top 24 players in the country so we wish him all the very best in that event. Also our Year 7&8 National Schools Boys team have qualified for the Regional finals at Exeter Uni on 5 November, making them amongst the top 16 schools in the country, out of the 600 teams that entered this competition.

We wish all our players good luck in their Tournaments over half term and a reminder that we are holding an U10 Mixed Grade 5 Singles Tournament at Prep on Saturday 6 November, starting at 9am. Entry is via the LTA website and details are on SOCS.





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HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

Pre-Prep have had an amazing start to this academic year, sharing so many opportunities and experiences together. Pre-Prep went to the moon! We have also been scavenger hunting, blackberry and pumpkin picking, whilst searching for signs of Autumn in our stunning school surroundings. The children continue to be engaged and enthused, challenging their learning, being curious and enjoying time with their friends in school. They have thoroughly enjoyed playing on the new pre-school area, which has provided opportunities for our youngest learners to spread their wings, explore and play new games on our fantastic all-weather learning space.

It has been a busy six weeks and the children are ready for the break to recharge in preparation for another fun packed half term of learning. Enjoy the time together, send in photos and messages of your adventures, pumpkin carvings, Halloween costumes and exploring the outdoors in the Autumn colours.

Best wishes,

Mike Jory

POTTERY CLUB

Did you guess what Year 2 were making in pottery club last week? They were ghosts, in preparation for Halloween. The children are excited to see what they will look like with a tea light underneath.



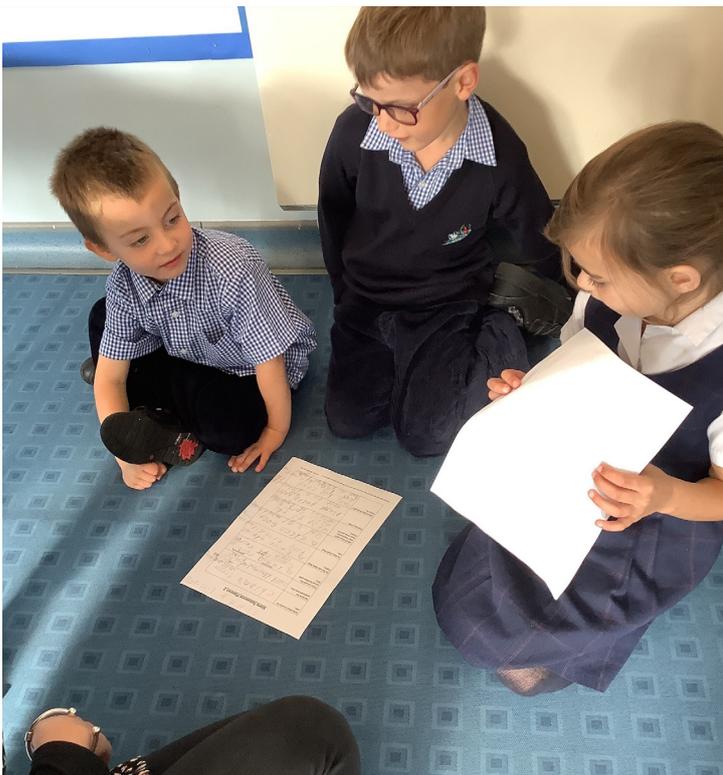
PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

The tadpoles have had another busy week with lots of train activities; counting money, giving out tickets, making some amazing train artwork and travelling to fantastic places in the Tadpoles Express! We also had a lovely autumnal walk with the frogs counting squirrels, listening to the crunchy leaves and running as fast as we can down hills!



PRE-SCHOOL FROGS

What a treat Pre-School Frogs had last Thursday. The Year 2 children visited and read us their stories based on the ideas from the story *Whatever Next*. They were really exciting and involved adventures to the Antarctic, temples in America, South Africa and Wales. This inspired the Frogs to make up their own stories. They created story maps with some fantastic ideas. Thank you for inspiring us Year 2.



ANIMAL CROSSING

This week the Reception class had to solve a challenge. When they returned from assembly, the castle had been surrounded by a moat and the animals couldn't get to their friends - the horse who was stuck at the top of the tower. They had to use materials from around the construction area to build a free standing bridge that didn't touch to water. They all worked very hard and achieved some amazing individual designs.



YEAR 1

TREASURE HUNT

In Year 1, we have been continuing to think about places and maps. We went on a treasure hunt around the school grounds and the children were given a map to locate hidden letters. Once they had found them all, the children had to unscramble them to make a word, where the treasure was hidden! Super map work! We also enjoyed forest school again this week. We talked about autumn and the changes we are seeing with the leaves and trees. We then collected fallen autumn leaves to create pictures.



TREE SPIRITS

Year 2 have been weaving with fabric to create their own sea scapes. The pupils worked together using their map skills to orienteer around the Prep campus to find letters and rearrange them until they spelled out their final location; CASTLE! They were certainly deserving of their tasty treasure once they got there. Super map reading and collaboration Year 2!



MINIS NEWS



MINIS SWIM

What great fun everyone had at the Senior swimming pool last week! It was wonderful to see the Minis building their confidence by the poolside and also in the water, blowing bubbles and kicking their legs! We enjoyed sitting and walking on the giant floats, singing songs and playing with all the water toys. Everyone was super proud of how well our Minis did!

