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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



This week's Picture of the Week is this fantastic piece of work by **Mila Brooke**.



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



It never ceases to amaze me just how busy, exciting, and amazing MPS really is. We have seen many year groups out on camp and day trips this week, with the Year 7 pupils sailing their way down to the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy to make a splash, whilst the Year 8 pupils were climbing and abseiling at Barton Hall. The Year 6 camp in Devon was also a huge success and included more water sports such as kayaking and surfing. The surfing and climbing looked great fun and I might have to book a spot on the next trip! I do hope that the pupils on the various trips were able to enjoy some time away from school and celebrate the end of an amazing academic year.

Despite all of this, the campus has still been filled with excitement and learning with the juniors and staff still on site. An activity week for our younger pupils has involved climbing, foresting in the woods and problem solving with friends - allowing them the time and space to discover new areas on campus.

It was also great to celebrate Eco Day yesterday and well done to all of the staff and pupils who have been to Slimbridge, Carymoor and to those investigating habitats. It is so important for the children to learn about topics such as the environment and understand the importance of looking after the planet.

There were further celebrations in the dining hall this week, as we commemorated a member of staff who has been with the school for an astonishing 40 years! So, thank you to Christine Burt for all of your work for the school and current service to the Chartwells Team - we are extremely lucky to have you.

Please have a read through the parent notices on Page 2, and if you have not filled out the PSHEE forms, we would really appreciate it if you could. Enjoy the Rock 'n Pop concert this evening and have a great weekend when it comes.

Yours,
Dan

SPEECH DAY

Millfield Prep School are delighted to invite all parents to our Speech Day on Friday 1 July 2022. The Year 8 Leavers' Service will take place from 9.30am, all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be available from 10.15am, followed by the Headmaster's address and prizes at 11.30am. We anticipate that the day will finish at 12.30pm for pupils in Years 3-7. Year 8 pupils and their parents will then be invited to join us for lunch in the Shayler Pavilion.

Apple juice from School Orchards will be for sale at Speech Day. £3 a bottle, please bring some cash!

EMAIL CHANGES

The email addresses of all staff and pupils at the Pre-Prep and Prep School are being changed to @millfieldschool.com.

PSHEE PROGRAMME AT MPS

PSHEE - Personal Social Health Economics Education

At MPS, we follow the government's PSHEE guidelines, and we were one of the early adoptive schools, allowing us to develop a comprehensive programme in collaboration with pupils, staff, and parents. The guidelines ensure we cover a wide range of topics that are critical to the wellbeing of young people. Each year, we reflect on the programme to ensure that we are providing the best curriculum possible to prepare young people for their future in an ever-changing world. We believe that having a shared set of values among pupils, parents, and the school is critical. Pupils will be questioned about their feelings, approach, and understanding of PSHEE in the coming weeks, therefore we would also appreciate parental feedback on the Year 3-8 programmes. Please fill out the following forms so that we can continue to work collaboratively on the PSHEE curriculum.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Feedback form for parents/carers.](#)

Year 7 & 8 [Feedback for parents/carers.](#)

Please see the following for more information on PSHEE:

All year groups - [My School Portal](#) - policies PSHEE.

Year 3 - 6 [Programme.](#)

Year 7 & 8 [Programme](#) & RSE and Health [Programme.](#)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact friel.l@millfieldschool.com

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

What parents need to know about Esports

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports industry and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, inappropriate content and possible exploitation.

LOST PROPERTY

If any of the water bottles below are yours, please collect them from the school shop.



JUNIOR ACTIVITY WEEK

This week, Years 3-5 have enjoyed three fun-filled days of activities! It has been an opportunity to try new things, enjoy our beautiful surroundings and have lots of fun with friends! They have climbed, bounced, scavenged, problem solved, and forested. That's before we even introduced them to the art of Hügelkulturs (thank you Mr James!). The children have been a joy, showing impeccable behaviour, encouragement and super attitudes!



YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 set off on Monday morning to the Ultimate Adventure Centre in North Devon. The pupils took part in kayaking and paddle boarding as soon as they arrived! This was followed by a total wipeout style assault course, with slides, tunnels, bouncy balls in water and a huge amount of fun! The whole of Year 6 enjoyed a surf lesson at Croyde with perfect waves to get the majority riding in like pros. Then the adventure ramped up with some coasteering; a lovely walk along the coastal path before jumping into the sea, clambering over rocks, swimming through tidal pools and jumping off some very impressive heights into the sea. In the evening they all tackled the high ropes course and climbing wall, with continued smiles and enthusiasm. It was not over yet! Wednesday saw orienteering in the beautiful sunshine, mountain boarding (a bit like a skateboard, down a grass hill) and air rifle shooting. Wow! Year 6 were wonderful, so enthusiastic, supportive and smiley; thank you.



YEAR 7 TRIP

Year 7 pupils travelled down to Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, to enjoy the water and weather! They had a great time trying out water sports.



YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8 pupils travelled to Barton Hall for their end of year trip this week. They were able to have great fun in the outdoors, with lots of activities on offer. There was even some dancing from the teachers at the disco to end a fun and exciting two days!



ECO DAY - YEAR 7 IN SLIMBRIDGE

For Eco Day, we had a variety of year groups taking part in activities such as Year 4 investigating habitats, Year 5 making recycled bracelets at Carymoor, and the Year 7 pupils were in Slimbridge!



CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Festival Time

This week will finally see Glastonbury Festival turn 50, after two years of cancellations due to the pandemic. Starting in 1970 with tickets £1 (with free milk from Worthy Farm) and 1,500 festival goers, tickets now cost from £280 and 210,000 people are expected! The festival will, this year, coincide with planned rail strikes, which in turn will have a knock-on effect to road travel... everything is interconnected!

We feel this interconnection more widely as so many events in places across the globe are impacting us all, not least those most vulnerable in society. These words of Persian poet, Saadi, dating back to the second century; can be found at the entrance to the United Nations building in New York:

'Human beings are members of a whole
In creation of one essence and soul.
If one member is afflicted with pain,
Other members uneasy will remain.
If you've no sympathy for human pain,
The name of human you cannot retain!'

In his book 'A Promised Land', former US President Barak Obama commented on the impact of this poem in the setting of the UN and in the context of global peace and welfare, the realisation of how interconnected we are. In the Bible, St. Paul writes of many people in the early church yet all being part of one body, each connected to another and all being interdependent, 'Its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.'

Dear God

Thank that our world is a glorious tangle of beautiful connections.

Thank you for connections between people near and far.

Thank you for connections between people and our planet.

Thank you for my immediate connections, family, friends, community.

Thank you for wider connections that make me aware of fragility across our world.

Thank you for wider connections that enrich my life in so many ways.

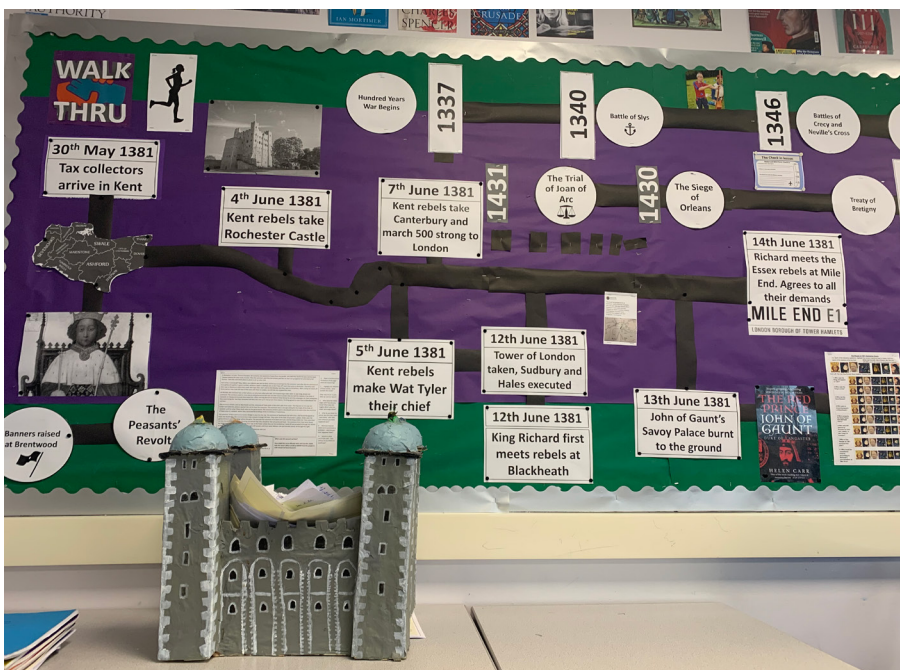
Help me to connect with people and planet wisely and well, today and everyday.

Amen.

WELLBEING TIP FOR THE WEEK

Listen. That's it, listen. Maybe to favourite music of the day or that you might not have listened to for a while; perhaps listen to the birds singing before they go quiet as the summer progresses or simply find a space and listen to the silence, or the murmur of life around you. Just focus on listening to a single track, for a few minutes or as the mood takes you. Relax, listen, enjoy.

HISTORY



Timelines and an all new enquiry on the 1381 Revolt

This year, the history department have been redesigning our Brilliance curriculum and introduced a number of new histories that have been inspired by the latest scholarship. Year 8 pupils have been focusing on a big picture of the late Medieval period and in this display, we have been adding to as we teach certain topics chronologically.

This has helped our pupils visualise the sequence of events and make connections between events. With the new 1381 enquiry, pupils have looked at the traditional narrative of the Peasants' Revolt, the local dimension and also looked at various interpretations which have been collected on this display. Well done to Year 8 for their excellent work on the 1381 enquiry.

BOARDING LIFE

CHAMPION

It's been an unusual week in Champion with all Year 6 and Year 8 away on camp. Over the weekend, all the girls had a fun-packed time in the sun. From the water slide, to a fish and chip supper followed by an amazing chocolate fountain; what a lovely treat! On Monday evening we spent time at the cricket nets while the juniors learnt a new outdoor game – **Willow** and **Rose** were the eventual winners! On Tuesday those in house took a short walk to the nearby play park with some of the girls from Hollies. It was so lovely to welcome back the campers on Wednesday afternoon and hear about all their adventures. Our focus now turns to the house trip on Sunday, have a great week everyone!



CHESTNUT

Following the final After Supper Football League (ASFL), the boys helped to create their own snacks. It was our inaugural Sushi and Shakes night. Emily, who is one of our evening helpers, is a sushi expert it seems, so alongside **Maxi**, **Luc** and most of the other boys, they made hundreds of mini sushi treats. They washed it down with gallons of Oreo Milkshakes. It is strange to think that our leavers only have a week left. We hope they really make the most of their final few days at the Prep School and in Chestnut.



BOARDING

BEREWALL

This week has seen the Year 8 boys at camp. They arrived back tired, weary and very hungry! The Year 7s have enjoyed having the house to themselves but equally were very pleased to see the whole house back together. The weather has been glorious, which has allowed nightly football matches outside under the Tor. We are now starting to pack and get ready for one final push before the end of term.



EDGARLEY MANOR

The final Sunday on campus was full of action, inflatables and segways. Camp activities proved popular, especially the climbing and abseiling.



HOLLIES

The weekend was full of energy with segways, swimming, an inflatable obstacle course and mini golf. After followed another warm week for the Year 6 and Year 8 residential trips. The Year 7s that were left in house enjoyed a few treats, a trip to the park, recreational cricket with some of the other Year 7 boarders, a late night and then a bit of a lie-in. It seemed very quiet! Many happy returns go to **Sofia** who celebrated her birthday this week with a huge chocolate cake and lots of singing.



ACTIVITY DAY



SPORTING NEWS

SAILING

Noelle Delin had a very successful sailing event in Spain this week. She entered a pre-training camp from 13-14 June along with other sailors from around the world representing their countries. The Costa Brava Spring Cup from 15-19 June with a total of 149 sailors saw 12 races where Noelle competed in the Silver fleet for Team GBR. Both Noelle and **Ella Delin** will now compete at the IOCA National Championships over the summer in Largs, Scotland from 30 July to 5 August.



MILLFIELD RUGBY COURSE

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A five day, non-residential rugby course designed to ensure maximum enjoyment, friendships and memories. The coaches will deliver rugby training to ensure all levels from beginner to regular club or school players are catered for. All activities are delivered under the England Rugby age grade rugby guidance. A nutritionally well balanced lunch and snacks are provided throughout the course with a variety of options to choose from. All attendees will receive a t-shirt and water bottle which will be given out at the end of the course.

Led by Mike Baxter, Millfield's Assistant Director of Rugby and former Bath and Scotland 7s player.



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**MILLFIELD
ENTERPRISES**



Isla Sully took part in a BS competition this weekend with Billy. Isla did a cracking double clear in the British Novice to win. She was the youngest rider by a long way as she had to jump with the seniors. Well done, Isla.



Everly Sinfield-Day and Teddy had some super clear rounds at the weekend, coming home with first and fourth place finishes. Everly and Teddy also had their first win in the combined training competition. Really well done!



Some of the prep riders to Millfield to ride around an arena eventing course on Sunday. Everyone had great fun and enjoyed the tea and cake after. **Elsie Coppins** and Ruby, **Sarah Hollington** and Sonny, **Myla Coppins** on Bracken, **India Heffron** and Faye and **Mimi Woodliffe** on Pixie. Well done girls on a really good training session.





Millfield hosted an U8 and an U9 LTA Grade 5 event on Saturday, with **Lowri Sinkins-Moysey** beating **Oscar Fletcher** in the final and **Sophia Edwards-Newnham** finishing third. In the U8s, **Willow Saunders** came fourth and we had 13 Prep players in the Mini Reds and seven in the Mini Orange Tournament.

Toby Wong, **John Angelosanto** and **Fredi Davis-Higgins** represented Somerset in the U11 Boys County Cup Competition over the weekend, with their team coming third. **Emma Champion** played for the Somerset girls U11 Team in the same competition and her team came fourth. **Arabella Goldfinch** was selected for the Middlesex U11 Girls Team in the same competition and her team won their group and therefore qualify for the U11 County Cup National finals in three weeks time in Wrexham.

Four lucky Year 6s got to watch some amazing grass court tennis at the Rothsey Tournament in Birmingham. A huge thanks to Mr Chapman for taking them. In the Play Your Way to Wimbledon U18 Doubles Regional finals in Taunton on Saturday, **Kevin Wang** and **Freddie Horner** won their first round match and Freddie, **Ben Bauer** and **Thomas Keeler** represented Millfield in the U14 Premier Division of the National Club League against Swansea on Sunday. Congratulations to **Wills Jackman** who won the U10 Grade 4 at Bath University at the weekend.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Lily Jones** who represented the Somerset Year 9 team at the South West Championships. We are waiting to hear if she has made the team for the National Finals.



Congratulations also to **Katriel Chukwuedo**, who won the 800m gold at sports day. She also went on to win another gold in the 4x100 relay, and silver in the 100m sprint. Katriel has recently started running and can be very proud of the progress she has made already!



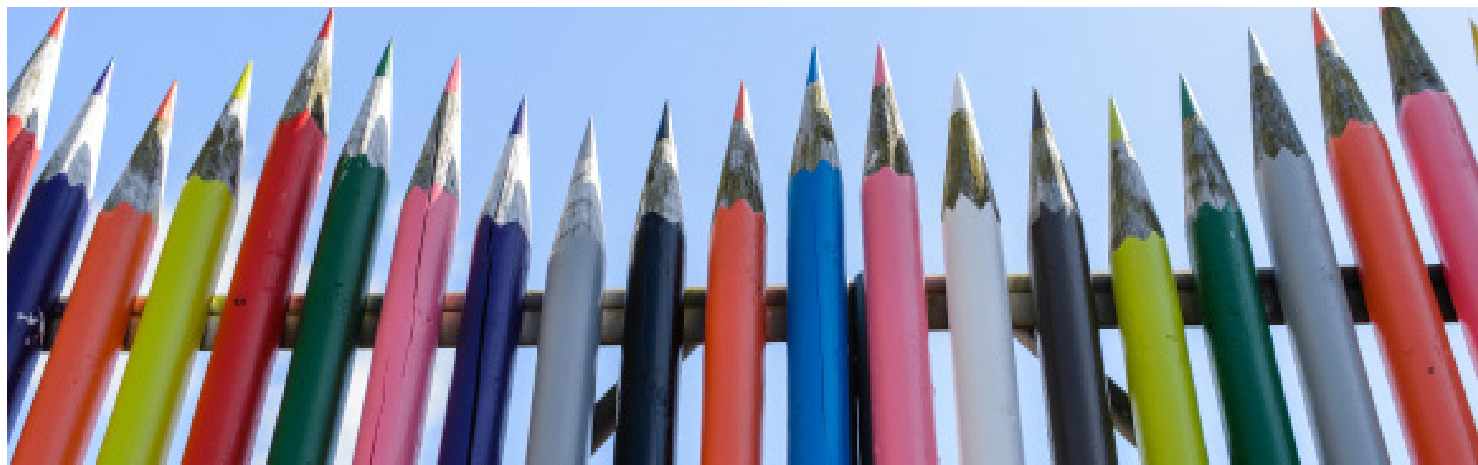


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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

It was lovely to see so many families attend our Father's Day celebration last week and I hope all families had a relaxing weekend. Please see below our upcoming events, including dates and times for the rest of this term. We do hope you will be able to join us at some, or at all of the events to celebrate an amazing year at Pre-Prep:

Friday 1st July - School finishes at 4pm. Crèche but no clubs or late club.

Monday 4th July – 9:15am - Reception and Pre-School Production. School finishes at 4pm. Crèche but no clubs or late club.

Tuesday 5th July - Sportsday – 1:15pm – 3:15pm. No creche, clubs or late club.

Wednesday 6th July - End of Year Celebration in Marquee - 11am. All families are welcome to attend our final assembly. School finishes at 12pm.

Best wishes,
Mr Jory

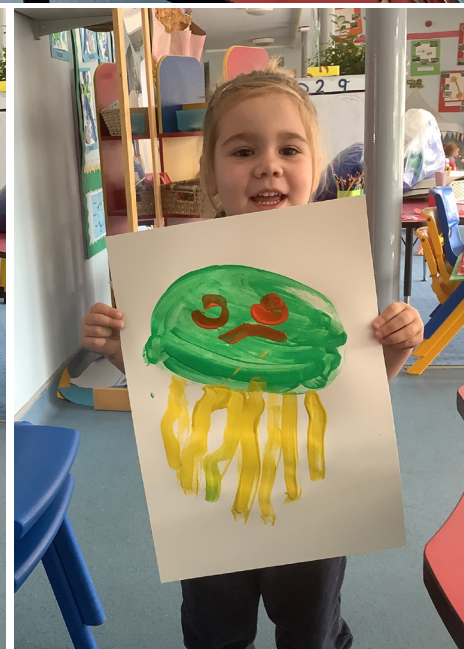
YEAR 1 AND 2 STEAL THE SHOW

Well done to all of the pupils that performed in the production, 'Eddie the Penguin saves the World!' We will have more photos from the production in next week's newsletter.



WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE

The Pre-School children have been busy creating the backgrounds for their performance of 'Walking through the Jungle'. They have been creating the ocean, river and desert and have painted some fantastic creatures to adorn these terrains.



PROPS AND COSTUMES

Reception has been a hive of creation this week, with pupils making all of their props and costumes for the upcoming production.



FROGS

TRANSITION TIME

The Frogs have been spending some time in the Reception classroom as part of their transition. This week they had a teddy bear picnic. They decided that the bears liked jam sandwiches and teddy bear shaped crisps. The children all enjoyed making their sandwiches and cutting them into either triangles or rectangles. They then followed a teddy bear trail that led us to the giant teddies who were waiting without School Readiness bags and a teddy story. Thank you also to the Year 7s who helped us.



EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD!





MINIS NEWS

BEARS!

The Minis had lots of fun last week exploring our bear theme. They enjoyed whooshing polar bears down tubes, catching teddies in nets and scooping porridge oats for Goldilocks! Everyone was very busy problem solving by building bridges to help the teddies cross the river, and also making beds for the teddies with duplo. We were so proud of our fantastic bear cards we made to take home to give to a beary special someone! Grrrrr!

