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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,



This week has seen me notch up the travel miles and it makes an interesting change to be writing this intro to you from an airport rather than from my office! I am returning from Madrid where we were honoured to be hosted by the British Ambassador as MPS and Millfield welcomed current, former and future Spanish families. It was a lovely event, reminding us all just what a strong and long-standing connection we have with Spain.

Prior to that I was at the Boarding Schools Association Heads' conference in Stratford-upon-Avon, connecting with school leaders and listening to some inspiring speakers. It was, as ever, good to be reminded of the genuine strength of boarding here at MPS where it is normal for us to have around 100 boarders in school over a weekend – it is clear that this is not the case in most other prep schools around the UK at the moment.

Today I am meeting with local heads from the South West IAPS district at Blundell's. So, I find myself even more excited than usual to read this newsletter and find out what I have missed out on at school this week!

We had our Pre-Prep Open Morning today and our Prep Open Morning is tomorrow where I will look forward to welcoming our visitors and telling them about the amazing opportunities here, as well as the strength of the community. This was never in stronger evidence than at our wonderful May Fair on Monday. Thanks to all of you who enjoyed the afternoon and a particular thank you to the outstanding PFA team who ran stalls and helped the event run so smoothly.

I don't know about the pupils, but I am certainly looking forward to the weekend as a chance to recharge and reflect on what has been another action-packed week!

Yours,

Dan

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EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Year 8 pupil **Carlota** is committed to improving her FCE writing and consistently shows a willingness to reflect on feedback, develop her ideas, and strengthen the quality of her written work. Great independent and mature approach shown, Well done!



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SLIMBRIDGE TRIP

Slimbridge Trip - Year 7

On Thursday May 14th, all of Year 7 will be travelling to Slimbridge Wetland Centre to study the wetland habitat, linking back to their Ecology topic in Science, but with a better prospect of chicks at this time of year!

Pupils will need to arrive at school in their sports kit, and register with their group tutor at the usual time. Buses leave at 8.45am.

Each pupil will need to bring:

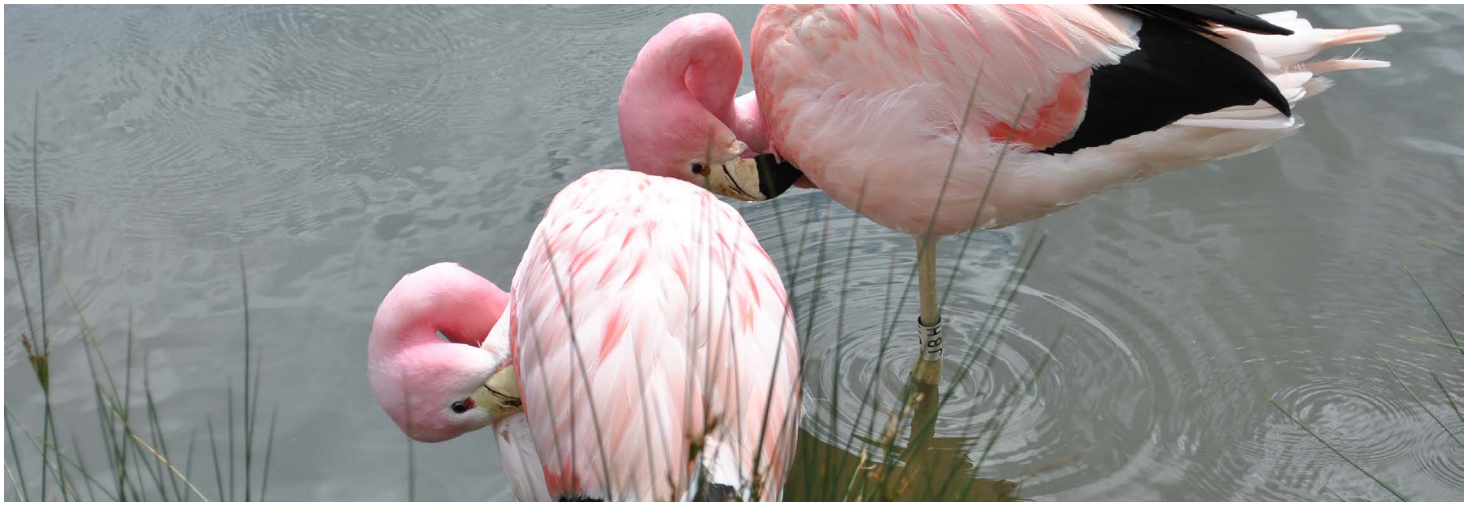
- A rucksack
- A full water bottle
- A pen
- A pencil
- A waterproof coat (rain is forecast)
- Proper sports trainers (not fashion trainers)
- A sun hat
- Sun cream
- Medications e.g. EpiPen if required

This is a tech-free trip. No phones, no iPads.

If your child gets travel sick, please ensure they have had their medication before coming to school to give it a chance to work.

We will return at 5pm.

A letter will be sent out to all Year 7 parents with full details.



FRENCH

Year 6 and 7 have enjoyed the lovely weather this week and have practised their French skills through Running Dictations on Ostrich Green!







HISTORY

Year 7 History Trip to Chepstow Castle

The Year 7 History site visit to Chepstow provided pupils with the opportunity to discover the impressive history of the castle. Pupils were offered talks at the Upper Bailey, Great Hall and along the outer walls to help them build a detailed knowledge of the ways to defend, attack and live in a castle such as Chepstow. The Year 7 pupils showed their curiosity by asking excellent questions as they were guided through the castle by Mr Close, Mr Bingham and Mr Sweet. We were very fortunate to have the Castle largely to ourselves and the pupils were busy filling in their castle booklets throughout the morning before taking part in a historical debate between Mr Close, assuming the role of William Marshall and Mr Sweet as King Athelstan. Well done to all of Year 7 for making the most of their day at Chepstow and the staff who supported the trip.











ENGLISH

It's been a vibrant start to the term in the English department, with students diving into the Power of Language. Year 8 have been honing their persuasive skills, crafting lively speeches to sell the most unusual and "undesirable" items with impressive flair. Meanwhile, Year 7 have been bringing Shakespeare to life, exploring his language through dramatic performances of key extracts. Our Year 6 students have collaborated brilliantly to create a whole-class poem, showcasing their imagination and teamwork.

6ZOD wrote this poem as a class, titled 'I would tell my younger self'.

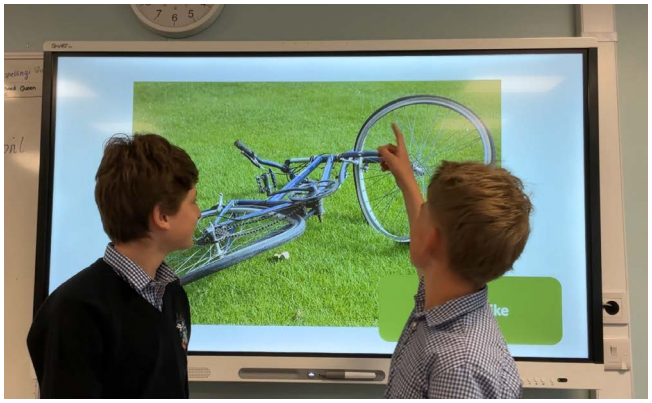
I would tell my younger self:
Spend your time wisely,
Be happy, be joyful,
Eat lots of cake before you get old and wrinkly.
Be kind to others and be friends with everyone,
Include people and don't show off when you win something.
Never give up and push yourself to improve.
Hold onto happiness and let go of sadness,
Live your life well and enjoy it.
With your parents' friends when you were little and small,
You don't picture yourself tall, just love to all.
Never give up, even if it's going wrong.
Don't follow the crowd like a big herd of sheep,
Do what makes you happy,
Not what others tell you to do.
Be nice to your family,
Make sure you speak up when things don't make sense to you,
Listen to what others have to say.
Not to be mean to my sister,
Just get on with life, there will be obstacles in the way,
But you need to find ways to go around them or through it.
Don't worry if your brothers or sisters are being mean to you,
They still love you.
Be kind to yourself when things are going up or down.
Always give 110%



Shakespeare in the park (7IT and 7WA reading Viola's soliloquy in the open air)



Tiggy and Ivy doing a buddy read



Selling undesirable items using persuasive language





'PAINT BY NUMBERS' CLUB

Creativity and jazz at lunchtime — "Paint by Numbers" Club on Thursdays.







BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

Week 3 has been another happy and busy one in Hollies, with the girls making the most of a fun-filled weekend together. One of the highlights was the ever-popular Tesco run, where serious thought and strategy went into selecting the perfect snacks for the weekend ahead! This was followed by a cosy movie night and in true Hollies fashion, we are currently fully obsessed with Mulan!
This week we also loved celebrating the birthdays of **Lola** and **Zara**, both of whom marked their special days with delicious snacks and scrummy birthday cake
Another huge highlight of the week was May Fair, always one of the most exciting events of the year. It was fantastic to see so many of our girls embracing their entrepreneurial spirit by running stalls, supporting one another and enthusiastically getting involved in the day.Hollies families, please keep an eye on your inboxes for a message about the upcoming house trip and opportunity to purchase Hollies joggers!







CHESTNUT

It has been another joyful and busy time in Chestnut, filled with celebration, creativity, and plenty of time together. Over the Bank Holiday weekend, we embraced some slower, wholesome moments. The girls enjoyed baking scones, preparing their own sandwiches and fruit kebabs, and heading out together for a lovely sunset picnic. It was a calm and special way to enjoy the long weekend. We had a fantastic day at the May Day Fair, where the girls worked incredibly hard running their stalls. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity shining through. Afterwards, we came back together as a House to enjoy pizza and ice cream outside in the sunshine — the perfect way to celebrate a successful day. We were also excited to welcome a very special new addition — Jupiter the puppy, who has already brought lots of smiles, cuddles, and energy to the House. We are all looking forward to enjoying many future walks and adventures together.







BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have enjoyed some mixed weather and a busy week. Saturday, we saw heavy rain, which meant that the boys were able to put their feet up and watch a movie. It was a welcome tonic to rest and enjoy some down time with some tuck and chicken wraps. The May Fair was very enjoyable for all. The boys embraced the day nicely and some even arrived back at Berewall with their faces painted. The Year 8`s have been making a big effort on prep and making plans for the upcoming assessments. It has been great to see them engaged and working hard. Sparx, Bedrock and Revision for history were some of the many pieces of work that they were set this week and they benefited from the guidance on Showbie. They are also more than willing to help each other to start their prep. Well done boys!! We have another new teenager in the house. **Zitian** celebrated his 13th birthday on Wednesday with Dominos pizza and the usual serenade from the Berewall choir. The boys continue to enjoy their evenings in our beautiful surroundings. Cricket, Football, Tennis and Basketball have been the main games so far. The Champion's league has been inspiring them, so much so that **Luis** struck a pose after scoring a wonder goal. We now look forward to the weekend, especially the boarder's charity day on Sunday. Have a great weekend!








CHAMPION

Another busy week for the Champion boys. Sunday saw a well needed slow Sunday and a lazy morning, where breakfast was delivered to the house. In the afternoon, lots of the boys took part in some baking and a fun inflatable pool session. The Champion boys had a great time at the May Fair on Monday and it was lovely to see them so involved and enthusiastic with the running of stalls. They came back full of sweets and clutching cuddly toys! They played some football with Mr McNulty on their return, before pizza and ice cream was delivered for supper, which they were lucky to be able to enjoy eating outside.







SPORTING NEWS

RIDING

Coco and **Sam** finished in 8th place with a fantastic double clear at Bovington BE and they were the youngest competitors in the entire 80 class.





Sophie attended Bicton Arena for the ICC BD youth dressage Championships on the bank holiday weekend. She rode a magnificent dressage test both days scoring 83.5 and 85%. This placed her individually seventh in her squad but helped contribute to the overall youth team winning the youth championship title.





KARTING

Lucien S achieved a Podium P3 at a recent International Karting Event in Wackersdorf (Germany), Racing for KR-Sport team in the Junior category. A quote from online press about his performance: "One of the standout recoveries of the category came from Lucien Smith (KR Sport), who climbed from 30th after qualifying to 10th in the rankings after the heats". Lucien started the Pre-Final race P5 and finished P2, starting the final P7 and after a well fought race, finished P3 (by 0.012 sec). This was round two of a four- round Euro Championship.







FOOTBALL

Amelia D and **Jess H** got their first international cap last Saturday! They played in Windsor for ISFA Girls U14 vs Welsh Schools. It was a great game and they won 7-1.







HOCKEY

Well Done **Flossie** on her wachievement over the weekend, as she made up part of the Whitchurch Hockey Team who won the U12s Welsh National Championship in Swansea. We are very proud of her as she has travelled every weekend back to Cardiff for training and matches and it's all paid off for her.



TENNIS

The tennis department would like to congratulate **Deina G, Meilin K and Hector B** on their selection to represent their respective counties at County Cup last weekend. A great effort from them in training and the results are showing!

ATHLETICS

It is a busy week for our athletes and hopefully the weather will stay dry. On Wednesday we were in two different venues. Year 8 athletes competed at the Mendip Championships and were looking to qualify for the Somerset Schools Championships in a couple of weeks. They were competing against Year 9 which can make things harder! **Jess H** cleared a new PB of 1.55 in the high jump. We have other waiting for their results, their official times, and to see if they have made it through to the next round.

We also had teams competing in the Claysmore Shield on the same afternoon. It is great to have so many athletes able to compete in two venues. We also await the official results to be able to see their times, heights and distances. **Jonah B** continues his good form on the track and he will race at the Somerset Championships this weekend.
Year 5 and 6 will be in action on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the Somerset Championships. It is busy at the moment!







KIT CAR

The Year 6 Kit Car Team took part in their annual race day event at Wooten-under Edge on Saturday. They started building the car back in September and have fully assembled it, designed the bodywork, and then tested and practised their race technique in order to be ready for the race day. In the morning, they competed in time trial events, in the drag race, and the slalom race. In the afternoon they took part in the sprint races. The morning gave some good results with some excellent driving, really pushing the car to its limits. Sadly, in the afternoon, we had technical difficulties which meant we had to withdraw from the race. Although there were no victories in the race events, the team were awarded the overall winners of the Body Work Design Award, which was a great reward for the time and dedication put into this event. Thank you to everyone involved in the race, in particular our sponsors 'Philosophy at Work' and to Mr. Kemp and Mr. Smith for leading the kit car this year.









CRICKET

Many of the U11B Girls Cricket Team enjoyed developing their skills during an internal match on Saturday, just before the rain set in. With plenty of opportunities to practise their bowling, batting and fielding skills, the session was both productive and enjoyable. There was even time between overs for posing for photos with Parsnip—who took her role very seriously—and practising synchronised handstands!









Senior Development Girls Round Up:
We have had a busy start to the girls cricket season.
West Indoor Finals:
Playing in the West Indoor Finals in Cheltenham, we started superbly with two dominant batting performances which set up a semi-final against Bournemouth School. Unfortunately, we had a batting collapse but managed to bat the overs, reaching 72 runs. Superb bowling left the opposition needing 12 runs with one wicket remaining and in a tight finish we unfortunately lost off the last ball.

Outdoor Matches:
Millfield Senior
We had an exciting 20-over encounter with the Senior School Team, winning off the final delivery.
Gloucestershire
Playing two 15-over games we lost both to a strong outfit. Congratulations to **Jess H** for scoring 30 runs.
Taunton School
Batting first we posted 192, with **Hope and Lowri** (pictured) both hitting 50s in a fifth wicket partnership worth 110 in a 60-run victory.
Glamorgan
Arrabella scored a superb 50 (sharing an opening partnership of 103 with **Mia**) in a total of 139, seeing us to a comprehensive victory.
Well done team!

The Senior Boys Development Team have had a busy period, playing in multiple fixtures. Up against Farleigh School, the Millfield Boys finished with 153-4, with Farleigh scoring 128-9. **Kanish M** put up bowling stats of 3-7, including a hat-trick. With the bat, **Oscar F** was 41 retired and **Barnaby G** scored 30. The team defeated Sherborne School by 79 runs in a cup match. **Jackson B** was the highest scorer with 64 not out. **Ted H** was 3-11 with the ball.
The team lost narrowly to Dorset by four runs, with **Raffie B** scoring 95 and **Barney G** scoring 49. A narrow two wicket loss to Blundells saw **Kanish M** with stats of 3-19. A closely contested match with Taunton School saw the Millfield team miss out by 8 runs, scoring 113-6. In a 61-run win over Hazlegrove School, **Henry L** scored 35, **Oscar F** scored 34 not out and **Jackson B** scored 32 retired.

The U13B team had another excellent victory against Hazelgrove this week. After being put into bat, Millfield batted sensibly reaching 60-1 from the first 10 overs. They were then able to accelerate in the second half of the innings pushing onto 141-8 from 20 overs. Well done to **Oscar L** and **Vinnie S** for both reaching 30 before retiring. Millfield started very well with the ball, **Noah K** and **Archie P** ripping through the top order to reduce them to 1-4 from the first four overs. Millfield went on to win by 53 runs. Well done to all involved.



RUGBY



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BOARDERS' CHALLENGE



As part of the Boarders' Sunday Programme on 10 May, Millfield Prep School are running a Boarders' Charity Challenge to raise money for Toby Woodier.

The boarders will be taking part in challenges around the school campus throughout the day, to bring together the Millfield community and raise money for a great cause. If you would like to donate to the charity, please see the GoFundMe page here.

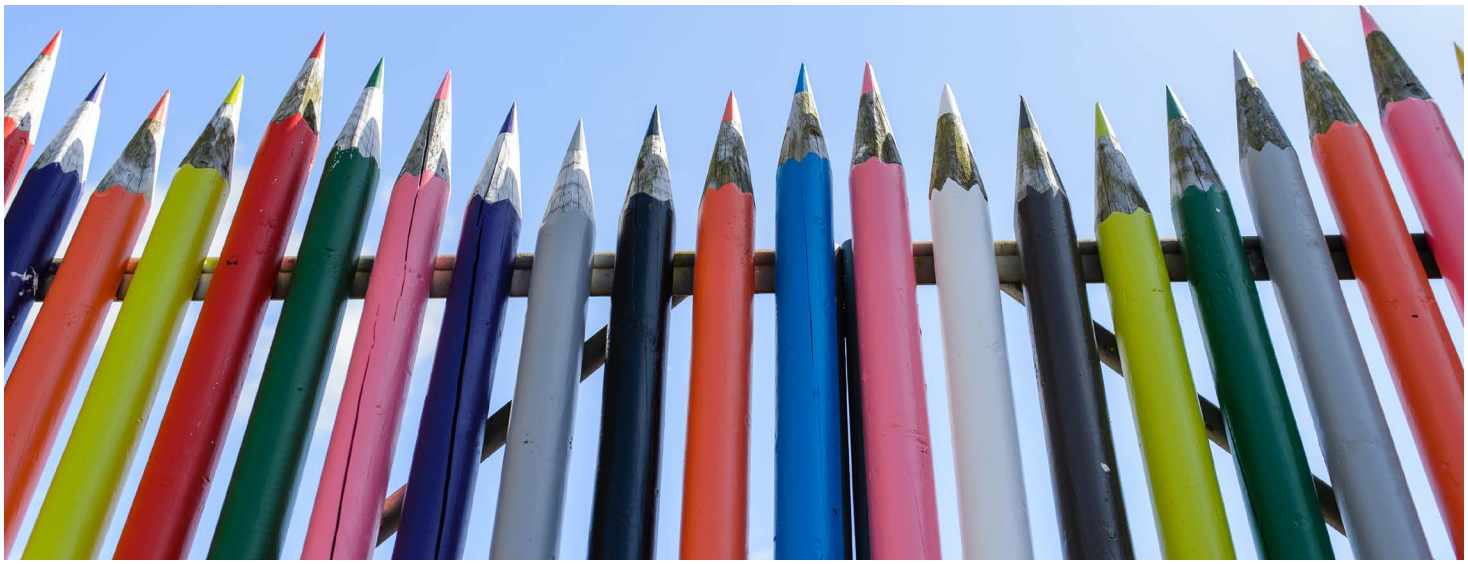
The "Trouble with Toby" campaign is a GoFundMe initiative supporting Toby Woodier, a young boy with the rare genetic disorder SYNGAP1, to access pioneering NeuroCytotron therapy in Mexico to improve his speech and behaviour. The family has already seen success reducing his severe behavioural issues and is raising funds for ongoing treatment.

The challenges will consist of a climbing, rowing, Go Kart and an It's a Knockout style water obstacle course. The challenges will be completed in individual houses, with all the pupils coming together at the end for a Colour Run!

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MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

We began the week with an amazing May Fair celebration, filled with fun, games, and a real sense of community spirit. The f2wair was beautifully opened by our Reception children, who performed a delightful Maypole dance. Well done reception, we were so proud of you.

Across Pre-Prep, our learning has continued to focus on the theme of living things, with each class exploring this in exciting and hands-on ways. Tadpoles enjoyed their visit to Forest School, where they made a fascinating discovery, a giant egg in a nest! Ask your child what hatched from it, as there were plenty of imaginative ideas.

Frogs have taken great care in nurturing their tadpoles into frogs, and were thrilled to release them into our school pond this week. The children are hopeful that these frogs may return in the future.

In Reception, the children have been learning about caterpillars, inspired by the much-loved story The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This has led to lots of discussion about growth and change, as well as some creative activities linked to the story.

Year 1 have been diving deeper into science by exploring the seven characteristics of living things. Perhaps your child can tell you what they are? MRS GREN knows them.

Year 2 have also been out and about, visiting Forest School to search for different habitats and the creatures that live in them. They then extended this learning further with a visit to the Prep School IT suite, where they used VR headsets to explore a variety of habitats around the world and learn more about the animals that live there.

It has been an exciting week for all. Ask your child what has been their favourite part of learning this week.

Yours,

Mike

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HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	206	185	213	217

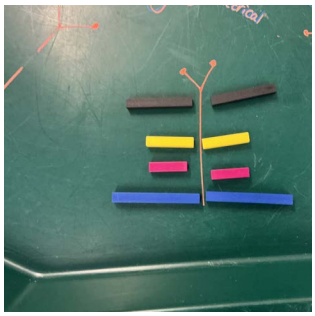
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RECEPTION

BUTTERFLIES

This week, the Reception class have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We focused on The Very Hungry Caterpillar and used the story to explore the days of the week, number recognition, number correspondence, drawing skills, and early literacy by writing and ordering the days of the week.
The children also created some wonderful paper plate caterpillars and were very proud of their work.
We have been learning about symmetry too, making symmetrical butterflies and using beads to create patterned caterpillars.
It has been a fantastic week of learning, creativity, and hands on exploration.










FOREST SCHOOL

This week at Forest School, the children took part in three engaging activities.
First, they spent time writing and drawing the things they could see in the woods, focusing on their sensory awareness and developing their literacy skills.
They also made honey bread spirals, cooking them over the fire on hazel sticks — a wonderful hands on experience.
Finally, the children explored early maths by creating number bonds using natural materials.
It was a rich and productive Forest School session with plenty of learning packed in.







YEAR 1

ELECTRICITY

We have finished our topic on electricity by using what we've learned about circuits to design and build our very own working torches - complete with an on/off switch! The children had to decide how to make their designs work, solve problems along the way, and collaborate as a team. I was incredibly impressed with their determination, creativity, and teamwork.







YEAR 2

VR HEADSETS

Year 2 enjoyed using VR headsets in the Prep ICT suite this week. We also searched the forest school area for minibeast habitats and gathered ideas for our bug hotels. We have been busy learning songs and dances for our performance alongside Year 1.





