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NEWSLETTER



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Parent Notices

CHILDREN IN NEED



Friday 13 November is Children in Need Day and we will be joining in with the rest of the country to raise money for good causes.

You can wear mufti clothes to school! Please bring a donation of £2 to go towards the charity.

ODD SOCKS DAY



This year, we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week (16-20 November) by having an Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November. Pupils are asked to wear normal school uniform, with the addition of odd socks, or tights and socks etc. It is not expected to make a charitable donation, but if you so wish to then we will ensure that all donations go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

As in previous years, the children will be signposted to support in and outside of school, how to look after themselves and others and to be respectful of all individuals in our community. We will also look at what bullying is and the difference between unkindness and bullying.

PRIVATE HOCKEY COACHING

Private individual hockey lessons are now available with Michael Absalom; OM, National League, and International Master. Michael has also worked for BBC / Sky Sports commenting on International Hockey and other sports. If you would like to arrange a lesson please contact [Mr Morgan-Hughes](#).

FACE MASKS

Click on the video icon to see a helpful video on the correct way to use a face mask.



Year 6 Spanish Celebrations

This week, Year 6 have been celebrating El Día de los Muertos in their Spanish classes. El Día de los Muertos is a Mexican tradition dating back over 2,000 years and is celebrated on the 2 November every year. Year 6 have been learning history, vocabulary and enjoying fun activities.



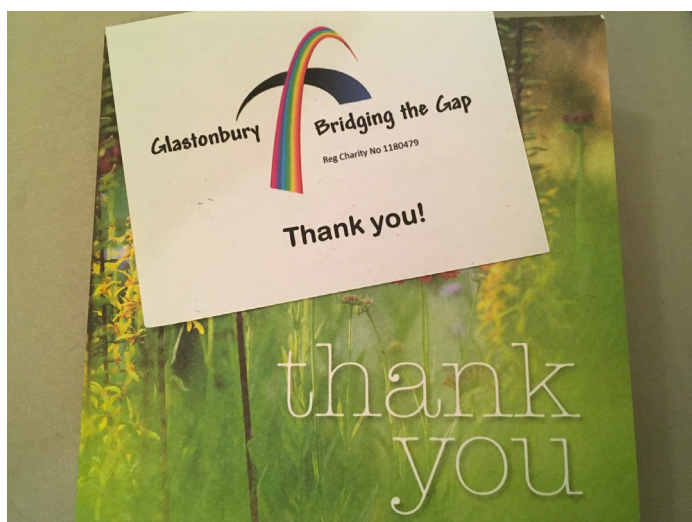
BOARDERS' HALF TERM WALKS

Over half term, Sir Nigel visited the boarders who were staying in school. He enjoyed going on a walk and hearing all about their adventures, as well as being fed lots of treats!



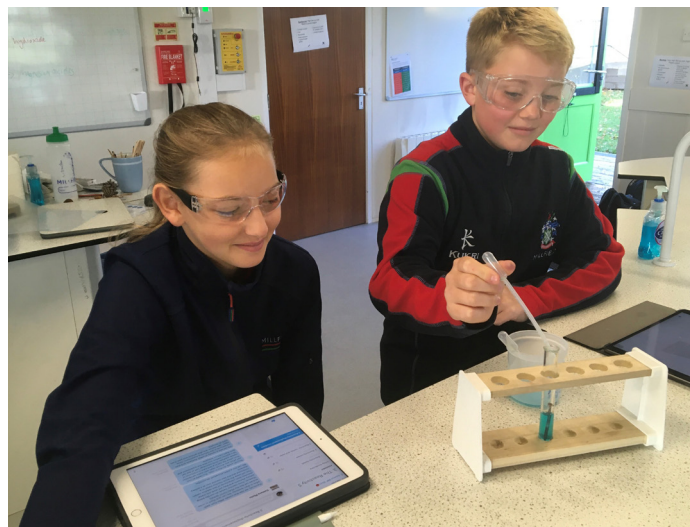
GLASTONBURY FOOD BANK

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SUPER SCIENTISTS

Year 8 carried out a chemistry practical this week. **Oliver** and **Bethan** are studying displacement reactions in the photo below. They have put an iron nail in copper sulfate solution, discovering that iron is more reactive than copper - you can see the result, which is a copper coating on the nail.



TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT - CHANGE OF DATE

After the success of the Cushion Concert before half term, we are now turning our attention to pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8 for the first Tea and Music Concert of the year.

As we have only just arrived back from half term, the decision has been made to postpone the date of the concert to **Tuesday 17 November at 5.30pm**. The concert will be broadcast via YouTube Premiere, with children being recorded during their music lessons starting Saturday 7 November and continuing during the following week starting Monday 9 November. Recording during class music lessons will allow participating pupils the chance to play in front of their classmates, affording them a real sense of performance as well as that all-important opportunity for a bow!

If your child is taking part, you will be notified via email, however the concert link will be sent to all parents in advance. For those unable to tune in at 5.30pm, rest assured the concert will remain on the school YouTube channel for you to enjoy at a convenient time. We hope you are able to join us remotely for what promises to be a lovely afternoon of music.

Year 4's Wellbeing Walk

As a reward for their brilliant behaviour and work ethic last half term, 4ESH managed to fill half of their marble reward jar, thus earning them a half-way reward. Since watching Reverend Kitto's virtual assembly involving her lovely gentle Labrador, Sir Nigel (the school chaplaincy wellbeing dog), the children have been asking when they could take him for a walk. So, as a surprise, Reverend Kitto very kindly allowed us to accompany her on a dog walk. The children had a wonderful time, stroking Sir Nigel and feeding him cheese, while learning about the importance of wellbeing. They will certainly be back to visit Sir Nigel in the chaplaincy! The class sent Rev. Kitto and Sir Nigel this lovely card, to say thank you. Sir Nigel really enjoyed meeting the boys and girls and getting lots of lovely attention and looks forward to visiting again.



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

This week, we enter another period of lockdown in England and although churches may only be open for private prayer, we are so lucky that schools are still allowed to meet for worship.

We are still having chapel but it is a little different, meeting in bubbles and socially distanced on a smaller scale in the assembly hall. However, it's still a quiet and reflective space to stop, pause and breathe, which is so important in our busy lives.

We read in the Bible, right from the start, the importance of rest and these words of Jesus, from Matthew's Gospel, reinforce the message:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

(The Bible, Matthew 11 verses 28-30, The Message Translation)

*Dear God,
In the business of my life, I thank you for all that I can do for good purpose.
I thank you for opportunities to grow and to serve.
In the business of my life, I thank you for so many opportunities, so much to do.
And yet I know that every day I need to pause, to recover, to be.
Help me to find and to prioritise unforced rhythms of rest, of grace.
Help me to give myself permission to stop, even when tasks are still unfinished,
To find peace, to find calm, to find rest, to recover.
Help me to know that with recovery I am better equipped for good purpose,
To grow, to serve.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Find some time to add a moment to pause, stop and breathe in your day, or find ways to relax that you enjoy. Find your own rhythm of rest for every day and every week, and add it to your diary!

- Rev. Kitto, Chaplain

Boarding Life

CHESTNUT @MPS_CHESTNUT

The Chestnut boys started their Wednesday evening with some trick or treat games. This photo is the moment when they found out if they got a trick or a treat - Ranging from mystery food challenges, to egg catching and egg roulette, where they had to choose an egg and smash it on their head! Some were hard boiled and some were not! The boys then headed up to the forest for some hotdogs by the fire and delicious toasted marshmallows whilst they told spooky stories. The final part of their evening was slushy blood syringes... or was it actually frozen strawberry jelly?



CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

It's this time of the year, as the evenings turn chilly, that an array of animal onesies appear in the boarding house. So far this year we have had tigers, leopards and unicorns to name but a few! On Wednesday, thoughts turned to some mindfulness activities and the girls produced some lovely bunting designs for their dorms.



Boarding Life

HOLLIES

@MPS_HOLLIES

Chatter and laughter filled the air in Hollies on Sunday evening as we welcomed the girls back from the half term holiday. We heard tales of travels and excited screams at seeing friends again. Monday morning took the girls straight back into the early morning activities with some going swimming, riding and personal training to name a few. Hollies' games competitions also started this week with the first round of pool, table tennis, table football and Connect 4, and the 'Bake Off' continued on Wednesday with a delicious Maryland creation involving Skittles and cookies – well done **Rosie, Scarlett and Darcey**. We look forward to the next round!



BEREWALL

@BEREWALLHOUSE

We celebrated two more teenagers for our house this week - Happy 13th Birthday to **Oliver** and **Harry**. On Wednesday, the boys were just able to catch the Senior School firework display from a distance to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night.



SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Livi** and **Lola S**, who competed at Moreton over the holidays. Livi placed a brilliant sixth in 70 and fifth in 75.



Over the weekend, **Isla S** competed in dressage, gaining her new PB in Elementary level with her pony Buddy.



We now have **Myla C's** race pony Lizzy stabled with us, so as soon as lockdown lifts we all plan to go and watch and support Myla at one of her races! Here is Myla racing Lizzy and jumping Billy over half term.



Well done to **Tilly B** and Pickles for winning their 50cm Speed class at the weekend!



SPORTING NEWS

SAILING

Congratulations to **Maia D**, who has been selected for the South West Regional Training Group for Winter 2020/21. Maia's selection for this RYA activity recognises her potential to progress within the British Sailing Team. Maia has been selected on the basis of performance and commitment to a programme of training and competition over a period of several years, and establishes her status as a British Youth Sailing sailor. Maia hopes to represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years.

Below is lovely photo of the sailors on Wednesday afternoon enjoying the sun and fresh air of Portland harbour.



TENNIS

Over half term, **Charlie R** was seeded Number 2 in the U12 Grade 2 Winter National Tour in Bath and **Toby W** came third in the U9 Orange Ball and won the consolation final of the U10 Green ball singles at the Ivybridge Grade 3 Tournament. Toby has been selected to play in a Regional Green Ball Tournament in Taunton on 28 November, so we wish him the very best of luck with that. It was fabulous to hear that several other Millfield Prep players competed over half term, including **Louise H**, **Thomas S**, **Wills H**, **Chloe d J**, **Luke d J**, **Ruari G**, **Georgie G**, **Seb G** and **John A**.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, the runners in Years 7 and 8 continued their time trials. They raced around the 2km course and will be able to see their progress by comparing the times with their last race. Well done to the pupils who did a great job timing and recording the runners. The runners even got to chase a rainbow, but they didn't sadly find the pot of gold!



GOLF

Well done to **Georgia**, who was awarded the Rabbit Medal at this year's Woburn Junior Section virtual AGM!





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FROGS

MAKING MUSIC

The Frogs have been having a musical time this week. They have been learning the names of the different instruments and exploring the sounds they make. They have also been making loud and quiet sounds and singing songs! This was followed by a tricky challenge set by Mrs Wickham: could the children repeat the rhythm she tapped out? Can you guess, they all did - Well done, Frogs! Pre-School would like to welcome **Florence** to the group.



DIARY



FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Children in Need – Mufti
£2 donation to be brought to school to put in our Pudsey



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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ROARING ROCKETS

Year 1 have been looking at different types of fireworks this week. They made some lovely firework pictures on the computer using 'Purple Mash'. The children particularly liked the rocket fireworks. In Science class, they made rockets that could rise up pieces of string without actually touching them. Some of the children said that fire comes out of real rockets and volcanoes. So we went out into the walled garden and made our own volcanoes. They were great fun!



WONDERFUL WELLY WALK

The Tadpoles went on a really great welly walk this week. They watched the steam coming from the ground and thought it was like a dragon breathing! Everyone then climbed 'leaf mountain' followed by a visit to the bug hotel and collecting lots of leaves and twigs for their art projects. Everyone enjoyed some hot buttered toast when they arrived back at school. A really fantastic morning!



RECEPTION

BRILLIANT BONFIRES

This week in Reception the children have been learning about Bonfire Night and why we have fireworks. All the pupils made Catherine Wheels using lots of brightly coloured paper and ribbons.

