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11 JUNE 2020



MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Take home notes from teachers to parents



NOTICE

A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all safe and well.

The children returned from half term well rested and ready to revise for assessments. I have been impressed by their diligent approach to assessments this week and by their resilience and perseverance. Currently, we have several children in school who are adapting to this new way of life in school, as it is a very different experience for them. They are enjoying their picnic-style packed lunch and, because the weather has been lovely, we have been able to be outside as much as possible. We continue to follow the Government advice and are hopeful that we will be allowed to have some more children, if not all, back to school in September and, as such, we are planning for various scenarios. There is no clear direction of travel at the minute, but the team here at the Prep School are ready and committed to step up when the detail materialises.

At the minute we are planning for our remote final day of term, Friday 26 June. There will be no hot marquee, activities or picnics at school this year, but perhaps you can watch our end of term celebration and prizegiving at home with your children. We will also have our usual Leavers' Service for the Year 8 pupils and we will send specific details next week.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families well and I hope you continue to stay safe as the lockdown eases.

- Mrs Shayler

SPORT

SENIOR INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Well done to everyone who contributed to this fun event! We had a huge turn out, with the majority of pupils submitting running times, jumps and throws. Thank you to all the parents who helped measure and time. Here are the results:

1st - Saxons - 496
2nd - Angles - 436
3rd - Danes - 394
4th - Jutes - 366

We are really looking forward to the Junior Competition (Years 3-5) on Wednesday 17 June, during the afternoon.



Recipe of the Week



Gazpacho (serves 6-8)

This is my favourite summer soup. The recipe is from chef Adam Goodfellow (Goodfellows, Wells).

Ingredients

15 vine ripened tomatoes
 ½ peeled cucumber
 1 red pepper
 ½ white onion
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 2 cloves of garlic
 ½ litre of tomato juice
 2 slices of white bread (crusts removed)
 1 tablespoon each of balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar and sherry vinegar
 10 leaves of basil
 20 leaves of coriander
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 pinch of cumin and cayenne
 150 ml olive oil

Method

1. Chop all the vegetables into rough dice, add the other herbs, spices and ingredients (not the olive oil). Marinate for 72 hours.
2. Liquidise the mixture and sieve. Put the strained liquid back into the blender and add a steady stream of olive oil. Check the seasoning.
3. Garnish the soup with diced cucumber, tomatoes, herbs or for a bit of decadence a crayfish tail, prawn or lobster.

Send pictures of your finished recipes to jones.g@millfieldprep.com

ART OF THE WEEK

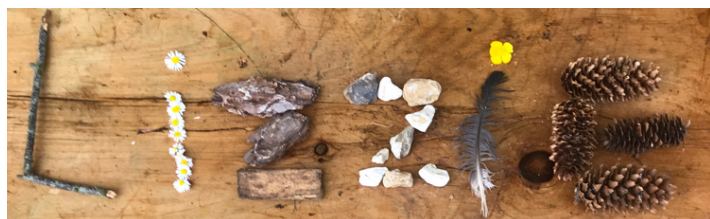
This week's Art of the Week is this incredible lion mask by **Johnny P 8BM**



CLUBS

GARDENING CLUB

Enid and **Lizzie** have been getting creative in Gardening Club, making their names from materials they found in the back garden.



COMPETITION

INTER-HOUSE BAKING

Remember, you have got until Monday 15 June to enter the Inter-House Baking Competition. There is a Showbie page with folders for each house and any pupil wanting to enter needs to upload a photo of your cake, which should resemble your favourite cancelled sporting event, and you holding or eating a slice of your cake, into the correct house folder. Mrs Shayler will be judging to choose the winning entry! Showbie code: **763Z5**. Here are some of the brilliant bakes from the Heads of House.



Jutes - Mr Stickley
The cancelled America's Cup World Series yacht racing in Portsmouth. A Victoria sponge with peppermint royal icing (in classic Jutes royal blue), and a fondant recreation of the UK's boat, *The Britannia*, skippered by Sir Ben Ainslie.



Saxons - Mr Henderson
This a retrospective of the Open Golf at Carnoustie, 1999 and golfer Van de Velde, who famously lost the open by persisting on hitting his ball out of the burn and missing.



Danes - Mr James
A cake depicting the Tour De France, with madeira sponge, jam and buttercream filling, with sugar paste decoration.

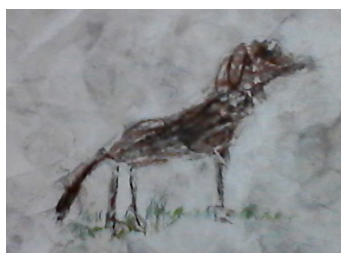


Angles - Mr McNulty
A "rugby ball splatting in the mud cake", made of chocolate sponge with chocolate icing, to represent the Rugby Summer Tour matches that have been cancelled this year.

ARTS

YEAR 4 CAVE ART

This week, Year 4 having been looking at cave art and spent time looking at the Lascaux Caves and creating their own cave art.



ACADEMIC

EAL PUPILS OF THE WEEK

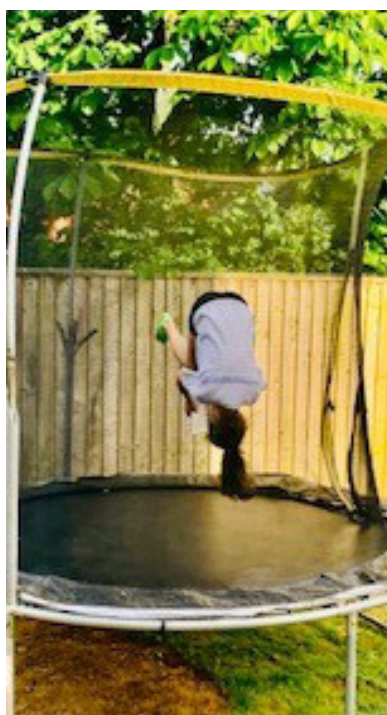
One of this week's EAL Pupils of the Week is **Sonia M F**. Sonia has been very enthusiastic in her EAL lessons this term and is always keen to do well. She has been working particularly hard on her writing skills. She has a really positive attitude to her learning and it is great to see that she has become so much more confident in her own ability. Keep up the good work, Sonia!



Our second EAL Pupil of the Week is **Alicia V T**. She has been working so hard this term. She is incredibly motivated in lessons and always makes a big effort with her work. We have been so impressed with her positive and enthusiastic attitude. As a result of all her efforts, there has been a huge improvement in her English level. Well done, Alicia. Keep up the great work!



ACADEMIC
READING IN LOCKDOWN



ARTS

ART CLUB

Years 3-5 in Art Club made some great posters for Environment Day.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Here are some resources about world events from this week, that you may like to watch and discuss with your children.

[World Oceans Day](#)

UK

[Prince Philip turns 99](#)

USA and Around the World

[The funeral of George Floyd, a black American man whose death while in police custody sparked anti-racism protests all over the world, has taken place in his home town of Houston, Texas, in the United States.](#)

[Special CBBC Programme on racism](#)

[Black history in the United States: Key moments](#)

CLUBS

BIRDWATCHING CLUB

Lottie R-B

used her detective skills to find this blackbird nest.



The group tried to build a bird feeding station out of Lego. This fantastic effort was made by **Matilda**.



Florence

Painted this lovely kingfisher, and is hoping to see one soon.





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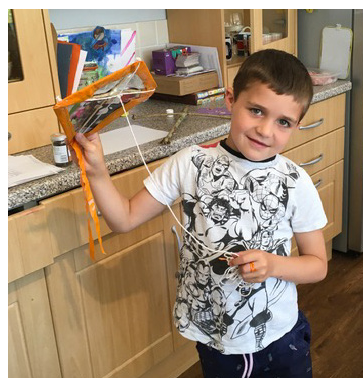
We have welcomed a number of children back to school since half term and we also welcome everyone else back to school, albeit virtually. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning.

Staff continue to work incredibly hard teaching in school and keeping everyone on task at home. Keep sending in your work, video and audio messages, as we love to see and hear everything that you are doing at home and hope to see you all back in school soon.

Assemblies this week have focused on looking after our environment and I look forward to seeing what you can make out of your recycling. Mrs Kitto has added some ideas on Showbie about making kites and fish, well done **Hugo** and **Bertie** for your brilliant creations. We all have to do our bit to help keep our world wonderful, send me ideas on what we could do to ensure it stays that way.

Stay safe, look after yourselves and everyone around you.

- Mr Jory



PRE-SCHOOL CRAFTS

The Pre-School have adapted to their new environment really well and have bounded back into class. Within our bubbles, we have introduced our new sound of the week and the children have created some fantastic Zigzag Zebra pictures. Every day we have a walk to see the ducks and they often follow us back up to Pre-School; we think they want our snacks!



YEAR 2'S FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Before half term, the children were given the challenge of walking 50,000 steps to raise money for the Guide Dogs. They did a tremendous job and many walked over 100,000 steps! We are delighted they have managed to raise so much for the charity.

Dylan walked 108,206 steps

Sophia raised over £350

Oscar raised £110

Harry completed his 50,000 steps in 3 days

Christian walked over 32km

Dexter raised £75

Lowri walked 85,770 steps and raised £65 pounds

Hugo walked 11k and took 15,250 steps on one day

Well done everyone, what brilliant efforts! We have raised over £1,000!



RECEPTION'S FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Reception children had a wonderful time building sculptures from natural materials in the cool shade of Forest School. They searched amongst the woodland floor to find bark, twigs, sticks and stones to build their structures. Once they had collected their materials they used their problem solving skills to carefully position and balance the materials. The children were very imaginative and produced some amazing sculptures.



YEAR 1'S ART PROJECT

Year 1 have been learning about a famous artist called Maria Sibylla Merian. She was also a natural scientist and loved to study insects. She was fascinated to observe the life cycles of butterflies and moths, drawing beautiful pictures of them. The children looked at some of her work, then drew their own pictures. They also did some jigsaw puzzles of her paintings on the iPads.

