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MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Take home notes from teachers to parents



## NOTICE

# A Message from the Headmistress

Dear All,

Who would have thought a year ago that we would be coming to the end of our second week of online learning? Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, as your feedback has been really useful and very much appreciated. The vast majority of comments were hugely supportive and as we would expect there are some areas for us to review. Mr Close will be meeting with the Heads of Department and Heads of Year to review the details, he will then write to you with an update on actions and also information regarding the end of year assessments. I realise that everyone's circumstances are different and that it is not always easy to maintain your child's education, however we are extremely appreciative of your support, as it is so important for the children to have a routine and to continue with their education, so thank you. If you are having any difficulties, we will always endeavour to be of help, so please do keep in touch with your child's group tutor.

Looking ahead to the rest of the term, the VE Day

Bank Holiday is coming up and, before Lockdown, we were planning a special VE Day cross-curricular themed day and celebration to replace May Fair, so we will continue with this. There will be more detail coming out in the Bulletin next week from Mr Boyd, who has put together a programme for the day. It is worth noting that there will be no formal lessons on that day, but there will be VE Day themed cross-curricular activities for the children to do.

I continue to be impressed and inspired by our children because of the way that they have adapted to this new way of schooling, they are brilliant! I was also very impressed by the Choir's tribute to Captain Tom for his 100th birthday and for his fundraising for the NHS. These truly uplifting moments are really valued at this time.

Best wishes to you all and I hope you continue to stay safe.

- Mrs Shayler

## HATS FOR HEROES

Thursday 7 May is 'Hats for Heroes' Day. We are encouraging all pupils to make a hat and wear it for their lessons on this day. We are celebrating on a Thursday in order to tie it in with Clap for Heroes at 8pm on Thursday. As it is VE Day the next day, we wanted to acknowledge heroes old and new and thank them for all they have done for our country past and present. It could be doctors, nurses, forces, delivery drivers... If you would like to make a donation as we usually would for charity mufti days, the suggestion is £2 and we would like to support Help the Heroes. Click [here](#) to donate.

## CUPS & TROPHIES

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter and that you and your families are well.

If your son or daughter was presented with a cup or trophy on Speech Day last summer, please could you let me know if you are able to safely return the award.

We are still receiving deliveries at school, but fully appreciate returning the trophies may be too tricky at this stage. If you are local and able to deliver the trophies/cups/shields on the way to shopping, please let me know and we will arrange a safe drop-off point.

We hope very much to be in a position to re-award the prizes at the end of the academic year.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Morgan-Hughes

# VE Day Recipe



*A British classic – a super light and fluffy sponge, with fresh cream, fresh berries and light buttercream.*

30 mins to cook. Prep time 1 hour  
Serves 12

## Ingredients

200g margarine or butter  
200g caster sugar  
3 medium eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
2 tablespoon milk  
200g self raising flour  
300g icing sugar  
1/2teaspoon vanilla essence  
200ml double cream (or Elmlea)  
Fresh berries, to decorate

## Method

Start by pre-heating the oven to 150°C - a low oven temperature for this recipe will ensure an even rise on your bake and a light colour. Line a large rectangular baking tray with foil or baking parchment (you can use 2 round tins instead).

Measure your margarine or butter in a large bowl and whisk until lighter in colour and fluffier in texture. Add the caster sugar and cream together.

Whisk your eggs in a separate large bowl until light and bubbly.

Add the eggs to your butter and sugar mixture. Add the vanilla and milk, then mix on a high speed until

you have a thin cake batter. If your mixture seems to have separated at this point, not to worry, its completely normal and will come together once your flour has been added.

Pour in the flour and mix a final time until you have a beautiful, light cake batter ready to bake.

Spoon onto your lined baking tray and spread out right to the edges, you can drop the tray onto your work surface a few times to release any air bubbles in the mixture. Bake in the middle of the oven for approximately 30 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean.

Once golden brown, remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack.

To make your buttercream filling, whisk the 150g butter (soften first) until light in colour, then add the icing sugar and vanilla essence and mix until creamy. The buttercream should be soft and spreadable.

For the topping, pour your double cream into a large bowl, and whisk using a hand mixer or stand mixer until the cream forms soft peaks and can be spooned onto your cake without running over the edges. This will take a good few minutes if you are whisking by hand.

Cut your rectangle sponge in half, creating two smaller cakes. Then spread the buttercream on top of one cake, spreading it out right to the edges. Place the second cake on top of the buttercream and press down gently, securing in place.

Top the second layer with fresh cream, then score, to help you arrange your berries in a Union Jack shape, as shown in the photo.

Now simply slice, serve and enjoy! If you are not eating your cake straight away, then store in the fridge.

*We would love to see your bakes! Send your photos to [jones.g@millfieldprep.com](mailto:jones.g@millfieldprep.com)*

## MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S VIRTUAL SOCIAL LIFE

We hope you find [this article](#), which has tips on how to help your child socialise with their friends during social distancing, helpful and informative.

## CHALLENGE WINNERS

Last term, we had a challenge for tutor groups to make a video to go with a song. Every group had the same song.

Mr Dyke's 5BJD has won the prize, Dominos pizza when we are all back in school paid for by the Drama Department!

You can watch their winning entry by clicking on the camera.



- Mr Boyd

## MIMI'S FIRST WEEK

Welcome to new pupil **Mimi**, who joined us this term!

Mimi has made a fantastic video of her first week learning with Millfield Prep, and wants to thank everyone for being so welcoming.



Well done, Mimi, on having such a positive outlook and making this brilliant video!

## SPORTY IDEAS

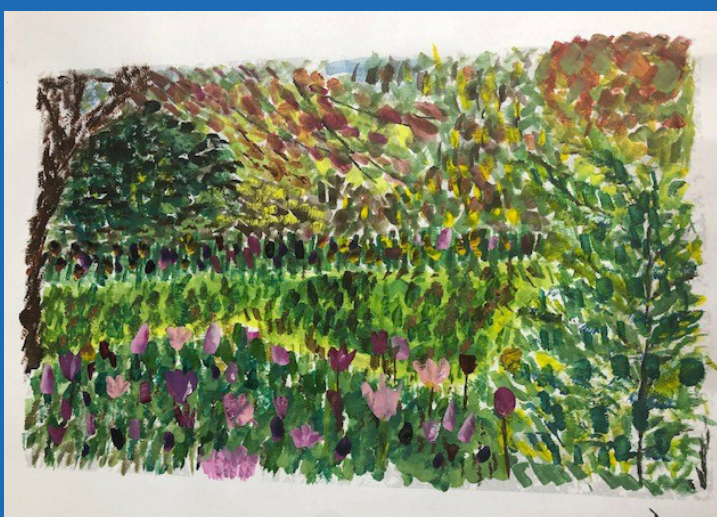
Keep an eye on the Millfield Prep Sport Twitter account, for ideas of fitness activities and sports training videos.



## ARTS

## AMAZING ART

A very impressive Impressionist painting by Freddie G HCG!





## CHALLENGE

# Weekly Challenge

This week's family challenge is more cerebral!

Below is a great piece showing how we often quote Shakespeare without realising it! Your task, should you wish to accept the challenge, is to find out which plays and sonnets the quotes come from. There is probably a cheat or a shortcut but we'd rather you did your own research! Prize to the family with the most!

For younger age groups, create images to illustrate a Shakespearean phrase and we have to guess what it is. So, what picture could you draw to show 'armed to the teeth'?

### You Are Quoting Shakespeare

If you cannot understand my argument, and declare 'It's Greek to me', you are quoting Shakespeare; if you claim to be more sinned against than sinning, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you recall your salad days, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you act more in sorrow than in anger; if your wish is father to the thought; if your lost property has vanished into thin air, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you have ever refused to budge an inch or suffered from green-eyed jealousy, if you have played fast and loose, if you have been tongue-tied, a tower of strength, hoodwinked or in a pickle, if you have knitted your brows, made a virtue of necessity, insisted on fair play, slept not one wink, stood on ceremony, danced attendance (on your lord and master), laughed yourself into stitches, had short shrift, cold comfort or too much of a good thing, if you have seen better days or lived in a fool's paradise - why, be that as it may, the more fool you, for it is a foregone conclusion that you are (as good luck would have it) quoting Shakespeare; if you think it is early days and clear out bag and baggage, if you think it is high time and that that is the long and short of it, if you believe that the game is up and that truth will out even if it involves your own flesh and blood, if you lie low till the crack of doom because you suspect foul play, if you have your teeth set on edge (at one fell swoop) without rhyme or reason, then - to give the devil his due - if the truth were known (for surely you have a tongue in your head) you are quoting Shakespeare; even if you bid me good riddance and send me packing, if you wish I was dead as a door-nail, if you think I am an eyesore, a laughing stock, the devil incarnate, a stonyhearted villain, bloody-minded or a blinking idiot, then - by Jove! O Lord! Tut tut! For goodness' sake! What the dickens! But me no buts! - it is all one to me, for you are quoting Shakespeare.

- Mr Boyd



## EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Our first EAL Pupil of the Week for this term is **Baisara K.**

He has been working with a brilliant attitude, all the way from Kazakhstan, even with the time difference!

He has shown real enthusiasm during his early morning EAL sessions and is always keen to participate in lessons.

He has a very positive and mature approach to his learning, and has been going above and beyond, in order to produce some great work.

Well done, Baisara!



## ARTS

# Happy Birthday, Captain Tom!

Members of the Chamber Choir and Tour Choir have been working extremely hard in the last two weeks of remote rehearsals to record a special song to celebrate Captain Tom Moore's 100th Birthday. We learnt a 2-part arrangement of *Over the Rainbow* with a rendition of Happy Birthday at the end, not only to wish Captain Tom the happiest of birthdays and say thank you for his incredible efforts in raising funds for the NHS, but also to honour all the amazing NHS and social care workers, who have given so much and to whom we are so grateful. Pupils recorded themselves individually singing their parts at home and then tracks were edited together to create the final performance. Hearing the voices united in song is exceptionally moving and made me extremely proud of all the pupils who contributed. It is so important to remember that, although we are apart, we can still create beautiful music as a choir to express our thanks. Several pupils also made birthday cards for Captain Tom, and these are featured in a video to go alongside the recording. Well done to all the pupils who worked so hard in such a short timeframe and thank you to the parents who helped support with the technical challenges of recording at home. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Haddock for his exceptional editing skills and to Miss Thomas for all her help in creating the video. Most importantly we would like to wish Captain Tom Moore a very happy 100th birthday and once again say a sincere thank you to all our incredible NHS and social care workers.

Well done, **Nancy M, Amber J, Emi L, Megan B, Charlie L, Tilly C, Chloe B, Lily S, Isla S, Lottie R, Leon H, Tiffany H, Yashika G, Victoria B, Angus J, Annabelle S, Abigail M, Emilia B, Ava C, Amelie W, Aggie S, Julian T, Benjamin L, Tabby L-N, Tansy F**



# Community Super Stars

## ERIN'S DELIVERIES

Well done to **Erin C**, who has been delivering newspapers and essential items to vulnerable members of her local community.

## FREDDIE'S FANTASTIC FOOD

**Freddie B** and his older brother in Millfield, Harry, have helped their family set up a food delivery service that provides fresh fruit and vegetables to key workers and vulnerable self-isolators.

The boys have helped to deliver almost 400 'Somerset Hampers', which contain fresh produce including fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat boxes, to Wells, Shepton, Glastonbury, Somerton, Bristol, Bath and Street. The profits of the service will be donated to Somerset Partnership NHS.

The boys came up with the idea after they thought it was strange that fresh fruit and vegetables were out of stock in supermarkets, and wondered how older people would get the food they needed.

As well as providing a useful service, the boys have learned what it takes to run a small business: Harry has worked on marketing by taking photographs, adding descriptions to the website, monitoring orders and has created social media adverts which have reached 78,000 people. Freddie has learned about customer interaction, logistics and co-ordination, and has particularly enjoyed manning the live chat on the website, where he has had to answer a variety of questions.

## HOLLIE'S DONATION BOXES

**Hollie T** and her sister Jenna have been collecting food donations for a local Guildford charity, which helps the local homeless and vulnerable families. They put a box out on doorsteps every evening between 6-8pm for their neighbours to donate and then they deliver what has been donated every Friday for the charity to share out.







## FOOD

# Brilliant Baking

Well done to **Harrison C**, who used Mrs Shayler's recipe from the Newsletter to make these delicious Sticky Toffee Puddings for his family. They look yummy! Mrs Henderson's Year 8 Food Tech class have been designing and baking their own loaves of bread.



## ACADEMIC

# YEAR 3 DESIGN

Year 3 were set the design brief of coming up with a new delivery company that can get items to people who are in isolation. A fantastic range of ideas were thought about and created including animal delivery, post, medical supplies, food and much more.

Here is a small sample of some of the work which they did designing delivery vans for these new companies.



## BOARDING

# BOARDER OF THE WEEK

Well done to **Jake S-S**, who is the Boarder of the Week!

Since lockdown began, Jake has been an absolute star and, as he's been so helpful and kind, has been made Boarder of the Week. He has been busy helping his mother around the house doing various jobs such as cooking, taking out the rubbish, cleaning the gutters and collecting logs for the fire. He has also been helping his sister with her homework and has been a companion for his Grandmother, making her endless cups of tea and generally keeping her company. Whilst doing all of this, he has also managed to stay on top of his own remote learning and his own fitness schedule.



## ACADEMIC

# LOCKDOWN HAIKUS

Can't get Ocado  
Chocolate is running low  
Must go to Tesco.  
(**Daniel C 7RF**)

Dinner alfresco  
With our last food from Tesco  
Pasta and pesto.  
(**Steffi B D L O 7RF**)

My alarm went off  
Online lessons start today  
I am off to work.  
(**Milly S 7RF**)

Coronavirus  
Stay at home and wash your hands!  
Make sure you use soap.  
(**Tilly J 7RF**)

On last afternoon,  
I looked out of the window,  
And saw a big moon!  
(**Flavia R G 7RF**)





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## A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the sunshine over the last two weeks, whilst learning from home. I have loved seeing some of the work you have posted on Showbie and I am looking forward to seeing even more.

We are missing you all a lot, but know that you are all learning lots of exciting things at home. We

hope you enjoyed the [video](#) we posted last Friday for you, showing how much we miss you.

I have heard about children who are being very helpful and learning new skills by gardening, building and cooking. Keep working hard, helping at home, having a go at new things and looking after each other. Well done everyone.

- Mr Jory

## ARTS

## Fantastic Frogs!

Year 1 and 2 pupils made fantastic frog masks as part of some music work on life cycles. Well done everyone, they look great!



## EGG-CELLENT!

After learning about different ways of cooking eggs in this weeks assembly, some of the Pre-Prep children tried something new, which was Egg-cellent!

There was some cracking cooking of eggs and ham, eggs and salmon, eggs and chips. There were even cloud eggs from **Zara G!**



## REMOTE P.E.

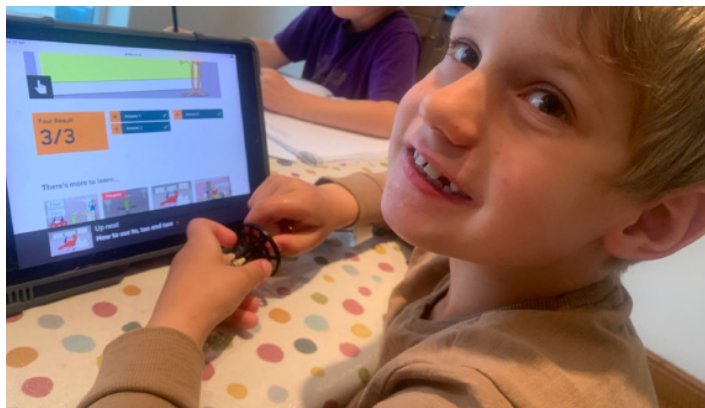
Hugo enjoying his remote PE class





## REMOTE LEARNING ARTHUR'S PHONICS

Well done, **Arthur**, on your brilliant phonics work this week!



## REMOTE LEARNING HAIR GROWING CONTEST

Mr G and **Micah** are having a competition to see whose hair will grow the longest! Micah is currently winning with 13cm!



## REMOTE LEARNING NOAH'S DESK FRIENDS

**Noah** making sure he's got his desk friends helping him with his home learning.



## REMOTE LEARNING WHAT DO RECEPTION LIKE MOST ABOUT HOME LEARNING?

