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NEWSLETTER



This fantastic
felt tip drawing is
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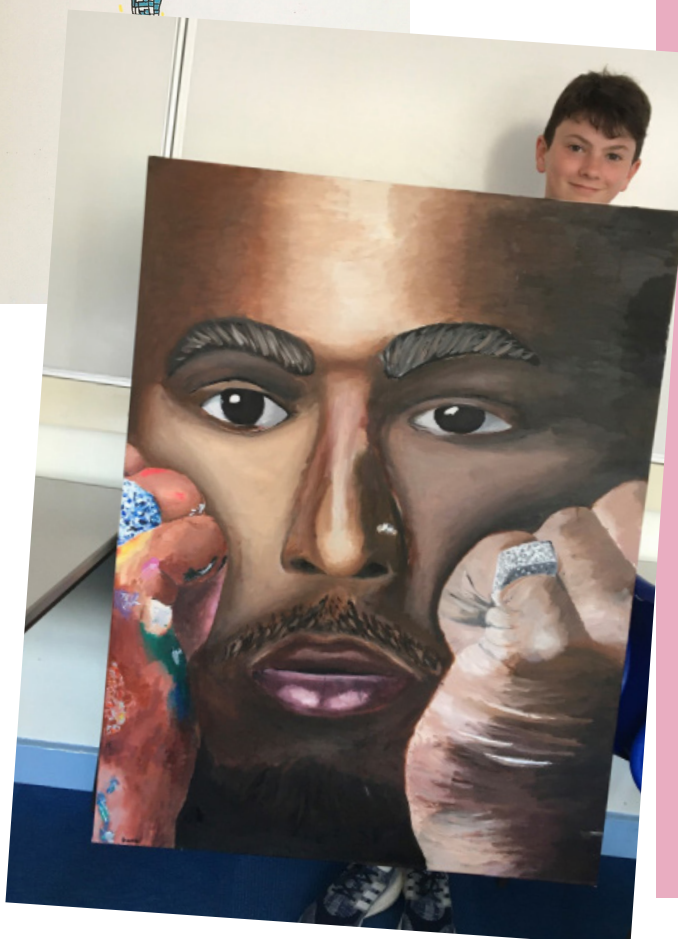
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Pre-Prep and Minis News

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

As there was no 'Picture of
the week' in last week's
Gratitude Newsletter, this
week we have two!

This amazing painting of the
F1 driver Lewis Hamilton is by
Hamish, 7BD/PTM.



REMINDER...

Next week is The Great
Outdoors week for Years
6, 7 and 8. Look at SOC's
to see what activities you
have and come prepared
for whatever the weather!
Remember activities are
only in lesson time, clubs
as usual.

As we will be outside in
the Somerset countryside
for most of the week, we
need to take some
precautions to reduce the
risk of tick bites. Please
wear long tracksuit bottoms
tucked into, ideally long
games socks for the walks.
We will take the
opportunity to discuss how
to spot and remove ticks
with the pupils, but please
also assist them in checking
for and removing ticks at
the end of each day.



MUSIC TRIAL LESSON WEEK!

Has your child ever wondered what it might be like to play an instrument or have singing lessons? Thought about trying harp or flute lessons but wasn't sure if it was for them? Fancied having a go on a trumpet or saxophone but wanted to meet the teacher first? Wanted to start a rock band but never picked up drum sticks or strummed a guitar? In the week commencing 21 June, the Music Department will be presenting 'Music Lesson Trials' week for Pre-Prep and Junior pupils. If your child would like to have some completely FREE trial taster lessons on any number of different instruments, please contact Mrs Kew (kew.j@millfieldprep.com) stating which instrument(s) your child would like to try. Trials will be scheduled at a convenient time during the school day and teachers will collect and return pupils to their classrooms. There is no obligation to sign up for lessons following a trial, and the instrumental/vocal teacher will email you with information relating to the success of the session including whether your child demonstrated an aptitude for the instrument and whether they should consider pursuing lessons. If your child is in Year 6, 7 or 8 and involved in Outdoor Week they can still have the opportunity to sign up for a trial lesson, but this will take place during the final week of term.



This really is a fantastic opportunity to explore music and discover a hidden love and talent for something entirely new!

Trial lessons can be offered on the following instruments: Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, orchestral percussion, voice and piano.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

Heartfelt congratulations to the following pupils who undertook London College of Music examinations and received some outstanding results:

Music Theatre

Lily – Grade 3

Isobel – Grade 3 (with Merit)

Megan – Grade 3 (with Distinction)

Chloe – Grade 3 (with Distinction)

Mimi – Grade 4 (with Merit)

Maia – Grade 5

Tamara – Grade 5 (with Distinction)

Popular Music Vocals

Luke – Grade 3 (with Distinction)

Angus – Grade 3 (with Distinction)

Charlie – Grade 3 (with Distinction)

Sylvie – Grade 5 (with Distinction)

CALLING ALL PERFORMING ARTS ENTHUSIASTS!

Come and join us at Millfield Prep School for our Summer Drama course from 26-30 July. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, get creative and have a fun-filled week.

Spaces available for ages 5-16. Please contact: enterprises@millfieldschool.com to book and find out more.

Watch a highlight reel of the Millfield Prep Drama Department: [here](#)

JUNIOR CHOIR

On Tuesday, members of the junior choir excitedly took part in an attempt to break two Guinness World Records: The biggest group to simultaneously sing the same song, and the biggest group to simultaneously *sign* the same song.

The event was hosted by Young Voices and we were able to take part in singing and dance warm-ups with an estimated 350,000 other children from around the world! The song chosen was 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers, arranged by Billy Ocean.

Pupils sang it with gusto, as they always do, and we had a great time.

The results of whether we were successful or not will be announced soon and we'll keep you updated via our twitter page: @musicmps, which is where you can find out all the latest news from the music department.





WHEN JAMI MET TYRONE MINGS

Jami recently had the chance to meet Old Millfieldian and England footballer Tyrone Mings when he returned to Millfield and had a chance to ask him questions about the Black Lives Matter movement, taking the knee in football and what can be done to act against racism.

Here is a link to the interview with Jami and Tyrone Mings (available through the school portal): [Interview](#)

Jami was head of Chestnut house from 2014-2016. He joined Millfield Prep in Year 6 and was highly regarded. He worked hard in all areas of school life, in the classroom, games field, swimming pool and drama studio. He was always determined to go that little bit further to ensure that not only did he give his own very best performance, but was also a great model for younger pupils in the school and boarding house. In



typical Millfield fashion, he was a true multi-sport player. Jami trained with our swimming squad several times each week and was an important member of our rugby teams, playing 7s at Rosslyn Park. He was already a talented athlete and became a National IAPS long jump champion. We have watched his progress with genuine admiration.

JUNIOR AWARDS

This week, Chota and Oreo have been awarded to Izzy, Josh and Iona. The children received their awards for amazing acts of selflessness and kindness, excellent captaincy skills in a recent cricket match, and superb dedication to their studies and extra curricular activities. Well done!



YEAR 2

Year 2 created some amazing still life pastel pictures after studying the work of Paul Cezanne. All so unique and colourful, just like Year 2!



Year 2 have been growing sunflowers from seed this term, and coming back last week we were all shocked by their sudden dramatic growth! The children will be measuring and recording their growth until the end of term until they will, hopefully, be able to carry them home!



YEAR 7

Year 7's Latin revision session – al fresco!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have started their final IPC unit of the year which focuses on lifelike drawing. To begin with, the children drew full-scale self-portraits in small groups. Here are some of their final efforts:

Sporting News



EQUESTRIAN

During half term, **Emily** competed at both Western Lawns Pony Premier and Keysoe Pony Premier, and squeezed in a one-day show at Cobham Manor Equestrian.

Emily came 2nd in the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) 128 Qualifier at Weston Lawns on Izzy and will be competing at HOYS in October, going through the famous purple curtains!



Here are some of the horses and riders at Hickstead National champs. Everyone rode brilliantly and had a fantastic time. This year we were down on our luck. But great experience and we will come back next year even stronger.

From left to right: **Frankie** on D-Day, **Mylas** on Billy, **Aggie** on Billy S, **Livi** on Princess, **Lola** on Jimmy, **Mimi** on Natty, **Bryany** on Kalley, and **Tash** on Flash.



This is **Lola** with her pony, Jimmy, who came 2nd and 3rd in the same British Show Jumping competition. Well done!

Congratulations to **Livi** and her pony, Princess, for achieving first place in both the 80cm and 90cm classes of their first British Show jumping competition.

This is **Matilda**, Year 2, and her pony, Bluebell. Matilda has been working really hard in her lessons in preparation for her first ever competition, and her hard work has paid off. She came 3rd in the Show Jumping class and jumped a good clear round in the 40cm as well. Matilda and Bluebell are off to another competition next weekend; there's no stopping them now!



Sporting News



TRIATHLE

Millfield attended the National Triathlon competition on 5 June at Leweston School in Dorset. We had a great day in the sun with athletes competing in U13 and U15 categories. For most athletes it was their first experience of a triathlon competition (shoot - swim - run)! It was a pleasure to see lots of smiles and effort throughout the day.

Congratulations to all athletes who competed and to athletes who have qualified for the World Triathlon Championships, which will be held in Germany in August: **Taylor**, **Vienna**, and **Tabitha** as a reserve.

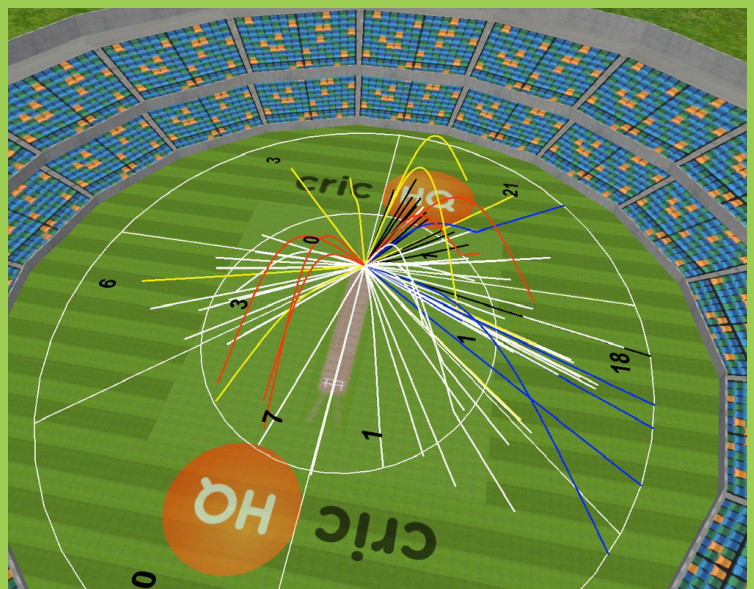
After a terrible shoot on the first lap, leaving the table last, **Taylor** (7RM-NIK) made up time in the run and swim and had a fantastic shoot on the second lap, going on to finish second in his age category (under 13).



CRICKET

The U13B cricket team continued their strong season with another comprehensive victory over Prior Park. The opening pairing of **Lukas** and **Jake** again did well, scoring 42 before the first wicket went down, which set an excellent platform for others to help get the team to 126-5 from 20 overs. Some excellent calling and running between the wickets helped run the total up as high as possible.

As you can see from the wagon wheel, runs came from all around the ground, but it was nice to see the work in training on leg-side shots really paying dividends. At the halfway point we spoke about making a strong start with sharp fielding and tight bowling, hoping to restrict Prior Park in their first five overs. **Oscar** was clearly listening as he took four wickets in the opening over, including a very sharp caught-and-bowled chance. From this point on, Millfield took wickets at regular intervals to take all 10 wickets before the halfway point with Prior Park, making 61 for their total.



Sporting News



TENNIS

Good luck to **Joshua** and **Charlie** who are competing in the Road to Wimbledon Regional event for players rated 6.2 or higher at the East Gloc Tennis Club this weekend.

Also, congratulations to **Toby** who has been accepted into the LTA Grade 2 National U10 Tournament in Glasgow on 25 and 26 June.

Ten of our U10 players competed against All Hallows on Tuesday in singles and doubles matches at home. Everyone played really well in the sunshine and we won the match overall.

On Wednesday 24 of our Year 7&8 girls competed against Wells Cathedral school and everyone had a lovely afternoon of doubles play on the Astro court. Very well done to all our Tennis players who competed over half term.

Toby, John, Fredi and **Chloe and Luke** all played in the Grade 5 Martock Tennis Tournament, with Toby beating John in the U10 singles final. Toby was also runner-up in both the Swindon and the Sherborne Grade 4 U10 singles events, and played in the Grade 3 match in Bristol.

Charlie and **Josh** both competed in the Tennis Europe event in Wrexham and Josh got through qualifying and won his first round match. Josh also won the U14 singles at the Grade 3 in Bristol. Charlie reached the Semi Final of Woking Grade 3 U14 singles and won U14 Dubs. He also won U16 Grade 4 at Sherborne and was Runner up in U18 Grade 4 in Cardiff.

Louise came third in the U18 Grade 5 in Oxford.

SAILING

Before half term the U13s followed the success of the Year 6s for the MPS Regatta at Portland Harbour. There were 21 boats from seven schools making the most of the difficult, light wind racing conditions. They battled all morning and learnt a lot by being part of a quality fleet.

This was the first time racing for some of our sailors and they did very well to stay competitive in the challenging racing conditions. **Maia** and **Hunter** were in our top boat, coming in 6th. New pairing, **George** and **Frederick** had some fantastic starts, along with some consistent perseverance from **Ollie** and **Sam**. All the sailors behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



Maia and **Vanja** competed in the British National Sailing Championships from 29 May to 1st June. They had four race days with 12 races completed in the series.

Mala and Vanja placed 2nd overall in Juniors in the Gold fleet, so a great result. They will now go on to compete in the 2021 RS Feva World Championships in Travemünde, Germany on 23 July.

If you want to try sailing in September, look out for the sign-up letter on the portal at the end of the summer holidays.

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ATHLETICS

The English Schools Cup event normally has three rounds culminating in a National final. Sadly this year the event will not be able to be like this which is a shame but very understandable. Our boys and girls teams therefore took part in a county event which goes no further. It was fantastic to see them racing around the track again and all of their hard training work was clear to see in their performances. We are waiting for the official results to be published. Thank you to Mr Henderson and Miss Luxon for all their hard work with the teams.



SPORTS DAY

Years 3-5 took part in their annual sports day on Saturday in glorious conditions. It was lovely to see parents return to site to see their children perform. The children took part in a number of running and field activities, including long jump, a sprint and hurdles. All children performed exceptionally well and lots of fun was had by all.



Boarding Life



BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have returned refreshed and ready for a busy last four weeks of Year 8. The light evenings continue to allow the boys to play outside with cricket and football on the menu.

CHESTNUT

This week the Chestnut boys enjoyed the evening sunshine with a game of baseball. They painted their faces so that the two teams could be easily recognised. There were some 'big hitters' and some excellent fielding and teamwork.

When we got back to house we had a creative evening making surprises for a special day on Sunday. Ssssh! The boys enjoyed, colouring, cutting, sticking and writing heartfelt messages to make their really lovely cards.



CHAMPION

It was so lovely to see everyone back after the half term break. The weather has been great this week and the Champion girls have been heading to the tree house as soon as they have finished their evening snacks. You would think after a long day of school and sport that they would be a little tired - not so!



HOLLIES

The weekend sunshine brought fun and laughter to Hollies in the form of the water slide. Who knew there were so many different ways to slide?! The fun continued on Sunday with the greatly loved breakfast van (which allows an extra lie in!) and a trip to Wells cinema to see Cruella. This proved a very popular choice with the girls and was a relaxing treat before getting back to the revision. The girls have worked hard this week preparing for their assessments, which we hope have gone well. However, a few were able to put some revision aside to do some card making for the weekend. Well done girls!





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SUN CREAM AND SUN HATS

All children need to have applied sun cream before school and have a sun hat every day please.

CONGRATULATIONS

 to Ms Denbee.

Roy Denbee Elson was born on 3 June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Tuesday 6 July.

Parents invited from 1.45pm (two spectators per family).

Events to start at 2pm on the Prep sports field by the Pavilion.

School finishes at 3:15pm, no creche or late club.

Year 2 Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 7 July 11am.

Year 2 parents only. More information to follow.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory:

Pre-School

Catherine
Sage

Reception

Marilin
Honey

Year 1

Isla
Emily

Year 2

Max
Meilin



On Thursday Pre-Prep were out watching the solar eclipse through our safe watching glasses, provided by Mr Hudson from the Senior school. It was quite spectacular!



RECEPTION

This week the reception class had an amazing trip to our Forest School. When we got there we built a fire and we toasted bread to make a snack.

Then we noticed something new in the woods, and a storybook. Mrs Smith then remembered that she'd noticed something jumping out of Forest School on Sunday when she popped in. She thought it could've been a bear. The story was 'The Bear and the Piano' and the object was a piano. This is a lovely story about how the bear learns to play the piano but mainly it's about friendships and how amazing they are.

The children then went on to explore the noise the piano makes, and we created a pretend drum set and used other instruments to create different tunes and songs.

PRE-SCHOOL FROGS

Pre-School were so excited at the end of half term as we had successfully hatched 10 Painted Lady butterflies and released them.

We were fortunate to be able to observe really carefully as they sat on Mrs Cocks' finger! We looked at their beautiful patterned wings, large eyes and long tongue. We even sang a butterfly song as they flew away!





PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

The tadpoles had a busy and exciting start to this half term! We went for a walk around Pre-Prep to see how the plants had grown over the break. The children thought that the guinea pigs had grown as well!

We had a great discussion about the half term break. It seems that lots of the children either went to the beach or had exciting water play in their gardens. This, of course, led to in-depth discussions about our favourite flavours of ice cream, which the children then painted. They looked nearly as delicious as the real thing!



YEAR 1 PUPPY PUDDLES!

Year 1 returned to their classroom after lunch to find a puddle on the floor. The children were puzzled and wondered where the water came from. They looked to see if there was a leak in the ceiling but there was not. Then Mrs Brittain said she had seen Mr Jory walking his puppy. Was it a puppy puddle? The children set about investigating which material would be best to mop up the mess. They tested six different materials to see how absorbent they were. The children remembered to use a fair test and recorded their findings carefully. Their research concluded that the foam sponge would be the best to use, just in case Mr Jory's puppy returned!





MINIS NEWS



MINIBEASTS

Before half term, our Minis enjoyed building bug hotels and balancing on the slackline in the Forest School. They worked hard to match up bugs with their silhouettes and whoosh the incy wincy spiders down the water spouts! We read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, printed our very own one, and loved making leafy pies in our Hungry Caterpillar Cafe to feed our very greedy caterpillar! I wonder what colour butterfly he will become...

