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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this amazing painting by **Chloe B 6BAM**.



END OF TERM AND RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday 19 March is both the end of spring term and Red Nose Day!

Children can be in mufti clothes – ideally wearing something red, with a £2 donation to support Red Nose Day.

Pick Up Times

Year 3 – 3.10pm – Martins Lane
Pre-Prep – 3.15pm – Staff Car Park
Year 4 – 3.20pm – Martins Lane
Year 5 – 3.30pm – Martins Lane
Year 6 – 3.45pm – Martins Lane
Year 7 – 3.20pm – Top Car Park
Year 8 – 3.40pm – Top Car Park
Boarders – 4.00pm from houses

Siblings to go together at the earlier time.

Please do stick rigidly to these times, as otherwise you may have to be moved on due to traffic build up.

TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

A reminder that the second Tea and Music concert of the term will be streamed via YouTube Premiere at 5.30pm on Wednesday 17 March.

For pupils who are signed up, please ensure that performances are uploaded to the Showbie Group 'Tea and Music March 2021' (code RCKLR) by the end of the day today (Thursday 11 March). Performances may be recorded at home if this is the preferred option, however please can we ask that you follow the instructions in the Showbie group with regard to recording etiquette.

It has been fantastic hearing live music again in the school this week and we have had some wonderful performances submitted. We hope you can join us at 5.30pm next Wednesday for what promises to be a hugely entertaining event, however rest assured that the concert will also remain on the school YouTube channel for you to enjoy at any convenient time. If there are any questions about any aspect of the concert, please contact Mrs Sturges or Mr Haddock.

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World Book Day Online

Being away from campus did not deter the pupils of Millfield Prep from taking part in World Book Day 2021. A full programme was provided for the whole school. We began, as is tradition, with the costume judging followed by a World Book Day assembly which included teacher interviews about reading and their favourite and recommended books. After that, groups were dispatched to workshops where they learnt about non-fiction techniques needed to create their own books. Everyone took part in themed World Book Day workouts courtesy of the PE Department, who delivered on creativity as well as physical activity. Year 8 had a *Treasure Island* theme, Year 7 tried some record-breaking Secret Agent stunts, Year 6 stuck to a *Stickman* regime and the Juniors' *Harry Potter* workout was magical. Throughout the day there were opportunities to listen to teachers reading and at lunchtime there was a flurry of den building for the Design a Reading Den competition. After lunch, the children rejoined workshops for a tutorial in illustration and then had some time to work on their own 'How To' books. The day culminated in pupils sharing their hard work in their Group Tutors and then settling down for Mrs Kitto's Meditation on Books. What an amazing day! Well done and thank you to both staff and pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Best Costumes:

- 3BJD - **Raffie B** - *Dirty Bertie*
 4MCJ - 'Straw Hat' Luffy from One Piece Manga series
 4ESH - **Dixie C** - Carlos from *The Descendants*
 5EAR - **Sebastian G** - Professor Quirrell, *Harry Potter*
 5HCG - **Lilly W** - Grizelda Bone, *Charlie Bone* series
 5VAH - **Charlie P** - Dobby, *Harry Potter*
 6HRP - **Amber J** - *Where's Wally*
 6BVG - **Charlie L** - Katniss Everdeen from *Hunger Games*
 6SAL - **Elizabeth M** - *Coraline*
 6BAM - **Luc M** - *My Little Pony*

Year 7

1. **Asta M** - Countess Rossakoff
2. **Amelia G** - Opal Plumstead
3. **Victoria B** - Malala Yousafzai

Best Tutor Group

7NIK

Best Dressed Teachers

Mr Henderson and Mrs Lovell

Year 8

Maia G – *The Gingerbread Man*

Best Tutor Group

8JEH made a collective team effort where they all wore black apart from **Freddy F** who was dressed up as Where's Wally. A clever idea that made an impact on screen!

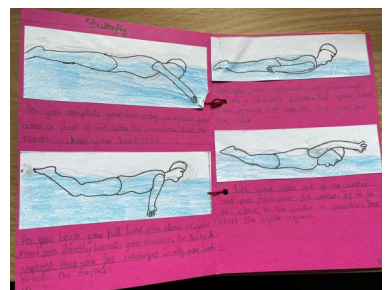
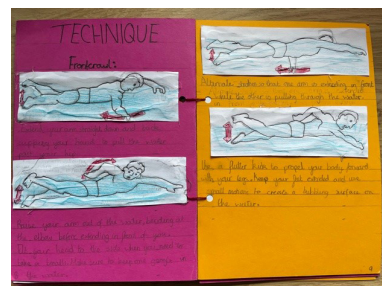
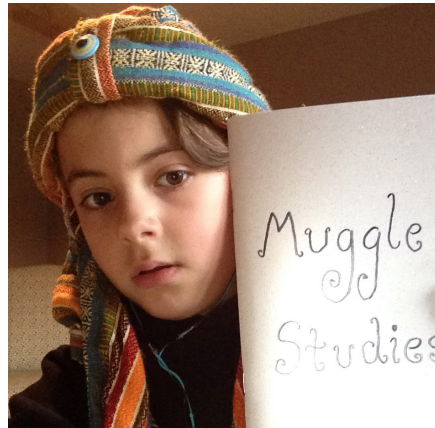
Best Book Created:

How To Be A Super Speedy Swimmer by **Mila B**

Den Building Winners:

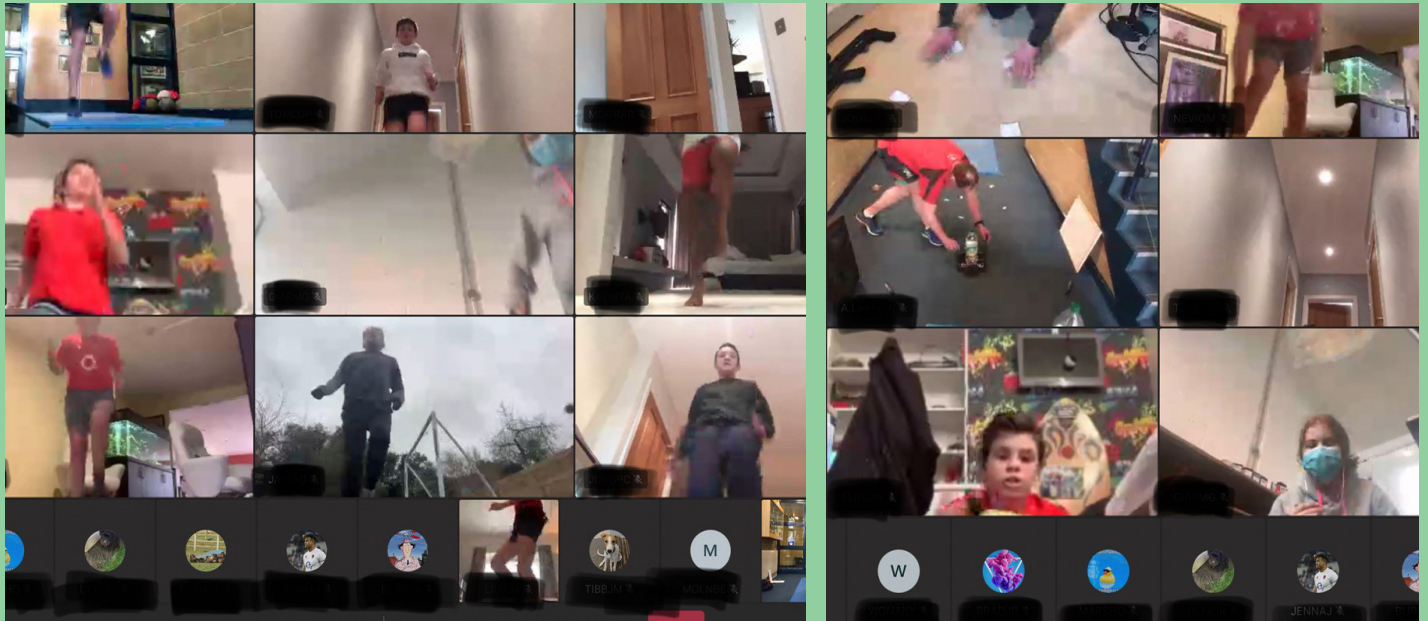
- Year 3 - **Micah W**
 Year 4 - **Florence C**
 Year 5 - **Harry D**
 Year 6 - **Elizabeth M**

Special mention to **Monty C** for brilliant videos of both his book and building a den – excellent!



WORLD BOOK DAY YEAR 8 WORKOUT

Lots of pupils joined in enthusiastically with the World Book Day Year 8 Workout, playing pirates linked with the book *Treasure Island*. Then pupils played hangman with book titles and authors from their English lessons: they had to do circuit training forfeits for incorrect guesses! Next was a game of 'Book Title Batak', which is a memory and reaction game. They finished off the session with a circuit using Mr Duke's favourite author, Rodger Hargreaves and his *Little Miss* and *Mr Men* titles as inspiration for their exercises!



PERFECT POETRY

Some fabulous poems by 4MCJ. These were based around the past tense verbs that they have been looking at.

Things My Dog Did Last Week

Things my dog did last week:
 Pawed me on the nose.
 Watched some TV
 And in that show a menace tricked the teacher.
 She destroyed a couple of bananas,
 Also ate some pears.
 Pounced on some bunnies.
 Then attempted a spider,
 The 8 legged one won!
 After she raided my school bag,
 And probably tried to eat some of that too!

By **Hester H**

Things I Did Last Week

Things I did last week:
 Played a game of cricket with two innings.
 Enjoyed multiple dog walks through the woods.
 Read 15 of my favourite books.
 Made a cardboard spider.
 Started a new book.
 Bounced on the bouncy trampoline.
 Got square eyes.
 Read a poem.
 Then had a party because school's back!

By **Bailey B**

Things I Did Last Week

Things I did last week:
 Remote learning.
 Muted my mic.
 Sat on my sofa and watched TV.
 Played with my dog.
 Played with my sister.
 Took my medicine.
 Watched the pool going in.
 Walked around the field.
 Fell in the stream.
 Ate breakfast, lunch and dinner.
 Went back to school...

Here we go again!

By **Polly W**

EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Well done to **Sam X**, our EAL Pupil of the Week. Sam worked really well in the last few weeks of remote learning. His understanding of English has greatly improved and he is much more able to work independently. We are really happy to see Sam back at school.



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

It is amazing that we can be back in school this week in person and still stay connected to all those who are learning from around the world. I have been so impressed with the way in which all pupils have embraced the change and adapted.

Jesus welcomed opportunities to speak and share with children, rebuking those who thought less of them. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (The Bible, Mark, chapter 9 verse 37).

Children and young people are resilient, adaptable, creative. There is a desire to be together, an aspiration to learn with and from others, to make great progress and to be amazing human beings. There is a desire to contribute positively to community, to treat others with dignity and respect, to bring hope into hopeless situations and from this we can learn so much.

Dear God

This week we pray together for real peace and calm

This week we pray together for true joy and friendship

This week we pray together for deep wisdom and assurance

This week we pray together and ask that your loving spirit will connect us, and connect with us, as we welcome back our wider school family here at school and online.

For peace, joy, wisdom and love we pray

Amen

Wellbeing tip for the week: Celebrate your amazing self. Reflect each day on things that have gone really well and allow yourself time to notice and to enjoy the feeling of a job well done, a sense of achievement. Even better, catch other people doing great things and celebrate that with them too. After all, you are amazing individuals and even better as incredible teams.

- Reverend Kitto

WORKING WONDER WALKS 4

After such a long time using Teams to talk through scientific ideas, pupils in Year 7 and 8 have made the most of the recent sunshine by taking part in 'Working Wonder Walks'. This has been a great way for pupils to get back into face-to-face conversations about their work with the added bonus of exercise and a break from face coverings. As part of British Science Week, pupils have been considering this year's theme, 'Innovating for the Future'.

After seeing [this](#) music video of a 'Heath Robinson contraption', pupils were challenged to come up with their own machines that could rival something from Wallace and Gromit (image below of Wallace's Soccamatic Machine... surely not needed by goalkeepers at Millfield Prep)!



SPANISH ARMADA HELICOPTER HISTORY

Last Saturday, our regulars at the Saturday Helicopter History Masterclass looked at the many reasons why the Spanish Armada failed.

In the hour long workshop, pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8, with no prior knowledge, studied a range of historical sources including maps, portraits, and extracts from Dan Snow's *Armada: 12 Days To Save England*. The group were given guided reading that charted the Spanish Armada's journey from Lisbon to Calais, the problems Sir Francis Drake faced and the role of Queen Elizabeth I at Tilbury.

This was the sixth Helicopter History which focused on giving pupils a broad overview, hovering like a helicopter over a period or event that they have never had a chance to study before. The History department will be looking to extend this project further next term and would like to thank all the pupils involved, many of whom have attended every workshop since January.

Story		
Task 1: Create a title/doodle for each paragraph	Rivalry, War and the Spanish Armada, By Barbara Mervyn	Task 2: Summarise each paragraph in 1 to 2 bullet points
Armada ready to England	On 21 July 1588, 130 Spanish ships, carrying 17,000 men, sailed up the English Channel in a crescent formation, aiming for Calais to meet up with the Spanish army under the Duke of Parma, currently in the Netherlands. The English fleet left harbor in Plymouth and followed the Armada for eight days. The English navy had slightly more ships than the Spanish fleet, and had quicker ships with longer-range guns. The English fleet aimed to destroy the Spanish ships from a distance by firing cannon at them, but in those 8 days the English ships failed to inflict serious damage on the Armada.	Not attacking immediately. Having a crescent formation.
Sailing to Calais	Philip had instructed his commander to get close enough to the enemy's ships for the Spanish sailors to board them and then capture them, but this was impossible because the English kept their distance. Despite this, on 6 August, the Spanish ships reached Calais harbor and dropped anchor. The first stage of the Spanish plan seemed to have been successful.	Trying to board English ships. Stopping at Calais.
Fire ships	During the night, the English commander, Lord Howard, decided to go on the offensive. He ordered that 8 unmanned English ships be filled with inflammable materials such as tar and gunpowder. At around midnight, these ships were set on fire and the winds carried them towards the Spanish ships in the harbor. The sight of these fireships coming towards them caused panic among the Spanish sailors, who pulled up or cut their anchors, losing their tight battle formation. The Armada was blown towards the coast of the Netherlands.	The English boats were shot. The Arm was just too big.
Attacking	The result of the fireships being used was that the Armada was scattered and was no longer in a position to link up with Parma's army. The loss of their anchors also made it impossible to take shelter in harbours.	
Fleet	At daylight on 8 August, Lord Howard gave the orders to attack. The battle of Gravelines lasted for most of the day and was fought in the very poor weather conditions, with rough seas and bad visibility. Many of the Spanish ships were	



Sporting News

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EQUESTRIAN

This is **Adriana R** on Amor. Amor was a school horse here at Prep, but has now gone to retire/have fun with Adriana. It's so lovely to see them having fun together.

This is **Bronwyn M** riding Mr Ed. Bronwyn has been enjoying riding and can't believe it's part of her school day!



ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Last week in Athletic Development sessions, pupils created pasta pictures to show what they were looking forward to when coming back to school.



SWIMMING

It has been wonderful to have the swimmers back in the pool this week!



BEREWALL

The boys took some time to make some special cards for a certain someone this Sunday. It was great to see the boys using their creative sides.



CHESTNUT

It is great to have most of the boys back in Chestnut and the house has come alive since Sunday. Wednesday evening started with a game of football on the court, and the boys are enjoying being able to play games again with their friends.

The boys got creative making some Mother's Day cards that will hopefully arrive in the post before Sunday. The boys then made milkshakes with various toppings. It always amazes us just how quickly the boys consume their evening snacks!

They all then settled in to watch a film to round off their first Wednesday after lockdown.



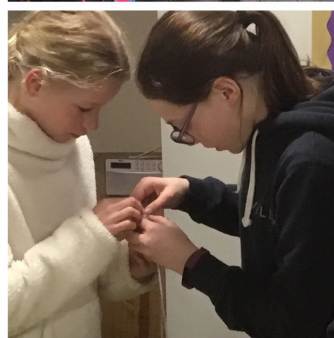
HOLLIES

The house came alive again on Sunday as many of the girls returned to the campus. They thoroughly enjoyed catching up with each other again over supper and welcoming **Bea** into the house for the first time. **Annabelle** brought a wonderful cake with her to celebrate her birthday with a party later in the evening. Routines have quickly been re-established with lots of riding, swimming and music for the girls to get involved in. Some skateboarding and a craft activity on Wednesday enabled a fun creative afternoon despite the rain!



CHAMPION

At last! The sound of footsteps and shrieks of laughter as the Champion girls returned for the new term. We welcomed **Orla**, **Sarah** and **Ruilin** to Champion and look forward to meeting **Karina** and **Yuna** very soon! Wednesday evening saw more wool than you can imagine used to create some amazing pom-poms - lots of girls helped each other to create some colourful designs.





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A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to you all. It is lovely to have all the children back at school and to see them interacting with their friends again. We are so proud of how the children have independently come into school and it is great to have Pre-Prep full of voices, laughter and a buzz of learning again. I would like to thank you for all your support during our first week back, driving carefully, parking considerably, following our one-way system, wearing face coverings and socially distancing. Drop off and collection is working well, however, please can I request that you remain in your cars until the allocated time and, if there is a queue, please line up against the hedge. We are still in a pandemic and I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience, ensuring the safety of the whole school community.

- Mr Jory



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

Livi J
Raffy S

Reception

Alfred W
Laurie L
Finn S

Year 1

Lila V
Bea M

Year 2

All of Year 2
children for making
Mrs Robbins feel so
welcome.



DIARY DATES

Friday 19 March

Red Nose Day
Children to dress in red
£2 donation

Friday 19 March

End of term – 3.15pm
No clubs, creche or late club

Monday 12 April

Return to school



PRE-PREP TWITTER

Millfield Pre-Prep now have our own Twitter page! Make sure you are following [@MPS_PrePrep](#) for updates about what the children are up to throughout the week.

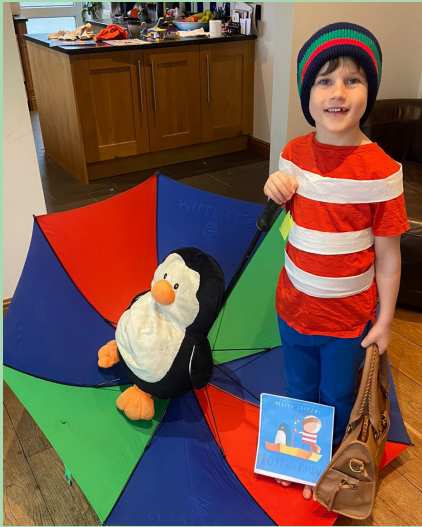
PRE-SCHOOL

FOREST SCHOOL FEAST

What a way to end the week, with a fish and chip takeaway in Forest School! Last Friday, Pre-School had a lovely, sunny morning exploring the great outdoors and completed the morning with a delicious fish and chip picnic lunch. Thank you to Gail and Luke from Catering for providing us with such a feast! We would also like to welcome **Amelia** to Pre-School.



World Book Day



YEAR 1

HAPPY TO BE BACK!

All of Year 1 are happy to be back in the classroom. They are enjoying being with their friends and taking part in lessons with their teachers. Mrs Grady is so proud of them, and their parents, for working so hard with their home schooling. Well done, everyone. A big welcome to **Emily**, our new pupil in Year 1.



AMAZING ARTWORK

The Tadpoles have been out in the sun, discovering all the bugs and mini beasts that live in the Pre-School garden. This led to an activity of painting their favourite bug. Each child choose a bug to copy and looked at the size, colour, shape and amount of legs they needed to paint. The children made some amazing artwork!



FABULOUS FLOWERS

It was a glorious start to the week and the flowers on Apple Tree Green came out into flower. Rather than pick the flowers, the children decided to paint pictures of them to capture their beauty. Armed with brushes, paint palettes and paper, the children set about choosing whether they would like to paint the daffodils, crocuses or primroses. They talked about the different parts of the flower and colours needed. The end results were fantastic and the children really studied their chosen flower. Spring has definitely sprung!



WARM WELCOME AND SUPER SHAPES

Year 2 have welcomed Mrs Robbins into the class beautifully and have been absolute angels, as you can see in the picture when practising hard for their Mother's Day song. They have also been learning how to describe the properties of 3D shapes by describing the shapes to their partners without showing them, to see if they can guess the shape being hidden. Well done for an amazing first week back Year 2, Mrs Robbins feels very lucky to be working with you!



RECEPTION

THANK YOU!

It is amazing to have the children back in the Reception classroom; it's so lovely to see their smiley faces and how well they have settled back in. Home learning wasn't the easiest time for the Reception class and we are very aware how hard all the mums, dads, grannies, grandpas, sisters and brothers worked to support the class in their home learning, so today we made heart-shaped biscuits and wrote thank you letters to send home. Thank you to everyone who supported the Reception class with their home learning - you have done an amazing job!

