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MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A beautiful shot of Millfield Prep one misty morning this week, taken by our Head of Security.



## SOCIALLY DISTANCED READING

A socially distanced reading/library lesson outside for 7BF!



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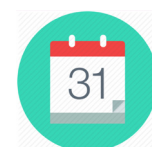
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## DIARY



### FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Exeat Weekend at 3.45pm, no  
clubs, games, activities or prep



# Egyptian Ship Building

It has been great to see our new Year 3 class testing their skills in the workshop this week. By having nine pupils per group, they have been able to continue with practical safety and are working hard to produce Egyptian ships. A battle on the shores of the Nile awaits when all the boats are complete!

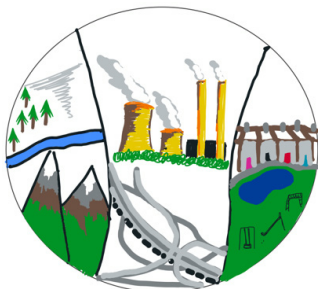


## YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY LOGOS

The Year 7 geographers have begun this academic year by understanding, 'What is Geography?' For many pupils, they have not learnt Geography as a separate subject, as a more topic-based approach is taught to younger years. Year 7 now understand that Geography can be divided into three categories – human, physical and environmental. They were set a challenge to design a logo for Geography to include all three categories and here are some of their creative thoughts.



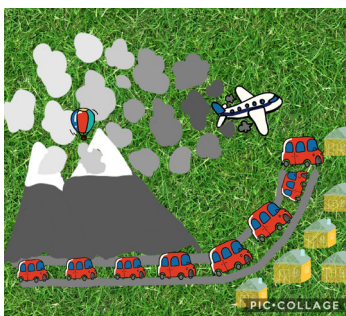
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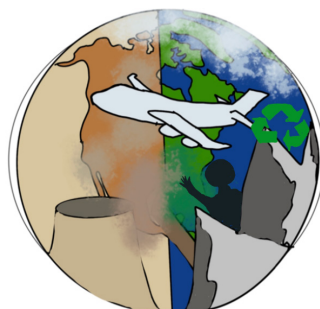
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## PARENT NOTICES

### COVID ABSENCE QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

[This handy resource](#) outlines the actions needed if your child or someone in your household has symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19.

### HARVEST SERVICE

At this harvest time, we are thinking of all those who are not as fortunate as ourselves, especially as the Juniors collect food for the local foodbank. Please do think about donating food the next time you go shopping, as many supermarkets have baskets to donate into. They are in need even more at this time.

Thank you in advance for your donations and do watch our service on Friday afternoon or with your family over the weekend.



## TV CASTING

Does your 5-10 year old have funny or insightful opinions? Click [here](#) to view a TV programme casting from the makers of *Secret Life of Four Year Olds*.



## PREPARING FOR HARVEST SERVICE

Over the last two weeks, it has been absolutely lovely to hear singing in the school again and pupils from Years 3 and 4 have been utilising our amazing outside space to learn a Harvest song called *Conkers*. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we unfortunately aren't able to perform the song live, so have instead recorded it for everyone to enjoy as part of our Harvest service which will be broadcast on Friday at 2pm (a link will be sent to parents to allow access to the video). As the service will remain on the school YouTube channel, you will have the chance to watch the performance as many times as you like! The recording process proved a little problematic when the sound quality during our first attempt was spoiled by some rather aggressive wind. However, the pupils' spirits could not be dampened and they were keen to try again to ensure the best possible performance. They did an even better job second time around and can all be extremely proud of themselves. Well done, and thank you to Years 3 and 4!



## AMAZING ALGEBRA

In Mathematics lessons, the Year 8 pupils have been working on algebra.

Using online resources such as algebra tiles can help them to develop a deeper understanding of some challenging concepts, such as forming and solving equations, and expanding a pair of binomials.



## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Saturday 26 September is the European Day of Languages!

The European Day of Languages website has lots of useful information, games, facts and resources. Check it out [here](#).

This year, they are inviting everyone to participate in a language challenge around the European Day of Languages! The 51 challenges contained within the [handbook](#) encourage learners to go a little outside their comfort zone and take advantage of the plentiful opportunities available to practise or learn more about a language beyond a classroom context.

## CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The image of an anchor is an interesting one. Anchors hold things down like large ships. They keep something rooted. On the surface this sounds like it is restrictive, but we need anchors to help us in our daily life. Especially at the moment with so much uncertainty in the news think about what your anchors might be. Family time, prayer, rest, reflection, a good book, a hobby, exercise or just walking the dog.



Make sure you find time in your busy week to engage with you anchor as this will also give you strength. If you look into an anchor you can see the symbol of a cross, I find that this gives me hope.

*Dear God,  
Please help us to make wise choices today, to look after one another.  
Please help us to make wise choices for tomorrow, to look after our planet.  
Please help me to make wise choices now, to look after myself.  
Please help me to make wise choices that will lead to changes for good.  
Thank you for one another, for our planet, for the love of Jesus.  
Amen*

- Mrs Kitto, Chaplain

## EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Well done to **Barak D** for winning EAL Pupil of the Week.

He makes the most of every lesson by asking insightful questions and engaging in conversation, whatever the topic may be.

He is very kind towards those around him and is always ready to help.





# Boarding Life

## CHESTNUT @MPS\_CHESTNUT

Wednesday saw the annual Chestnut Conker Championship take place on the court. The boys all selected their conkers and prepared for battle. Some picked small ones and some picked large ones but no one really knew which would be best this year. The boys used their hand eye coordination to bash their opponent's conkers to pieces! After an hour of frantic competition we had three winners. The boys then came in for their second birthday feast of the week!



## HOLLIES @MPS\_HOLLIES

Another exciting week has passed in Hollies. The girls have been doing a range of clubs such as Fencing, Horse Riding and Laser Run. After supper we enjoyed some games followed by marshmallows round the fire; a fitting end to a wonderful day. Sunday activities had a 'wellbeing' theme and resulted in some delicious freshly pressed apple juice, thoughtful role play and some chilled girls after yoga. Natural art in the form of dream catchers and mandalas inspired our creative girls! We have another teenager to celebrate too – happy birthday, **Darcey**.



## BEREWALL @BEREWALLHOUSE

This weekend the boys made the most of the amazing weather and surroundings. Saturday was 'manhunt' down in the woods with campfire toasted marshmallows and s'mores. Sunday saw the annual Berewall Open over on the golf course. Random pairings and a randomly selected club for the whole round added to the fun. The eventual winners were **Harry D** and **Jasper**, who managed an impressive 2 on hole 9, no mean feat when you only have a putter!



## CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

With the nights drawing in, Champion girls' thoughts have turned towards indoor activities. Mrs L found the UNO cards and off they went - card games have always been noisy but this term it's even louder! On Wednesday, we found time to make pompoms which are now decorating the dorms.





# SPORTING NEWS

## EQUESTRIAN

Our riders **Bence K**, **Livi S**, **Lola S** and **Emily G** enjoying the lovely weather and beautiful countryside on some rides this week.



## CROSS COUNTRY

With the Mendip Junior League being postponed, our cross country runners were at a loose end this Tuesday. They filled it by having their year group races around another great course laid out by our Grounds and Gardens department. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 zoomed around and will be fully ready when the League is rescheduled.



## CRICKET

Over the last two Sundays, we have put on some cricket development matches, with over 60 different children participating. The development and new skills that have come from these sessions have been remarkable and the children have had great fun in the process. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will try to do some more sessions, weather permitting. Many thanks to Mr Morgan-Hughes, Mr Gardiner, Mr Guthrie and Mr Heal who have helped me over the two weekends. Also the grounds staff, who have maintained fantastic facilities for the children to play on.

- Mr Beal



## TENNIS

On Saturday, **Wills H** represented Millfield in the Premier Division of the U14 Boys National Club League along with three Senior School players. The team fought hard with some tight tiebreaks played, but lost 5-1. Our girls team, including **Louise H** and **Niamh M**, played West Hants Tennis Club in the same competition on Sunday and gave it their best, but also lost 5-1.

**Charlie R** was runner up in the U16 Grade 4 in Wincanton this weekend and has qualified for the U16 Winter Regional Tour in Exmouth next weekend. We wish him the very best of luck.





# NEWSLETTER



## NOTICE

# Harvest Celebration Notice

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to invite everyone in for our annual Harvest Celebration. However, we are creating a video with songs, stories and prayers, which we hope to share with you on Friday.

We are asking the pupils to bring in harvest boxes containing food to donate to the Glastonbury Food Bank. They have a current urgent appeal for the following items. As you will see they are all dry goods so that they have a long shelf life. If you are not aware of the work of food banks, they are a charity that give emergency food parcels to families in need.

Tinned fruit/vegetables/puddings/meat/fish  
Soup  
Baked beans  
Rice/pasta  
Ready meals  
Breakfast cereal  
Tea/coffee/sugar  
Fruit juice/squash  
Biscuits  
Jam/marmalade/honey

It would be wonderful if we were able to donate a wide range of these items to help our local community.

Please bring them in by Wednesday next week.

## DIARY



### FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

School ends 3.15pm. No clubs or creche.

### SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

#### Swimming

Reception, Year 1, Year 2

## MINIS TENNIS

There are a few spaces left on Wednesday afternoon's Minis Tennis Club for ages 2-7. Children can be taken to the courts by coaches and then collected from the Pavilion car park. Book your place [here](#).

## YEAR 2

# HARVEST AROUND THE WORLD

This week, the children have been learning about harvest around the world. As part of this, they found out which things grow at this time of year. Year 2 had a wonderful time searching for signs of autumn in the Forest School and collected a range of treasures to take home. We found acorns, conkers, pine cones, collared earthstar mushrooms and cyclamen.





## FOREST SCHOOL FUN

This week, the children have been exploring Forest School. We have been hunting for bugs, climbing trees, building dens and making tea in the mud kitchen.



### FROGS

## TASTY FRUIT CRUMBLE

Whilst playing on Apple Tree Green, the children discovered the apples and pears growing on the fruit trees. Not only were they tasty to eat as a snack, we thought we could cook with them too. Everyone decided to make one of Mrs Cocks' favourites, a crumble! Firstly, the Frogs picked and washed their fruit, then carefully cut the fruit into chunks using a knife. Whilst the fruit was cooking, they rubbed together butter and flour for the topping and added a sprinkling of sugar. They spooned their mixture into a foil tin ready to cook for tea. Pudding sorted! Well done, Frogs.

We would like to welcome **Romilly** to Pre-School.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Bishop's baby Frankie Anna was born on 23 June at 39 weeks and was a healthy 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mum and baby are both well.



## FROM HERE TO THERE

This week, Professor Spark set the children four different challenges, all related to their new topic 'From Here to There'. They had to get a boat across the lake without touching it and make a figure of eight train track. On the playground, they had to cycle round an obstacle course and make a paper aeroplane. Back in the classroom the children thought of lots of other ways to travel on land, on water and in the air. Great work, Year 1!



### TADPOLES

## FIRST FOREST SCHOOL VISIT

This week, the Tadpoles were very excited for their first trip to Forest School. The children made marks in the gravel using sticks. They hunted high and low for conkers, climbed trees and enjoyed exploring the nature around them.







# MINIS NEWS



## MINI WOODLAND ART

The Minis had so much messy fun making 'big art' out in the woods. They spray-painted big sheets hanging from the trees, painted paper wrapped around tree trunks and painted over logs and bubble wrap. They loved playing with the diggers in shaving foam and painting beautiful name art to take home. They also spent lots of time playing with the dinosaur small world and the water science station. By the end, lots of happy Minis were covered in paint and shaving foam. A very messy fun week!



