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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week's Photo of the Week comes from the Chestnut houseparents, who snapped this great photo of a rainbow with Edgarley Hall at the end!



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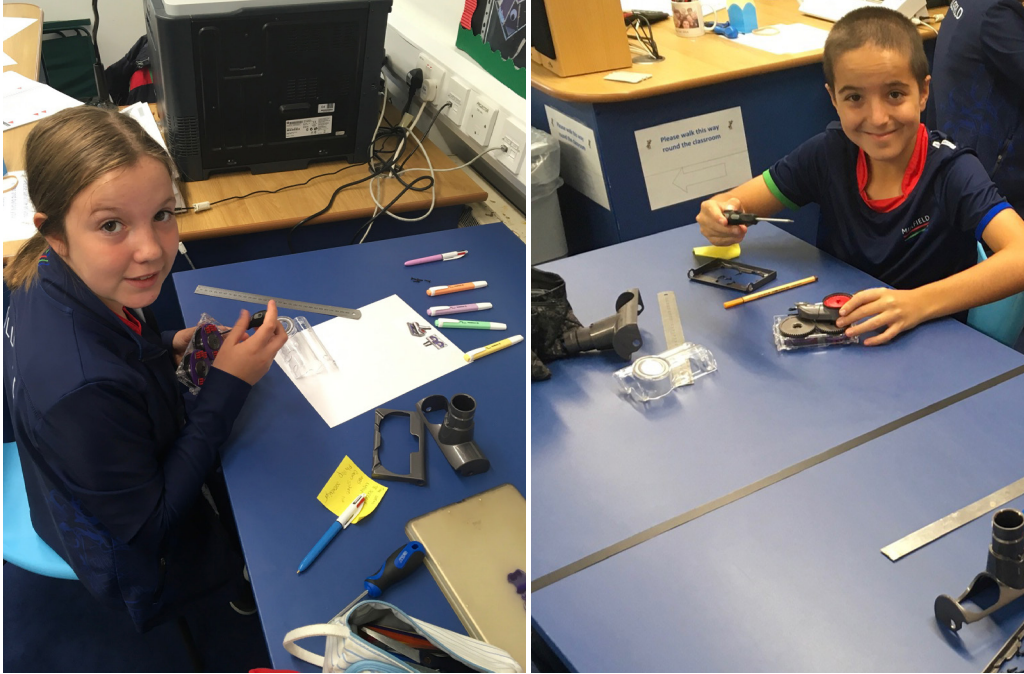
PICTURES OF THE WEEK

This week's Pictures of the Week are these great pencil studies of bottles by (from left to right) **Chloe B**, **Barnaby D** and **Gracie T** from 6BAM



Dyson Engineering

Year 7 have been improving their practical skills and knowledge by disassembling a Dyson tangle-free turbine tool. Each pupil had their own component to disassemble and we discussed the different materials used, how gears were used to increase revolutions and how an aerofoil shape is used to aid with wind resistance. Everybody concentrated well, enabling them to reassemble the part at the end. Well done, Year 7!



COOK AT HOME CLUB MY INSPIRATION

Pupils have been enjoying baking in their first Cook At Home Club of the year! The first recipe was a delicious [Somerset Upside Down Cake](#). **Megan** and **Tilly** made the pudding very successfully - without any of the drama that featured in the first episode of the Great British Bake off on Channel 4! If anyone would like to join, it's not too late, the Showbie code is W6ZBU.



A brilliant piece of work from **Caty R** in 7NIK about Michael Phelps.

"I find him inspirational because he has pushed through so much, faced so much adversity on his journey and yet he still became the most decorated Olympic swimmer in history.

Michael Phelps suffered from depression and anxiety but in 2014 it got so bad that he locked himself in his room for several days. He said that during those days he thought of not wanting to be alive but the longer he stayed in there by himself the more he thought that there had to be another way.

So with the help of his family he checked into inpatient mental health treatment.

When he got through the treatment he said that growing up he learned that athletes are supposed to be these strong people who never have any problems and never show weakness. But that is wrong.

He helped me learn that it's okay to ask for help. And it's not weakness to ask for help, it's strength."

PARENT NOTICES

A reminder that pupils need to come to school fully equipped and that forgotten kit cannot be dropped at Reception throughout the day.

SPORT

The wide variety of internal matches and training will continue to half term as we monitor the National Governing Body regulations carefully. Please check on Socs via the School Portal to see the competitive teams operating across a number of sports. Sadly, parents are not allowed on campus and for the safety of our whole community we are grateful that parents are respecting this situation.

CUSHION CONCERT

It has been really wonderful to hear live music again around the department and I know all pupils currently having vocal or instrumental tuition have been working extremely hard in their lessons.

The very first Cushion Concert of the year is always an exciting event and in order to ensure as many soloists in Years 3, 4 and 5 can take part and have enough time to prepare, we have decided to postpone the concert by a week. The new date will be Tuesday 13 October at 4pm and the concert will be broadcast via YouTube Premiere, with children being recorded during the school day on Friday 9 October. If your child is taking part, you will be notified via email, however the concert link will be sent to all parents in advance of the concert.

For those unable to tune in at 4pm, the concert will remain on the school YouTube channel for you to enjoy at a convenient time. We hope you are able to join us remotely for what promises to be a lovely afternoon of music.

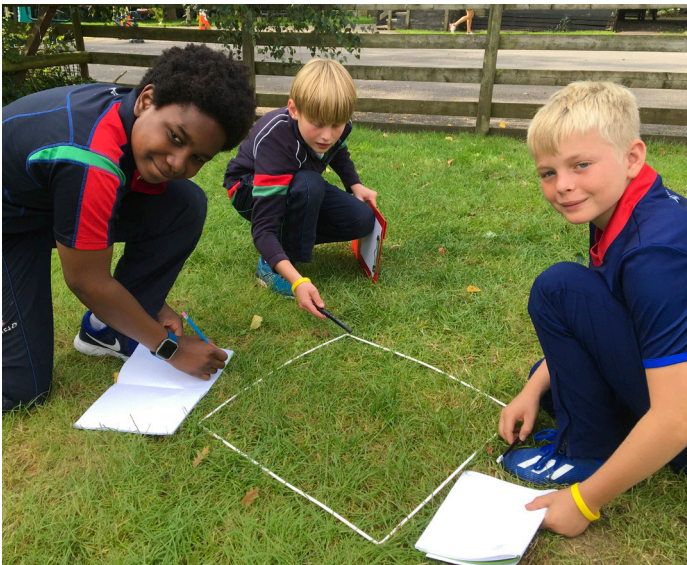
- Mrs Sturges

USEFUL RESOURCE

[A useful resource](#) for young people written by local young people to provide support during the pandemic.

ECOLOGY IN THE SUN

Year 7 have taken full advantage of the late summer weather and have been active in the school grounds as part of their ecology topic. Pupils have been learning how to carry out a survey and how to use a quadrat to collect population samples.



EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's EAL Pupil of the Week is **Miguel F B.**

Miguel has had an excellent start to the term. He always participates fully in class activities and is really engaged in lessons. He has a great, positive attitude to his learning and is making brilliant progress with his English. We have been very impressed with how well he learns new vocabulary, which he then includes very effectively in his writing.

Well done, Miguel!



SPHERO GOLF

As part of the recent National Coding Week, our Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to develop their coding skills by trying to code the Sphero robots around our putting green, in an exciting game of Sphero golf. The pupils had to problem solve how to get the Spheros into the golf holes in as few pieces of code as possible and all of them were striving for the near impossible hole in one!

It was really pleasing to see the pupils' hard work rewarded at the end of the week by receiving a National Coding Week Star.



Poetry Week

The Decision by **Thomas S**

He is through on goal,
One man,
One decision,
With the world watching.

Where to place it?
Right?
Left?
Straight?
High?

In this split second, he must make a choice
Which could shape his career, His life.
Score and be loved.
Miss and be hated.

To win,
To lose,
Take it
Or leave it.

He takes it...

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Hands, Face, Space... Can we learn from the 'Hands, Face, Space' mantra on a daily basis?

Hands - as well as washing hands lets use them to encourage and support, thumbs up, heart shapes, OK, applause, or even classic 'jazz hands'!

Face - as well as covering our face when we should, let's smile with our eyes, in our words. When in those virtual meetings, let's smile and above all, in the physical world and the virtual world, let's be kind, let's give good eye contact and let people know that they matter.

Space - let's keep our distance, but let's use our body language in a positive way. We convey so much through our bearing, by our actions - let another go past you or go first?

Whether you have a faith or no faith, what values will you convey this week? What example will you be setting to those around you?

*Creator God,
Thank you for stories, examples and actions that lift our spirits
Thank you for the love and care of others
Thank you for every opportunity to show love and care to another
Thank you for loving us all
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: In busy times we often find ourselves responding to reminders, alerts, alarms, even post-its or lists. So this week, spend a few minutes scheduling some times each day to celebrate your achievements. Even setting a reminder and pausing for a mindful moment, a mental and physical reset, is worth celebrating - because you did it. You made time for you, you took time for you and you have benefitted from it.

- Rev'd Kitto



Year 8 enjoyed building dens in the woods on Wednesday during Multis!

HARVEST SERVICE

Thank you to all the Juniors and Pre-Prep for the most amazing collection of harvest boxes and bags for our local food bank. Rev'd Kitto will be filling up her car this week to deliver them.

Thank you to all the pupils who spoke, sang, appeared in photos and or played in our Virtual Harvest Service. You were all really amazing.

[Here is the link](#) to watch with your families.

WELCOME REVEREND KITTO

On Saturday 26 September, Mrs Kitto our school Chaplain was ordained by Bishop Ruth as a deacon (this is the year before you become a priest) to serve here at Millfield Prep, but also in the parish of Glastonbury, where she will be taking services on Sundays (when she isn't running Boarders' Chapel) and supporting the parish in the school holidays.

You may have noticed her in her dog collar around school. Mrs Shayler was able to attend the service at Wells Cathedral as one of her very few guests due to Covid restrictions!

'It was a very intimate and special service, especially in these times devoid of touch when Bishop Ruth laid her hands on me (with sanitiser!)' says our new Reverend Kitto.



Rev'd Kitto's Ordination Stole, adorned with images of the Tor and Millfield's mill!

Boarding Life

CHESTNUT @MPS_CHESTNUT

On Wednesday night, the weather took a turn for the worse so the boys had some indoor fun with a few rounds of Bingo! It was tense and exciting waiting to see who would win and the boys loved some of the funny Bingo calls. Their favourite was "Legs 11!"



HOLLIES @MPS_HOLLIES

As we waved the girls off for a well deserved exeat break, those remaining in the house snuggled in for a takeaway and a movie night. A full programme of activities followed on Saturday, including trampolining, coding, tennis, fencing, cricket, table tennis and then some welcome relaxation time in house on Sunday. Croissants and pain au chocolat were served up for a later breakfast, giving the girls time to recoup some energy for debating and cricket in the afternoon. Another amazing cake and a chorus of voices marked Charlotte's birthday as the house filled up again on Sunday evening. Happy birthday, **Charlotte!**



BEREWALL @BEREWALLHOUSE

The Berewall boys who stayed for the Exeat weekend enjoyed a yummy Chinese takeaway on Friday night, followed by movies and ice cream!



CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

Over the Exeat weekend, the Champion girls were able to build their own delicious pizzas and, later on, try some nail art - a lovely treat!



SPORTING NEWS

SAILING

Maia D and **Vanja R-E** had a great result last weekend at the the British Youth Sailing Championships at Weymouth and Portland, placing second out of 42 boats.

In the right photo is **Maia D**, who along with the other two intrepid sailors, **Oliver A** and **Tim D P**, braved the big winds and managed some big speeds as well as the odd swim on Wednesday afternoon.



EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Emily G**, who competed all weekend at Chard Equestrian doing British Show Jumping and coming first on Dusty in the 128cm springboards, fourth on Bruce in the Bluechip 1m and fifth on Bruce in the 1m open.

Emily and **Myla C** also had fun this week on the two minis, Apple and Mango.



GOLF

The golfers have had a busy start to the term, with lots of the pupils playing in competitions and enjoying handicap reductions.

John A in Year 5 became the 9-Hole Junior Club Champion at Wheathill last weekend and **Abigail M** won a ladies club competition and has reduced her handicap to 16.

The golfers have shown a great attitude even when practising in rather rainy conditions which **Ale** and **Louise** in Year 8 found a different solution to this week!



TENNIS

Well done to **Toby W** who was runner up in the Grade 4 Wimborne Mini Orange Tennis Tournament at the weekend.

Charlie R also played extremely well and won his first round match in the U16 Grade 3 Winter Regional Tour in Exmouth on Saturday and was placed in the top eight for this event.





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NOTICE

Harvest Celebration

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Harvest Celebration videos last week. The children were very enthusiastic and it was lovely to hear them performing some autumnal favourites. [Here](#) is the link to the video if you missed it.

A huge thank you to everyone who made donations for Glastonbury Food Bank, it is always extremely well received.



FROGS

COLOUR MONSTERS

The Colour Monsters came to visit the Frogs this week. Initially the Colour Monster felt a bit muddled but with help he began to work through his feelings. The Colour Monster introduced us to all the different emotions we can feel: happiness, sadness, fear, anger, calm and love, and taught us that it's okay to feel these feelings; the most important thing is to talk about them. The children took turns to choose a Colour Monster and think about what makes them feel that way. Here are some of the children's comments: Happy - "I love it when mummy puts *Baa Baa Black Sheep* on." Calm - "When I'm in the bath reading my book." Fear - "I don't like Hallowe'en!"



FANCY DRESS FUN

This week, the Tadpoles have been exploring fancy dress. The children used their imaginations to create all kinds of fabulous looks; everything from gruffalos and foxes, to spanish dancers and princesses.



YEAR 2

FROM A TO B

During the past few weeks, the Year 2 pupils have been finding out about the brain. They have had lots of fun playing in the brain lab and developing different skills through practising. The children have been using their brains this week, as they started their new topic 'From A to B'. They have been finding out about Brunel and learning how his engineering helped develop transportation in the area.



YEAR 1

AUTUMN ADVENTURES

Year 1 were busy looking for signs of autumn in Forest School this week. They found lots of autumn leaves, conkers and acorns. The children noticed a lot of twigs on the ground and were given a measuring challenge. They had to look for a twig the same length as the distance from the tip of their fingers to their elbow. After a well earned snack they listened to a story called *Not a Stick*. It was about a character called Winston, who imagined his stick was lots of different things, including a fishing rod and a horse. After listening to the story, the children went to find themselves a stick. They chose what it was going to be and acted out using it for the other children to guess. They had some super ideas, including a metal detector, a golf club and a magnifying glass.



RECEPTION

BRILLIANT BAKED BANANAS

The Reception children found a recipe for cooking baked bananas with chocolate and marshmallows. At the end of last week, the children got to go out to the Forest School and light a fire. We talked about fire safety and what we would do if we found a fire unattended. The children cooked their bananas and ate them all up! Everyone thought they were very yummy. After enjoying a rendition of *Hickory Dickory Dock*, the children decided they wanted to make their own Grandfather clock, complete with mouse! The children had a great time constructing their clocks and enjoyed using positional language to describe the position of their mouse.



MINIS NEWS



MINI WATER PLAY

It was a wet and splashy week in the Minis courtyard. There were lots of different water stations including a car wash, window painting and washing, bathing the babies and playing with all the lovely shells. We also had a sandpit to make sandcastles and lots of different pouring tubs and jugs for the children to enjoy making puddles and splashing in them.

Lots of the Minis loved pouring the colourful balls and water down the tunnels into the ball pool. All the children love water play!

