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NEWSLETTER



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this fantastic large charcoal lion drawing by **Darcey H 8BP**.



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Millfield Enterprises are providing a Holiday Boarding Programme for pupils to join during the summer half term holidays. The price includes a programme of campus-based activities, meals and 24 hour staff supervision. Book [here](#).

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Captain Tom 100

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Well done to all the pupils who joined in the Captain Tom 100 challenges! Pupils in Years 7 and 8 completed their challenges of running 100 laps of the running track and 100 x 100m sprints in each tutor group on Saturday morning. The boarding community also completed many challenges over the bank holiday weekend. The Chestnut boys completed 100 challenges and even linked up with one of the boys who is still in quarantine!

The parents and friends have been very generous with their donations and we have already smashed through our target. Our donations will go towards YoungMinds who work closely with children who are struggling with their mental health. The [donation page](#) is still open if you would like to donate.



YEAR 6 EXERCISE INVESTIGATION

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Year 6 enjoyed the sunny weather on Saturday morning whilst they were investigating how exercise effects heart rate. The pupils realised that perhaps they weren't always accurate when counting their pulse, after some extremely high rates were recorded! The importance of accurate recording and testing multiple times were realised and the children certainly enjoyed their morning snacks afterwards!



CUSHION CONCERT

Last Friday, 29 pupils from Years 1-5 took part in the summer term Cushion Concert, which was streamed to parents just before the Tea and Music Concert on Tuesday 4 May. It was wonderful to hear the culmination of all the pupils' hard work and to see them performing so confidently in front of their peers. Despite not having the opportunity to perform in front of an audience in over a year (some were actually performing for the very first time), all the pupils seemed completely at ease and the quality of the music was exceptional. We are delighted to have so many talented young performers in the school and look forward to hearing their progress over the coming years! Thanks must go to all those at home who supported with practising, and of course to the pupils who acted as audience members - it was lovely to see the children encouraging each other in such a positive way. Well done again to all the performers and thank you for entertaining us so beautifully. Watch the concert [here](#).

Pre-Prep

Joshua W - Year 1

Lulu K - Year 1

Matilda R-C - Year 2

Trinity B - Year 2

Willow S - Year 2

Year 5

Claire G

Toby W

John A

Joe T

Jessica H

Joel G

Jamie G

Lottie B



Year 3

Layla K

Sophia E-N

Harry G

Noah K



Year 4

Posy L

Tammy R

Elsie S

Amelia S

Florence R-B

Henry G

Evsey O

Polly W

Hester H

Florence C

Millie E-N

Kaila P



This week we have two recipients of Miffy for kindness. **Posy L** and **Ella D** were thinking of others when they wrote information for Mrs Newman with regards to playground equipment. Chota was awarded to **Mollie R-B** for showing an amazing attitude and kindness in school, as well as great thoughtfulness at home. Oreo was awarded to **Sarah H**, after being nominated by another pupil, for showing great resilience and determination in her swimming lesson on Saturday. Well done to all!



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

This week we came back to school on Star Wars Day! Forty years after they were first released, *Star Wars* films still have a huge following and May 4th has become known as Star Wars Day, reflecting the influence of this franchise.

Schools have been going a great deal longer than *Star Wars* and have their origins in being a real force for good. Even before our schools, Jesus was teaching and modelling the importance of inclusion, of justice, of opportunity for all, including children. In the Bible we are reminded to "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God". What a great summary of how to be a force for good and a great reassurance that we don't walk alone, however challenging the path may seem. If your life was a film, what forces for good would be reflected? Who or what has influenced you for good?

My prayer is that through your friendships and through your family, you are being a force for good, for justice, mercy and humility; a force for hope and aspiration, wisdom, community and dignity. We have so much opportunity to make a positive difference and we do not walk alone. May the force be with you as you walk humbly into this week and the future.

*Dear God
Thank you that I can be a force for good.
Thank you that I do not walk alone.
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Watch a film! Or if you're not a film fan, listen to music or lose yourself in a book for the length of time it takes a film to play out.

- Reverend Kitto

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

A big thank you to our fantastic catering team, who put on this brilliant *Star Wars* lunch for *Star Wars* Day, including Sith Salad, Porg Eggs, Gungan Stew and Chewbroccoli, with a Stormtrooper to greet the pupils!



TEA AND MUSIC CONCERT

After a year of forgoing live performances, 27 musicians in Years 6, 7 and 8 came together last Thursday (socially distanced!) in the Recital Hall to perform for the summer term Tea and Music Concert, which was streamed to parents on Tuesday 4 May. After a year of recorded performances, it was absolutely lovely to give the pupils the opportunity of performing in a live concert setting, however understandably there were some nerves floating around! Having said this, the pupils rose to the occasion beautifully and produced some outstanding performances. Clearly all have been practising hard and continuing to engage with their music lessons, despite the very challenging circumstances of the past year.

The concert included a huge range of instruments and musical genres and there really was something for every taste in music. The standard was exceptional and we feel very lucky to have such talented musicians in the school. As restrictions continue to ease, we are hoping to be in a position to welcome back audiences of parents and friends to attend our concerts very soon. We feel very proud of the fact that we have been able to continue with recorded concerts over the past year, however nothing beats a live performance and we are also looking forward to enjoying music alongside a cup of tea and piece of cake! Heartfelt congratulations again to all those who performed - you can be very proud of yourselves! Watch the concert [here](#).

Year 6

Tom B - cello
Dorian L - violin
Laurie S - piano
Agnes C - guitar
Rhodri M - trumpet
Joshua S - guitar
Luke d J - voice
Amelia B - flute
Hunter K - trombone
Enid M - flute
Lily S - voice
Kevin W - piano



Year 7

Lottie R-B - violin and flute
Hector J - guitar
Leon H - piano
Elis D - flute
Caty R - piano
Asta M - guitar
Mila B - guitar
Chloe d J - harp
Dora J - piano



Year 8

Julian T - cello and piano
Louise H - cello
Helena C - piano
Finn C - guitar
Tamara G V - violin
Amelie W - voice

BRILLIANT BADGES

Year 3 have worked hard to produce these brilliant badges. They discussed existing designs, created their own ideas and evaluated their ideas with peers. They then chose their favourite ideas and made their own badge to wear. Well done for careful design work and excellent final badges.



FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR

Well done to **Myla C** and the other Shetland Jockeys, who have raised around £5,000 for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust!



INTER-HOUSE BAKE OFF ⁶

The winners of the Bake Off this week were Saxons, with the winning shortbread made by **Oliver A.** Pale golden, buttery, sugary with a fantastic 'short' texture. Well done, Oliver!



VOCAL WORKSHOPS

On Saturday, pupils from Years 4 and 5 headed to the Assembly Hall for a socially distanced morning of vocal workshops. We were absolutely delighted to welcome our three singing teachers at the school – Miss Stockel, Mr Lawson and Miss Routledge – who all gave inspirational solo performances, talked us through how voices work, demonstrated how to care for our voices through a variety of vocal warmups, explored microphone technique and had the pupils perform two songs (*Let's Go Fly a Kite* and *Catch a Falling Star*). As part of Mr Lawson's workshop exploring the genres of rock and pop, we were also delighted to welcome Year 6 pupil **Charlie L** who performed Pink's *Trouble* and had the junior pupils absolutely enthralled. Sincere thanks must go to the staff for providing such an entertaining morning of singing and also to the pupils for engaging in all the activities and performing so beautifully.

If any pupils are interested in undertaking singing lessons, you will be pleased to learn that we offer free trial lessons at the school (complete list of instruments below). Please email our music secretary Mrs Kew at kew.j@millfieldprep.com to arrange a trial. Alternatively, pupils are very welcome to come and speak with either Mrs Sturges, Mr Hall or Mr Haddock. Well done again to all on a wonderful morning of music!

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| Voice | Saxophone |
| Piano | Bassoon |
| Orchestral Percussion | Trumpet |
| Drum kit | Trombone |
| Guitar | Euphonium |
| Bass Guitar | French Horn |
| Violin | Tuba |
| Viola | |
| Cello | |
| Double Bass | |
| Harp | |
| Flute | |
| Oboe | |
| Clarinet | |



EQUESTRIAN

Lola S and Jimmy had great day at the Dorset Show Ground at the weekend. It was Lola's first Junior British Showjumping and she rode really well, placing fourth in the 90 and 80cm rounds.

Congratulations to **Myla C** and Lizzie, who took the win at Cheltenham Racecourse at the weekend.

Well done to **Emily G**, who had a fantastic four days of competition at Pony of the Year Show. Most of the classes had between 70-100 entries and the top young riders in the country. Emily was the youngest rider competing in the 1m, 1.10m and 1.15m classes in the Grand Prix, which she qualified for, as they only took the top 40 in the qualifiers to the final championships. Well done Emily for the following results:

2nd place in the 11 and Under Pony of the Year Championships Grand Prix, on Izzy
4th place in the 1m Grand Prix Pony of the Year Championships, on Eddie
9th place in the 1.10m Grand Prix Pony of the Year Championships, on Eddie
13th place in Pony of the Year 1.15m Talent Spotter qualifier, on Bruce



Lola S and Jimmy



Myla C and Lizzie at Cheltenham



Emily G at the Pony of the Year Show

TENNIS

Niamh M represented Somerset at U14 County Cup at the weekend with the Team finishing in third position. Sadly **Josh C**, **Wills H** and **Charlie R** were unable to represent their respective counties in the end due to injuries.

Charlie R won the U14 Bridgwater Grade 4 singles and Doubles (with partner Simon Hegarty from Senior School).

Louise H competed in the U18 Grade 4 in Yeovil winning the consolation and **Toby W** played in the U10 Grade 3 in Wales on Sunday, winning 2 out of his 4 matches.

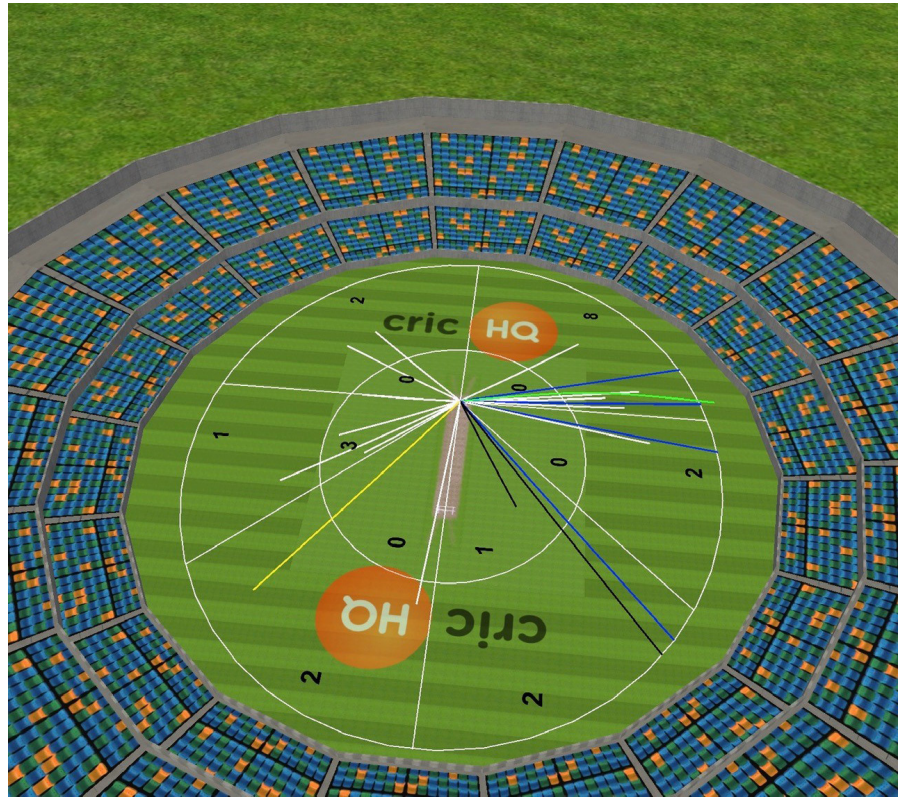


CRICKET

The 13A team played away on Wednesday at Taunton School. Bowling first, they kept Taunton to 124 of 25 overs. **Lewis B, Harry D, Kai K** and **Alex Y** all bowled nicely. In reply, they collapsed to 17-9 against a good quick bowler and only Lewis and Kai showed any resistance and managed to get us to 84. A disappointing loss of 40 runs. Hopefully lessons learnt in their development.

U13B took part in their first fixture of the season against another school at Taunton and, after being put into bat on a difficult wicket, were initially struggling on 28-5. However, a partnership of exactly 100 in 11 overs by **Sam W** and **Jamie H** steered the team towards a strong total to defend. Jamie top scored with 45 and as you can see from the wagon wheel below, he manoeuvred the ball around well on the slow pitch, scoring particularly well on the leg side. With 154 to defend, Millfield Prep bowlers took regular wickets and were backed up with good catching and sharp fielding. This resulted in a victory by over 70 runs.

Well done to all who played.



It was wonderful to welcome pupils from Taunton School to come and play matches at Millfield Prep on Wednesday too!



CHESTNUT

After a very busy few days completing 100 challenges for the #CaptainTom100 to raise money for the charity Young Minds, on Wednesday evening the front of Chestnut became a huge game of Hungry Hippos! The boys worked in pairs to grab as many of the 250 balls as they could in 30 seconds, whilst balancing on a skateboard and using a box as a grabber. It was hilarious chaos and the boys enjoyed both watching and playing it.



HOLLIES

The bank holiday weekend was a welcome break for many, but a busy time of charity fundraising for those in school. The girls impressed us with their ideas for the 100 events to honour the memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore and to raise money for Young Minds. They completed goal kicking, puddle jumping, swinging, cake making, catching, drawing and **Olivia** even found 100 different maths calculations to make 100. Capture the flag with laser tag involved at least 100 shots and lots of laughs. A very happy birthday to **Chiara** who turned 13 this week, with lots of candles and chocolate cake!



CHAMPION

The Champion girls were proud and delighted to take part in the Captain Tom 100 challenges over the weekend. From 100 bowls in cricket to 100 rolls down the slope...and much, much more!



BEREWALL

This bank holiday weekend was one of rest, relaxation, cookery, challenges and eating for the Berewall boys. Lazy lie ins, followed by hearty breakfasts, set them up for the challenges ahead! They baked (and ate!) 100 welshcakes, played laser tag, watched movies, had a chippy tea and played their own micro Wimbledon - Congratulations to the winners **Kai** and **Harry**! The boys also enjoyed a game of Bingo on Saturday evening.





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PRE-SCHOOL

FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Pre-School had an enjoyable morning at Forest School bug hunting, playing in the mud kitchen and rolling logs. The session was finished with a game of '1, 2, 3, Where Are You? 1, 2, 3, We're Over Here!'. This game is like Hide and Seek, but the seekers call out and the hiders reply! The children really have to think about the direction the voices have come from and head in that direction! Great fun!



YEAR 2

PERFECT PLANTS

As part of their topic 'I'm Alive', Year 2 have been doing all sorts of planting and growing this week. They started an investigation into what plants need to grow by testing different cress seeds under different conditions including: no light, no water, low temperature and no air. They all made predictions and will collect results next week. The children also started growing their own sunflowers in their homemade mini greenhouses. They used recycled bottles, spruced them up with some decorations and filled with compost and seeds. They are looking forward to seeing them grow over the course of the term.

This week Year 2 have started going into the big dining room as part of their transition to the Prep School next year. Tuesday was a perfect day to start this transition, as it was a themed lunch for Star Wars day! The children had fun trying out some of the props too!



CREATURE CREATIONS

The Reception children have enjoyed using magnifying glasses to look for creatures in Forest School. They then made their own out of materials from the forest floor.



YEAR 1

TERRIFIC TREES

Year 1 have been learning about the different parts of a flower and the importance of pollination. They made these beautiful flowers by rolling thin strips of paper around a wooden cylinder. This process is called quilling. Great work, Year 1.



RECEPTION

MARVELLOUS MAPS

The Reception class have been designing their own maps. We have used these maps to talk about directional language. For example, we travelled through the palm trees and across the shark infested lake.



MINIS

FUN IN THE FOREST

Last week, the Minis headed to the forest and were very busy zooming trucks down ramps, making woodland crowns using leaves, flowers and twigs and using funnels to pour water over a tub of extremely thirsty crocodiles! The Minis also enjoyed getting messy in the Mud Kitchen, creating teas and stews using fresh herbs, as well as demonstrating wonderful whisking and stirring skills!

We finished our session with some parachute songs and the popcorn game. The Minis were very quick to find and tidy away all the balls (popcorn) that had popped out of the parachute! Great work, Minis!

