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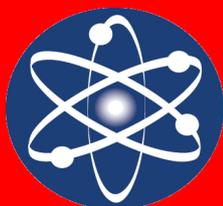
Important Dates

Wednesday 18th
November
School Photographs
Year 7,9 and 11

Monday 23rd
November
to
Friday 4th
December
Mock Exams

Wednesday 20th
January 2021
Year 11 Parents'
Evening

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this latest Millfield Messenger finds you and your families safe and well in these difficult times.

I would like to thank our local families who visited our first virtual Open Evening and thank them for the wonderful emails I received about the whole team. Millfield has a wealth of opportunities on offer for all children, no matter what their interests are, we always strive to inspire them. We are incredibly proud to be oversubscribed again for September 2021, and the team and I are already looking forward to meeting the newest members of Team Millfield next year.

Since March, the support and kindness shown by our children and their families has been incredible. This year held the Rotary Shoe Box appeal again and we filled over 65 special shoe boxes with goods and toys which will be sent to those in need in Eastern Europe. Closer to home, we are busy raising funds and collecting donations so we can make food hampers for our families over the Christmas period. A thank you goes to Morrison's in Cleveleys who are also donating goods and hampers to help our families. And a final thank you goes to our thoughtful parent, Emma Tierney, who generously donated 800 face coverings for our students.

At Millfield, we have very low incidents of bullying and if it does occur, we take swift and immediate action. However, we have just introduced our new anti-bullying initiative (ABBA), where every form has a student ambassador who will be trained to help other students in their form. To help this initiative, we were grateful to receive a kindness bench from the Kindness Counts Trust, a group of volunteers who raise funds to help combat bullying in all schools across the Fylde Coast.

This year, remembrance services were cancelled, however on 11th November, Luke Park, our Head Boy and Harriet Piper, our Head Girl, and I, held a small remembrance service at the front of school. The rest of the school had a remembrance service with their class teachers and the whole school then held a two-minute silence to remember those who have lost their lives or been affected by war.

Thank you once again for your continued support in these challenging times.

Keep well and keep safe.

N. Regan

Nicola Regan
Headteacher

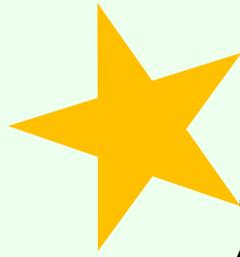
To keep up to date with other events, please follow us on our school Twitter page
[@millfieldhighsc](https://twitter.com/millfieldhighsc)

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KEY STAGE

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Since being back after the half term break, I have been thoroughly impressed with all the work going on across our Key Stage 3 classes.

The students have immersed themselves back into the Millfield Way and in these difficult times it has been truly wonderful to observe the enthusiasm and positivity that our pupils display towards their learning.

Some highlights since we have been back for me include :

- ◆ Pupils' response to and an engagement with their PSHE lessons
- ◆ Consistent good behaviour, particularly during social time
- ◆ Students' resilience in their undertaking of their couch to 5km



READ **5** RUN **5** RAISE **5**

It would be great to see the students now become involved with the Read, Run and Raise initiative that is being co-ordinated by the English department.



As in recent years, I will be collecting selection boxes which will be distributed to vulnerable people within the local community of Thornton Cleveleys. This year, it is more important than ever that we come together in true Millfield fashion and spread a little festive cheer amongst people who are less fortunate than ourselves. There will be a box left outside Mr Byrne's office for donations. If you donate a box, let me know and you will be rewarded with house points.

Mr. Byrne
Head of Key Stage 3



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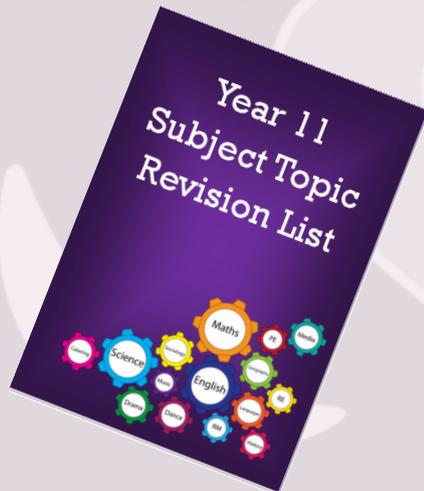
KEY STAGE 4



Key Stage 4 students continue to make us proud in school and are working hard to achieve success. I continue to send home a large number of Star Student postcards each week and this is very pleasing.



Just before half term, our GCSE drama group performed their final devising exam piece in front of an external moderator. The moderator commented on how hard our students had worked on their pieces.



We are now in the run up to mock exams with Year 11. Students have received their mock exam timetable and on Tuesday we had an assembly to explain how the whole process will work. Students will continue to receive advice about revision strategies during form time and it would be helpful if you could encourage them to revise at home. Next week students will receive a revision lists booklet which will help them to keep track of their revision. Because we cannot hold our annual 'Help Your Child to Revise' evening, we will upload help guides and videos to our website—details will follow soon.

Miss. Gower
Head of Key Stage 4

By now you should have received the Parents' Guide to Applying to College, which was emailed to all Year 11 parents last week. It contains important information about virtual events and how to apply. A reminder that all students should have applied to at least one college by Christmas.





<https://www.nnchallenge.org.uk>

Improve your everyday maths with the National Numeracy Challenge

National Numeracy is an independent charity working to improve numeracy across the UK.

The Challenge is a free website to help you check and improve your numeracy: managing your money; working out measurements and understanding percentages, rather than algebra or trigonometry.

In March 2020 the Challenge was updated with a whole new look. There is a new quick check so that it only takes around ten minutes to practise or check your skills, videos to show that however you feel about maths, you're not alone, and increased flexibility, so that you can choose what you want to do.



However you feel about maths, you can use the Challenge to:



Quickly check your everyday maths



Improve your skills



Increase your confidence with numbers



Find out the level you're working at, your strengths and weaknesses, and print a certificate



Get the 'Essentials of Numeracy'



Get yourself ready in your own time to take a more formal maths course

Please encourage your son or daughter to have a look at this website. If they keep re-testing it will improve their scores and therefore their numeracy understanding.

REMINDER

TALAXY

Please make sure you log in to Talaxy (parents and students). All home-learning tasks are now being set on there.

If you are having any issues logging in, please go on to the school website and view the help guides under the Talaxy tab.

REMINDER ABOUT FACE COVERINGS



School Photographs

Reminder

Wednesday 18th

November

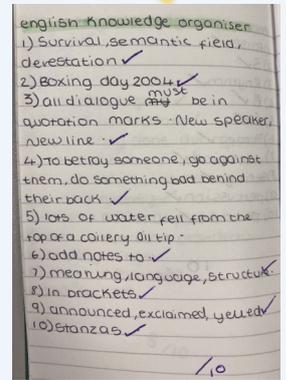
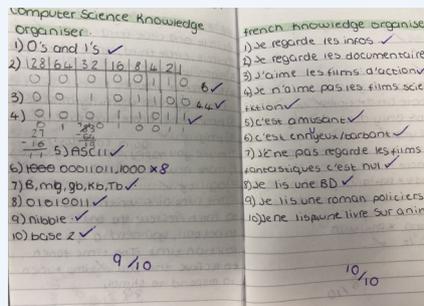
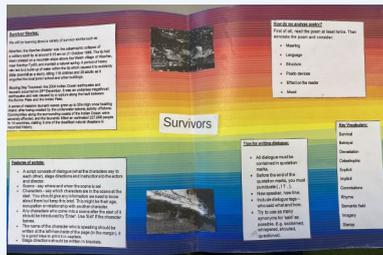
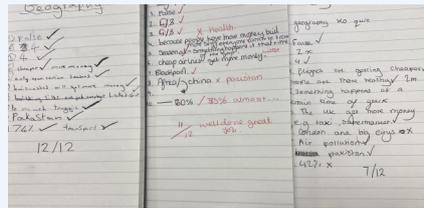
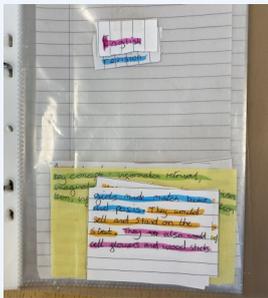
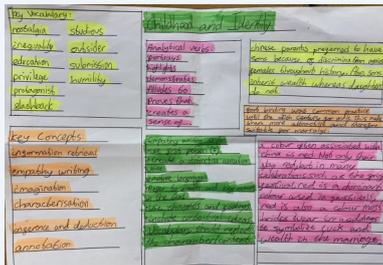
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Make a Difference



Excellent Knowledge Organisers

Well done to Lucy Addison, Holly Greenwood and Lacey Crouch. They have created some exceptional revision resources from their English knowledge organisers. Here are some fantastic scores from the knowledge organiser quizzes- well done!



Plastic free kitchen!

(Well, nearly).

We are so used to using plastic in our kitchens these days that sometimes we forget we're using it. You see that dishwasher sponge? Plastic. It isn't biodegradable and will sit around in a landfill for years to come. Why not try bamboo or coconut scourers, which are naturally antibacterial, and are now readily available online or in local, plastic free shops. Take a look at your cooking utensils. Plastic? They usually are these days. We're not saying throw all your plastic utensils in the bin. You've bought them now, so you may as well use them. However, when they need replacing, think about buying wooden or metal ones. Now look in the cupboard. Cling film. The stuff of nightmares, both for those trying wrap with it and the environment. Beeswax wraps are a good alternative for the really eco conscious, and you can recoat them when the wax starts to come off. However, if you have airtight plastic tubs, use them instead, even in the freezer. One tip is to label the boxes so you know what's in there and what date you froze/refrigerated the food inside, helping to reduce food waste too. There are plenty more ways to cut out plastic in the kitchen, but I'll save those for another time. For now, use what you have, and when the time comes to replace, consider plastic free alternatives.

English community challenge for Year 7

READ 5 RUN 5 RAISE 5

The challenge is simple: over the course of the next 5 weeks read 5 books or articles of your choice, run 5 kilometres, and raise £5 for Brian House Hospice.

You don't have to run the 5k all in one go; you can do 1k a week. Don't worry if running isn't your thing either – you can simply walk instead! You will be given a chart to keep a record of your progress and sponsorship. Once you've collected your sponsorship money you can hand it in to your English teacher. The deadline for all sponsorship money being collected is **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER**.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Year 7

- Logan Broddle
- Abigail Whitehead
- Isla Woodward
- Adam Mir
- Oliver Boffey
- Harry Maddock

All of the students have been nominated by Mr Robathan for excellent work in Modern Foreign Languages.

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Supplying Anti Bully Resource to our Schools

Name Your Mascot COMPETITION

THE NEW MASCOT:
This friendly golden retriever was unveiled as our new mascot by Dalton, youth champion at Manor Beach school.
He now needs a name and so we are launching a naming competition. Tell us your favourite name and if it's chosen you will win a prize!
Time is running out to submit your entry to the competition. Entries must be in before midday on **19TH DECEMBER**.

ENTER NOW:
Via our Facebook page, in schools or on our website www.kindnesscountsuk.org using our banking details below and don't forget to put your chosen name! **Good Luck folks!**

Name the mascot 50p per entry

Our bank details are: Kindness Counts UK
Sort Code: 20-78-91 Account No: 70798924 Reference No: 993644298
For more information contact: 07506 106 853 or Michelle@kindnesscountsuk@gmail.com



Remembrance Day 2020

Mrs Regan, our Head Boy, Luke Park and Head Girl, Harriet Piper held a small remembrance service at the front of school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fantastic news that these two hardworking, dedicated students are runners up in the @unitedutilities vlogstar 2020 competition. Huge well done girls! You deserve it!

CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah & Isabel from Millfield Science and Performing Arts College who are our RUNNERS UP in this year's competition

You have won £250 for your school to spend and £50 Amazon vouchers just for Hannah and Isabel!



E Book Library

Students are now able to access our new ebook library using the Sora app.

Please install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.



Getting started with Sora

With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

- 1 Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.
- 2 In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.
- 3 Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.
- 4 Close the book and go to your Shelf to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:
 - Tap Open Book or Open Audiobook to read or listen to the book.
 - Tap Options to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

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Teaching and Learning Tip

Growth mindset tip no.4: Explicitly welcome mistakes
The "Growth mindset" is the belief that "your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts." – Carol Dweck

Theory: Some students don't raise their hand in class because they fear criticism or embarrassment if they get a question wrong. The opposite should be true! Students should be eager to raise their hand because to get a question wrong is to learn from their mistake; to get an answer wrong is an opportunity to learn to self-correct and make progress.

Action: Please speak to your child about mistakes in a positive way. You can support a strong growth mindset by fostering a safe and secure environment in which making mistakes is not only accepted but actively encouraged as evidence of effort, effective learning and of getting better at something.





PASTORAL



We've been back a week and it's like we've never been away!



The Rotary Shoe Box appeal was a great success with lots of shoe boxes being collected for those who are less fortunate and I am pleased to congratulate Mrs Hall's form who won the Domino's pizza lunch for filling the most boxes.

I am pleased to say that the charity spirit is still very much part of the plan for the upcoming half term. The student leadership team have arranged a competition where forms can bring items of food in to support local foodbanks, with selection boxes up for grabs for the forms that bring in the most.



We have now officially launched "ABBA", our new anti-bullying ambassador scheme and celebrated this with a ceremony at the front of school with Mrs Regan and leaders of local charity, KINDNESS COUNTS UK, who have organised a kindness bench to be installed at school. This will be put in place when we return to normality and will be a place for students to go when they want to meet new friends.



On a final note, I would like to remind parents that students should not be congregating in large groups outside school. Although behaviour is usually impeccable, we are receiving complaints from local residents, particularly elderly neighbours, who are clearly very worried at this current time.

Mr. Deaville
Assistant Headteacher
In charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding





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