



## #StickIt2Marty Robotical Ltd Competition

A group of Milbourne Lodge pupils celebrated their joint success in the #StickIt2Marty competition.

Pupils were challenged to submit designs for a new sticker set for the Marty v2 Robot from Robotical Ltd.

The designs were completed during their Art lessons.



The judges from Robotical Ltd awarded joint first prize to Hugo and Milan and a further eight pupils won Highly Commended certificates and prizes.

We hope to celebrate the arrival of the newest addition to our robot family before the Easter holidays.

The original Marty robots were purchased for the IT Department by the MLPA (Milbourne Lodge Parents' Association) and this academic year they have been used by pupils throughout the Prep school to showcase their coding using the Marty App as well as the Scratch and Python languages.

**Mrs Cary and Mrs Bawden**

## House Championship

Over the second half of the autumn, Blue House have surged to the top of the table:

Points and Top contributors this term so far:

- 1st Blue 9284
- 2nd Green 8685
- 3rd Amber 8321
- 4th Red 8090

- Hans Brown, Arjun Munshi, Flynn Winterflood
- Jackson Morris, Harry Taylor, Mason Guan
- NN Yao, Pascal Mannan, Alexander Kjaer
- Christine Wang, Ziyue Ji, Sebastian Cardwell

**Mr Angus**

## Milbourne Autumn Term Colours

### NETBALL

#### Endeavour

Lilian Ye

Anna Wang

Elsie Anderson

#### Half

Zara Latif

Claudia Ryder

#### Full

Ellie Bennett

Helena Ingram

Rosie Walker

### MUSIC

#### Junior Choir

Niamh Roberts

Freya Sebastian-Davies

Roman Corte

Edward Taylor

Zachary Milton

Sebastian Leal

Harry Yu

#### Senior Choir

##### Half

Nicholas Newman

Kiyan Lalani

Boris Duke

Maxwell Gladding

Theo Groves

##### Full

Zara Latif

Lucas Dean

Julian Duminy

Marcus White

#### Music

##### Half

Zara Latif

Max Yu

Esmé Child

Alexi Walder

Kit Walder

Flynn Winterflood

##### Full

Thomas Brocklebank

Alexander Taylor

### FOOTBALL

#### Endeavour

Max Taylor

Ryan Dent

Sacha Dent

Fred O'Connor

Zachary Milton

Curtis Cheung

Semyon McGroarty

Hugo Edwards

Zayan Ahmed

Kit Walder

Eashan Patel

Ben Major

Orsen Patel

Caspar White

Rex Sherwood

#### Half

Sammie Temperley

Oscar Cencelli

Danny Merson

Rocco Stagg

Arjun Sahota

Conor Laycock

Alex Rosen

Hugo Saunders

George Eddy

Philip Alexiev

Théo Warren

Daniel Quy

Felix Whittaker

Rory Keller

Maxwell Gladding

Alexi Walder

#### Full

Thomas McKay

Ben Temperley

Milan Patel

Felix Le Vesconte

Kit Simms

## A Workshop with Author and Film Maker Matt Dickinson

Forms 3, 4, L6 and U6 were treated to a visit from the author, award winning writer and film maker Matt Dickinson on Friday, 17th January. He has reached the summit of Everest and recounted some of his adventures in his presentation. Pupils enjoyed listening to this and drew inspiration from his adventures in the subsequent creative writing workshops. I was extremely impressed with the writing the children produced and the mature manner in which they engaged with the activity. I have also been delighted to see a great deal of enthusiastic reading of Matt's books after his visit.



Matt commented on the outstanding behaviour and evident ability of all the children he met during his visit.

**Mrs Ashford**



Bebras is an international computational thinking competition for schools. The Bebras Challenges are a set of short problems delivered online. They are based on situations that Computer Scientists meet and enjoy solving. The tasks require logical thinking. The aim is to solve as many as you can in the allotted time.



Encouraging participation is key to ensure pupils enjoy the competition, but top performing students are additionally recognised.

'Best in School' Certificates were awarded to: Nathan and Jacob (6-8 Years), Caspar (8-10 Years), Harry (10-12 Years), Tom (12 - 14 Years)

Additionally, 17 pupils in the older age group achieved scores in the top 10% of their age group nationally and have been invited to participate in an online challenge which is the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge to be held in early March.

**Mrs Cary**

## Weald and Downland Living Museum Trip

Form 3 went on this trip to look at different types of buildings and to understand how their fabrication has changed over the years. The children loved walking around the site, trying to understand how people could live in buildings without electricity or running water. In each group there were some great questions asked by the children. My particular highlight was when I tried explaining that several children would share a bed even during Victorian times! The behaviour of the children was excellent and a great time was had by all.



**Mr Drummond**

We went on a trip to Weald and Downland. Sadly Mr Harling was unable to make the trip due to illness, however this did not entirely ruin the day. The journey was fun as we were allowed to talk with friends and play games. Finally, after a long journey we got out of the coach to see a beautiful sight, the trees were blooming and the countryside was looking wonderful. We were taken to our base for the day where we were all given a debrief as to what was going to take place.

Over the course of the day we either went on a wonderful tour of the site, looking at all the different types of houses. We were all surprised as to how people lived in the past and how small the houses were. The thing that struck us all was the outside toilet. The thought of it we found very amusing. Each group also took part in looking at historical sources where we had to explain what each of these were and how useful they still are today.

Finally, the most important part of the day took place – lunch. After another walk round the site we all entered the shop where we bought a variety of different mementos. After this we went on the coach and headed back to school. Many thanks for the staff for taking us this great trip.

**Hoa-Tinh Le**

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Forms 1S and 1D went to the New Wimbledon Theatre on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to see the musical 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat'. The performance was able to bring the Bible story to life. The children enjoyed the performance and the music very much!



**Mrs Slocombe**



### 3B Trip to Epsom College Science Workshop



On the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 3B went on Science trip to Epsom College to take part in a weather balloon launch competition. Our first task in the Science Lab was to find out what material would provide the best insulation for the GPS tracker on the balloon. Our experiment showed that polystyrene balls would be the best insulation to help our GPS tracker survive the tough conditions, where temperature could drop to  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . We were then taught about computer coding, using 1s and 0s, which was fascinating.

It was then time to launch our weather balloon. Alex got to launch a small red balloon, which he accidentally let go of before he was supposed to. This was to see which direction our weather balloon would travel. We moved onto the main balloon, which was full of helium and a metre in diameter. We let go and the wind swept it away immediately. It was a small dot in the sky and then quickly disappeared.



The balloon missed Croydon and floated all the way to Belgium before the tracker showed it had popped. It reached 21,140 metres above sea level and travelled at speeds of up to 80mph.

I loved the school trip and would go again. Lunch was delicious too!

**Rex Sherwood 3B**



## Pre-Prep News

Dear Pre-Prep Parents,

This term has been as busy as ever and I have been impressed by the children's enthusiasm for learning across all areas of the curriculum. PP2J gave us a taste of a typical day in Pre-Prep with their class assembly and PP1 enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning with family at the Parent Drop-In. Reception made the most of the chance to immerse themselves in their topic of Transport during yesterday's trip to the Brooklands Transport Museum and our budding actors displayed their talents during the Perform workshop.

On a personal note it has also been a busy term for Mr Brooks and me! May I take this opportunity on behalf of both of us to thank you all for your very kind wishes, cards and gifts. We are extremely grateful.



Next Tuesday 11th February is the Pre-Prep Parents' Evening and if you have not already done so, please sign up online. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything in particular you wish to discuss.



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brooks  
Head of Pre-Prep

## Reception Go on a Bear Hunt...



## Celebrating Chinese New Year in Reception

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, the Reception children were treated to a delightful Chinese New Year experience. Firstly, they were entertained with a fantastic light puppet show, telling the story of which 12 animals were chosen as the zodiac signs. Then they were given the opportunity to make New Year cards, Chinese dragons, lanterns - and use chopsticks. The Reception team would like to extend their thanks to the 6 parents: Lanfang Yue, Yingwu, Huachao Xu, Yinghui Tang, Ziping Lian and Annie Chow, who came in to school to deliver a lovely and memorable workshop.

新年快乐 - Happy New Year!

Ms Hughes



## Reception visit Brooklands Transport Museum



This half term the Reception children's topic is 'Transport' and to support our learning we visited Brooklands Museum. We were guided through various 'Journeys by Air' and learnt lots of interesting facts about Alliot Verdon Roe, a pioneer aviator, who became the first man to fly at Brooklands in June 1908 and we saw a Harrier jump jet fighter plane. We walked through the Sultan of Oman's private plane, which

was built at Brooklands and donated back to the museum in 1987. We made peg racer cars during a workshop session and raced them down a short track. After lunch, we walked through Concorde, learning more fascinating facts about the speed and distance it travelled. Finally before boarding our own coach to drive back to school, we toured the bus museum and boarded an old style Route Master bus. The children had a lovely time immersed in the history of transport and we are sure they would love to visit with their families in the summer where they can be treated to an open top car ride around the famous Brooklands race track!



Ms Hughes

## A Day in the Life of PP2J

PP2J's assembly explored the variety of subjects learnt and loved throughout the week. We saw an insight into English where the children have been reading 'The Tiger Child: A Folk Tale from India.' PP2J have been nothing less than inspired by the ancient Egyptians and were able to showcase their fantastic pieces of art.

As part of their extended learning of the Ancient Egyptians history topic, PP2J have been tasked with creating their own cartouche. They drew a detailed design, moulded the shape out of clay and carefully imprinted the hieroglyphs.

**Miss Jones**



## Music News

It has been a busy start to 2020 in the Music Department, with a new Chamber Choir and String Quartet added to our Milbourne Ensembles. Preparations and rehearsals are already underway for our annual Spring Concert, also for the String Ensemble, who are entering the Godalming Festival. Details of how students can participate in the Spring Concert individually will be sent out next week.

### Musical instruments in school

If your child brings a musical instrument into school, please make sure it is clearly named on the OUTSIDE of the case. We have many students that have the same cases, so it will alleviate mix ups, and allow us to identify who the instrument belongs to more quickly.

## Music Exams

A huge congratulations to the following students for excellent examination results:

### Prep Test

Benjamin Robare – Singing  
Nora Sabben-Clare - Singing

### Grade 1

Evie Ensor – Singing – Merit  
Benjamin Robare – Piano - Merit  
Lucas Taylor-Rea – Piano - Pass

### Grade 2

Freya Sebastian-Davies – Singing – Distinction  
Hoa-Tinh Le – Clarinet – Distinction  
Jonathan Miles – Violin – Distinction  
Alexander Taylor – Trombone - Merit

### Grade 3

Nathan Bannister – Piano – Merit  
Lucas Taylor-Rea – Violin - Pass

### Grade 5

Alexander Taylor – Piano – Pass  
Stephen Bannister – Theory – Distinction  
Freddy Masefield – Piano - Distinction

### Grade 6

Maria Bishop – Piano – Merit  
Boris Duke – Piano – Distinction

## Mtech

Congratulations to Abby Whittaker and Adam Tibaldi for winning the much-coveted winter term “Gold Disc Award” for their composition. Our Mtech classes continue to prove to be extremely popular, and if your child is still on the waiting list, or would like to start lessons, please could you register with Mtech directly at <https://mtechonline.co.uk> because if there is enough interest, we will be able to start a third day of classes. May I remind parents that these clubs are run by Mtech as an outside provider, so they set their own terms and conditions and you need to contact them directly if you need to clarify anything to do with timetabling/missed classes.

## Milbourne Lodge Chamber Choir (MLCC)

At the beginning of January, Mrs B-P held auditions for the newly formed MLCC. The students had to sing a short, unaccompanied song, and were given some range tests, aural tests and sight-singing tests. Twenty four students were successfully awarded a place and have already started work on some challenging pieces. The choir auditions will be held annually in September, and twenty four places will be offered for each school year.

## MLCC 2019-2020

Diya Abulasaud (F4)  
Zain Ali (L6)  
Jack Barrow (F4)  
Kush Barathan (F3)  
David Bishop (F4)  
Esmé Child (M6)  
Robert Cunningham (F3)  
Eashan Patel (F3)

Amber Dean (F3)  
Lucas Dean (L6)  
Julian Duminy (L6)  
Evie Ensor (F3)  
Anneka Huo (F3)  
Rory Keller (F4)  
Zara Latif (M6)  
Ben Major (F3)

Rex Sherwood (F3)  
Vayun Singh (F3)  
Alexi Walder (F4)  
Kit Walder (F3)  
Rosie Walker (U6)  
Anna Wang (F3)  
Harry Weston (F3)  
Marcus White (L6)

**Mrs Bowen-Perkins**



# Sporting News

## Tonbridge Rugby Festival – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### U13 Rugby Squad



On Sunday morning the U13 Rugby team travelled to Tonbridge to take part in the annual Prep School Rugby Festival. There were a total of eight schools contesting the trophy, split into two pools. We were placed in Pool B alongside Vinehall School, Northcote Lodge and Holmewood House.

Our first match was a comfortable 2-0 victory against Vinehall. A hard fought game against a strong and physical Holmewood House side followed, where we narrowly lost 1-0. This game could have gone either

way, but Holmewood took their chances and our handling skills let us down. The final pool game was against Northcote Lodge when we played our best rugby of the day with a 4-1 victory, showing great running skills including Ben Ankers running from our own half to score in the corner. We were therefore top of the group and into the Cup semi-final against King's House School.

The semi-final started very well with a try straight from the kick-off. Unfortunately a few missed tackles allowed King's House to get back into the game and secure a 3-1 lead. We kept battling to the end but left ourselves too much to do. A try at the end of the game by Phoenix left the final score 3-2 to King's House.



We played a 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> place playoff match against Holmewood House where we didn't play our best rugby and suffered several injuries. We ended up on the wrong side of a 2-1 final score. The team battled hard and finished the game with a last minute try from Alex, but it was too little, too late.

Well done to everyone that took part and battled hard. We left the tournament as better players and ready for the season ahead.

**Ben Temperley**

### **U12 Rugby Squad awarded 'Best Team' of the Festival**



The U12's were a depleted side with key members missing on the day. Add to that, an injury to Speirs - just a few minutes into the first game - meant that the boys played without a full back, so the result of four wins and two draws was all the more pleasing. These were results that put Milbourne at the top of the table and the recipients of a magnificent bronze trophy.

Opposition was strong, schools attending being those that gave us our toughest battles last year.

So very well done to the U12's – and the supporters, including the Speirs family who remained to the end of the tournament. You were all a credit to the school.

**Mr Waite**

### **U10 Rugby Squad**

The U10A Rugby Team found the Tonbridge Rugby Tournament conditions testing and the strong competition very challenging. The boys did well to attack the space and their dedication in defence could not be questioned, however their ability to look after the ball in the tackle requires some improvement. We will hopefully be able to resolve these issues early in the season and thus enjoy greater success on the scoreboard.

**Mr Martin**



## U9 Rugby Squad



The U9's played four matches at the Tonbridge Rugby Tournament on Sunday. After wins against the New Beacon School (20-10) & Yardley Court (15-5), we then had a titanic battle with Northcote Lodge losing out by the odd try in seven. In the last match, the boys responded well to account for Thomas's Clapham (35-30). The results above saw us finish second, just behind overall winners Northcote Lodge, who we have a regular fixture against later in the season. Overall I was

very pleased with the performance of the squad and am looking forward to considerable development as the season progresses.

**Mr Smalley**

## Milbourne Girls love their Hockey!



Our Junior Girls enjoyed their first Hockey training session of the season on the Astro at Old Cranleighans Hockey Club in Thames Ditton. The Milbourne girls really enjoy their Hockey and being able to train on the new pitch will be really beneficial. We are looking forward to fixtures this season against Manor House, Notre Dame, St Andrew's, Rowan Prep and Sir William Perkins School. Happy Hockey season everyone!

**Mrs Kennard**

**Cross Country Running Club now meets every Friday lunchtime at 1.25pm - All Prep children are welcome**





# Notices

## Playball and Football

Please be aware that, starting immediately after this February Half Term (i.e. from week commencing Monday 24th February 2020), Playball (Mondays) and Football (Thursdays) will now be finishing at 4.30pm instead of 4.15pm now that the evenings are getting lighter.

**Mrs Beresford**



Milbourne Lodge School  
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## Future Schools Evening

For parents in Forms 1, 2 and 3

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020,**

7pm in the Church of the Holy Name Hall

**Book online via the Parents' Evening Booking system**

Attending Schools:

Benenden	Lady Eleanor Holles School
Charterhouse	Reed's School
Cranleigh School	Royal Grammar School
City of London Freeman's School	St John's, Leatherhead
Downsend	St Paul's
Epsom College	St Teresa's, Effingham
Eton	Wellington
Hampton	Westminster
Harrow	Wimbledon High School, GDST
King's College School, Wimbledon	Winchester College

## Healthy Snacks Reminder

At the Class Reps meeting last week, we were asked to clarify what is allowed as a Healthy Snack. The guidelines are detailed below and we would be very grateful if all parents could review these and ensure that snacks that come into school follow these guidelines.

We are a NUT FREE School, so please ensure that any snacks do not contain nuts. Please remember to check the contents of cereal bars in case they contain nuts.

### Prep Healthy Snacks

Food Type	Recommended Choice
Breads	One round of sandwiches with savoury fillings; pitta pockets; bread sticks - especially wholemeal, multigrain, high fibre white and granary bread
Drinks	Water
Fruit & Vegetables	Fresh Fruit and Raw Vegetables
Bakery Items	Crispbreads, crackers, rice cakes, oat cakes, crumpets, pikelets and scones, fruit loaf, tea cakes and currant buns
Dairy Products	Natural yoghurt with added fruit, fromage frais, cheese portions (low fat/diet/low sugar options)
Cereals	Nut free cereal/oat or muesli bars
Savoury Snacks	Plain popcorn

### Pre-Prep Healthy Snacks

Food Type	Recommended Choice
Drinks	Water
Fruit & Vegetables	Fresh Fruit and Raw Vegetables
Additional Items	Low sugar cereal/muesli bars/ fruity flapjacks

**Mrs Waite and Mrs Brooks**

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# MLPA

THE MILBOURNE LODGE  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

# COMEDY NIGHT



**FRI 20TH MARCH**

**7.30PM - 11.00PM**

**KING GEORGE'S HALL**

**1 HIGH ST, ESHER, KT10 9SD**

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Generous grazing platters included.  
Cash bar. Friends and family welcome.

Please make payment by bank transfer to:

A/C name: MLPA  
Sort code: 60-08-04  
A/N no: 40753883  
Reference: Comedy



## Second Hand Uniform Sale – 28<sup>th</sup> February

A Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the Cabin. We have lots of Summer Uniform items, so please do come along and stock on any items that you might need for next term. As always if you have items to donate for the sale, please label them and leave them in the school office for us to collect.

Please note:

- No socks or shoes (although we will accept clean football boots)
- We are no longer accepting uniform with the old-style logo
- Unless specified, items not sold will be retained by the MLPA and sold at future sales

If you do not wish to donate items, please ensure that each item you are offering for sale is clearly labelled, using a safety pin (no sticky labels), with the following details:

- Item and size
- Your name
- Child's name and form
- Telephone number and email address if possible

The MLPA Uniform team will decide on the price of each item to be sold. 20% of the sale price will be retained by the MLPA and the balance will be returned to you after the sale.

If you have any questions regarding second-hand uniform sales please contact Mrs Yarwood-White at [mlpacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mlpacommittee@gmail.com)

## Ad Hoc Second Hand Uniform Purchases

We have a large stock of Uniform items. If you are unable to attend the Second Hand Uniform Sale or simply find that you need a replacement item quickly, please contact Mrs McGroarty and she will arrange to get an item to you or meet at school to find an item. Please contact her on [paulina@mcbgroarty.com](mailto:paulina@mcbgroarty.com)

## REMINDER NEW Milbourne Lodge KeepCup 12oz - Only £10

So let's talk plastic.

The war on plastic has energised us to change our habits, which is fantastic. But plastic is a symptom, not the cause. The problem is the volume, all this "stuff" – too much, used too little.

The MLPA have spent the last 12 months researching the best reusable cup for use at all school events and even for personal use. We hope you love this branded Milbourne Lodge KeepCup as much as we do for the quality, sustainability and ease of washing. All cups to be sold for £10.



The plastic used in KeepCup originals is BPA/BPS free and is made to last. It's lightweight, unbreakable and fit for purpose for hot drinks on the go. The components are detachable and replaceable and fully dishwasher safe.

KeepCup is committed to local manufacture in UK, to reduce environmental footprint of the business. Today, KeepCups are used in more than 65 countries around the world. KeepCup users divert millions of disposable cups from landfill every day, and through their actions inspire others to do the same.

**Please visit the MLPA section of the school website to read the latest MLPA Newsletter and view the Calendar of events planned for the rest of the school year.**