



Newsletter – 24th April

Welcome to the Summer Term! Although our doors are 'closed' we remain open and through the virtual timetable and online support we are working harder than ever.

To all our families - **Thank you!** Your support has been amazing and truly appreciated. We recognise many of you are having to juggle your own work whilst helping with home schooling. You are doing an amazing job and should feel incredibly proud of yourselves.

Hopefully, it will not be too long before the children are back in school and life can slowly return to normal. In the meantime, we know we will get through this by working together. The children will become more resilient and further appreciative of their family, friends, and supportive communities.

Please remember we are here to support you so if you do have any queries or concerns just let your class teacher or Mrs Bradburn know.

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These times are challenging for us all, if your child is struggling to understand the current situation these links may be of use:

[Coronavirus and your wellbeing](#)

[Children's guide to coronavirus](#)

[Supporting Young People's Mental Health Through Disruption](#)

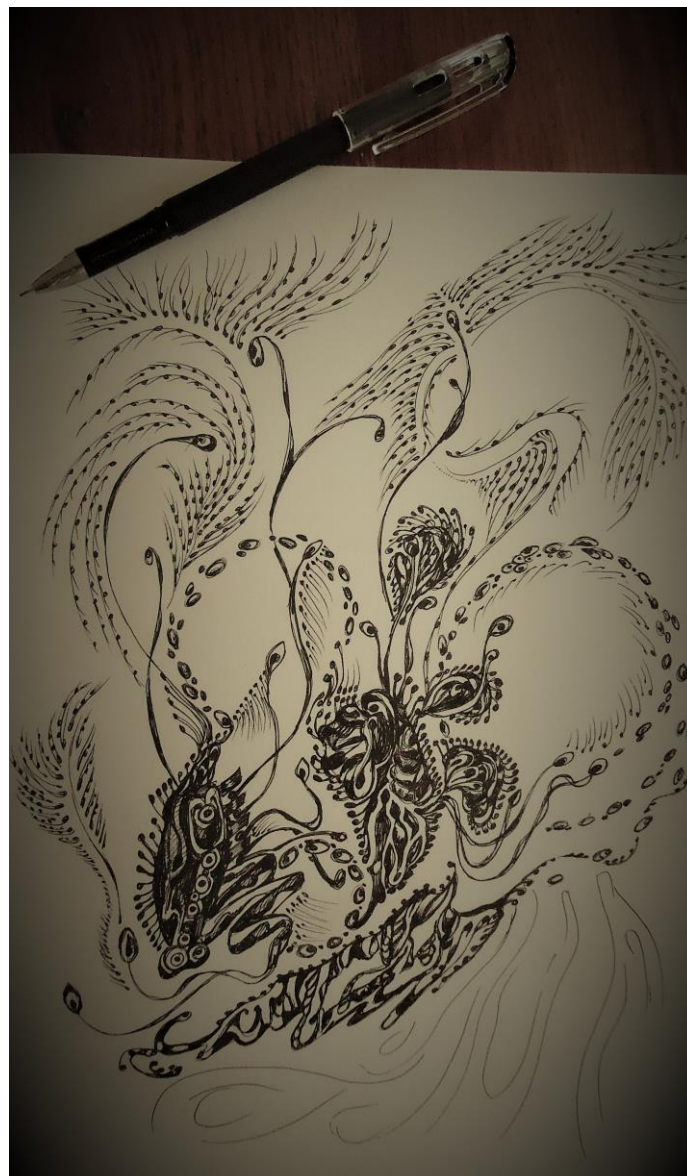
A warm welcome to Layla Griffiths and Orla Scott who have joined Hopelands this term. It is lovely to have you on board and we hope you will be very happy here.



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Doodle a Day – message from Miss White

Miss White can only do so much technology before her hand is itching for a real pen! So, she has started a 'Doodle a Day Diary' and these are her first two. They took a lovely hour or so in front of the TV after the children had gone to bed - but it was time well spent. Why don't you try to switch off in a new way? A doodle is a great place to start - it is simply a few marks on a page and then you surprise yourself how it ends up! Have fun with colour, line and shape and enjoy using the other side of your brain for a while.



Easter Holidays

As you know during the Easter holidays school remained open for children of key workers. A huge thank you to the staff who helped look after them and for making it so much fun. Baking, art activities (including a fantastic Easter tree), playing different sports and quiet time through reading and puzzles.



Artwork

Tom in Year 6 has created his new work desk at home by using spray paint and some tricky stencils

Miss White was very impressed "Oh my word - that is AMAZING! Such clarity and a great 'attitude' emanating from the figure. I am bowled over, what a wonderful image and I know how very difficult this is to do well!"



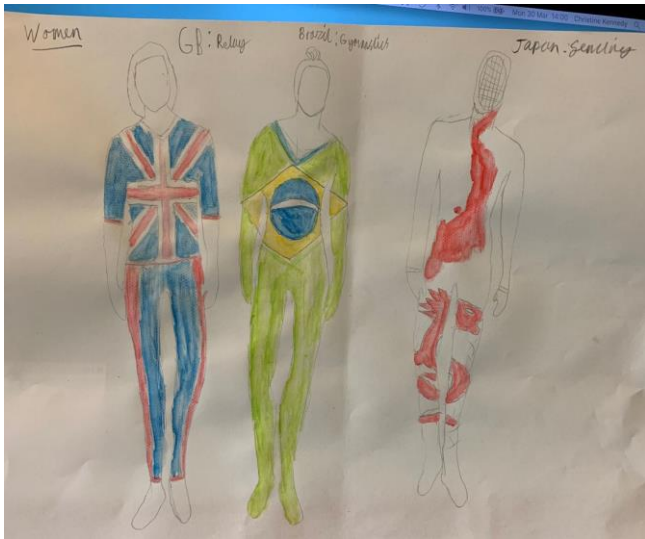
Michael in Year 5 has drawn a fantastic dragon. Miss White said "It is an awesome dragon, which has been drawn beautifully. I love the spikes on the head and the way he has created a sense of form using the chevron lines on the neck - what a clever way of working."



Children's Gallery

There have been some amazing pieces of creative work and activities which the children have been doing at home. Please do continue to send your pictures in as we love to see them.

Samuel's Olympic Designs



Rowan's Model



Artwork by Grace



Gabriel's Tudor House made from Hama beads!



Nadia's Easter Tree



Ava's Drawings



Bookmark by Jackson



Art by Alan



Juniper creating her 'nature' pictures



Isla's (Reception) Faraway Tree



The magic faraway tree (The feather is the cloud into the new lands)

Beau, Daisy, and their teddies enjoying story time with Miss O'Neill



Ode to home learning – By Lexi Coles

Monday morning, half past eight

Tilda's online, Amy's late.

Max is on here, so is Joe

Internet is running slow.

Here's Miss Porter for form time

Will she speak or will she mime?

"Let's have quiet now using Teams"

"Yes Miss Porter!" (In your dreams!)

Files in Notebook, files in Word

Lily thinks it's all absurd.

Felipe's here, Oscar too

Mrs Boix knows what to do.

Gifs in chat bars that are cute

Hannah's listening, Nat's on mute

"Let's have quiet now using Teams"

"Yes Miss Porter!" (In your dreams!)

Tuesday morning wasn't good

Nothing worked the way it should

Work was gone within a flash

What was that, a system crash?

Bad connection, it's not ace

For Lexi, Lib, Soph and Grace.

"Let's have quiet now using Teams"

"Yes Miss Porter!" (In your dreams!)

Wednesday morning was OK

Where is Francis by the way?

Samuel, Tom and all the boys


Who is making all that noise?

Angles, poems and lots more

Harry really knows the score.

"Let's have quiet now using Teams"

"Yes Miss Porter!" (In your dreams!)



What a
fantastic
poem, well
done Lexi!

Hopelands Community

Thank you to everyone who has sent in supportive and positive messages, they are very much appreciated and reminds us all what a special place Hopelands is.

I fully appreciate the situation and having done only 1 week of home-schooling I can see how much hard work the teachers are putting in and will continue to do!

We appreciate everything you are doing to support us all during this difficult time. Thanks to all your staff as well.

Please pass on our best wishes and thanks to all of your staff members. We understand what a demanding time this is for you all and we are incredibly grateful that you are still working hard to provide a good quality education for the children.

We also wanted to say a big thank you to you and everyone at Hopelands. We really appreciate all your hard work but especially even more so during these difficult times.

I just wanted to let you know how impressed I am with the way all the teachers have been dealing with this difficult situation. Mr Rousell in particular has been incredibly helpful and thoughtful both in setting work and in any questions we have had. Mrs Hadley and Miss White have also been wonderful and I just wanted to thank you personally as well, for the way you have handled this situation and kept us all informed. I cannot imagine how much work you must all be putting in but you have my sincere thanks and gratitude.

We would like to say a big thank-you for the extra effort and hard work carried out behind the scenes to ensure the children are able to commence next term with minimal disruption. Whilst the change to online lessons will be a little challenging initially (not least of all to technophobes like myself) I believe the children will learn valuable lessons in adapting and evolving in such circumstances.

I am also hoping that children and parents alike will appreciate our wonderful school even more when we return to normal.

What an excellent maths lesson today. Brilliant. It's all falling into shape and I'm getting more confident at leaving my child to it.