



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> February

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### Spotted!

Have you seen the Hopelands dragon? It was last spotted on our Facebook [page](#)!



### World Book Day!

World Book Day is next Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The competition this year is to decorate a door in your home as a book cover. This can be based on your favourite book or on a book that lends itself to the materials you may already have at home. The more colourful and creative the better! The competition is not compulsory but those who do enter will be in for a chance to win a prize! There is a prize per year group for the most creative door cover and they will be handed out in an assembly once we are back in school.

Please submit all entries to both Miss Porter and Mrs Compton. The deadline for the competition will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. (Staff who take part, there is a prize up for grabs too!)



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## Year 6 Enrichment by Mrs Trebble

Year 6 have been delving into life in the late 18th century during the time of The French Revolution. They have been learning about the Estates System where French people were divided into social groups (clergy, nobles, and everyone else from the middle class to the poor peasants.) They have explored the differences between these groups as well as the life of King Louis XVI and his wife, Marie Antoinette and have used this knowledge to help them to interpret works of art. Year 6 were given the task of writing a poem from the point of view of a poor peasant. Here are some examples of their work.

### Day and Night by Agnes Morley

For us every day started early,  
Whilst King Louis XVI ate a bulbous turkey  
We begged for money,  
As the 1st Estate filled their tummy.

The cold crawled over us all night  
As the 1st Estate snug up all tight  
We were hyenas laughing and chatting loudly  
So we didn't have to hear the others stand and talk proudly.

We had to toil day and night  
But the 1st estate just put up a fight  
We were worker ants slaving away wearily  
As the others danced merrily

This is my life...

By Michael Harbottle

I shivered in the cold moonlight  
I woke up this morning and I didn't feel bright

As my heart weakened and I wondered if there was  
hope  
The only one who could save me was the pope

And I know he was in the other Estate  
I feel empty inside, I don't even know the date!

I felt alone, but then I heard a voice 'you're not alone'  
I just stood there frozen to the bone.

I'm hungry, I'm starving, I need food and water  
But then I realised all the other sons and daughters.

King Louis that greedy pig He keeps eating our food  
What do we do? I'm not in a good mood!

### DEATH IS NEAR...KING LOUIS! By Poppy Blower

As cold as ice we would sit there every night  
Every day we would have to survive a fight.

The rain froze us when we were sleeping  
The death of someone left us weeping.

We thought the torrential weather wanted to make us die  
We were eating scraps off the road while  
the 1st and 2nd estate were eating pie.

Our scruffy clothes would leave people laughing  
Our worried faces would appear when knowing that we needed  
bathing.

We knew we needed to be treated equally but it would be a  
long wait  
The crying of the children kept me awake as they were banging  
on the gate.

The filthy water in the drain pipe danced loudly  
The 1st estate cheered noisily as they got their pay  
whilst we sat and gazed at our penny unprudly.

**WARNING: KING LOUIS YOU WONT BE KING MUCH LONGER...!!  
WE ARE BECOMING STRONGER!!**

### A Peasant's Life by Nadia Peet

The winter is coming, the days get colder  
My blood runs cold like ice on the pond  
My stomach growls, with hunger, so loud!  
But they are out there partying; I feel so conned

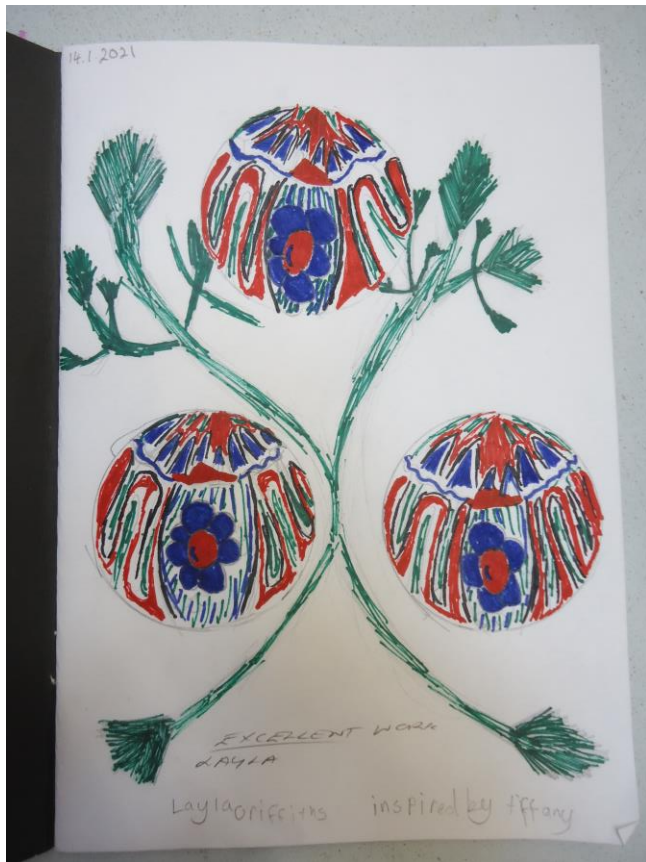
My best friend's baby got thrown on the cart  
No money for food or to bury our dead  
Straight back to work with a broken heart  
Music booms out, the rich getting drunk

My hate for the tax man is a burning fire,  
As he cracks his whip on my sore back  
The pain is immense, will it ever go away?  
And off in the distance they gallop down the track.

Forever forgotten the fabulous feeling  
Of full stomachs That was a fantasy!  
The street drinks more without working!  
But it doesn't rain on the revelling rich

## Art by Miss White

Year 4 have been developing ideas for stylized flowers as they explore the stained-glass lamps of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Their creativity and enthusiasm is truly brilliant.





## Lockdown Life

Well done to everyone who took part in the Random Acts of Kindness week.

Here is Millie who baked cakes for her lucky neighbours which she delivered to their doorsteps, a lovely treat for them and I am sure they were hugely appreciated. Well done Millie!



Emi in Year 3 sent in a lovely picture this week of some of the teaching staff with the following note:

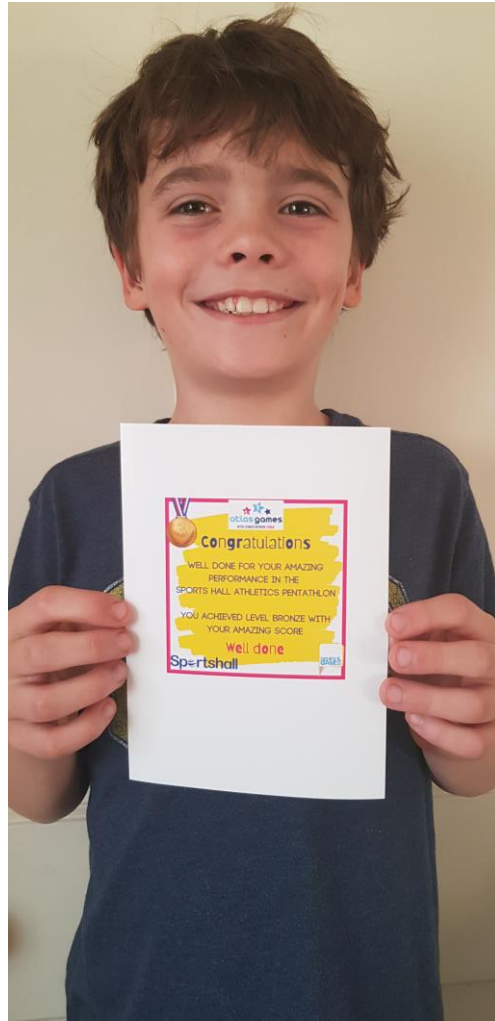
"I hope you're all well. This colourful picture is for you all to enjoy when you are back at school. Thank you for all being my lovely teachers."

Thank you Emi for such a fab picture!



## PE by Miss Walker

Congratulations to Eoghan who won a bronze certificate in the Sports Hall Athletics Pentathlon. He achieved high scores across all the different events. Well done Eoghan!



## Weekly Countdown Challenge by Mrs Elmore

Every week Mrs Elmore sets the children in Year 6 a countdown challenge.... can you complete it?!

### Challenge:

Use +, -, x, ÷ to make either 283 (easier) or 806 (more challenging). You may only use the given numbers once; you may find you do not need them all.



# Birdwatch by Mrs Boix



## This is to certify that

Hopelands Preparatory School

took part in the 20th anniversary  
Big Schools' Birdwatch in 2021

signed

Rachael White  
Schools Products Manager



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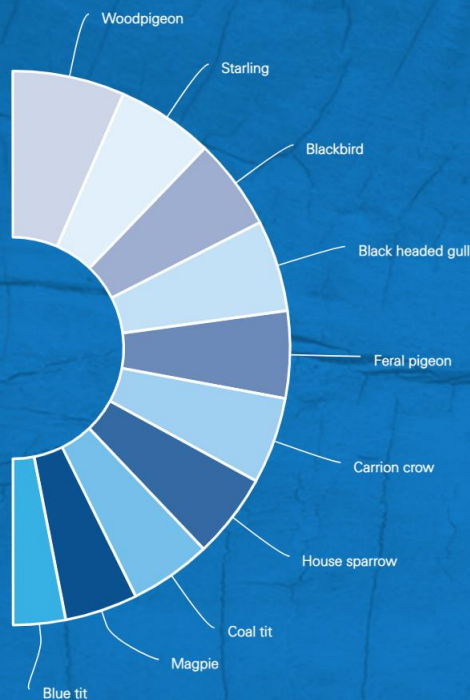
A million thanks to all the children and parents that took part in the Big School Birdwatch this year - this certificate belongs to you.

I am thrilled that we managed to identify 24 different species! We are awaiting final National results and, once we receive them, we will be sharing those with you. It will be a fantastic Data Science extension task to do in school...Please find below a snippet of the data that has been advanced by RSPB. A year ago, the Blackbird was the most widely spotted bird, whereas this year, it appears to be the Woodpigeon.

Would this be related to lockdown and the subsequent change in patterns of human behaviour?

## 107,585 birds counted so far

### Nationwide results so far:



### Last year's results:

68,644 people took part and counted birds in total

In 2020 the most widely spotted bird was the

# BLACKBIRD

# 78.4%

of participants spotted a Robin



## Year 4 by Mrs Bradburn

This week Year 4 have been studying the poem 'What do you want to be', by Wilf Merttens. Afterwards they were challenged to write a new version.

### What is your destiny?

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Maybe you want to be an eminent explorer climbing frost-ridden mountains,  
Maybe you want to be a zookeeper caring for a bubbling fish fountain.  
Maybe you want to be a president giving money to help your citizens,  
Maybe you want to be a marvellous martial artist vanquishing intruders,  
Maybe you want to be a captain of a ship transporting precious merchandise.  
Maybe you want to be an athlete mentoring children and giving advice.

Whatever road you choose you will lift yourself to new heights,  
Because life without dreams is isolated and cold like a miniscule decaying light, in the corner of a damp,  
sunless and sombre room.

Some people say you should work for your family and have a job close to your home,  
Or take lots of exams and reach a high-ranking level in some crucial career.  
Others say you should work for yourself and not listen to other people.

Instead, you should listen to your heart and what it tells you to do.  
You should also listen to other people's advice,  
Because you could learn new aspects of life that you could use to your advantage.  
But never let someone else choose your destiny, it's yours to decide!

By Rowan Allen

## Reception by Miss O'Neill

Reception have been learning about 3D shapes in their maths lessons this week. They had a great time experimenting to see if they roll (and if so why) and made some 3D shapes from their nets. Lots of fun to be had!





## Mental Health by Miss Cook

The end is in sight and what a fantastic feeling that is. It is completely understandable if your child begins to feel nervous as well as excited about the transition back to school as it is another big change that your child is going through this year.

This week, with the weather improving, I wanted to share a mindfulness walk that you can take part in with your child.

### Share the following instructions with your child

- 1 Stand still and take several slow, deep breaths, which will help your body to relax.
- 2 Soften your focus and look at the ground in front of you.
- 3 Smile. Smiling signals to the brain that something nice is happening.
- 4 Walk slowly, focusing on the movements that go into each and every step.
- 5 While walking, pay attention to what you see, smell and hear. Stop from time to time to notice interesting objects or sounds.
- 6 At the end of the walk, stop and stand still again, and take a few deep breaths. Remember to smile at the end as well!

## Junior Bake Off

Please see the below flyer which has been sent out for our older children. Do let us know if you child applies!

