



Newsletter 5th March

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Little Red Riding Hood

Eva all dressed up and looking brilliant for World Book Day!



An Early Easter Chicken!

Beau made a lovely chicken this week from feathers, cocktail sticks, and recycled boxes, well done Beau!



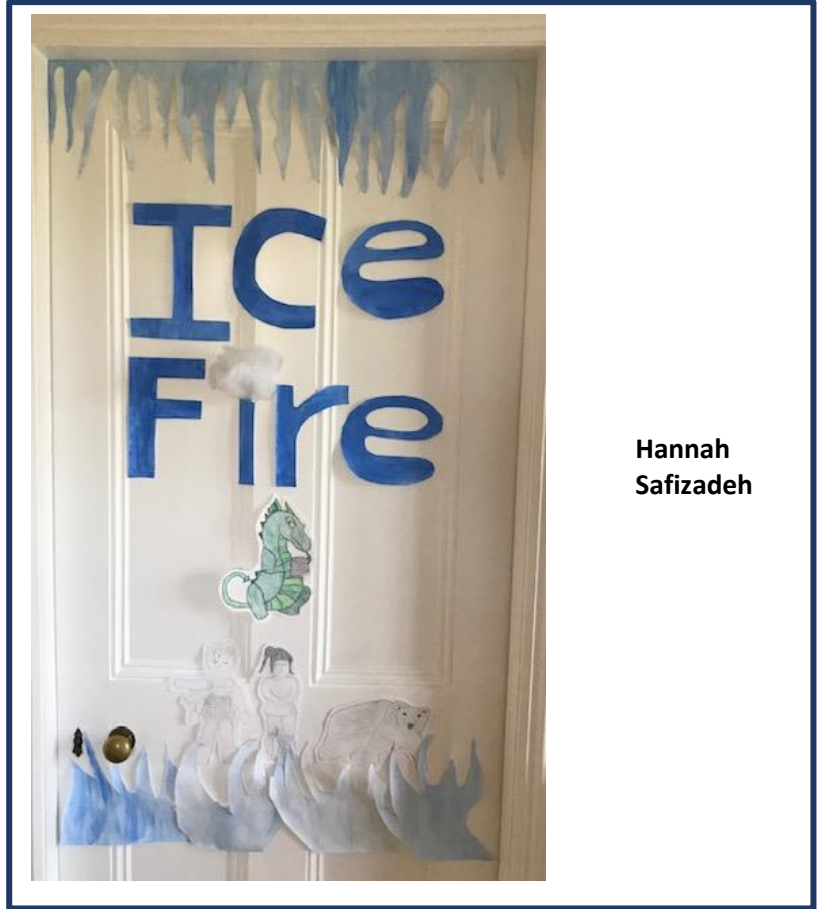
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World Book Day

We were amazed at the number of entries for this year's World Book Day competition, they really have all been amazing! Well done and thank you to everyone for taking part. Entries are still being received so apologies if your picture is not shown below. Winners will be announced during an assembly next week!



Chloe Chater



Hannah Safizadeh



Zoe Manning



Rowan Allen

World Book Day



Norah
Le Masurier



Daisy Etherington



Millie Etherington



Beau Bingham

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Emi Huertas-Mason (and her super cool Mum!)

Cara Peters



Harriet Pendrell



William Pilkington



World Book Day

Mrs Boix



Ava Providence



Orla
Scott



Ava McDougall



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Michael Harbottle



Isla Jennings



Agnes Morley



Eva Benson



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Holly Smart



Otto & Beatrix Middlemiss



Florence Hasinski

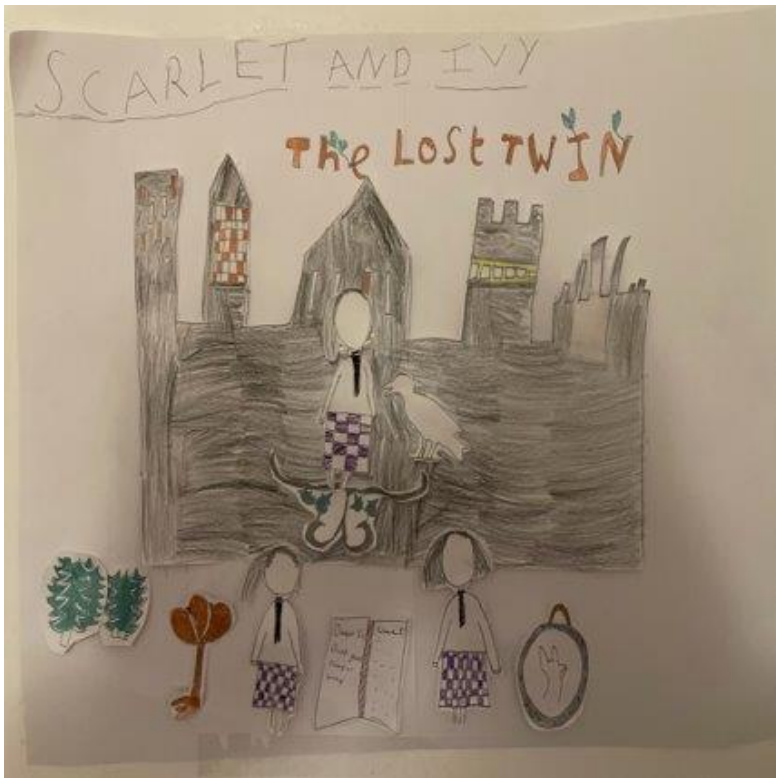


Cillian Morrison



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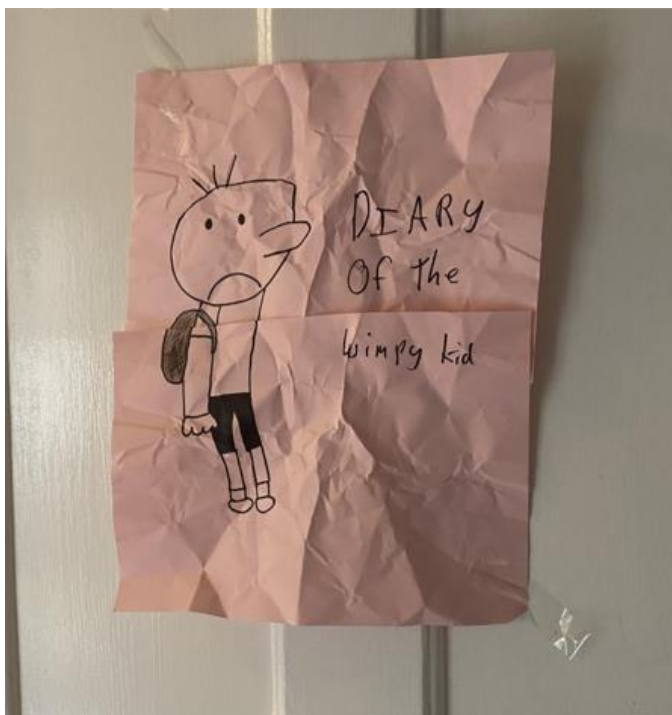
Martha New



Freddie Collingbourne

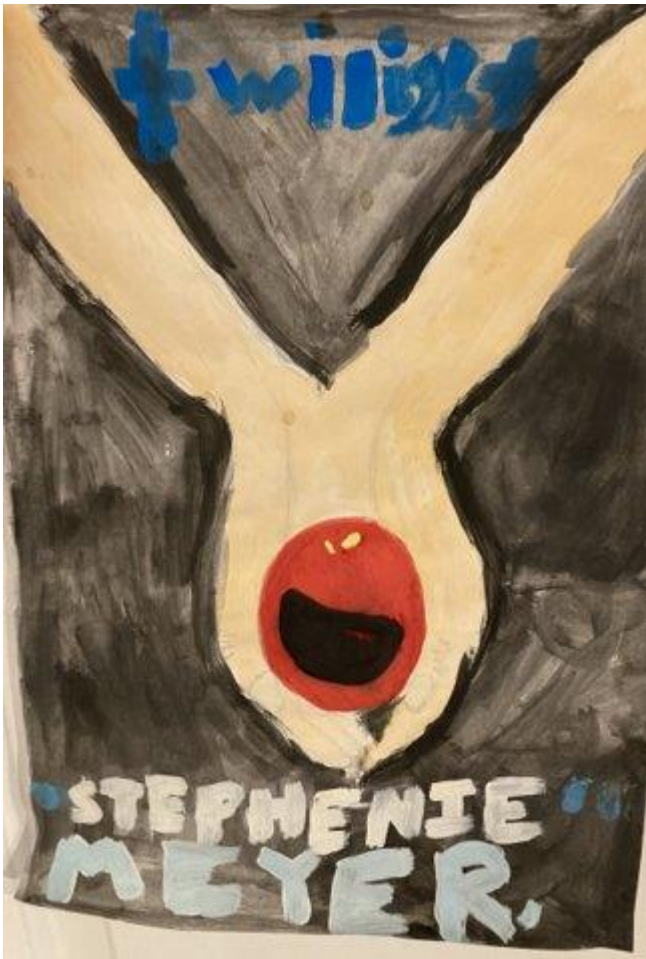


Poppy Blower



World Book Day

Layla Griffiths



Liberty Bound



Reception by Miss O'Neill

The children have been discovering the art of the famous artist, Wassily Kandinsky. Inspired by his work they used cups, jars, and lids to create lovely pieces of art.



Lockdown Positives

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness'.

Desmond Tutu

Living through a pandemic has brought plenty of challenges. However, throughout it all, there have been some positives which have created good memories during a difficult time. Below are what some of the Hopelands team have enjoyed over the last year.

Mrs Trebble

Cycling on quieter roads.



Mrs Charles

My one positive from lock down is lovely long family walks in our local area.

Mrs Jones

My positives are the realisation that 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going'. There are a few people in my life, professionally and privately, that I know will be there no matter what! It has been overwhelmingly positive to feel the support of many of my friends and colleagues.

Also, the realisation, that a haircut is just a haircut!

Mrs Elmore

Discovering a new common less than a mile away from our house which had oodles of snow and ice over the winter.



Being able to spend more time to with our cats; this is Kali who enjoys chasing ping pong balls as they gently drop down our stairs.



Miss O'Neill

A positive to lockdown has been going on lots of lovely walks in the local countryside, which have been just beautiful.

I have also loved watching the children adapt so well to our 'new normal'. I am very proud of every single one of them and very much looking forward to seeing all their smiling faces back in school next week!

Lockdown Positives

Miss Walker

Long walks and playing scrabble with my dog!



Miss White

A great positive of this lockdown compared to the first one has to be live lessons and a full timetable. Last time I missed the children, the interaction and the fun of speaking to smiling faces, bouncing ideas around and sharing experiences. This time it has been so much better. Breakout rooms have helped, patience with Teams/Technology has been developed (!) and a spare webcam that acted as a whiteboard/demonstration camera has made a hugely positive difference to my blood pressure! All in all, live teaching has made me adapt, be flexible but most importantly still TEACH! Yippee!

Miss Cook

Being able to spend lots of quality time with my son! Also, due to the pandemic my partner has had to work from home for the last year so it is lovely that he has been around the whole time our son has been growing up.

Mrs Coles

I have enjoyed spending more time with my girls, without all the usual rushing around! We have been out walking every day and have loved watching the seasons change. These two photos were taken exactly three weeks apart on our walks along the canal towpath - it was lovely to see the beautiful snow-covered trees at the end of winter then the first snowdrops heralding the arrival of spring.



Lockdown Positives



Miss Porter

During half term, although the weather was too poor to climb outside, I used some of the time to do something climbing related still.

I recycled a retired climbing rope of mine by using the nylon core yarns to make macrame-style plant hangers. That rope has saved my bacon on many occasions, so I am pleased to have turned it into something useful still!



Mrs Stick

Being at home has been very relaxing and I have spent time drawing which I love. I have enjoyed having Alfie home all the time. It has strengthened my bond with him and there has been a lot of laughter in the Stick house.

Mrs Holloway

I was amazed at how clear and blue the sky was – this was during the lockdown last summer, but it was truly beautiful, no clouds or planes or anything!

Mrs Powell

A Music positive is the children who have been able to share a performance on their instrument from the comforts of their own home. All children who have participated so far have really enjoyed it as have their audience. It has been a great opportunity for children to be able to show off their skills, with lots of positive praise from their peer group too!



Mrs Compton

Rather than having to drive my children to their different clubs on a Saturday I have really enjoyed getting back into running with our dog Monty.

Music by Mrs Powell

Here is a music round up of what we have been up to this term:

Class 1 - learning about pitch through the Jack and the Beanstalk story and adding instrumental accompaniment to their story.

Class 2 - learning a new song "Let's Build a Castle" and adding a percussion accompaniment to it.

Class 3 - learning all about pentatonic scales and how to compose a pentatonic melody.

Class 4 - learning about rock music and the types of instruments that the Vikings played.

Class 5 - learning about the history and development of recorder music and learning to play the recorder.

Class 6 - learning about the Thomas Tallis Canon and to compose topic lyrics to a given tune.



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 273 (easier) or 522 (more challenging). You may only use the given numbers once; you may find you do not need them all.



Mental Health by Miss Cook

We are so looking forward to all being together again. Understandably the children may be experiencing anxiety about returning to the classroom, please know that we are all here to support your child's transition back to classroom learning and we are so proud of how resilient and hardworking they have all been. What a school community to be proud of!

This week's activity is about focusing on Gratitude. It can be hard to find things to be grateful for, especially after weeks of home-schooling, however, studies suggest that finding things to be thankful for is important for our wellbeing. This leads to physical and psychological benefits, as well as being a 'social glue' that connects people.

Activities:

Take part in a gratitude walk, while walking try to observe using all of our different senses, for example; what can we hear, see, smell, and feel. Try to think of the things we might take for granted or not typically notice or appreciate.

Postcard: Send a postcard or a note to somebody that you are thankful for. Tell them why you are grateful for the things that they do.

Ask your children to reflect on how they feel after taking part in these activities.

The British Science Week has arrived!

By Mrs Boix

5th - 14th March 2021: A ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths that this year is focusing on 'Innovating for the future'. We look forward to some fantastic virtual live sessions exploring the future of farming that we have booked for all the different classes, amongst other activities.

We would also like as many pupils as possible to get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual poster competition. This will be introduced in school next week, but your help to support your children decide in what area of innovation they would like to focus would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

I leave you for now with a link to a video with an impressive demonstration of the Rube Goldberg machine that I hope you enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w>

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