



The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

6 April 2020

THE PPS LOO ROLL KEEP-UP CHALLENGE

A Day in the Life of... Photo Diary!

Easter around the world

Touch-typing champions announced!



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To get us started this week, here are some messages from your teachers!

Set work finished? Time for a break? Free time at the weekend?

Mr Chivers recommends... National Theatre At Home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzqcRwWVv8k>

This week it's *One Man, Two Guvnors* by Richard Bean, starring James Corden. Please see the notice-board article later in The Buzz for more information on this and how to get involved with a school-wide review-writing competition.



Miss Coates recommends... Board Game Arena

<https://en.boardgamearena.com/>

You can play boardgames online with players from around the world directly from your web browser!



Miss Baker recommends... virtual author visit with Chris Bradford!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-oY53jq1Zk&feature=youtu.be>

On Friday 10th April at 10am, tune in to Chris' YouTube channel to learn how to become a Samurai !





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PPS LOO ROLL KEEP UP CHALLENGE!

You've seen the footballers doing it... Now it's your turn!

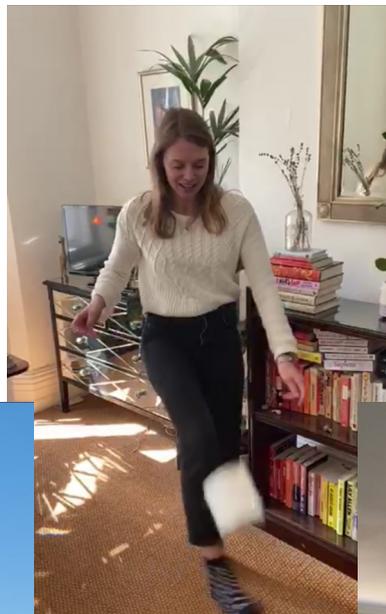
The challenge: Complete as many keep ups with a loo roll as possible! Please make sure you do this in a safe area, if you are doing this indoors make sure you move any valuable or expensive items out of the way– your parents will not be impressed if you break anything!

Please film your efforts and send them to Mr Kubik via Firefly/email. Your videos will be posted on the **LOO ROLL KEEP UP CHALLENGE** firefly page.

Tricks, skills and show boating strongly encouraged!

The page can be accessed at: Resources - Physical Education - LOO ROLL KEEP UP CHALLENGE

You can see your teachers' efforts on the page!





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Visiting Music Staff Lessons to Continue over Easter.

In this time of very unusual circumstances, I have been in contact with our amazing team of Visiting (or not!) Music Teachers and I am very pleased to say that many of them have offered to continue tuition for your sons and daughters over the Easter 'holidays' should you wish it.

The following teachers will be available for all or part of the holiday:

- Mr McCarthy (Guitar & Bass Guitar)
- Mr Slack (Clarinet & Saxophone)
- Mr Jesson (Drum Kit)
- Mr Jenkinson (Cello & Viola)
- Mr MacLennan (Flute)
- Mr O'Neill (Piano)
- Ms Bottrill (Piano)
- Ms Ryder (Singing)
- Mr Bentley (Trumpet, Trombone & Music Technology)

This is entirely voluntary on your part and on an **opt-in** basis - no-one will be enrolled without response directly to me by the deadline below.

Please note the following Terms and Conditions will apply if you would like to go forward with tuition:

- Additional lesson(s) would still be chargeable through the school, at the same rate per lesson (unless group lessons become individual or vice-versa). Symphonfree lessons will continue to be free of charge.
- Additional charges for any lesson(s) taken during the 'holiday period' (Saturday 4th April to Tuesday 21st April inclusive) would be made and added to the next school bill, **in addition** to the termly rate for the forthcoming summer term, unless notice has already been given in writing.
- Lessons would still take place via the PPS MS Teams platform (or through any system in place from the particular teacher up until this point), using PPS usernames and passwords.
- All online lessons would continue to be recorded for safeguarding and monitoring purposes.
- Fees will be charged for lessons where the student does not attend unless notice of absence is given **at least 24hrs in advance of the arranged lesson time**.
- Lessons where a teacher has to cancel will be rescheduled at a mutually convenient time - if a subsequent time is not arranged, there will be no charge for the lesson.



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If you would like to take up this opportunity, please respond directly to me **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that I can liaise with the teacher(s) and organise the timetable prior to the official end of term. Requests to be taught after this date are subject to the teacher's availability and the regularity with which I will check my email account outside of term time. **A reply to action lessons is also an agreement to the Terms and Conditions outlined above.**

If you **do not** wish to take on these lessons, **you do not need to do anything.** Lessons will resume for next term on Wednesday 22nd April via MS Teams.

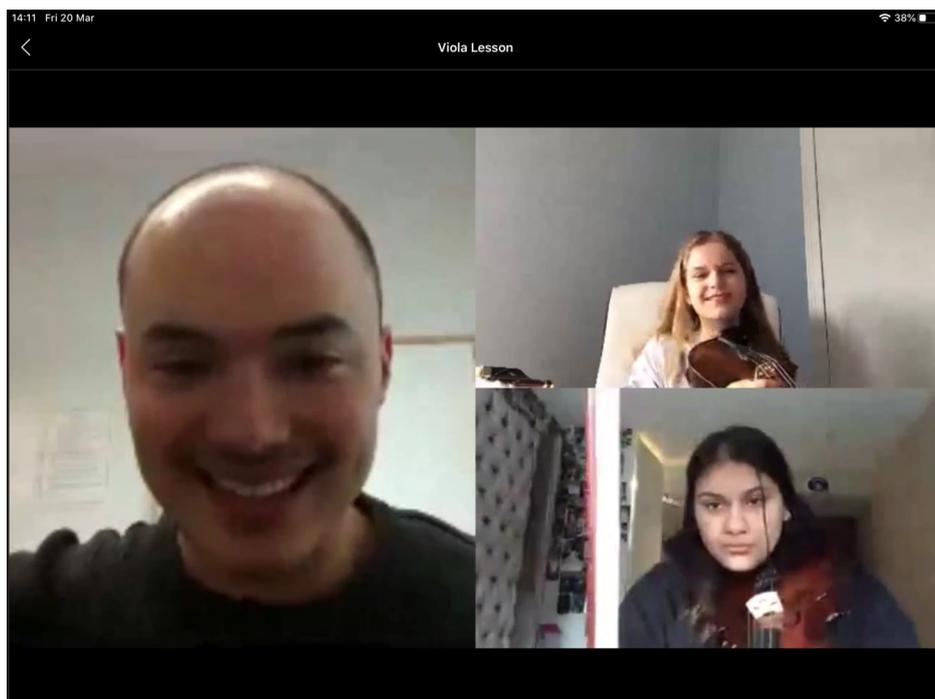
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes

Mr S. Hill

Director of Music

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Dear parents,

During these trying times, I thought it was important to maintain a hopeful mindset at home and think about how we can use this time to improve ourselves.

Below is a set of questions which allows children to consider their decisions, reflect on actions and plan future processes. They also encourage students to take more responsibility for their own learning.



1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What challenge or problem have you worked on today?
3. Can you think of something new you tried today? What was it?
4. Was there anything that made you feel stuck today?... Great! What other ways might be there to solve this?
5. What did you learn today outside of school?
6. Can you think of a mistake you made today? ... Great! How can you use this mistake to do better next time?
7. Is there anything you are struggling with? ... Excellent! What new strategies can you try next?
8. Can you think of something you could have done better today?... Great! Who can you seek feedback from to make it better?
9. What would you like to become better at?
10. Did you do anything today that was easy for you? ... How can you make this more challenging for you?

Thank you for your support,

Miss Florea



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National
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home

Theatre lovers at PPS, I wanted to bring this to your attention!

The National Theatre Live in collaboration with YouTube are bringing theatre straight to your living room. From April 2, under the banner of National Theatre at Home, every Thursday (7pm) will see a new National Theatre play released – free to watch for one week – along with bonus content including cast and creative Q&As and post-stream talks. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzqcRwWVv8k>

I am encouraging you to gather your family, grab some popcorn and watch some of the best productions to play at the National Theatre. Once you have watched it, I would love to hear what you thought.

Why not write a theatre review? The best one each week will be published the Weekly Buzz. House points will be awarded to every entry!

Over the next month you can watch:

- April 2 **'One Man, Two Guvnors'** by Richard Bean, starring James Corden.
- April 9 **'Jane Eyre'**, adapted by Sally Cookson.
- April 16 **'Treasure Island'**, adapted by Bryony Lavery.
- April 23 **'Twelfth Night'** by William Shakespeare, starring Tamsin Greig.

Reviews to be sent to david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk





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Learning Support

The Summary of the Week Award goes to:

Luke Ahrens

For his summary of an extract of the book 'Escape Velocity'

'It is the second book in the series about a villain school called Hive, and the main characters who keep trying to escape ... Otto can talk to computers and he can memorise all of the data he gets from computers'



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Touch-typing Provision Champions

Major Achievements this week:



**Samuel
Osborn**



**Sylvan
Farmer**



**Luke
Ahrens**

This can be



next week!



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A Day in the Life of... Luke Ahrens



I went for a run in the morning before school.



Then I had breakfast and looked at what lessons I had.



When does school start?



This Learning by heart thing is hard.



Finally my lessons are over and I can play some games.

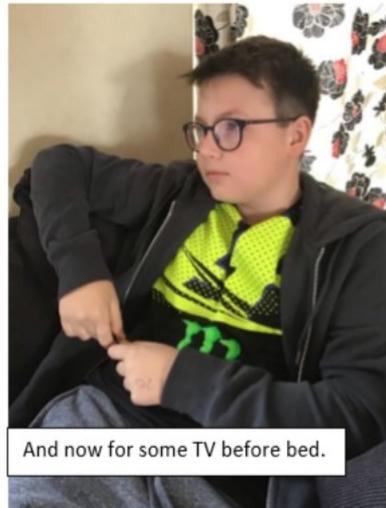


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Art

This week's art from Year 7. They were given couple of images of Blackfriars Bridge and some paintings by the artist André Derain. They had to be as expressive as possible using the bridge as a starting point.



Leo Bennett



Miguel Peletiero



Rachel Winch



Isabella Calvert-Bull



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KS2

Year 6 received an envelope of surprises this week including 4 sunflower seeds each which they will be planting today (Friday 3rd April) at home. Miss Campbell (who is also participating in the sunflower competition) will be awarding prizes to the students who can grow the tallest sunflower by the end of the Summer Term. If any other students or staff want to take part then please let Miss Campbell know. She also has some spare seeds that can be posted to anyone interested. Happy planting!





Students' Recommendations: 'Easter Around the World'



'Sophie Maxwell



'Sam Osborn



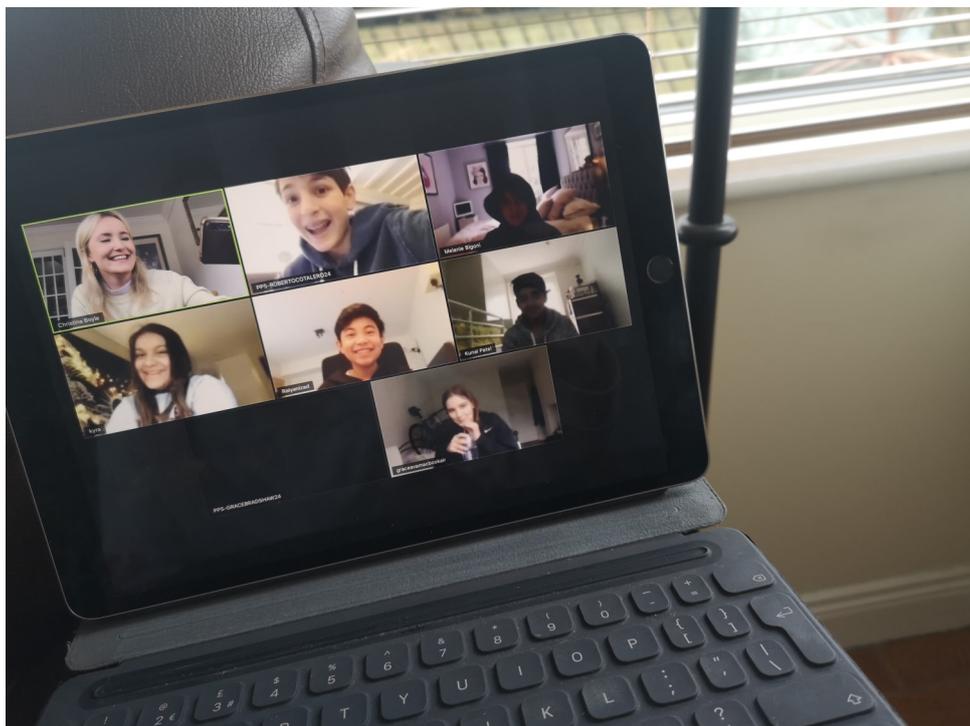


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Music

Here are Miss Boyle's Year 7 and 8 Music students in online lessons this week!



Economics

And now for a little poetry to close the last newsletter before the Easter break. We love Anton's effort. If you have done any creative writing, in any form at all, short or long, please upload it to the English Department's Firefly under the Creative Writing blog page.

Covid-19

Sitting here in my room,
Wondering how long will it be 'til the next economic boom.
Interest rates are being cut,
And many firms shut.
Corona got them, it's clear,
Striking trillion-dollar businesses with fear!
The news has developed a new writing obsession,
Corona may be the beginning of a new recession.

- Year 10 Economist - Anton Polyakov



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Thank you for reading