



The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

18 May 2020

Strive Science

A Day In the Life Of Sophie Djurasovic!

Year 6 & 7 Assembly

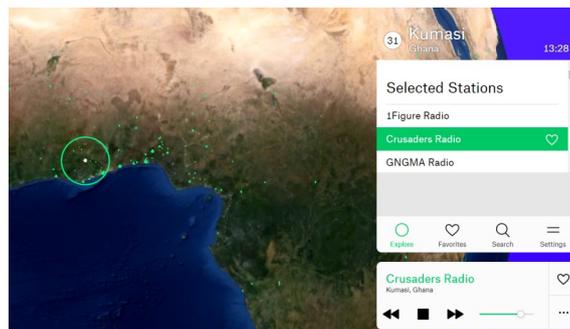
To get us started this week, here are some messages from teachers!

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

Miss Baker recommends... Radio Garden

<http://radio.garden/visit/kumasi/8WHtyp8V>

Click on any green dot representing local radio stations across the globe to tune in.



Miss Coates recommends... Country Living animal live streams

<https://www.countryliving.com/uk/wildlife/countryside/g31784857/live-animal-webcam-zoo/>

Watch animals of your choice in real time!





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Literacy Corner

Reading Strategies

You can help your child understand more about a text by:

Predicting	You can make informed guesses about a text by predicting: What the text is going to be about? What will happen next?
Skimming	You can read quickly through a text in order to get a gist of what the text is about.
Scanning	You can search a text for a specific word, phrase or number.
Close reading	When you pay close attention to the words, phrases and sentences you can build up your understanding of the meaning of a text.
Questioning	You can ask questions about a text to clarify your ideas.
Empathising	By putting yourself in someone else's shoes you can begin to empathise and feel what they feel.
Visualising	Building a picture in your mind can help you to gain a better understanding of the text.
Inferring	By reading 'between the lines' you can find meanings that are not initially obvious.



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Dear parents,

The “Meaningful May” Calendar below has daily actions for May 2020 to help us respond to this global crisis with a sense of purpose and meaning.

Please encourage your children to pick different activities and enjoy them. It’s important to think about what small things we can do daily to boost our emotional wellbeing.

Just one positive thought or action can change your day or someone else’s!




ACTION CALENDAR: MEANINGFUL MAY 2020




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have. Do What You Can" ~ Arthur Ashe</p>						
 <p>4 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do</p>	<p>5 Send friends a photo of a time you all enjoyed together</p>	<p>6 Take a step towards one of your life goals, however small</p>	 <p>7 Let someone you love know how much they mean to you</p>	<p>1 Take a minute to remember what really matters to you and why</p>	<p>2 Do something meaningful for someone you really care about</p>	<p>3 Reconnect with nature today, even if you're stuck indoors</p>
<p>11 What are your most important values? Use them today</p>	<p>12 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times</p>	<p>13 Today do something to care for the natural world</p>	<p>14 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better</p>	<p>8 Set yourself a kindness mission. Give your time to help others</p>	<p>9 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today</p>	<p>10 Tell someone about why your favourite music means a lot to you</p>
<p>18 Hand-write a note to someone you love and send them a photo of it</p>	<p>19 Find a way to craft what you are doing to give it more meaning</p>	<p>20 Reflect on what makes you feel really valued and appreciated</p>	<p>21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable</p>	<p>15 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture</p>	<p>16 Look around you and notice five things you find meaningful</p>	<p>17 Take a positive action to help in your local community</p>
<p>25 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about</p>	<p>26 Recall three things you've done that you are really proud of</p>	<p>27 Today link your decisions and choices to your purpose in life</p>	<p>28 Tell someone about an event in your life that was really meaningful</p>	<p>22 Ask a loved one or colleague what matters most to them and why</p>	<p>23 Share an inspiring quote with others to give them a boost</p>	<p>24 Do something special today and revisit it in your memory tonight</p>
				<p>29 Think about how your actions make a difference for others</p>	<p>30 Find three good reasons to be hopeful about the future</p>	<p>31 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger</p>

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







www.actionforhappiness.org

Thank you for your support,

Miss Florea



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Life Lessons

Due to popular demand, Ms Nicholas' 'Life Lessons' programme is going online for a very limited time!

On Monday May 18th, from 4pm-4:40pm Ms Nicholas will be opening up the 'Life lessons' classroom once again - this time via Zoom. As with the physical in-school lessons, the programme aims to tackle some of the most pressing challenges we face in terms of learning and managing workloads under the current circumstances. The intention of the programme is always to enable and empower pupils to take more control over their learning, and gradually realign their attitudes, habits and behaviours to promote greater success, achievement and joy in all that they do. Think of it as a Marie Kondo type de-cluttering of habits, behaviours and attitudes for overall greater success in school – and life!

So if you are someone who knows they want to be better at:

- Overcoming study stress and anxiety
- Overcoming the overwhelm faced with many subject deadlines at once
 - Effectively managing your time to enable better study success
 - Keeping motivated to complete tasks that take a lot of time to finish
 - Just getting started when you don't know where to begin,

then this programme is EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED to ensure you get the most out of the final term of this academic year, the upcoming holiday period and especially when you are remote-learning during to unforeseen circumstances like a global pandemic!

To receive your invite to this limited-time Zoom class, please email

Ms Nicholas (tanya.nicholas@portland-place.co.uk)

no later than **1pm on Monday 11th May, 2020**. I look forward to seeing you there!



INTER-HOUSE MONOLOGUE COMPETITION RESULTS

I am pleased to be writing in the Weekly Buzz this week to announce our winners for the inter-house monologue competition. Our plan was to award a first, second and third overall...

However, due to 37 students across Years 6-10 submitting entries, we wanted to celebrate the successes within each year group. Thank you to all students who submitted an entry, you clearly went above and beyond with your preparation and performances. We had students writing their own material, recording entries with subtitles, we even had a promotional trailer. At this point, I would like to give a special mention to give Sam Osborn (Year 7) for filming his monologue on location, it was all going so well until he was upstaged by an extremely confident sheep!

Year 6/7

Winner: *Isabella Calvert-Bull*

Runners up: *Pierce Drennan, Rachel Winch & Aubrey Brooke-Cowden*

Year 8

Winner: *Lawton Ballbach*

Runners up: *Jesse Francis-Baum & Lana Tuite*

Year 9

Winner: *Cassius Swales*

Runners up: *Nicolas Bartha & Irene Peleteiro Paniagua*

Year 10

Winner: *Zeynep Yilmaz*

Congratulations to all our winners! Hopefully we can provide a platform for live performances of the winning monologues sometime in the future.

Mr Chivers

Chemistry

Well done to Josh Hallam in Year 10 on the results for his neutralisation experiment carried out at home. The class have been studying pH and the experiment was to make an indicator using a red cabbage and then test some household products.



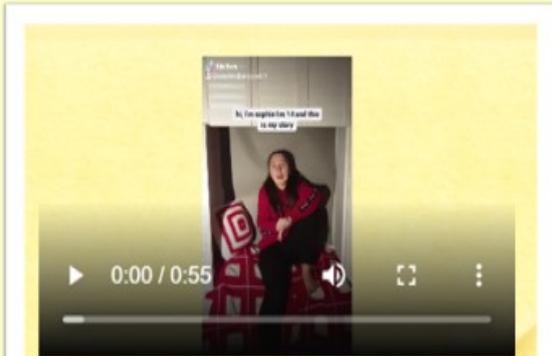


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A Day in the Life of ...

Sophie Djurasovic



**'Don't Quit It, Do It!'-
I am an Ambassador for
IrwinMitchell to inspire others**

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I walk my dog every day



**Preparing for the RDA para-dressage
championship**

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GHOST TOWN- my artwork



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Baking pancakes: I used egg, crushed almonds, almond milk and chocolate chips, Nutella, strawberry, banana. Yum!



Relaxing while playing basketball



Playing Fortnite and Minecraft with my cousins and friends



My dog sleeps with her friend, covered with a blanket and



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Year 6 & 7

Thank you to Miss Magniez for organising our assembly on resilience. We learnt about Colonel Sanders (KFC) who was rejected 1009 times before his chicken recipe was finally accepted!! Thank you to Luke, Aubrey, Issie, Marcus & Albert for reading.

Zoom Meetings
utilise la webcam

“Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” - Winston Churchill

RESILIENCE

A Zoom meeting slide with a green header bar containing the text "Zoom Meetings utilise la webcam". The main content features a black and white portrait of Winston Churchill on the right and a quote on the left: "Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill. Below the image is a red horizontal line and the word "RESILIENCE" in bold black capital letters. A small video thumbnail of a woman is visible in the top right corner.

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THE INSPIRING STORY OF COLONEL SANDERS.

RESEARCH AND TEXT BY ANGEL ELLIS YEAR 9

A Zoom meeting slide with a green header bar containing the text "Zoom Meetings utilise la webcam". The main content features a photograph of Colonel Sanders on the left, wearing his signature white suit and glasses, holding a large bucket of fried chicken. To the right of the photo is the text "THE INSPIRING STORY OF COLONEL SANDERS." in bold black capital letters. Below this text is a red horizontal bar containing the text "RESEARCH AND TEXT BY ANGEL ELLIS YEAR 9" and the KFC logo on the right. A small video thumbnail of a woman is visible in the top right corner.



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EARLY LIFE

- HARLAND SANDERS WAS BORN IN HENRYVILLE IN 1890.
- WHEN HE WAS 6 YEARS OLD HIS FATHER DIED.**
HE WAS LEFT TO COOK AND CARE FOR HIS SIBLINGS, WHEN HIS MOTHER WAS GRIEF-STRUCK AND UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEM.
- IN SEVENTH GRADE (YEAR 8), **HE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL AND WENT TO WORK AS A FARMHAND.**

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WORLD WAR 2

- When Sanders turned 40, he began selling chicken in a stand near a service station. After his chicken recipe began to succeed, **he was confronted by a competitor, who tried to shoot him!** His stand was **raided for his recipe**, but he never actually owned a physical copy of the recipe, so the stand was **burned to the ground.**
- He bought a motel, and opened a chicken restaurant as the motel's restaurant, **but it was burned in a kitchen accident** with a new cook who left an oven down. He took out a loan and bought a second restaurant in a hotel, **but then he was conscripted into the military and had to close it for a couple of months.**

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THE COLONEL

- He was conscripted into the US army for 5 months, where he earned the title colonel.
- Following the war, he tried to create a franchise, but his recipe was **dismissed 1,009 times** before it was accepted as "Sander's secret recipe", but was renamed Kentucky Fried Chicken, and became a sensation! He had to sell his first restaurant when a interstate opened nearby, and using the money to **open 12 Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants across America.**

Born To Inspire
- WAS REJECTED 1009 TIMES BEFORE HIS FIRST CHICKEN WAS SOLD
Colonel Sanders
(Founder of KFC)
"The Fast Food Giant"



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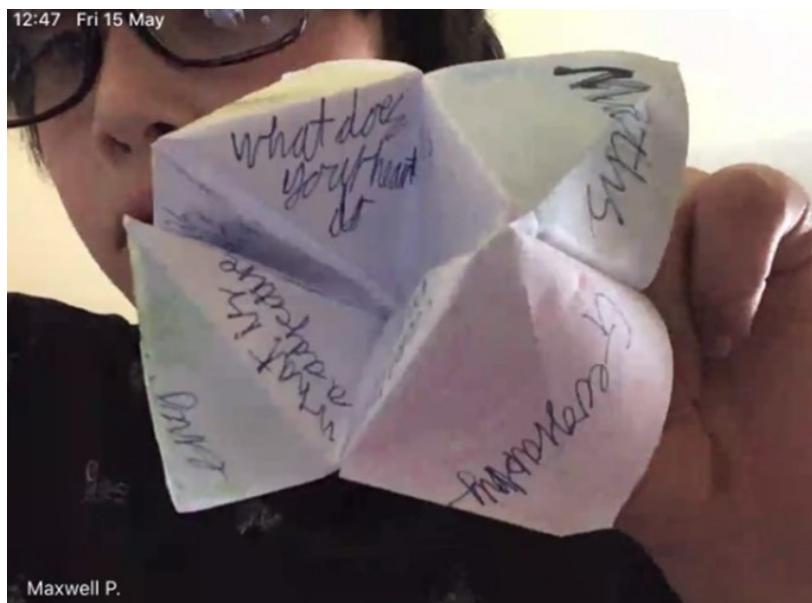
Year 6

In their Citizenship lesson today, Year 6 made fortune tellers with questions inside relating to their subject topics this term. If you'd like to try making one of these this YouTube video shows you how to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZauQZzXXc4>



Hazuki Kira



Maxwell Powell



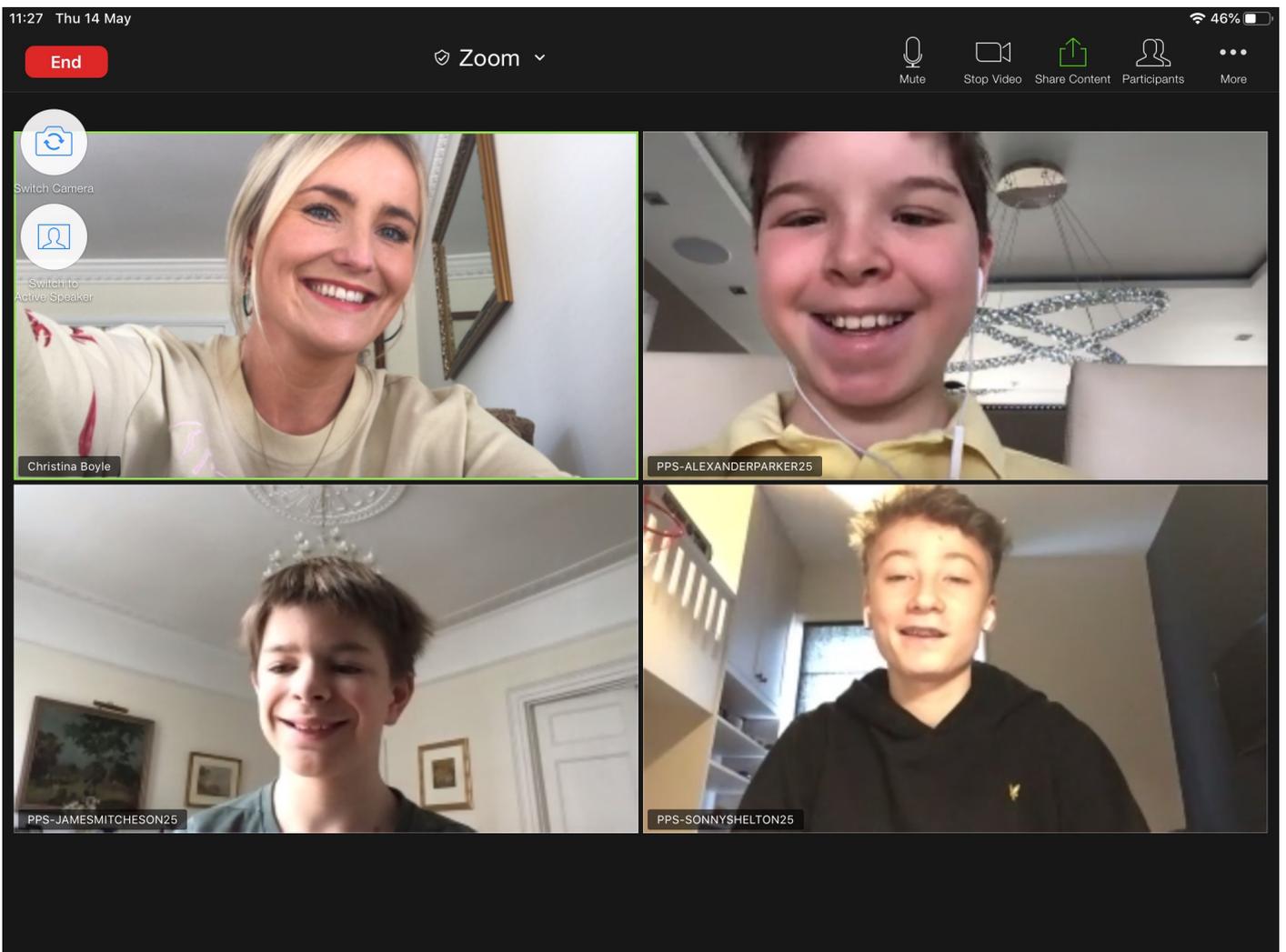
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Year 7

Year 7 Stars of the Week.

Congratulations to Alex Parker, James Mitcheson & Sonny Shelton!



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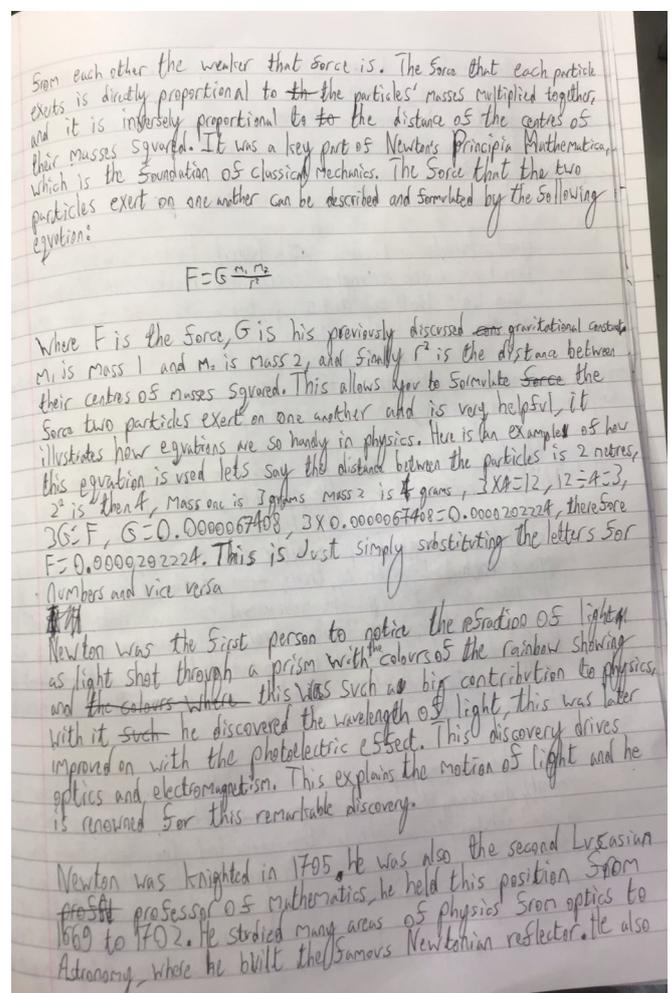
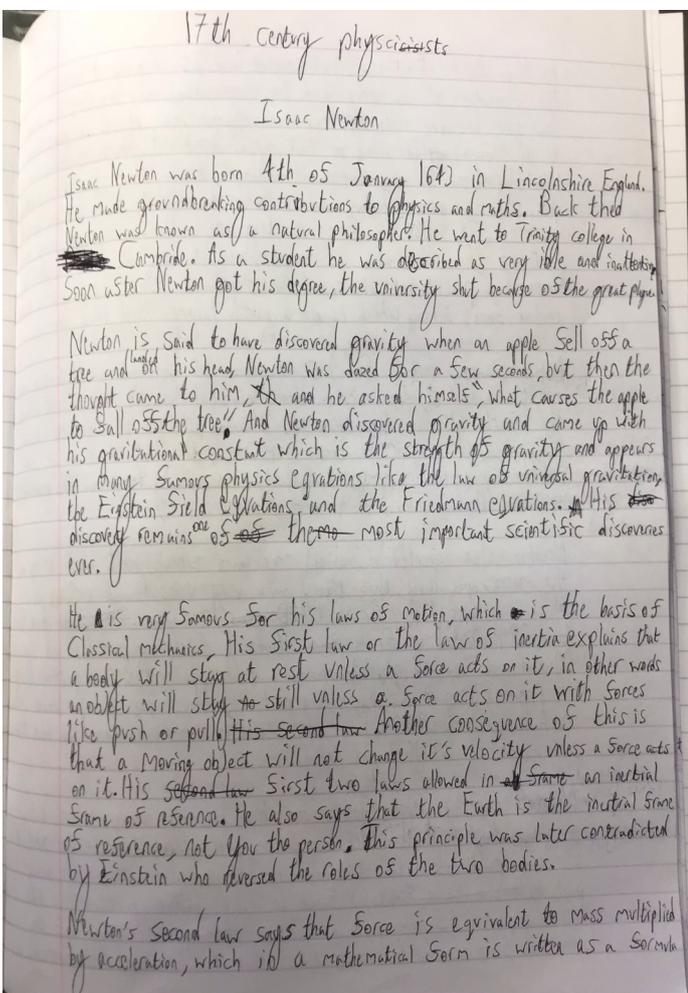
Alex Parker in Year 7 has independently written 10 pages of research on 17th Century Physicists. Here is his introduction and just two pages as a sample of the work!

I have completed work on 17th Physicists. I was inspired by work Mr Thompson set my class for homework. I completed 10 pages of work about the rivalry and works of the following scientists,

Isaac Newton (1643-1727) which was a long life back then. Newton's laws are the laws of motion and law of universal gravitation.

Robert Hooke (1635-1703) was note for Hooke's law, which explains why springs stretch.

Christiaan Huygens (1629-1695) was famous for inventing for pendulum clock and discovering the Orion Nebula which gas that forms stars, located in the Milky Way.





English

Year 9 have been studying newspapers this half term - what makes them different from one another and how to influence a reader. Miss Hubner's class were asked to write a short article for a local newspaper, and Irene certainly delivered!

Celebrity chef stole my secret recipe, claims local café owner

The famous coffee chef, Herman Shepard, has been accused of stealing a café owner's recipe. Could the young chef's success be a fraud?

Herman Shepard, at age 22, started becoming noted by many Michelin star chefs. The young man was found by the chef Diego Contreras, who picked him up and trained him just at age 19. Just two years from that Herman had started his own restaurant and was soon to gain his first Michelin star. But could this remarkable gain of fame have come from a stolen recipe?

[Insert photo of chef at age 19]

[Insert photo of chef now]

[Insert photo of barista]

[Insert photo of famous coffee]

The owner of rustic café Ginger Beans Joint has accused Herman of stealing her recipe. "He came to my cafe 4 years ago. I remember it perfectly! You see, I come from a baristas family, and it was my first week working there. I must say, even though I wasn't supposed to, I had already started making my own coffee recipes. So, when he came along he just asked, "give your best coffee!". I found it strange, but I had just perfected my recipe, and I wanted to try it, so this guy was my best candidate. While I was serving him I could feel his eyes looking. I thought nothing of it and served him the coffee. And you know why I remember him so clearly? It's because of what he said, "this is the best coffee I have ever had, and I'm not kidding. If you're not, you should be famous. How come I've never heard of this shop!". It was the first time I got a compliment from a client."

To these accusations Herman has claimed to have never been near the café, not even in the city. However, there have been sightings of him. People are looking for Diego's response to this, did he train the young chef purely for this coffee? Diego has said nothing; he doesn't want to destroy his or his friends' reputation. So, could that mean that there is something they're hiding?

If he started his career by stealing, his whole menu in his restaurant could be stolen. The barista has spoken out, so others might too. For now, the recipe is still a secret, but it might have to be revealed to prove these accusations as true.

If you want to report sightings or anything suspicious from Herman call or text: [phone number]

If you want to tell us of your dish that is exactly the same as Hermans, please text or call: [phone number]

Art

This week Year 7 did some more work inspired by Chagall—"Chagall Combinations". Jenny's has made the front cover of the Buzz this week, but there were many other great pieces!



Jenny Zhang



Ali Abdel-Khaleq



Alexander Parker



Lucas Parker



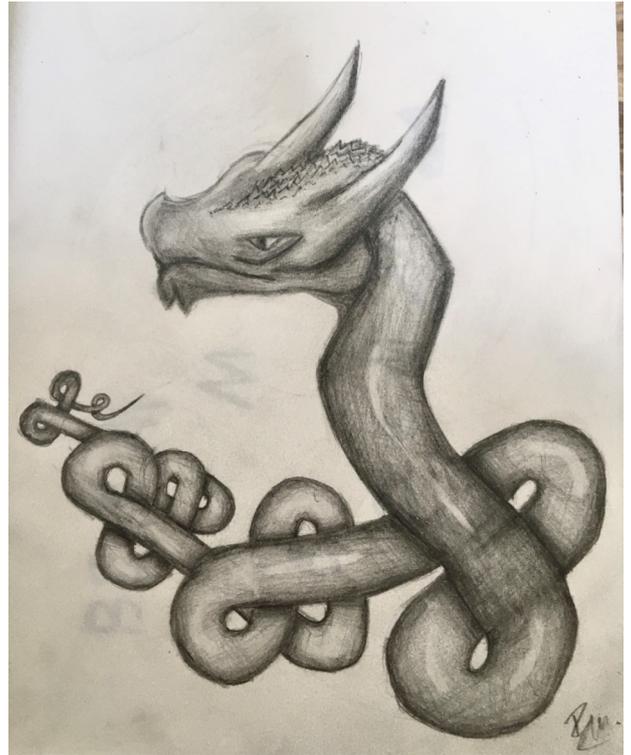
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Here are two great art efforts by Year 8 students, inspired by Celtic art and The Book of Kells .

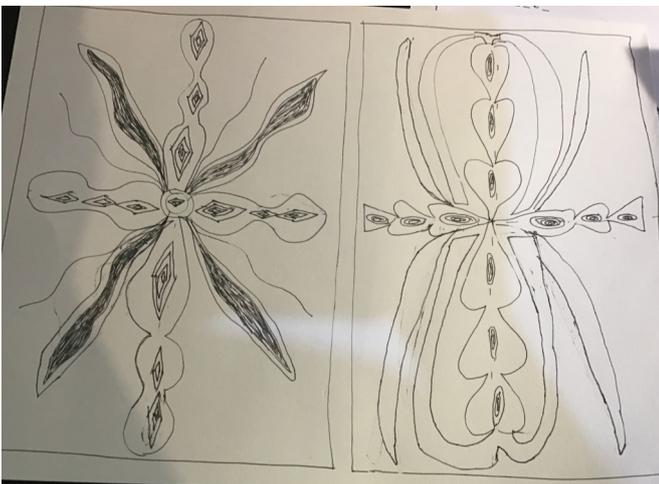


Harry Powers

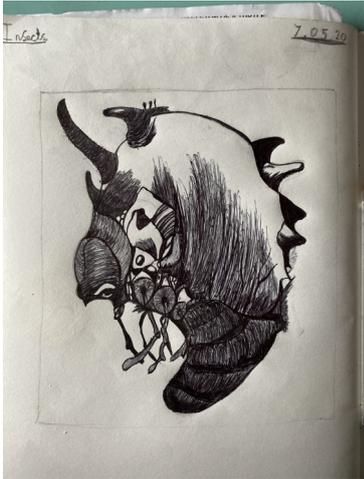


Benny Miller

Meanwhile, Pierce Drennan in Year 6 cut an apple and created these pieces inspired by the patterns.



Year 9 have been making these seriously alarming insects inspired by Segó but of their own creation...



Nicholas Bartha



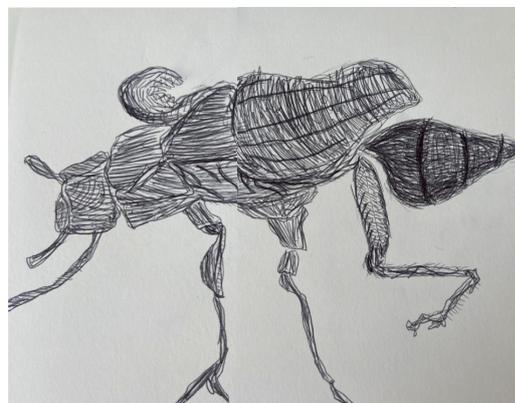
Cassius Swales



Murong Li



Irene Peleteiro



Jake Cossey



Benny Miller



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Learning Support

The Summary of the Week Award goes to:

Jenny Zhang

For her summary of an extract of the book 'Wonder'

*'Dad thought that August would have a tough time at school and get bullied...
Mum told him that if he did not want to go to school, he shouldn't go.'*

Well done!



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Thank you for reading