

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

22 June 2020

Literacy and mental wellbeing

Fathers' Day crafts



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**PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL**  
**Music Department**  
**Lockdown Concert**  
**2020**

We would love to showcase the performances of the students of PPS even though we cannot hold a formal concert.

Therefore, we are asking students to video their own performances from home, send them to Mr Hill, and we will compile a pre-recorded video of all performances to be streamed during the last week of term.

More details will follow via FireFly.



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## English as an Additional language

Dear parents,

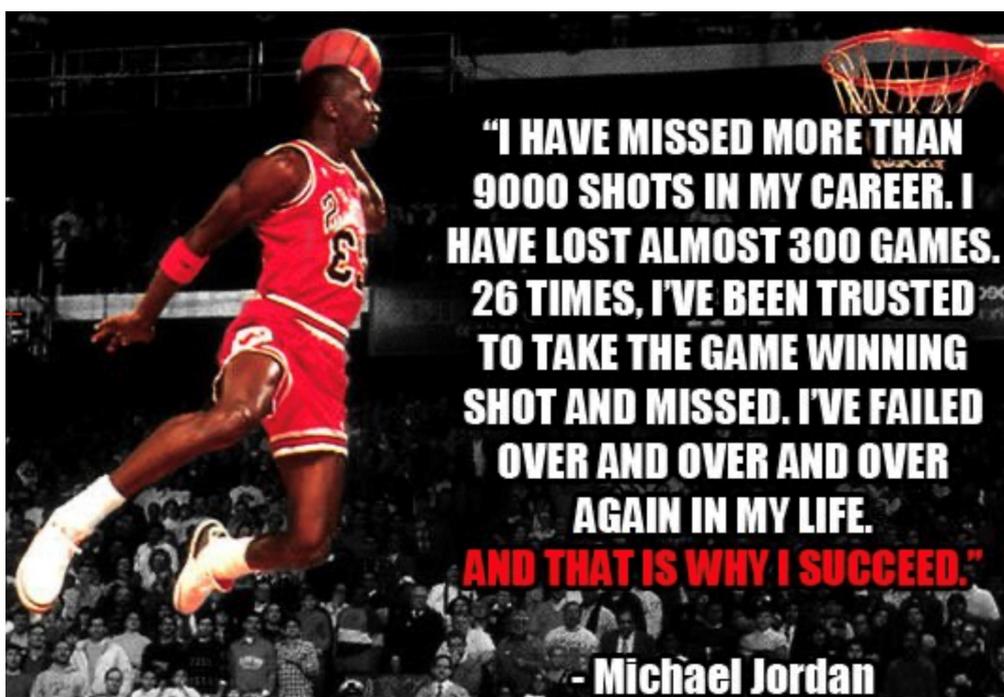
This week Murong Li in Year 9 has really impressed me with his work and I wanted to share it with you. He is a very sensible and intelligent student who enjoys learning through reflection and often amazes me with his mature contributions to class discussions.

## Basketball and resilience

*It is relatively easy to start playing basketball, but if you want to become really good, you need to remember that it will be a long journey. I have been playing basketball for five years and I was very lucky because my father allowed me to join a basketball team at a club in China. Now I feel quite confident, but I had to practise a lot to reach this level.*

*It is important to remember that you need a strong body if you want to become a good basketball player. However, if you are not physically strong, you need to use your brain during the game in order to support your team. When you are on the court and things are happening very quickly, you need to make decisions that will positively impact the score. For example, Michael Jordan is a great athlete, but he also has an expert brain.*

*I feel inspired by Michael Jordan who worked very hard to become a successful basketball player. His resilience was extraordinary! He did not give up despite having a lot of failures.*





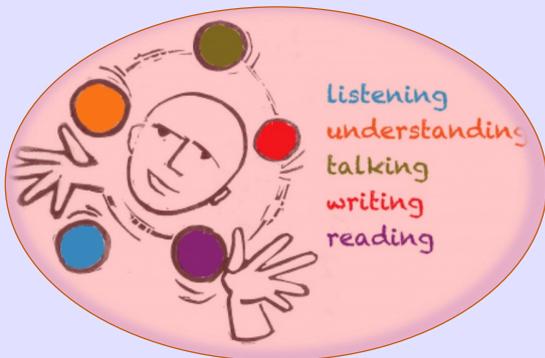
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## Literacy Corner

### *Literacy and Mental Wellbeing*

**Children and young people** who are the most engaged with literacy have better mental wellbeing than their peers who are the least engaged (Mental Wellbeing Index scores of 7.9/10 vs 6.6/10).

**Children** who are the most engaged with literacy are three times more likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing than children who are the least engaged (39.4% vs 11.8%)



**Conversely**, children who are the least engaged with literacy are twice as likely to have low levels of mental wellbeing than their peers who are the most engaged (37.4% vs 15%)

**Children with above expected reading skills** are three times more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing than their peers with below expected reading skills (40.3% vs 13.1%)

**Boys** who are the most engaged with literacy have higher levels of mental wellbeing than girls who are equally engaged (Mental Wellbeing Index scores of 8.1/10 vs 7.6/10)

**Having a Growth Mindset** is also really important! Find Ms Florea to develop your Growth Mindset even further or click the [link](#).

**Growth Mindset**

**As children transition** from primary to secondary school, their levels of literacy engagement and mental wellbeing both begin and continue to decline.





**Albemarle Virtual Q&A goes well. Next up, Ashbourne College - Thursday 25th June at 5.00pm**

On Thursday 18th June, Portland Place School hosted the second of four virtual sixth form Q&A's with Albemarle Independent College.

The evening was hosted by Joint Principals Beverley Mellon and James Eytel, along with Marking and Operations Officer, Mo Anezi.

If you were unable to make the meeting, you may contact [mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk).

Next week, Portland Place will be joined by Ashbourne College on **Thursday 25th June**.

**As some parents are having to return to work, this talk will be hosted at the later time of 5.00pm.**

Should you wish to join, again, please do email [mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk) and he will happily send you an invitation link.

A massive thank you to all of the parents that have taken part so far.

Everyone at Portland Place sincerely they are helpful.

**Virtual Sixth Form Q&A - Ashbourne College: Thursday 25th June at 5.00pm.**



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## Year 6

Year 6 have been in school making these crafts for Fathers' Day this weekend.





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## Reading

*The Summary of the Week Award goes to:*

*Jake Cossey*

*For his summary of an extract of the book  
'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'*

*'Bruno respects their maid, Maria.  
...Even though he is frustrated, he doesn't want her to see him cry'*

*Well done!*

## Touch-typing Provision Champions

Major Achievements this week:



**Sam  
Osborn**



**Maxim  
Mydlar**



**James  
Mitcheson**

Well done to the Champions of the week!

Can  beat their scores?

**Caitlin, Thomas** and **Ryder** are almost there...

The TTRS students can earn merits for practising their touch-typing skills:

- +1 (min. 3 modules)
- +2 (min. 6 modules)
- +3 (min. 9 modules)
- Extra merits for **10+** modules in one day.

**Keep up the great work everyone!**



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## Art

Today's cover is a piece by Laura Liu in Year 9 called 'Dreamtime in London'.

Year 7 are studying expressionism with Chagall looking at an expressive Russian church



Isabella Calvert-Bull



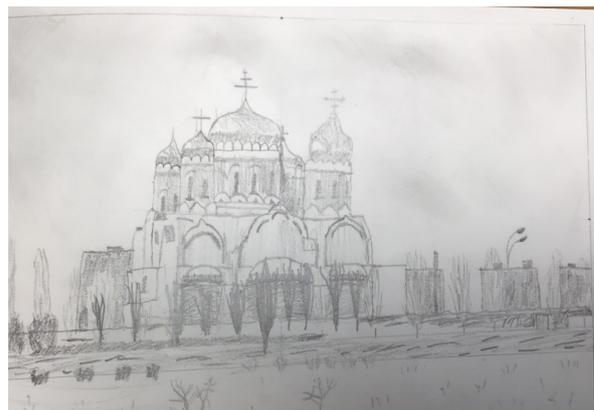
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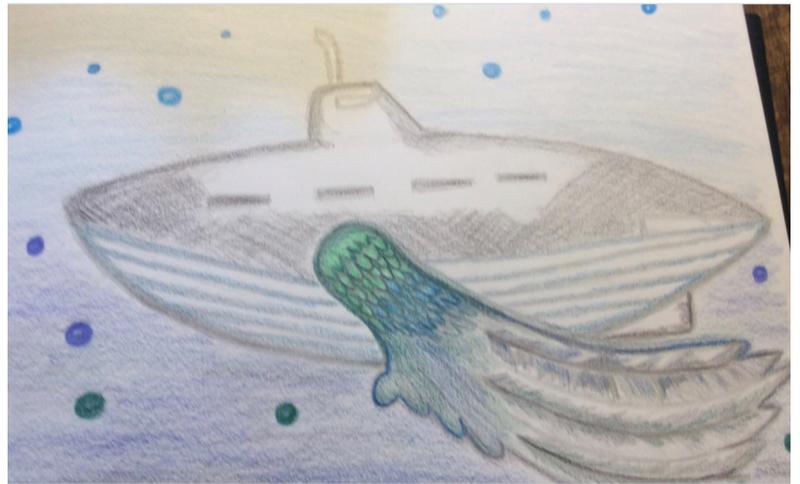
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Year 8 were given scales and feathers to make a submarine surreal.



Jessy Fryer-Jacobs



Huxley Nayak

Year 9 continue their studies of animals in the style of street artist ROA.



Irene Peleteiro



Sophie Djurasovic

Jessy Fryer-Jacobs in Year 8 features again with this surreal re-imagining of David Hockney's painting 'Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy' (shown first).



And Harry Powers in Year 8 has done this Arcimboldo inspired face.

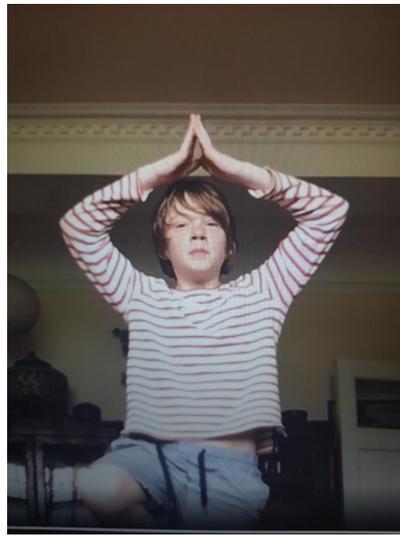
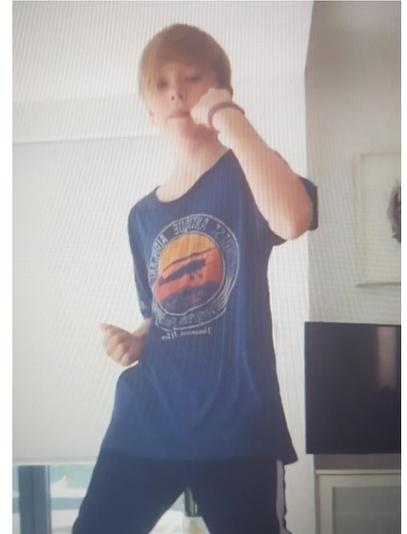
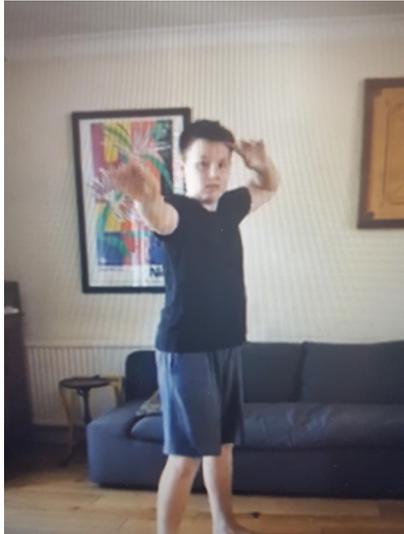




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Here are some screen shots of some of Year 7 creating some dance routines in PE. They are working incredibly hard! These are just a few of them in action!





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*Thank you for reading*