

The Weekly Buzz

05 October 2020

Languages Day

More from the Enrichment programme

New clubs information



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WEEK 2

Lunch MENU

Monday

Soup of the Day (Vegan)

Main Meat Free:
Beef Bolognese

Meat Free:
Tomato SAUCE With Pasta

To Go With:
Sweet Potato
Garlic Bread
Sweetcorn with black bean Sauce

Dessert:
Flapjack

Tuesday

Soup of the Day (Vegan)

Main:
Chicken and Broccoli Pie

Meat Free:
Veggie pie

To Go With:
Cauliflower
Peas
Rice

Dessert:
Beetroot Cake

THURSDAY

Soup of the Day (Vegan)

Main:
sticky Chicken

Meat Free:
Sticky Veg

To Go With:
Green Beans
Noodle
Courgette

Dessert:
Peach Cake

Every Day

Salad Bar
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt

Friday

Soup of the Day (Vegan)

Main:
Pizza

Meat Free:
Pizza

To Go With:
Oven Baked Fries
Crushed Peas
Baked Bean

Dessert:
Rice cake

Wednesday

Soup of the Day (Vegan)

Main:
Sausage casserole

Meat Free:

Creamy Veg casserole

To Go With:
Broccoli
Mash Potato
Kale

Dessert:
Chocolate Mousse

our awards!



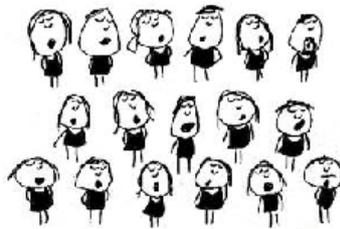
Gluten-free options available on each day



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HAPPINESS IS



socially-distanced

...singing in a choir.

PPS Choir is back!

**Socially-distanced and restricted to only 24
students per rehearsal.**

Tuesday 6th October – Music Tour Choir only

Wednesday 7th October – non-Music Tour and new-comers

See Mr Hill or Miss Boyle to sign up ASAP



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Year 11 -Do you need help in Science?



There is a year 11 drop-in help session running after school on Thursday / 4.00pm—4.45pm/ H1.

You can come and just ask 1 question or stay and work with a teacher to support you.

After half term subject specific help sessions will run.



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Biology
Week 2020

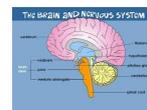


October 5-9th

Come and celebrate all the wonderful things about Biology with the Science department!

You can take part in:

- An online quiz to test your general Biology knowledge
- An Art competition
- Listen to a talk about the teenage brain
- Participate in the Biology Bake-off



There are prizes to be won!

See the Biology Week Firefly page for all the details about how to enter various competitions!



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Numeracy at PPS

This week we invite you to explore our [Literacy](#) and [Numeracy](#) webpages where we continuously update information. You can find links to relevant resources, research, students' work and competitions.

Welcome to Numeracy

What is numeracy?

“The skills and attitudes that everyone needs to use numbers and data to make good decisions”

Who is involved?

Everyone: students, teachers and parents. By working together to recognise numeracy and practising the skills, everyone improves their numeracy.

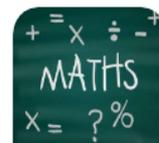
Where is numeracy?

This year there will be a big emphasis on improving numeracy across all year groups.

Everywhere. Students encounter numeracy in all subjects across their school life but we all use numeracy skills every day, often without even realising it. The examples are endless, but include telling the time, working out the best deals in supermarkets and deciding whether news articles are reliable.

Look out for the numeracy activities and quizzes throughout the year!

Already students have been working on their numeracy skills in various subjects:



Maths
Resources



Our
Students



Summer
Resources



x Numeracy
Resources



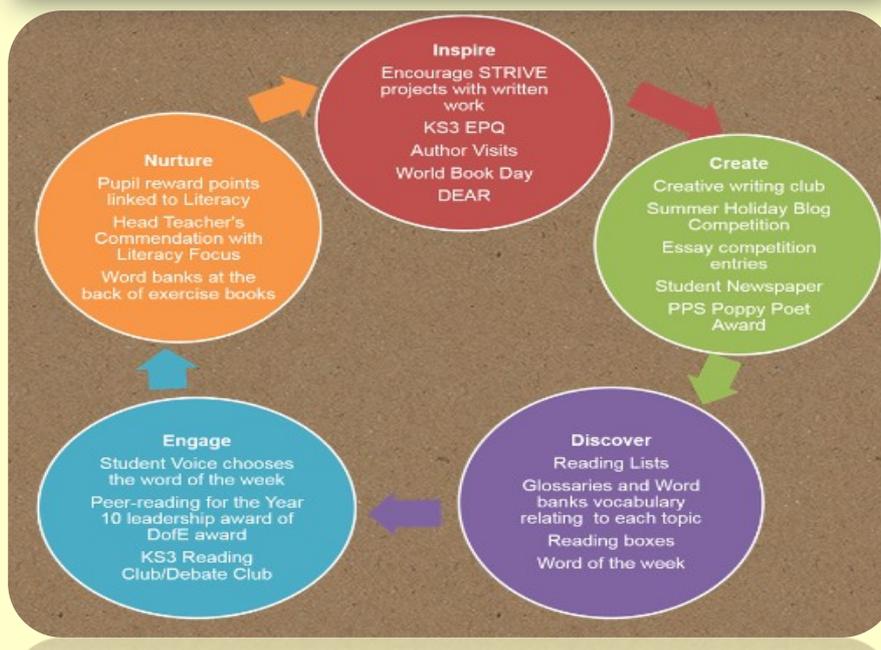
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Literacy at PPS

You can also search through various aspects of Literacy: resources, literature, links to current research, initiatives and competitions.

 Improve your Literacy!	 Literacy in all Subjects	 Literacy & Mental Wellbeing	 Word of the Week
 Black Lives Matter: Book lists	 Summer Resources	 Improve your listening	 Improve your reading
 Improve your speaking	 Improve your writing	 To the library!	 CPD





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Literacy Corner



Currently in GCSE English specification
'Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation. (This requirement must constitute 20% of the marks for each specification as a whole).'

The focus in September therefore will be on punctuation. We would like to remind everyone how to use punctuation marks with our punctuation face:

The Apostrophe

~ to show that letters have been left out – omission or contraction in words such as don't or can't.
~ to show possession: Jack's pencil case
~ careful when plural and possession: the soldiers' guns.

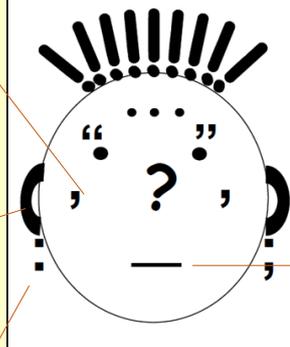
Brackets

~ Enclose separate or additional information: Jake told me he had won the race (though I don't think that is true) and showed me a medal he'd been given..

Colon

~ Introduces a list/dialogue/definition.
~ In all cases needs to follow a full sentence: We had a lot to pack before our holiday: sun cream, sunglasses and my bucket and spade.

Punctuation Face



Hyphen

~ used in some compound words: mother-in-law, ice-skate, long-eared
~ abrupt break in sentence, or a change in thought
~ Can sometimes be used instead of brackets or commas to separate a phrase: John – who is rather strange – asked me if I'd like to play his tuba.
~ shows an interruption or hesitancy in speech: "I – um – well I want to come with you to the island!" whispered Jenny hesitantly.

**Your
3 per week +**



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Awareness Week

7th – 9th October



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ISC Coronavirus Parent Survey 2020

ISC (Independent Schools Council) are looking for feedback from parents about their experience of online learning and provision during lockdown. It is anonymous, and if you would like to contribute your thoughts you can do so at the link below.

School: **Portland Place School** (ISC ID: **44379**)

Age range: **Year 6** to **Year 13**

Survey link: <https://dataportal.isc.co.uk/ParentSurvey/Welcome.aspx?SurveyID=962198>

The survey is open until **October 12th** 2020



Post 16 Options

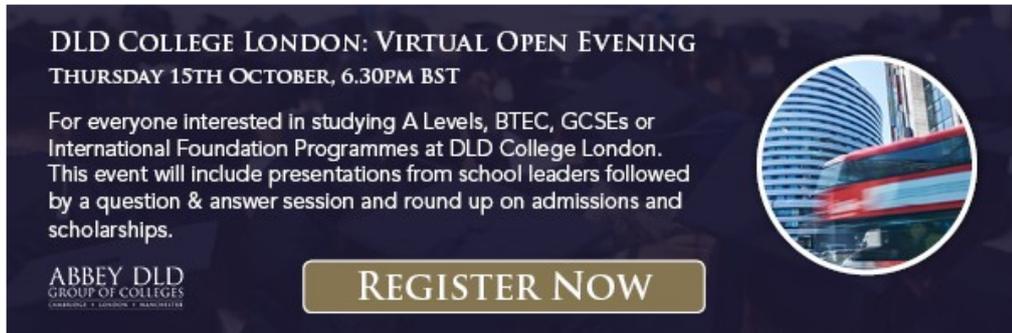
Belinda Carvalho, librarian, has now taken on the role of Post- 16 Progression Advisor. Please direct any queries on Sixth form colleges and further options to her on belinda.carvalho@portland-place.co.uk and she will be happy to help.

Colleges and schools are currently holding virtual open evenings and smaller in person visits, so please contact any institutions your child might be interested in directly to arrange this.

Upcoming Open Events

Registration is now open for the virtual events below which are taking place in the coming half-term.

DLD College Thursday 15th October



DLD COLLEGE LONDON: VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 6.30PM BST

For everyone interested in studying A Levels, BTEC, GCSEs or International Foundation Programmes at DLD College London. This event will include presentations from school leaders followed by a question & answer session and round up on admissions and scholarships.

ABBEY DLD
GROUP OF COLLEGES
CHANDLER 7, BRISTOL 11, MANCHESTER 14

REGISTER NOW



Ashbourne College Tuesday 20th October

<https://www.ashbournecollege.co.uk/london-college-events/ashbourne-college-open-evening/>

Kensington Park School

Sixth Form (Years 12 - 13): Thursday 15 October 2020 & Wednesday 18 November 2020

<https://www.kps.co.uk/>



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Library

Students are getting used to the process of using our school library and are showing great enthusiasm for borrowing books and reading. In the coming weeks we will be starting our reading challenge for Years 6, 7 and 8.



National Poetry Day was on 1st October and staff shared their favourite poems which we had a look at in library lessons this week. These are available to browse on the library Firefly page. We have a large number of poetry collections and verse novels which are available to borrow from the school library. Browse here: <https://portland-place.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home/news>

A Poem for Every Autumn Day, edited by Allie Esiri, has been released recently and is a very fitting collection for this beautiful season. It is available at bookshops now, sample the book below: <https://books.google.co.uk/books?id= bTsDwAAQBAJ&lpg=PP1&pg=PP1#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Science

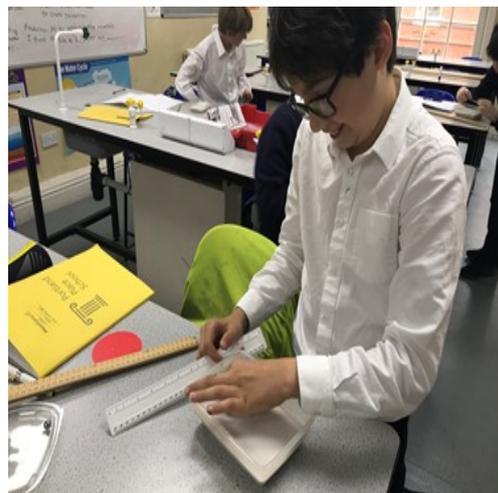
Y10 Chemistry learning about the allotropes of carbon.

Can you identify this covalent structure?



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Asteroid investigation with Y7.





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Photography

Photography Enrichment Week 4

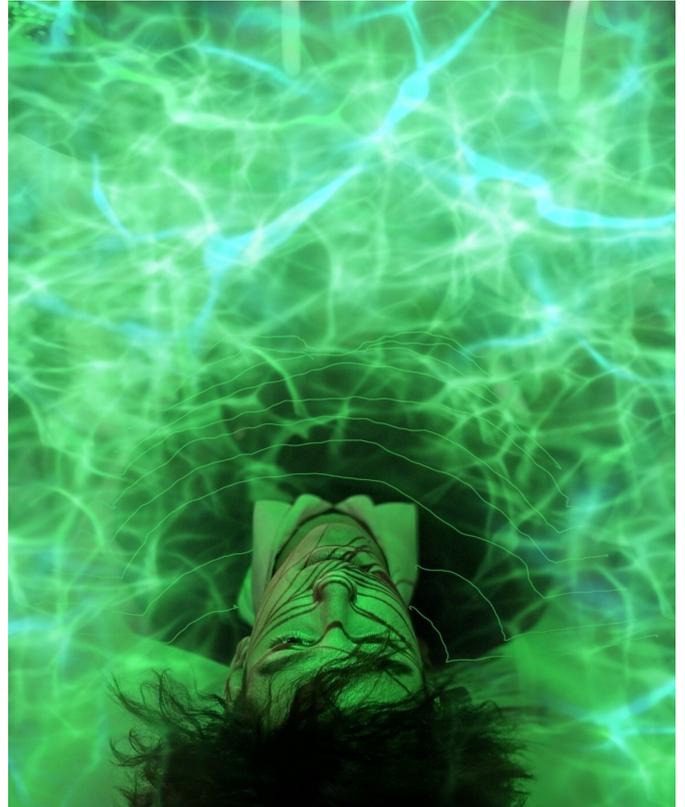
With Miss Dever, HH11, Wednesday P5&6

The theme this week was 'Lighting' and the students decided they would like to work in year teams to create outcomes for some friendly competition atop of Harford House.

Mr Bradbury has cast the deciding vote for the winning team, who will be notified next week.

Watch this space for news of the winner.

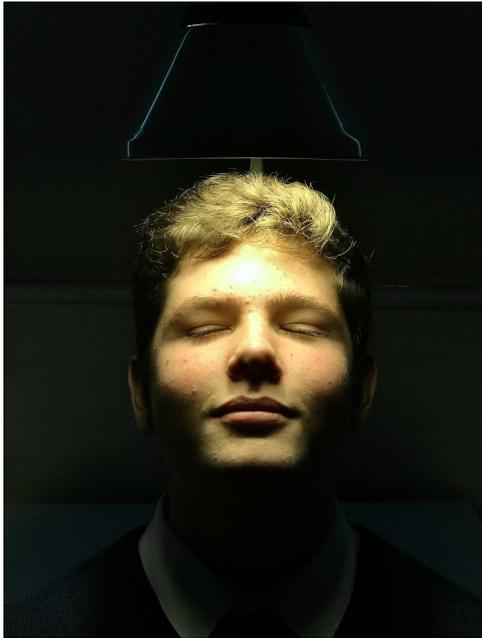
In the meantime, we hope you enjoy some of the entries from Years 9, 10, and 11, using a range of light sources and digital media to perfect their outcomes....





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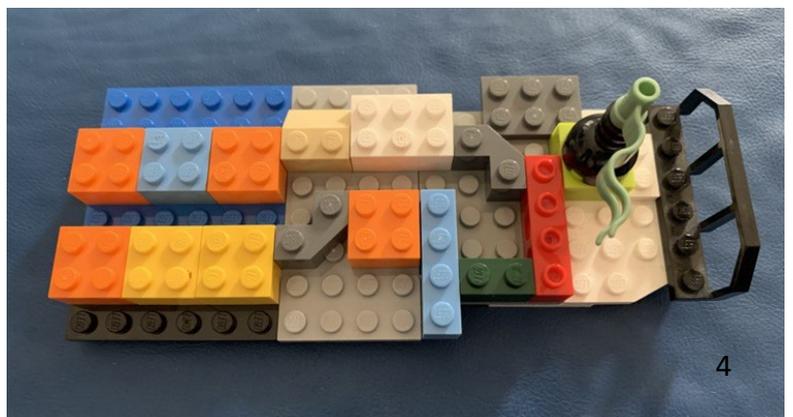
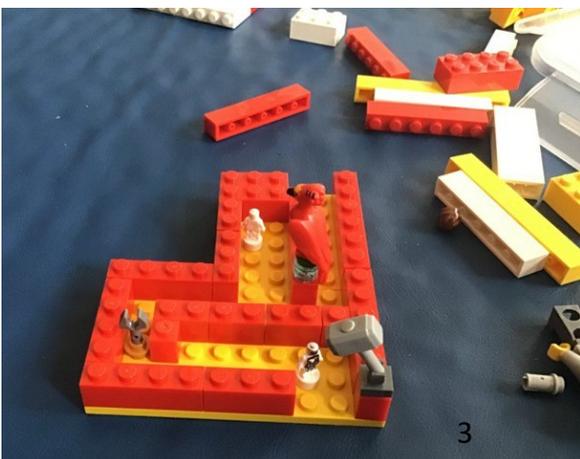
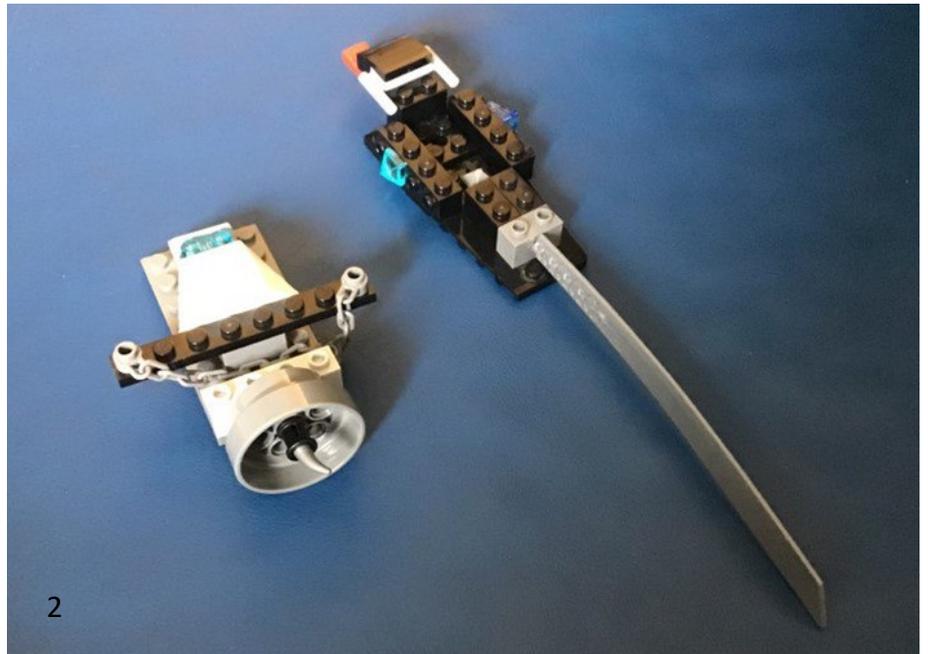
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LEGO Design Club update

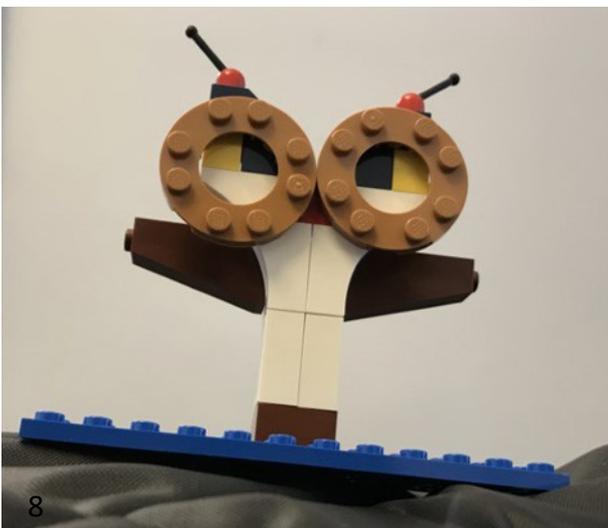
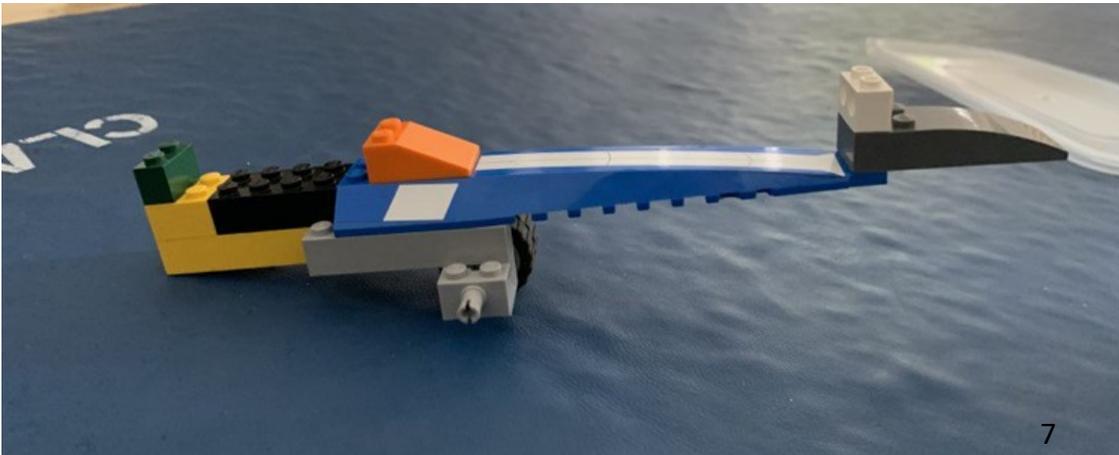
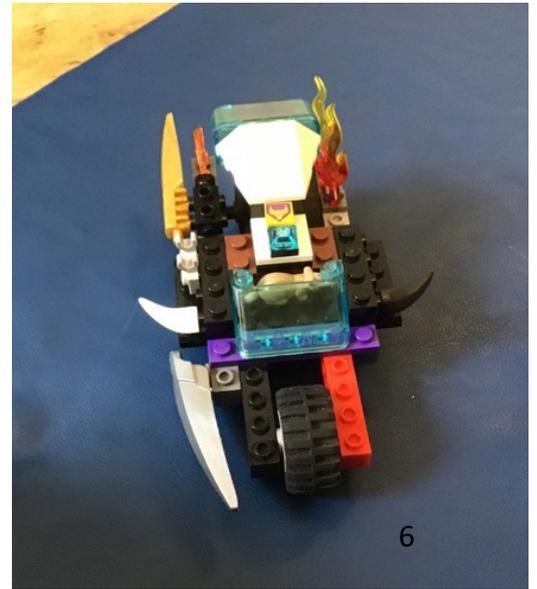
Here are some more of the wonderful creations! Can you tell what they all are, and how the designers used the brick in their scratch boxes in the best way?





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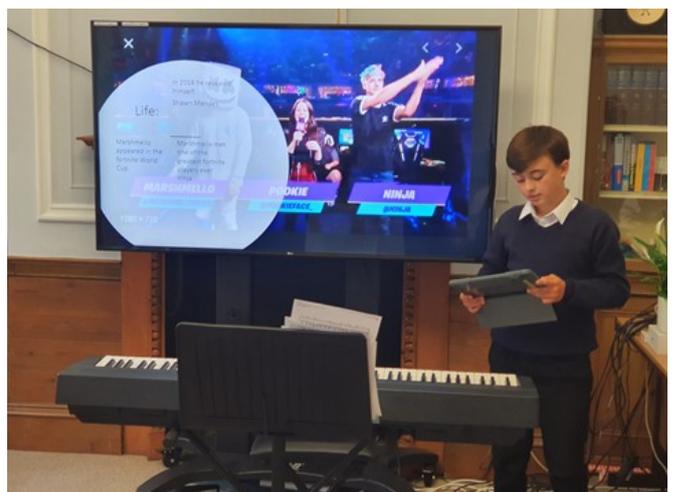


Created by:

1. Ned Harwood
2. Miguel Peleteiro Paniagua and Kieran McKintosh
3. Rory Grosvenor and Arad Mohammadlou
4. Sam Osborn
- 5 & 6. Kieran McKintosh and Miguel Peleteiro Paniagua
7. Isaac Gordon and Raiyan Izad Rithauddin
8. Mr Tasić

Music

Last Friday, Year 6 gave some fantastic presentations on their favourite musical artists, bands and composers. Well done for all the interesting information and diversity of music. Here are just a few photos.





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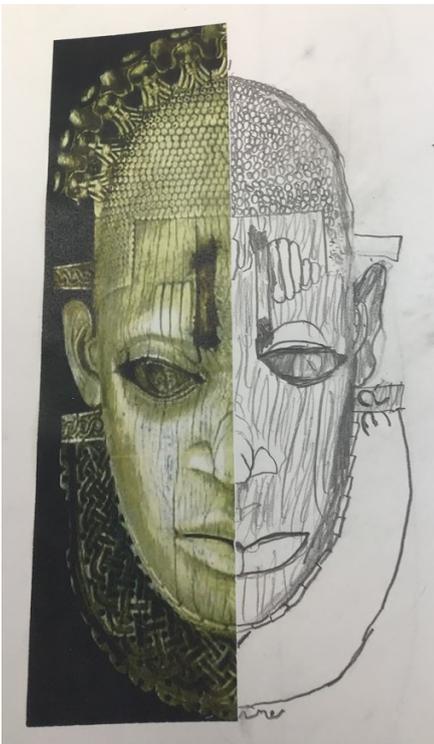
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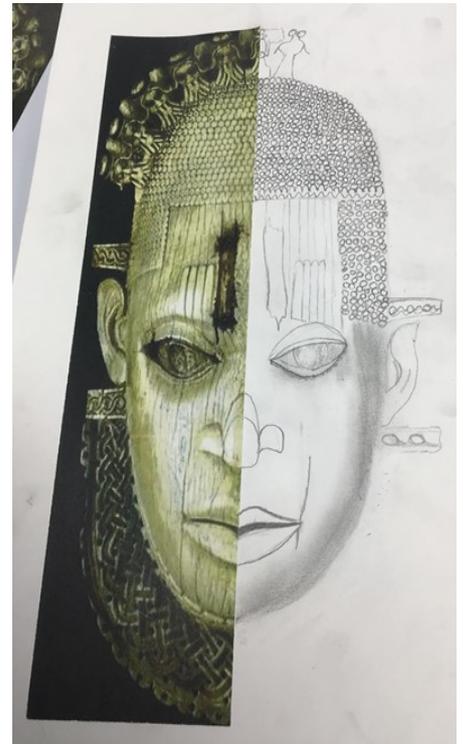
African mask studies by Year 7



Rory Grosvenor



Yaqoub Behbehari



Olivia Solomou

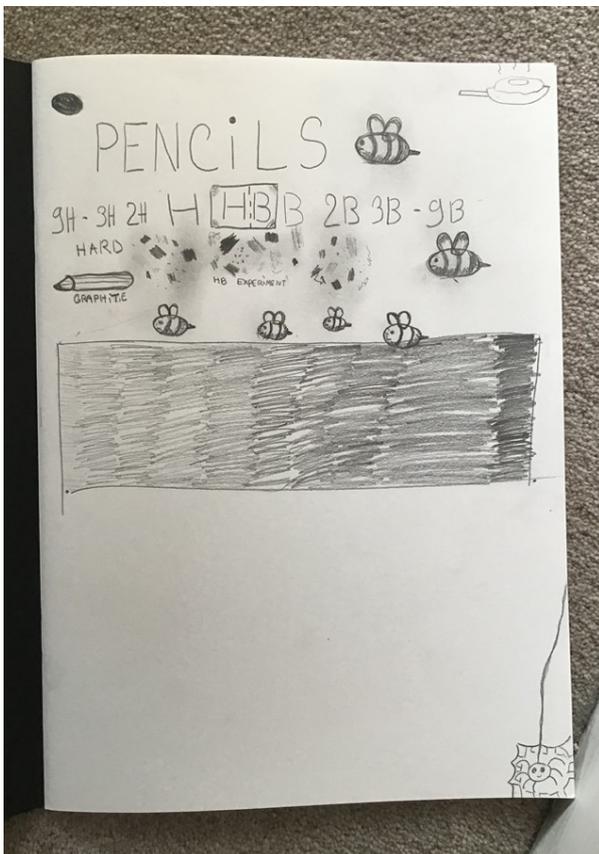


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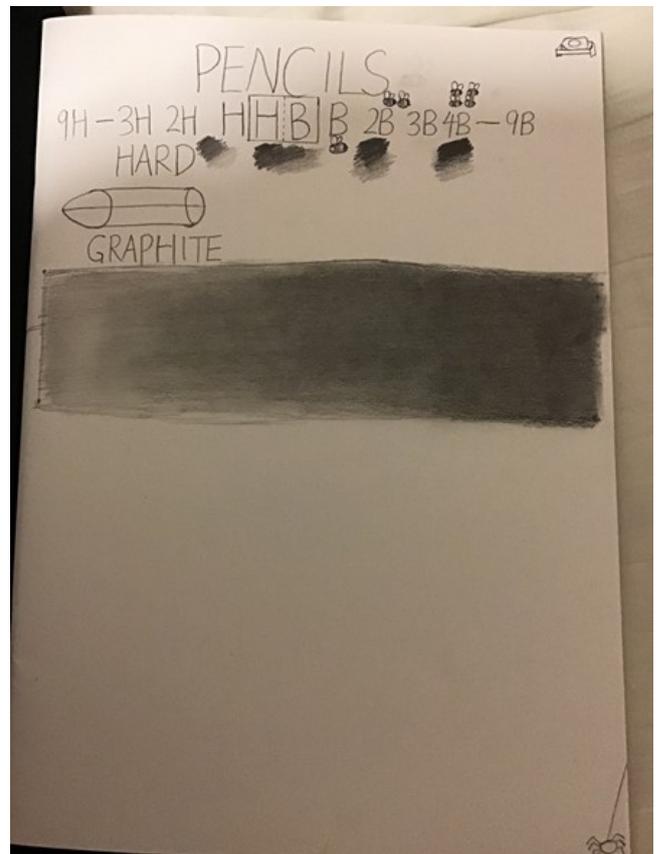
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Art

Year 6 have been studying the qualities of individual pencils to create their 6,000,000 shades of grey



Nora Masciaro

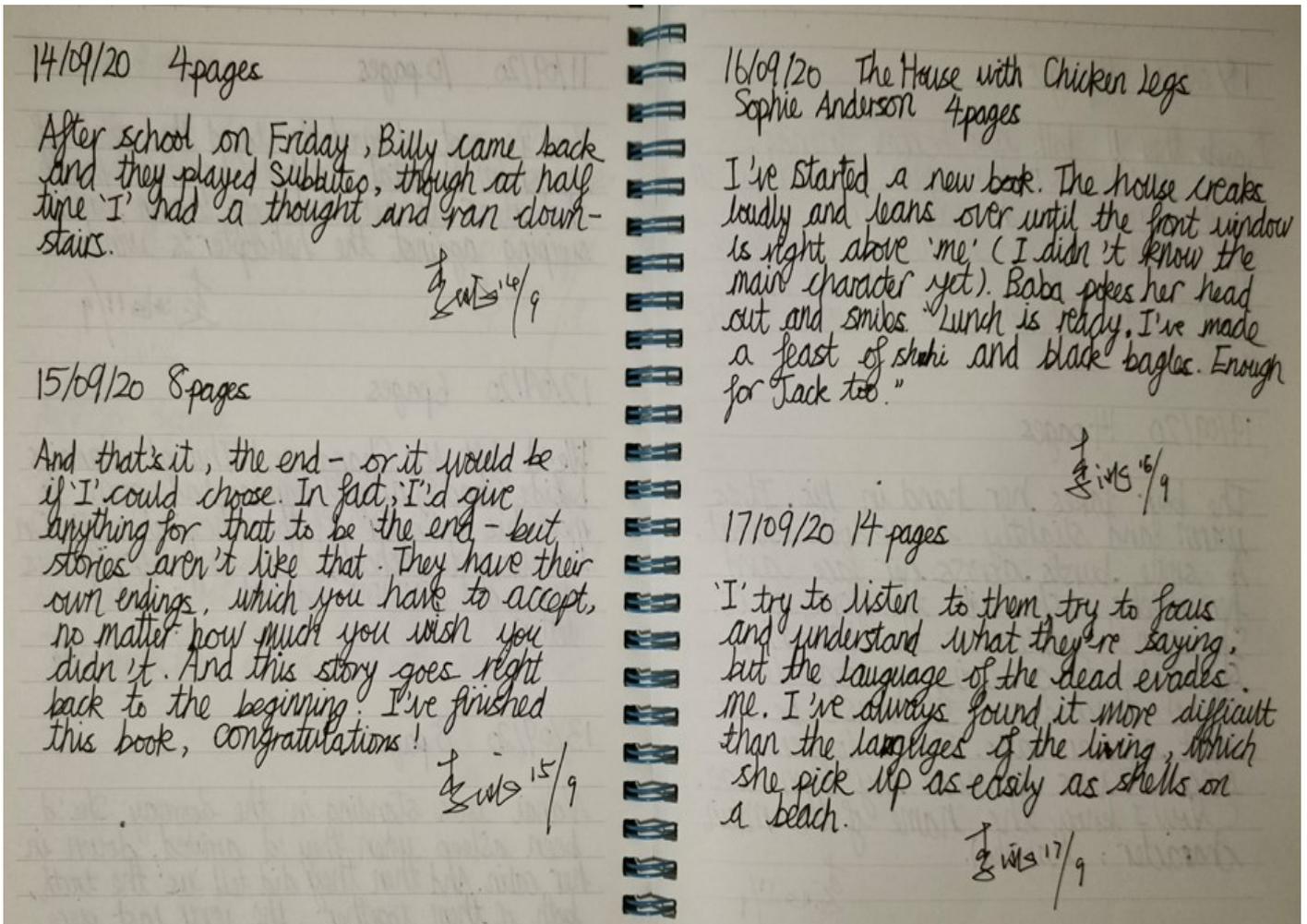


Susan Li



English as an Additional Language

Our EAL students are encouraged to read at home as it is one of the best ways to develop their vocabulary and consolidate their understanding of grammar.



Susan Li in Year 6 loves reading and has been keeping a reading diary for a long time. Please see above a sample of her recent work. Well done, Susan, for your effort, persistence and determination! I am really proud of you!



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Horse Riding

Here are some pics of the gang. They had a wonderful afternoon trotting and cantering in Hyde Park.



Lunchtime Sports Clubs

At the end of last week parents received an in-touch message asking them to sign pupils up for lunchtime sports clubs. These will all be starting next week and will be running every day. Pupils have been given places at these clubs on a basis of first come first serve and according to the preferences stated in the letter. We have tried to ensure that all pupils have received spots on the clubs they asked for and where possible on their preferred day. Here's what will be happening next week:

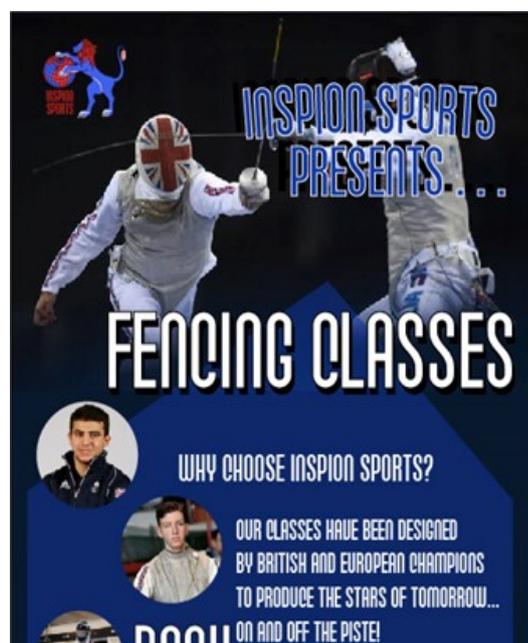
- Monday: **Table Tennis Club** (Mr Kubik, PPS Hall, 12.50-13.40)
- Tuesday: **Weight Training Club** (Mr Rider, PPS changing rooms, 12.50-13.40)
- Wednesday: **Fitness Club** (Mr Steward, Rm11, 12.50-13.40)
- Thursday: **Dance Club** (Miss Boyce, Rm 11, 12.50-13.40)
- Friday: **Table Tennis Club** (PE staff, PPS Hall, 12.50-13.40)

Pupils have been contacted by the relevant staff to let them know they have a space and to take their packed lunch order for the canteen. Pupils should go straight to their club venue and packed lunches will be brought to them.

Fencing Club

Two special assemblies will be running next week on Tuesday morning. Current TeamGB fencing members will be coming into school to give a demonstration of their skills and speak about fencing club, which we will hopefully be launching after half term. The guys from Inspion Sports offer fencing classes at many schools and are keen to promote not just the sport itself but also the key life skills that can be applied with great success to all endeavours.

Following the assemblies, the PE department will be writing to all parents detailing the costs and timings of the club and other arrangements. Hopefully the assembly will catch the imaginations of our pupils and we will see many of them sign-up for after-school classes.



CLUBS

Tuesday

12:50—13:35	Senior Weights Club (Y9-11), PPS Changing Rooms
12:50—13:45	PPS Music Tour Choir, Mr Hill /Ms Boyle, (GPS 4th Floor)
13:00—13:45	Cyber Discovery (age 13+), Mr Whiteside, G34
15:45—16:45	Japanese Club, Ms Eren, R36
15:50—17:00	Football Club (Y6-11), meet @PPS Changing Rooms
15:50—17:00	Art Club, Ms Dever, H11
16:00—16:45	KS3 STEM Club, H2

Wednesday

12:50—13:45	PPS Choir, Mr Hill/Ms Boyle, GPS 4th Floor
13:00—13:45	Russian Club, Ms Zalesny, R24
15:45—16:30	KS3 Maths Club (Y6-9), R24

Thursday

15:45—16:30	KS4 Maths Club (Y10-11), G33
15:50—17:00	Art Club, Ms Dever & Ms Osborne, H10 & H11
16:00—16:45	Y11 Science Drop-in Session, H1
16:00—17:00	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1



PPS CONTACT DETAILS

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PPS TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Term starts	Monday 7 September
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 19 Oct – Fri 30 Oct (two weeks)</i>
End of term	Friday 11 December

Spring Term 2020

Term starts	Monday 4 January
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb</i>
End of term	Thursday 1 April

Summer Term 2021

Term starts	Thursday 22 April
<i>Bank holiday</i>	<i>Mon 3 May (school closed)</i>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June</i>
End of term	Friday 9 July

PPS TWITTER ACCOUNTS

@portlandplacehd	Main account
@pps_ks2	Year 6
@year7pps	Year 7
@year8_pps	Year 8
@pps_sports	Sports Department
@ppsdrama	Drama Department
@ppslibrary	Library
@ppsmusicdept	Music Department
@pps_film	Film and Media Department
@mflpps	MFL Department
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@pps_sen	SEN Department
@ppsgrowth	Growth Mindset
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