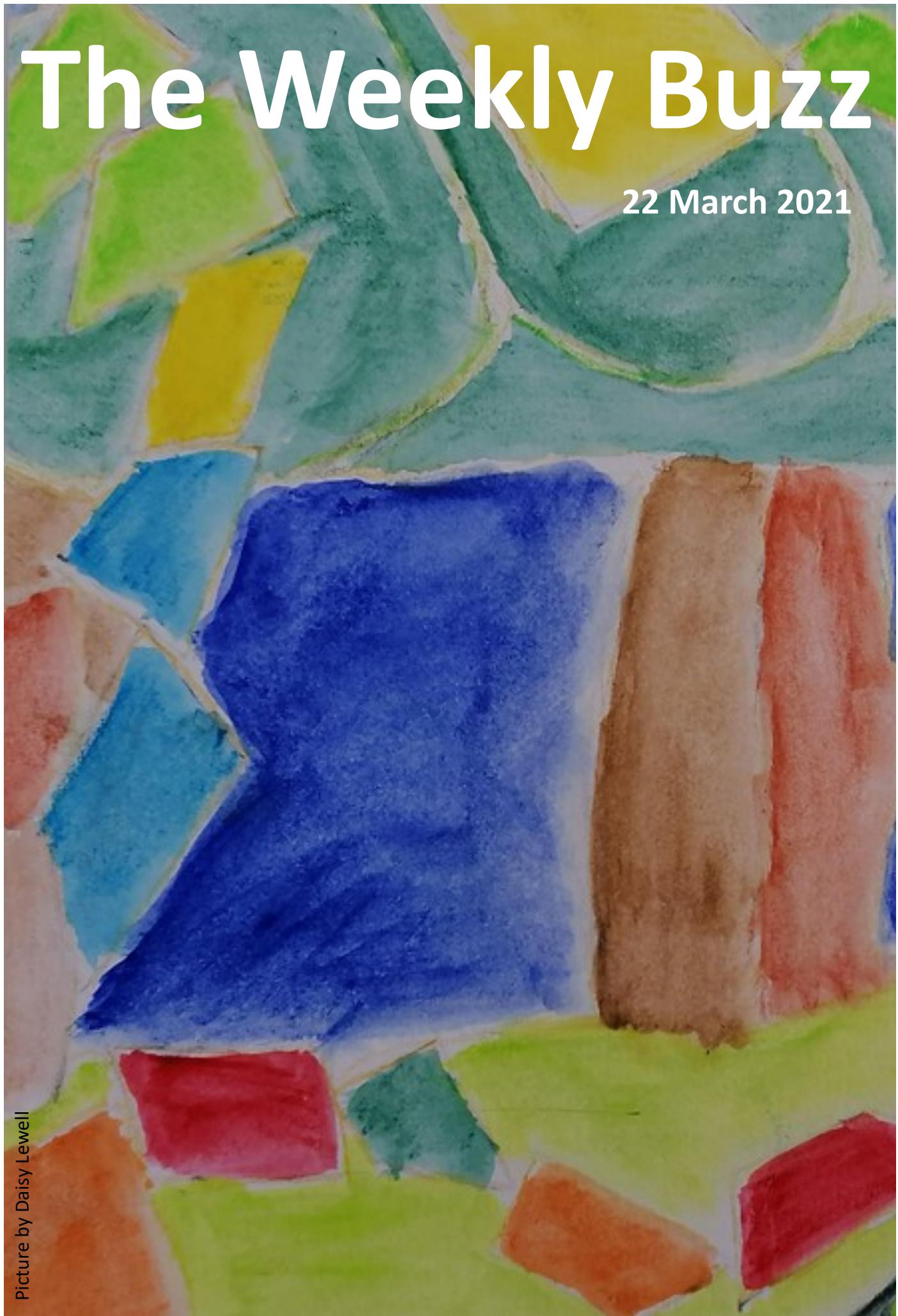


The Weekly Buzz

22 March 2021





Lunch Menu

WEEK 3

Soup of the Day

Main Meet Free

Beef Bolognese

Meat Free:

Tomato Sauce With Pasta

To Go With:

Garlic Bread

Green Beans

Steamed Carrot

Dessert:

Apple Crumble

Wednesday

Soup of the Day

Main:

Pork Sausage

Meat Free:

Vegan Sausage

To Go With:

Yorkshire Pudding

Potato

Green Beans

Tomato

Dessert

Chocolate Cake

MENU

Tuesday

Soup of the Day

Main:

Beef Stroganoff

Meat Free:

Mushroom Stroganoff

To Go With:

Rice

Kale

Sweet Potato

Broccoli

Dessert

Flapjack

THURSDAY

Soup of the Day

Main:

Chicken Pie

Meat Free:

Mushroom & Broccoli Pie

To Go With:

Sprouts

Green Beans

Kale

Dessert:

Rice Cake

our awards!



Every Day

Salad Bar

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt

Friday

Soup of the Day

Main:

Meat Pizza

Meat Free:

Veg Pizza

To Go With:

Chips

Peas

Baked Bean

Dessert:

Short Bread

Gluten-free options available on each day



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KS3 Maths Support

Weds 15:45-16:30

Mr D Hill / Mr J Ruddy

R24



FENCING

Classes run from 4-5pm in GPS Hall on Wednesdays.

If any pupils wish to begin fencing tuition please contact scott.rider@portland-place.co.uk. Fencing will also be an enrichment activity next term.





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Music Theory Club

Wednesdays 12:50-13:50

Ms Bottrill

Room 42



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NEURODIVERSITY

It takes all kinds of different minds

Neurodiversity Week

March 15th – 21st, 2021

See next week's newsletter for how we
celebrated Neurodiversity Week at PPS!



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Celebrate Women's History Month!



A mighty girl

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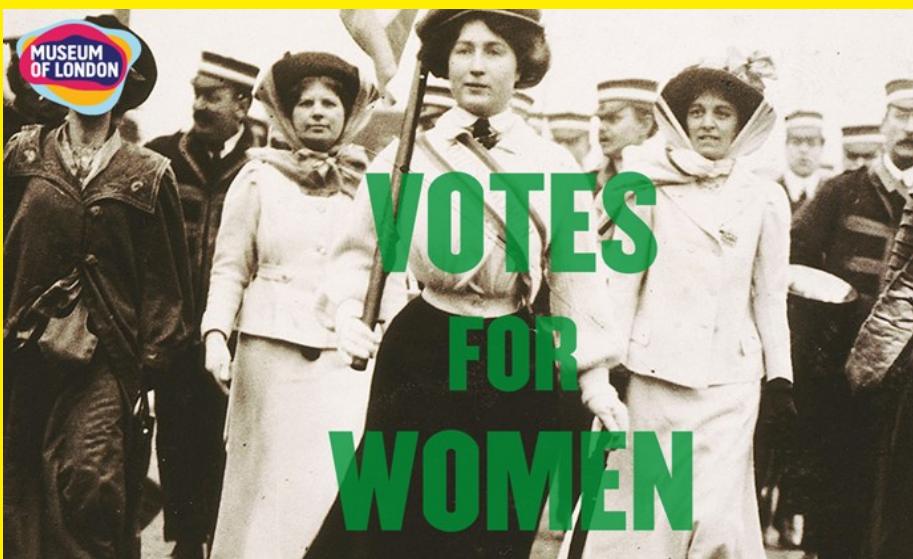
Telling Her Story

75 New Releases for Women's History Month

A Mighty Girl

Blog and website with links to amazing tips and resources which aim to empower girls of all ages

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LIVINGSTONE TANZANIA TRUST: OUR PRODUCTS

<https://www.livingstonetanzaniatrust.com/our-products>



We're especially excited about the launch of a **special edition "Zanzi-bar" soap**. 50p out of the sale of each one of these sweet-smelling bars, inspired by the beautiful Tanzanian island, will boost donations to LTT.

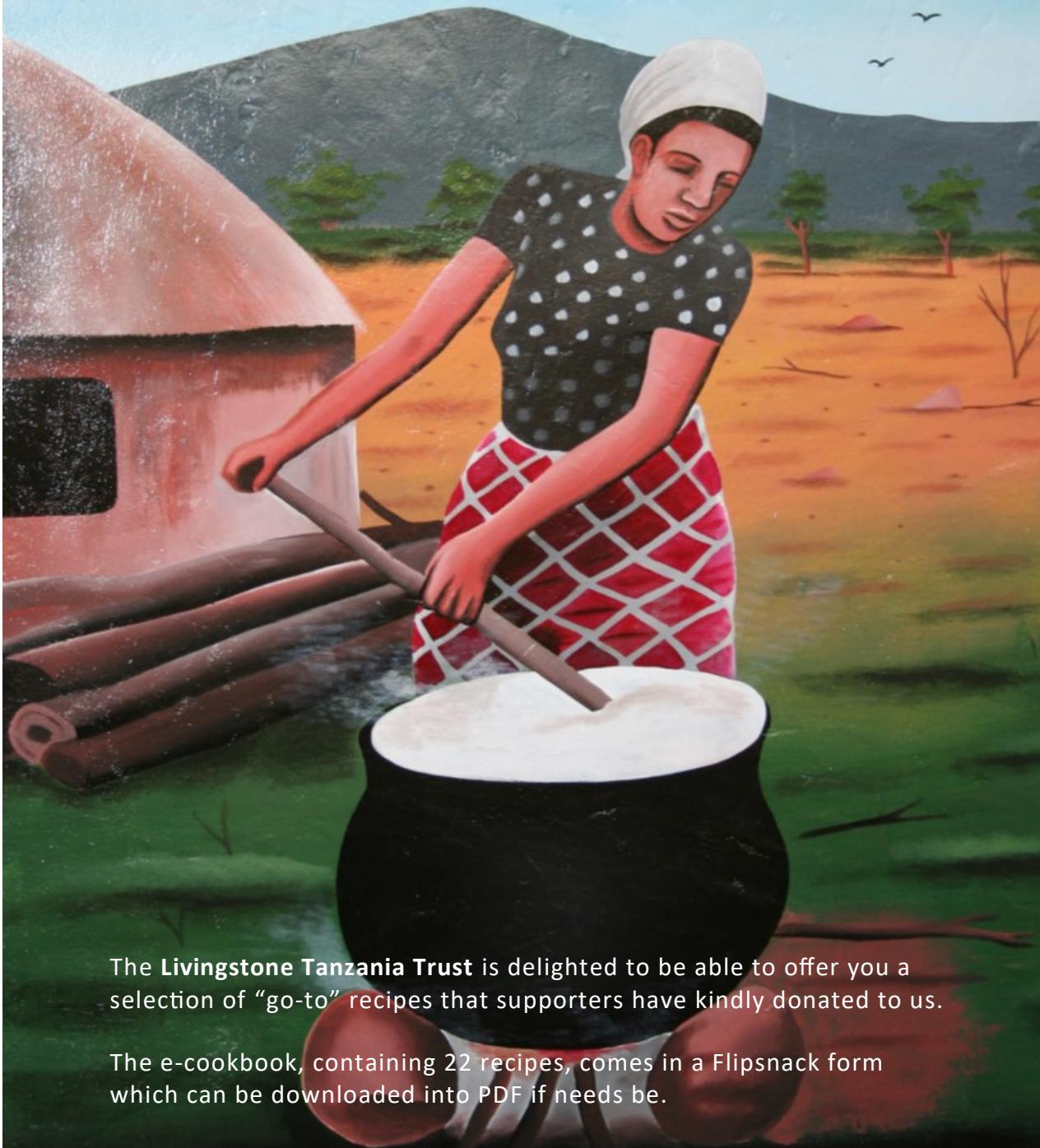


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LIVINGSTONE TANZANIA TRUST COOKBOOK



The Livingstone Tanzania Trust is delighted to be able to offer you a selection of “go-to” recipes that supporters have kindly donated to us.

The e-cookbook, containing 22 recipes, comes in a Flipsnack form which can be downloaded into PDF if needs be.



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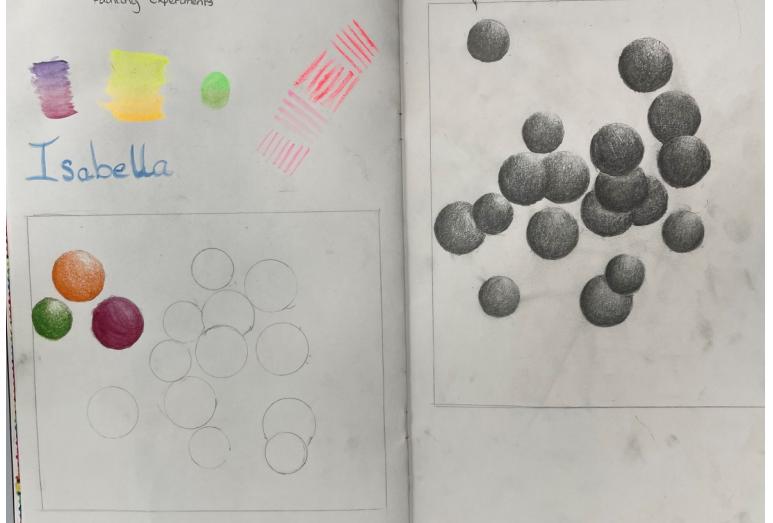
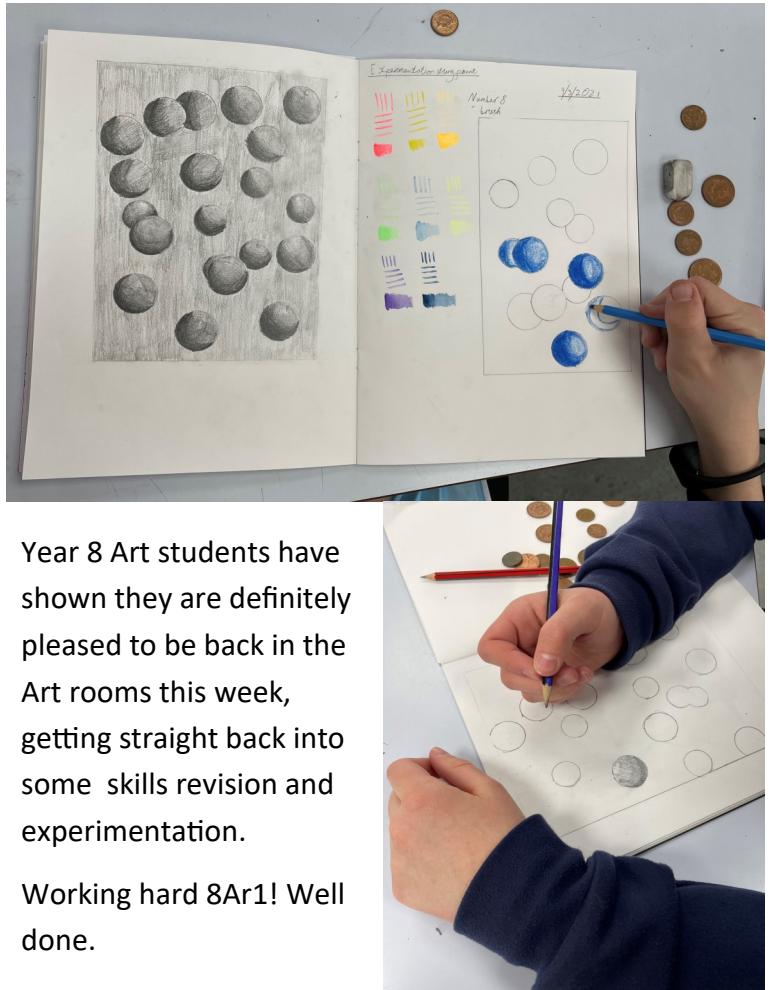
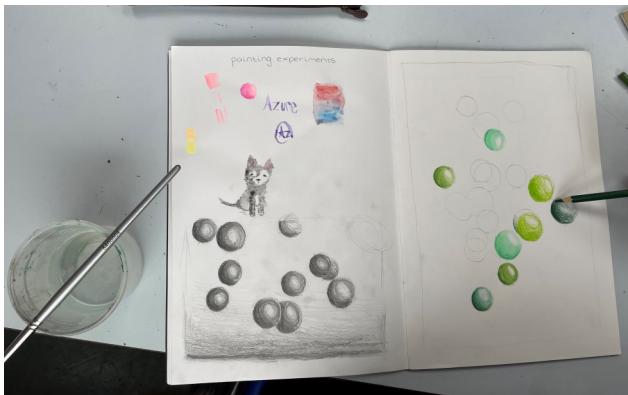
Art

Monday Club for Y10 girls
HH10 1.00pm – 1.50pm

Friday GCSE Art Club
HH10 12.50—1.50pm

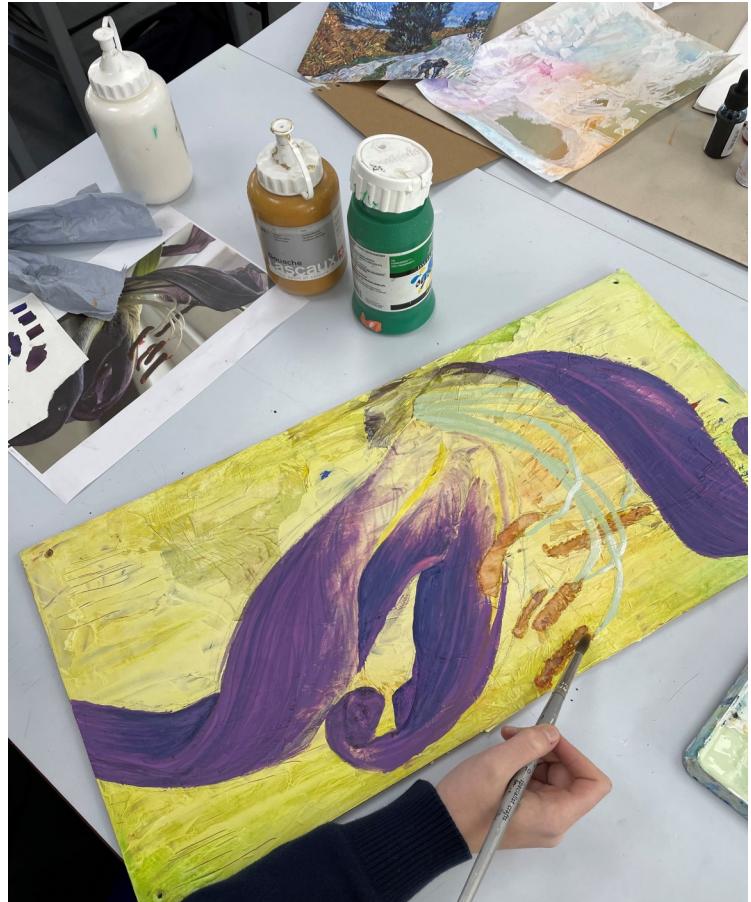
It's good to be back!

The Art Department are very thankful to be back in school this week and seeing our students working on their skills again.

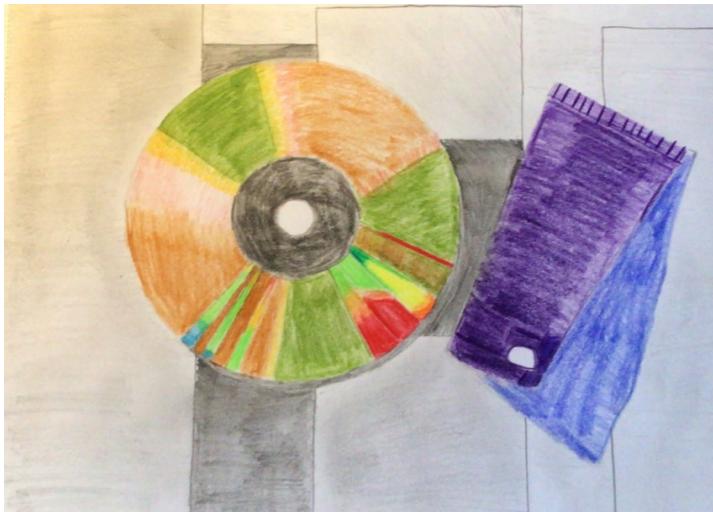


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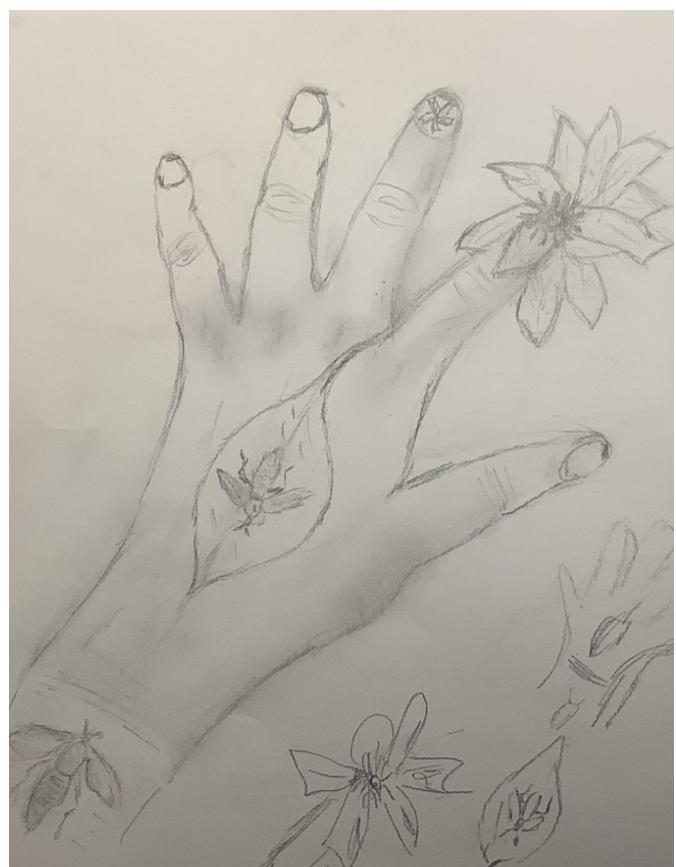
A few KS4 'action' shots from this week's GCSE Art Clubs...



News



A few 'Surreal' entries this week from the Art lessons with the Online Learning Lab for Y7 & 8. Some lovely pieces from Ariella, Sasha, Nihan and William. Keep up the great work!



English as an Additional Language

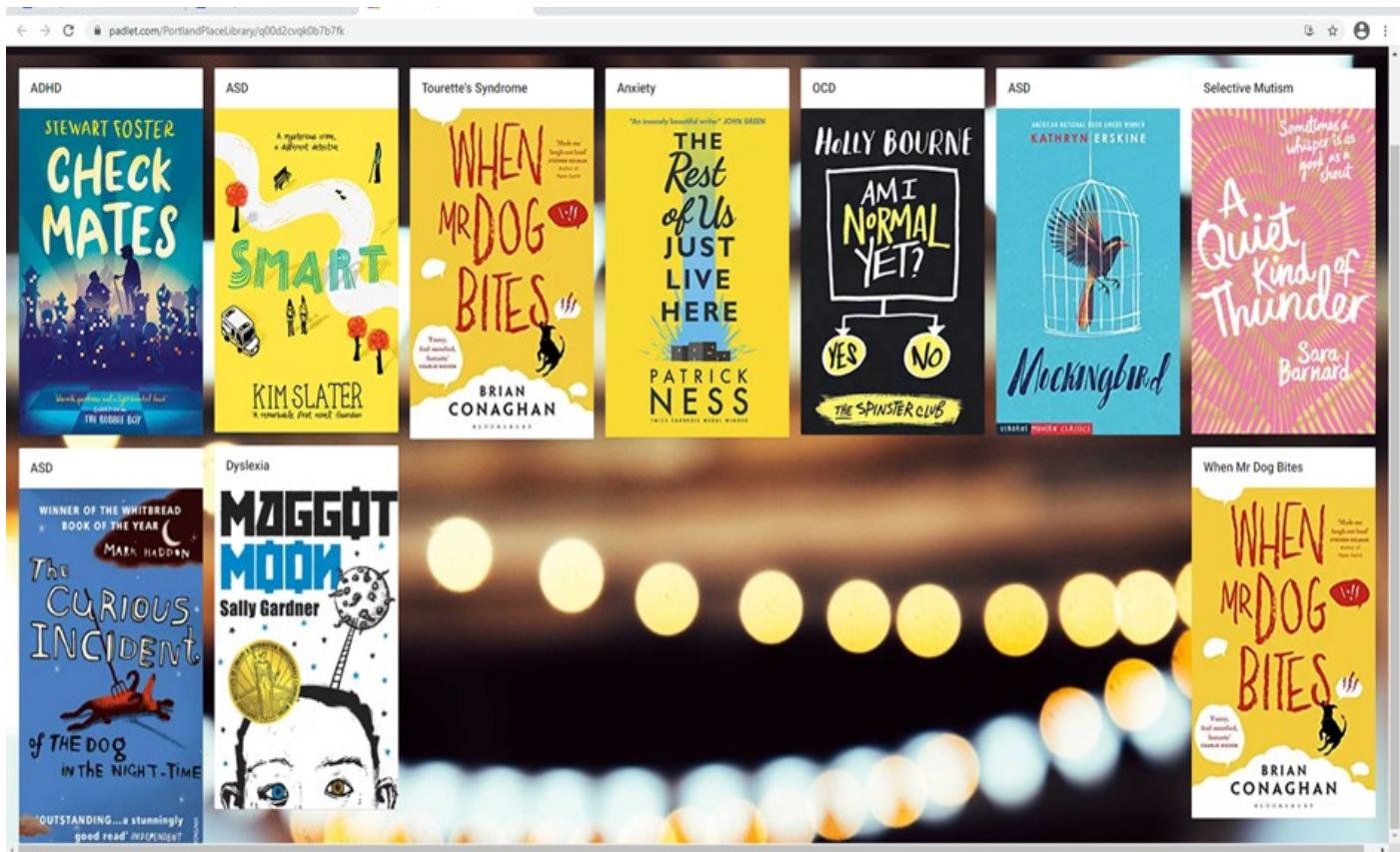
This week is about our delightful Year 6 students: Susan, Fritzi, Mia and Daniil. They are very happy to be back and learn new things together. Their constant effort, outstanding resilience and creativity never cease to impress me and I am grateful I get to teach them.

Well done Susan, Fritzi, Mia and Daniil!





Library: Books on Neurodiversity



Students really enjoyed the activities they completed this week linked to **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**. Our school library has a selection of great books which feature neurodiverse protagonists. It is a great way of seeing the world through the eyes of someone else. See list on Padlet below:

<https://padlet.com/PortlandPlaceLibrary/q00d2cvqk0b7b7fk>

If you like this list, do follow the school library on Twitter. I share many book lists and resources there:
MrsCarvalho@PPSLibrary.



LIBRARIAN TIPS: Encouraging Younger Reluctant Readers

Choice

Offer a choice of a wide variety of reading materials. Our school library is great for this, as we have specially chosen material to appeal to Years 6 and above. We have graphic novels, manga and a wide range of recently published non-fiction. We also stock recent titles from award winning lists like Book Buzz, Carnegie shortlist etc. Recommendations from a friend can also be very motivating.

Interests

What is your child interested in? Football, music, science, horror movies? As adults, we tend to read what reflects our interests and children are no different. The library tries to reflect the interests of students and we can order something specific in for your child.

E-reading

As an i-pad using school, our students have taken exceptionally well to e-reading. I think it takes away some of the pressure of choosing a book and reading certain titles in front of peers. There is also access to a wider range of titles than we can stock in the library. We use: E-platform (access via app and school email on ipad)

Get Epic (Class code: **khd5108**)

Format

Students with dyslexia may benefit from reading in a different format. E-platform gives students the option of enlarging and modifying the colours on the screen to make it easier on the eye. Get Epic has a number of read to me books and audio options. There is access to the Listening Books audio platform via Firefly Library page. We stock the dyslexia friendly Barrington Stoke Range and some students have had success with verse and graphic novels.



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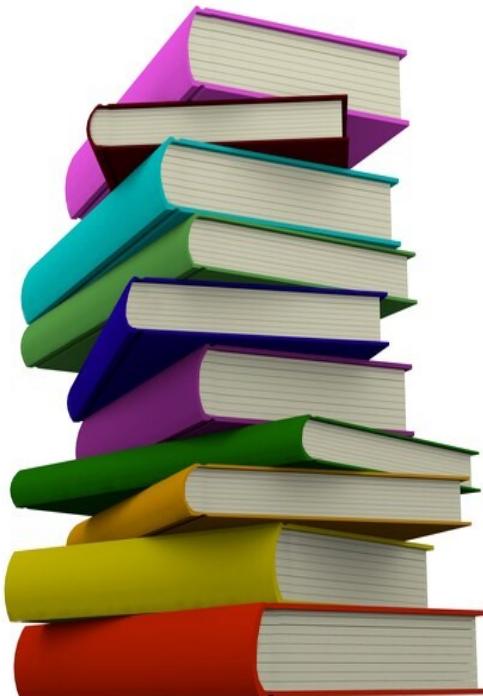


News and non-fiction

Some students prefer to read about the world around them. In addition to our non-fiction collection which goes across all school subjects we have a subscription to The Day (theday.co.uk) . Access and passwords on Firefly.

Reading Challenge

We are very keen to reward students for reading. Encourage your child to participate in any challenges going on in the school library. We are currently coming to the end of our pizza reading challenge but there is still time to submit a book review before next week.



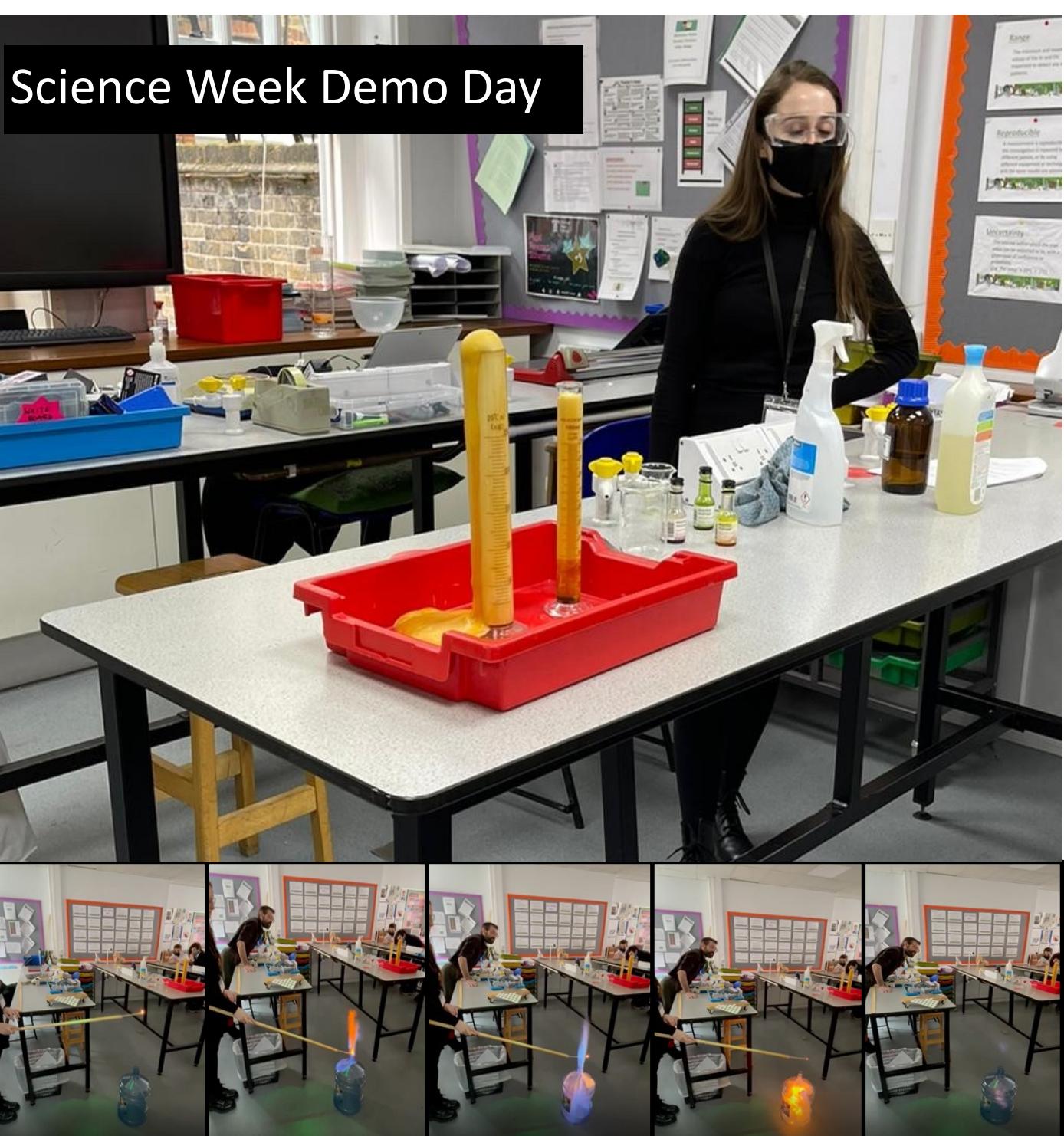
Time

It can be a process of trial and error finding the right thing. Stay in touch with the librarian and teachers if your child continues to have problems finding a reading book that they can enjoy and finish.



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Video here: <https://portlandplace.fireflycloud.net/resource.aspx?id=122824&officeint=on>



**Congratulations to
our British Science
Week 2021 Quiz
winners:**

Kadi Bahbahani

Isabella Corney

Rudy Bigoni

Isabella Trautman

Well done!





**The Countries of the World:
A Collection of Facts (Part 4)**

by Alex Parker

Alex has been busily working on researching facts about every single country in the world. His project includes all UN members and observer states.

Alex says, 'I started writing a paragraph on each country about two months ago. I do hope you enjoy reading it.'





Argentina's Ojos Del Salado is 6891 metres tall, the second tallest in the Andes, as well as being the tallest volcano in the world. Aconcagua on the border with Chile is the tallest mountain outside of Asia. Emilio Marcos Palma is an Argentinian who was born on Antarctica, the first person to be born there. Ten more babies have since been born and of these, 3 of them are Chilean and crucially 3 Argentinians. It had been under military rule 5 times in 53 years, and more amazingly, in 14 days in 2001 it had 5 presidents (or Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden in 14 days), which is ridiculous and that happened in 28 years. The country is home to Ushuaia, a large town that is the southernmost major settlement outside of Antarctica. One of its presidents, Fernando de la Rua said, 'I know I am boring' when campaigning to be president. He lasted 2 years from 1999 to 2001, before he was the first of the 5 presidents in 14 days. For reference, William Henry Harrison of the US only lasted 1 month, the shortest ever.

Madagascar is almost the size of France, but is over 2 times the size of the UK, and is one of the world's largest islands right next to Africa, but on a different continental shelf. It was only discovered in 500 AD, by which time the Roman Empire (western Roman empire) had come and gone. In the country where 90% of species are found nowhere else, including the world's smallest reptile, these people actually came from Borneo on canoes, while the Africans had been there for 150,000 years. People from Borneo had only been there for 50,000 years and because of this it is one of the last lands to be discovered and many Madagascans are descended from people from Borneo and not Africa. Lemurs are world famous but are also only found on Madagascar. The Bubonic plague still exists here. Home to 28 million people, it is bigger than the entire Iberian Peninsula.





Almost 230,000 people live in Malé, the capital of the **Maldives**, almost half the population, despite being only 8.3 km² in size, and having a population of 20,000 in 1987. 100% of the population is Islamic as it is the state religion. The airport, which has many seaplanes, is located on another island across a bridge that is 1.3 km long, or about 0.8 miles.

Spanish is spoken in **Paraguay**, which is mainly inhabited by the Quechua people. Only 85% of people speak the language, while the indigenous language of Guaraní is spoken by 90% and is taught in schools alongside Spanish, but 75% are bilingual, and on its border with Brazil is the 2nd largest dam in the world. Their currency is called Guarani and \$1 is 10000 Guarani. Paraguayan tea is traditionally made and served cold. 60% of Paraguay's area is made up of the El Chaco region, but only 3% of the 7 million people, or 210,000 live there. Paraguay's flag is really different to most flags, as the obverse, or the front, is actually different to the reverse, or the back, the front says the republic of Paraguay but the back says peace and justice.



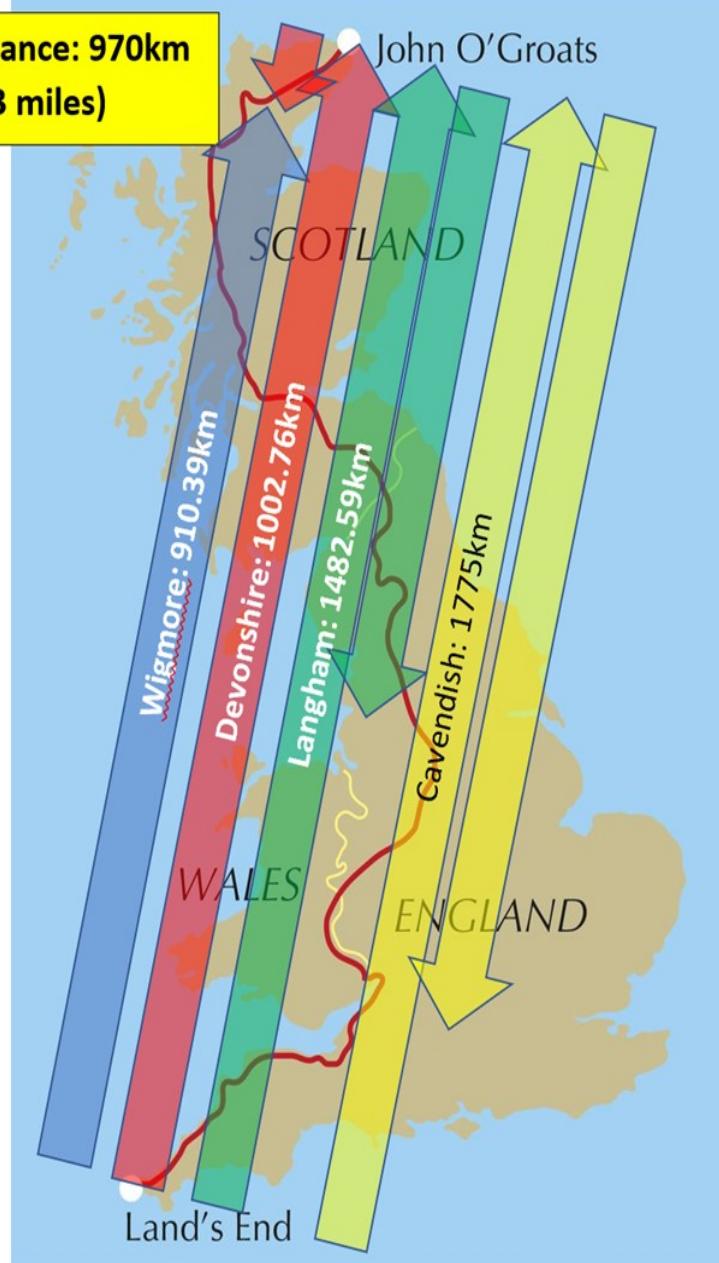


Land's End to John O'Groats House Challenge

During lockdown the PE department set our pupils the challenge of completing the distance between Land's End and John O'Groats (970km), within their houses, logging any runs, walks, cycles etc. on their Strava apps. The goal was to keep them moving during a period where, for the most part, they were confined to their rooms, in front of their computer screens.

Land's End to John O'Groats House Challenge

**Distance: 970km
(603 miles)**



Now we have returned to school the total kilometres covered by our pupils has been added up and can be seen below. We have seen a wide range of activity from our students, from rowing to skate boarding, in venues all around the world, including Switzerland, Russia and Pakistan. Most of the activity though, was on foot, here in London.

We have added together the total distances from each year group, within the four houses. Here are the results and the individual year group write-ups, with pupils who contributed a particularly high number of kilometres highlighted for their tremendous efforts. Well done to all who uploaded their activity, and especially those in Cavendish, for completing 1775km!



Sports report

Year 10

So, the lockdown LEFTJOG challenge draws to a close after a fantastic effort from our year 10 pupils. The pupils have run, cycled and sometimes skated in sun, rain, wind and snow, battling the late winter elements and covering some staggering distances over a very challenging lockdown period for everyone. It has been really pleasing to see year 10 show great enthusiasm to get outside and exercise and I am also very happy to hear that a number of pupils still intend to use the app to track their weekly activity. It seems we have developed some keen runners and cyclists who never would have thought about going out for a run or bike ride before the challenge began! There were a number of pupils who regularly logged their Strava activity, but there were some pupils who went above and beyond for their houses and I would like to congratulate the following pupils who covered the longest distances over the lockdown period:

Alex Politi – 327.80km LANGHAM
Sylvan Farmer – 298.35km CAVENDISH
Jake Cossey – 281.29km CAVENDISH
Arthur Hales – 211km WIGMORE
Kieran Mackintosh – 152km WIGMORE

Well done Year 10 for keeping healthy and active during a very difficult period for everyone. I hope you enjoyed the challenge and I know you have really started to appreciate the mental and physical benefits of regular exercise!

Total distance over the entire period & top performers for the latest period since we last totalled.

House	Total Distance	Top Performers in Final Weeks
1 st : Cavendish	657.66km	Sylvan Farmer: 69.97km
2 nd : Langham	555.44km	Alex Politi: 88.77km
3 rd : Wigmore	535.35km	Lucas Alsop: 92.55km
4 th : Devonshire	38.48km	Ruben Wiseman: 10.85km



The "big five": Arthur Hales, Sylvan Farmer, Alex Politi, Jake Cossey and Kieran Mackintosh



Sports report

Year 9

It has been a fantastic showing by the Year 9 pupils on Strava over the lockdown period. After a slow start to the challenge the students dug down deep to make sure that over the half term they were pushing themselves through their PE lessons and also after school.

With Devonshire setting the pace throughout, no one was able to catch the group even with some phenomenal kilometres coming from **Lawton Ballbach**. With **Ryder Nayak** and Huxley Nayak continuing their cycling and running it was clear to see from the start that the brothers were going to be a force to reckoned with. With some brilliant numbers coming from Lexi Horne, **James Eadally, Gene Allen-Turner, Tom Hallam** and **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** in their personal houses, the challenge itself set the groups up to work together and that they did. The students were fully committed to the challenge and most wrapped up a few kilometres along the way.

Here are the most notable contributors across all houses from Year 9. A huge well done to these students!

1.	Lawton Ballbach	412.59 km
2.	Jessy Fryer-Jacobs	194.65 km
3.	Huxley Nayak	176.15 km
4.	Ryder Nayak	171.06 km
5.	Tom Hallam	107.46 km
6.	Lexi Horne	85.69 km

House	Total Distance
1st: Devonshire	603.19km
2nd: Cavendish	510.17km
3rd: Langham	354.24km
4th: Wigmore	179.67km

Lawton Ballbach, who ran and cycled 412.59km throughout the Strava challenge!! An incredible feat from a Year 9 student and the highest within the whole school. Well Done Lawton!





Sports report

Year 6 & 7

Portland's youngest students certainly held their own during the Land's End to John O'Groats Challenge, with Cavendish house amassing a highly impressive 518km! They finished well ahead of Langham, in the end, despite **Humphrey Boland's** heroic efforts. He single-handedly covered 223km, the bulk of which was on foot. **Tec Hennebry** and **Susan Li** also tallied up very creditable totals and were recording activity almost every day. All four houses had notable individuals, but Cavendish seemed to give more of a team effort than the others, with many more pupils completing activity each week. It's been particularly pleasing to see that many pupils are continuing to log activity in their year group clubs, even though school has restarted. Keep up the good work!

House	Total Distance
1 st : Cavendish	518.97km
2 nd : Langham	378.26km
3 rd : Devonshire	243.77km
4 th : Wigmore	165.20km



Top performers in Year 6 & 7 over the whole of lockdown:

Humphrey Boland	223.37km
Tec Hennebry	171.19km
Susan Li	159.23km
Martin Ris	85.56km
Harrison Brudenell-Turpie	81.41km
Danny Maclean	71.01km
Hazuki Kita	68.65km
Olivia Solomou	57.92km

Year 6 & 7s top performers (left to right):
Olivia Solomou, Danny Maclean, Tec
Hennebry, Humphrey Boland, Harrison
Brudenell-Turpie, Susan Li and Hazuki Kita



Sports report

Year 8

During lockdown the John O'Groats House Challenge was set for students across year groups to effectively keep them moving during this period by completing as many kilometres as they could individually and as Houses combined on the Strava app. Here are the overall house results for Year 8. Well done Langham!

House	Total Distance
1 st : Langham	194.65km
2 nd : Devonshire	117.32km
3 rd : Cavendish	88.30km
4 th : Wigmore	30.17km

Certain individuals in the year group were absolutely incredible with their efforts and were the engines powering up the mileage for the rest of their year group. The top contributors across all houses are as follows. Huge congratulations to these pupils for their efforts:



Gabriel Aldis



James Mitcheson

James Mitcheson	91.04km
Felix Osgerby	59.74km
Jude Boudry-Ruzgar	49.62km
Sonny Brendon	40.65km
Isabella Calvert-Bull	32.29km

Here are some pictures of some of those students in action who put in the mileage over the lockdown period.



Sonny Brendon



Jude Boudry-Ruzgar

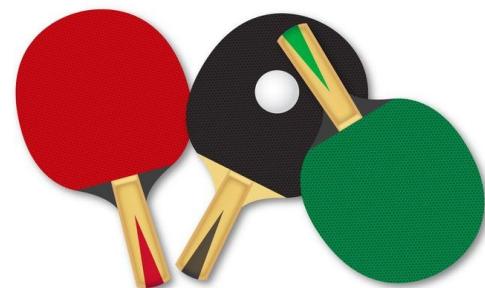
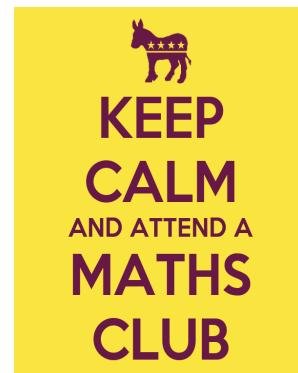


Isabella Calvert-Bull



Diary

CLUBS	
Monday	
13:00-13:50	Art Club for Y10 girls, Miss Dever, HH10
Tuesday	
12:50—13:45	PPS Choir, Mr S Hill & Miss Boyle, GPS Hall
Wednesday	
12:50—13:50	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12:55—13:40	Maths Help & Puzzles, Mr D Hill, G41
15:45—16:30	KS3 Maths Support, Mr D Hill & Mr Ruddy, R24
16:00—17:00	Fencing, Mr Jenda, GPS Hall
Thursday	
16:00—17:00	Chamber Choir, Miss Boyle, Room 1
Friday	
12:50—13:50	GCSE Art Club, Miss Dever, HH10
12:50—13:40	



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PPS TERM DATES	
<u>Spring Term 2021</u>	
Term starts	Monday 4 January
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb</i>
End of term	Thursday 1 April
<u>Summer Term 2021</u>	
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
<u>Autumn Term 2021</u>	
Term starts	Monday 6 September
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 18 Oct – Fri 29 Oct</i>
End of term	Friday 17 December



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