

The Weekly Buzz

31 May 2021



Art by Humphrey Boland



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Lunch Menu

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MENU

Monday

Soup of the Day

Main:
Beef Bourguignon

Meat Free:
Vegan Bourguignon

To Go With:
Sweetcorn
Mashed Potato
Carrot

Dessert:
Carrot Cake

Tuesday

Soup of the Day

Main:
Beef Stroganoff

Meat Free:
Mushroom Stroganoff

To Go With:
Rice
Kale
Sweet Potato
Broccoli

Dessert:
Chocolate Cake

THURSDAY

Soup of the Day

Main:
Chicken Curry

Meat Free:
Vegan Curry

To Go With:
Rice
Green Beans
Poppadoms
Cauliflower

Dessert:
Banoffee Pie

Wednesday

Soup of the Day

Main:
Piri Piri Chicken

Meat Free:
Quorn Roast

To Go With:
Potato
Couscous
Corn on the Cob
Butternut

Dessert:
Jelly

Every Day

Salad Bar

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt

Fresh from

Friday

Soup of the Day

Main:
Breaded Fish

Meat Free:
Falafel

To Go With:
Green Beans
Garden Peas
Baked Beans

Dessert:
Flapjack

our awards!

Gluten-free options available on each day



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WIN!

A trip to the cinema or
theatre for you & up to
30 classmates!

• **DESIGN A POSTER FOR A** •
MOVIE
OR PLAY

Use your imagination & create a poster for your very own movie or play
- choose your title & use your poster to bring your theme to life

One entry per pupil. Posters can be digital or paper based. All work must be your own
Entries will be judged on creativity & originality

Curtain call for entries: Friday 18th June 2021

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For more information or to take part in the competition, please get in touch with:

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING SOME NEW AND EXCITING SCIENCE?!

Check out **The Royal Society's** online lectures page. Upcoming events include:

BRAIN MECHANISMS OF ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOUR The Croonian Lecture 2021 delivered by Prof Barry Everitt FMedSci FRS

THE ART OF DATA Join the winner of the 2020 Michael Faraday Prize in conversation at the Cheltenham Science Festival

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[HTTPS://ROYALSOCIETY.ORG/SCIENCE-EVENTS-AND-LECTURES/](https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/)



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PPS Drama

Portland Place Music

THE WIZARD OF OZ

This show is a closed performance.
A recording will be made available to watch
on our website between 6th - 10th July.

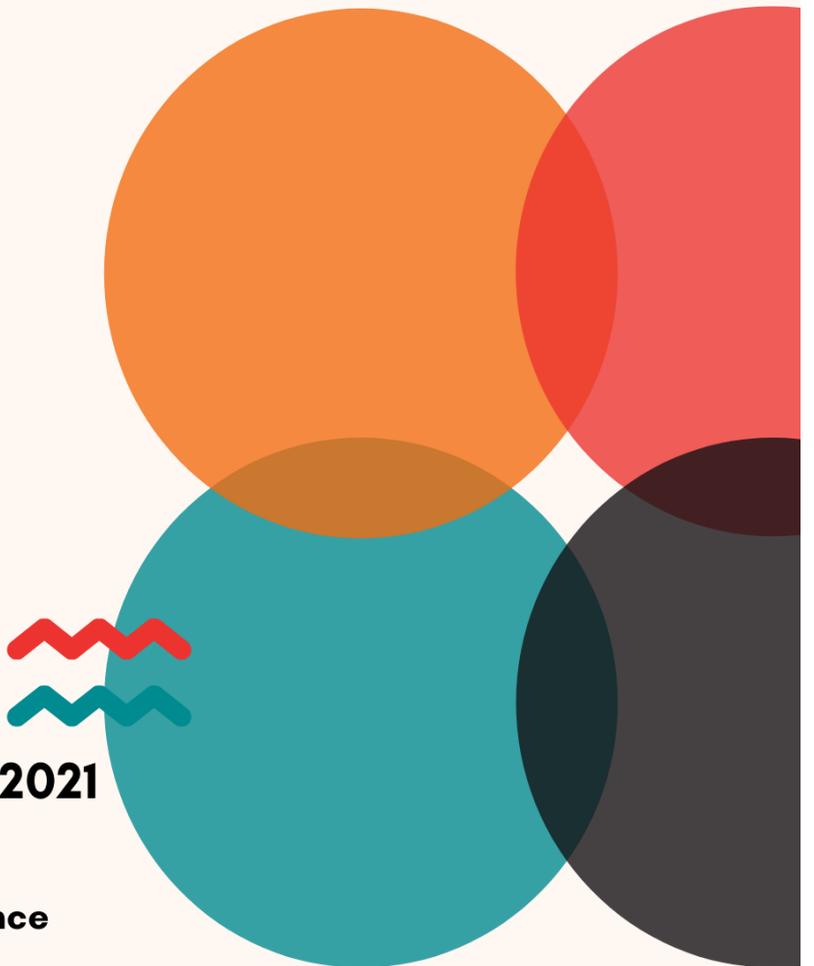
www.portland-place.co.uk/creative-arts-events



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YEAR 6&7 SHOWCASE



Thursday 10th June 2021

RADA STUDIOS

This is a closed performance

A recording of this event will be available on our website www.portland-place.co.uk/creative-arts-events from 14/06/2021





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SQ3R Method by Francis P. Robinson

Today, we would like to introduce a more **efficient and active approach to reading** textbook material. **SQRRR** or **SQ3R** is a reading comprehension method named for its five steps: **survey, question, read, recite, and review**. The method was introduced by Francis P. Robinson, an American education philosopher in his 1946 book *Effective Study*.

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1. SURVEY

Scan the text and pay attention to:

Layout

Chapters

Sections

Graphs

Pictures

Highlighted words

2. QUESTION

Ask yourself a question about the text.

Ask yourself what you already know about the text.

Try to understand what is it that they author wants to convey.

3. READ

Read the text actively while keeping the previous steps in the back of your mind.

Write down additional questions and try to answer asked questions.

3. RECITE

Repeat (aloud) in your own words what you have read. Ask yourself questions about the text, explain to someone what you have read and try to write a summary.

3. REVIEW

Read all the relevant parts again. Go through your notes and questions again.

Pay extra attention to the parts you find difficult.



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Literacy and Numeracy Corner

- We would also like to strongly encourage you to use this **useful acronym** to solve any mathematical task:

Read it

RUDELY

Underline and understand

Decide/Draw what calculation you need

Estimate a rough answer

Look again

You may begin

calculate

Work out the percentage increase from 80 to 280 [3 marks]

percentage	increase
per centum	in crescere
(rate) per hundred	into grow

100% = 80

a% = 80 → 280

200

80 = 100% 200 = a%

280

80 = 100% + 80 = 100% + 40 = 50%

100% + 100% + 50% = 250%

Answer **a=250%** %



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Library

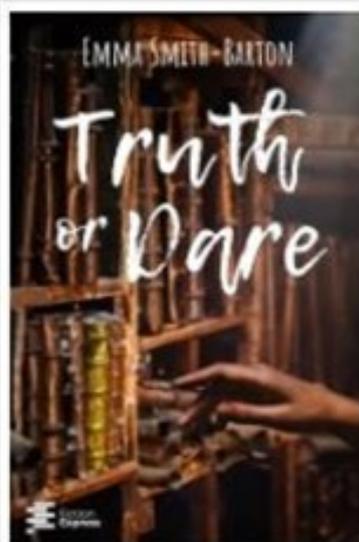
Try Fiction Express

This term we have been trialing *Fiction Express* in our library lessons. It is an innovative book platform that connects students with professional authors, encouraging reading for pleasure through fun co-creation of stories.

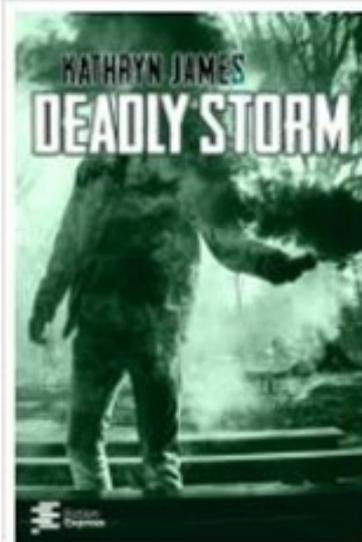
Every half-term, three books are published on our website in weekly chapters. What happens next is entirely up to the readers. Using their votes, they are able to decide where the plot goes next. Then the author will bring the most popular choice to life. This term's books and any previous ones are now available to read. Mrs Carvalho can track how your reading is going and give you reward points.



LEVEL 1 **L**



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3



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Post 16 Noticeboard

Post-16 News

unifrog

Year 9 have recently activated their **Unifrog** accounts and have had the chance to complete the personality quiz. Have a look at the Careers Library over the holidays to see what careers and apprenticeship routes might be available for them.

A testimony by a past student of ours who studied at DLD has been added to the careers area on Firefly.

Sixth Form schools and colleges are now accepting visitors. Please get in touch directly with any schools that you might be interested in.

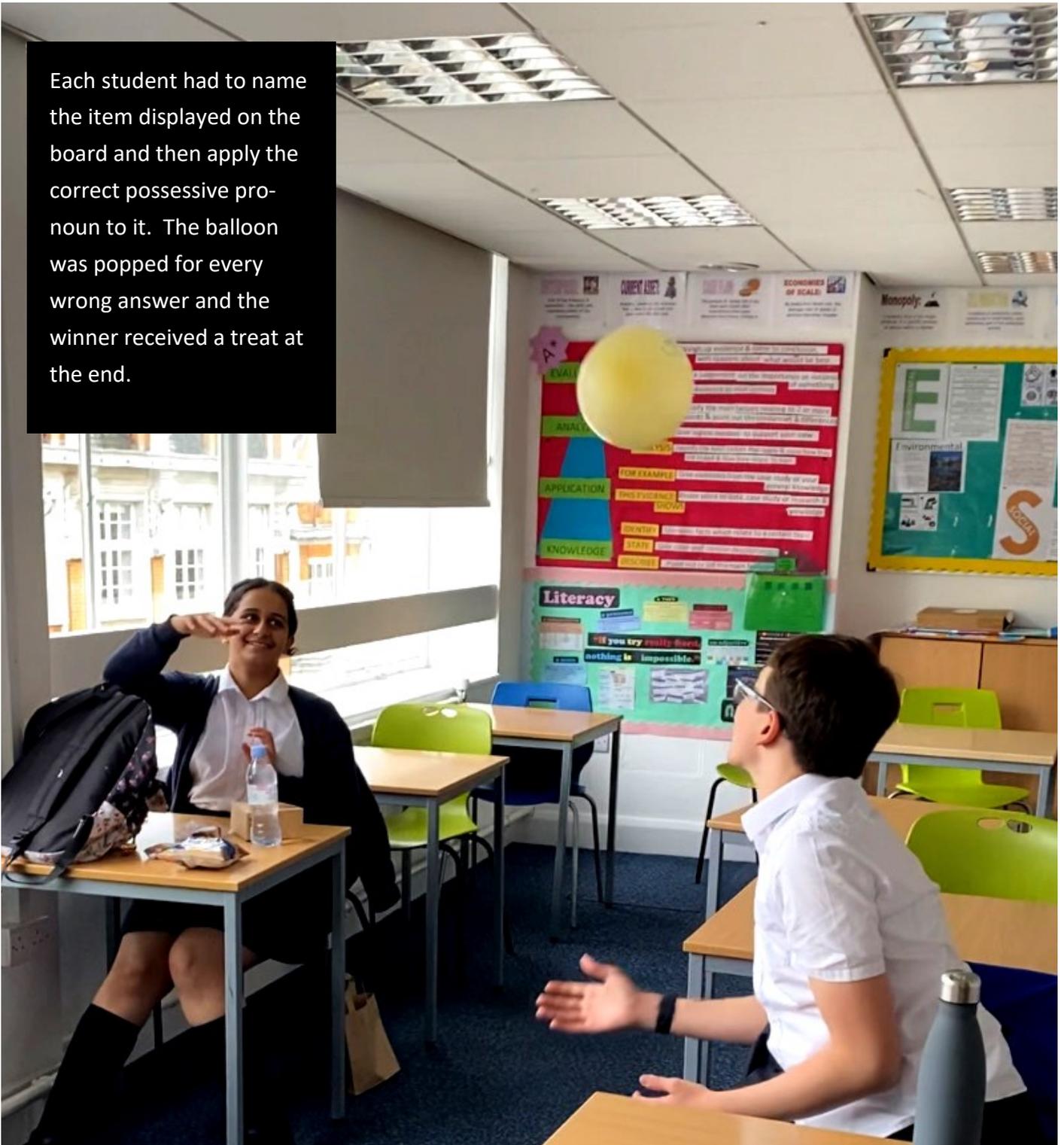


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Arabic Club

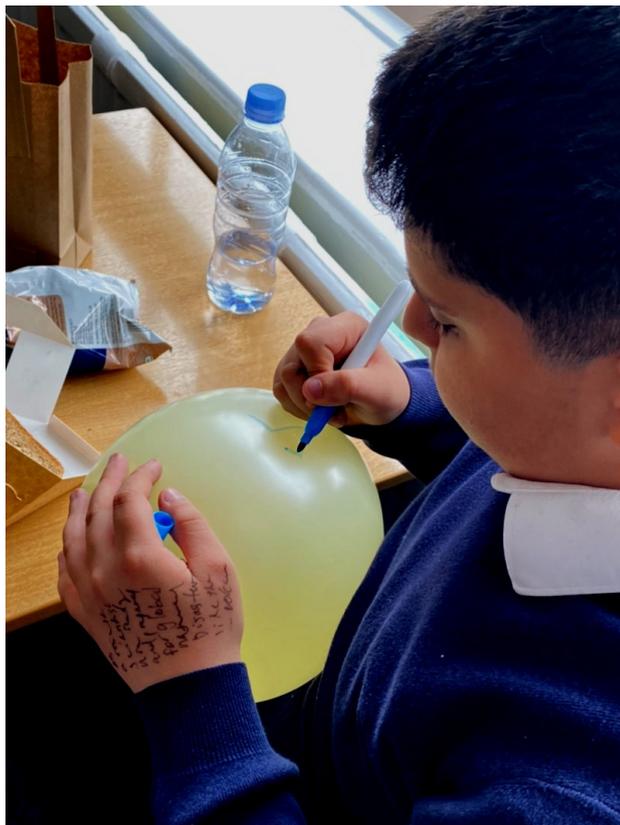
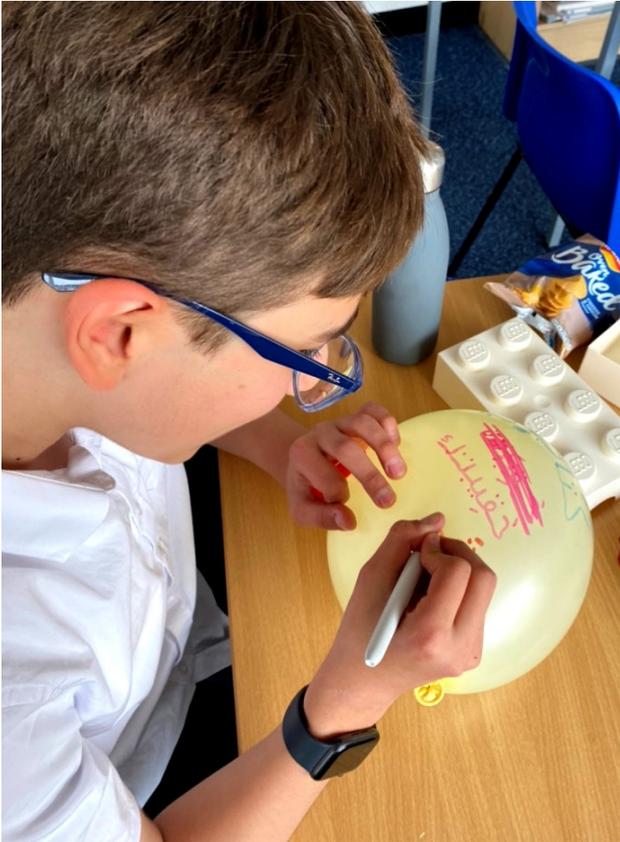
Each student had to name the item displayed on the board and then apply the correct possessive pronoun to it. The balloon was popped for every wrong answer and the winner received a treat at the end.





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Young Enterprise: Week 6 (Final Week)

For the past 6 weeks, Year 10 have been taking part in the **Young Enterprise** program to further their business and critical thinking skills. They have spent countless weeks considering and debating which idea to pursue, creating this product, marketing it and attempting to maintain control of the company. This week, they have shifted their focus onto packaging and creating a sellable product to create profit. Throughout their 2 hour long Wednesday sessions, Y10 have created packaging.

Nicolas Bartha in particular has shone this week, highlighting his creative passion and creating countless packages singlehandedly, while also contributing to printing and generally organising the entire department.

On reflection, several students said they would change the chosen product to a “sweet box” assortment, filled with different types of chocolates and sweets and packaged with vibrant and colourful boxes and some would have liked to see better use of the company finances to buy different packaging and invest further in other departments.





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CROSS STITCH ENRICHMENT





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Art

Year 9 are being inspired by insects, natural forms and the Mexican street artist Segó to create their own unique Beasties. Lawton has genetically modified a bee.





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Muhammad Javaid

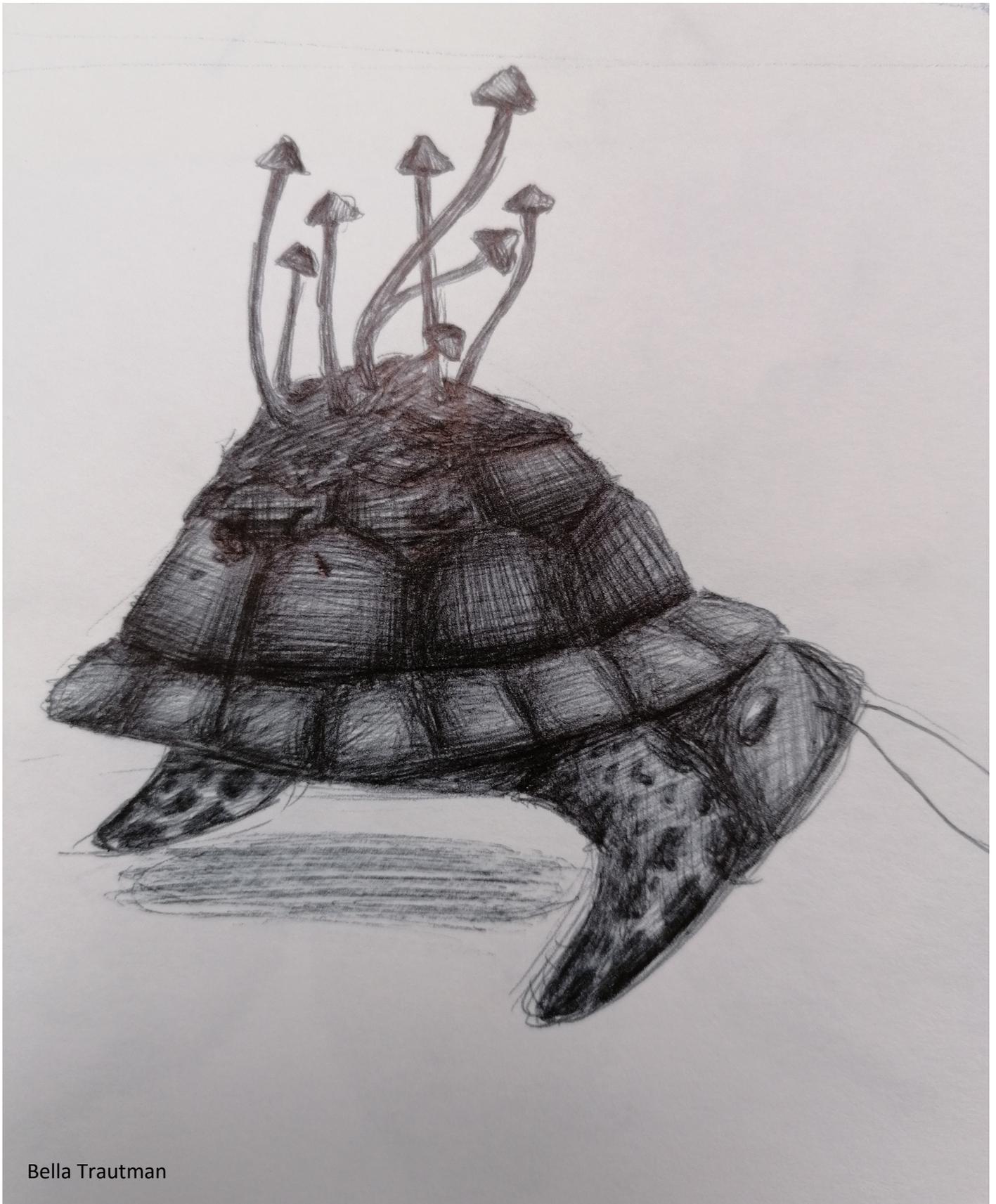


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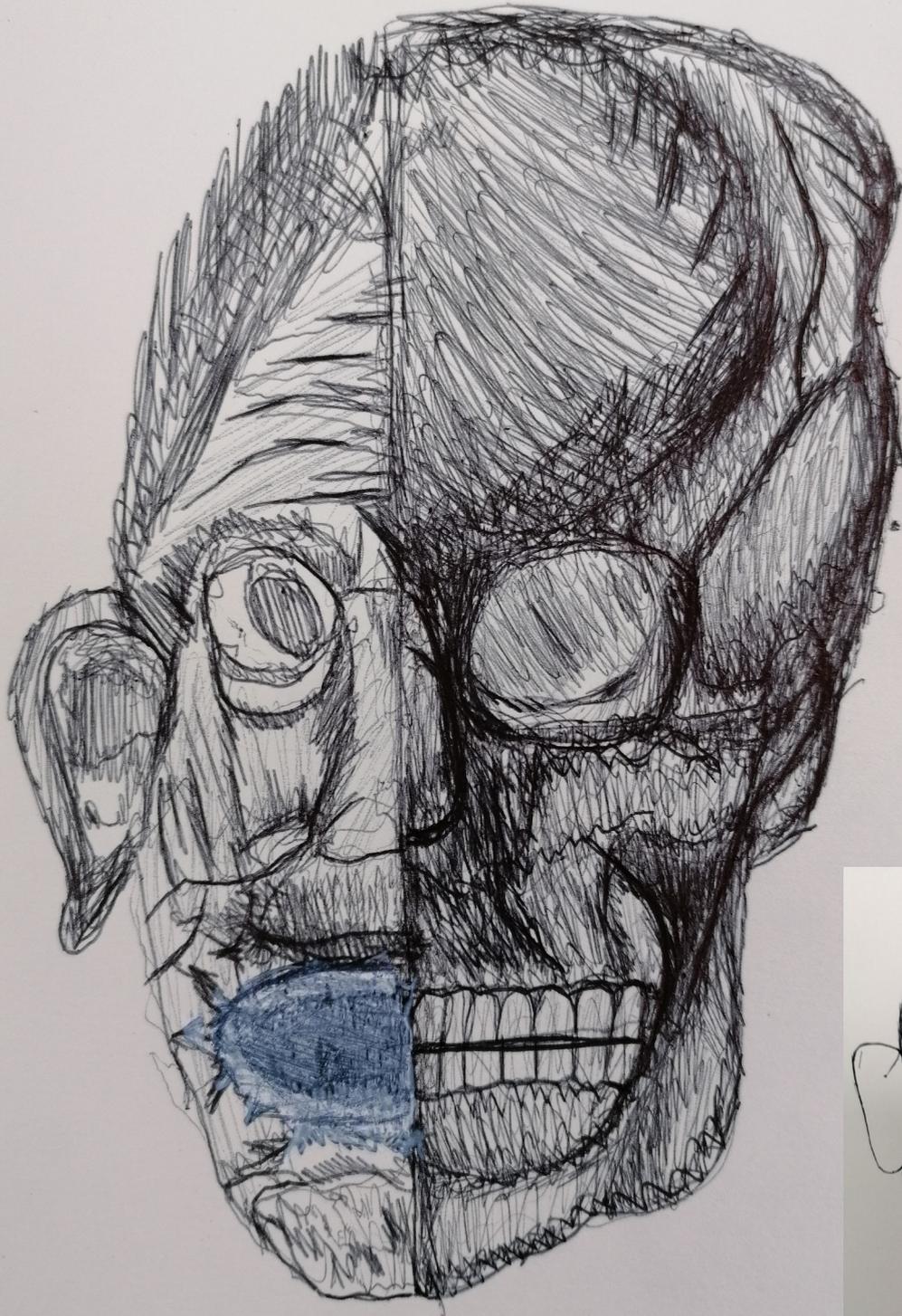


Bella Trautman



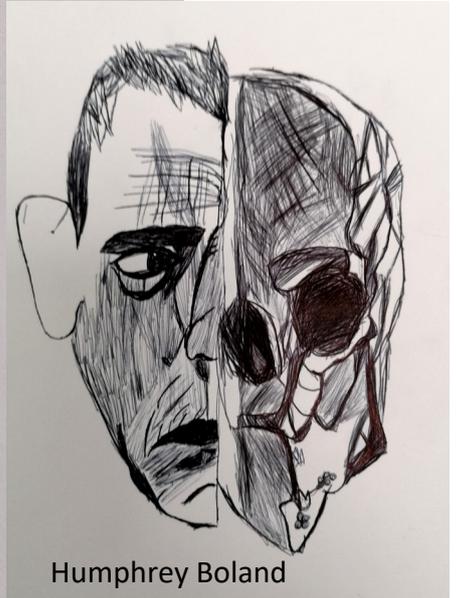
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Year 6 are exploring portraits and combining a half of a Da Vinci skull with a living human in continuous line drawings, ie not allowed to take your biro off the page.

Daniil Vasilyev



Humphrey Boland



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Sports report

U14 Football Vs Kew House

This match was originally scheduled to be a cricket game, but due to a less than favourable weather forecast we agreed with Kew House to switch to the “beautiful game”, much to the joy of our year 9s who have been deprived of competitive school football for a considerable time. The weather, as it turned out, was not only unsuitable for cricket, but almost unplayable for football too. Driving rain and high winds made judging passes almost impossible. Goalkeeper’s clearances were being blown back towards the area and defenders had great difficulty in dealing with high balls, which were stalling and swirling in the gale.

Kew’s captain lost the toss so Portland’s skipper, **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs**, elected to play with the wind on his team’s backs. This paid immediate dividend, with **Rudy Bigoni** netting in the opening minute after he controlled and passed home Jessy’s cross. Seconds later, Jessy doubled the home side’s lead when Portland broke down the right flank and the centre forward deftly clipped the ball past the oncoming keeper with the outside of his left foot, sprinting onto **Kai Ibrahim’s** through-pass. Kew were in disarray but recovered quickly and began to dominate both possession and territory, despite having the wind in their faces.



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Portland's defenders made some superb tackles and interceptions. **Jesse Francis-Baum** had his work cut out at right back, dealing with Kew's pacy left winger. He was helped-out by **Leo Newberry**, who used his speed to great effect, making numerous crucial tackles. **Sid De Rosario** showed tremendous tenacity and strength in holding off the Kew onslaught, but the pressure eventually told, and Kew managed to level the scores before half time.

PPS knew the second half would be a very different affair, now playing into the wind, but they came out looking confident. **Edwin Hounkanli** moved forward with Jessy now taking more of a midfield role. With Kew pressing for a winner, Portland were able to hit on the break and were rewarded with a penalty when their captain was clumsily brought down from behind just inside the box. Jessy's spot kick was parried by the keeper, but to no avail, as Jessy followed up to slot the ball home past the grounded goalie. Kew responded in much the same way they had in the first half and began to look increasingly threatening. Against the run of play, Portland made it 4-2, when Jessy found some time and space on the edge of the box and coolly curled the ball past the diving keeper, into the top right corner, to complete his hat trick.



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Kew's resilience was highly commendable and although they looked momentarily deflated, they didn't give up. They headed home, unchallenged, from a corner to halve their deficit. This was disappointing, defensively from Portland, as not a single player attempted to deal with the cross. Shortly after, a defensive clearance was curled into the box by the wind, resulting in a Kew player firing past **Lachlan Ballbach** to level the scores. Kew were now pressing for the winner and were completely dominating play. When the Kew captain was brought down from behind, close to the by-line, the referee had no choice but to point to the spot and Kew took a 4-5 lead. Portland pressed for the equaliser, but with only five minutes remaining it wasn't to be.

The Portland team were bitterly disappointed to lose from 4-2 up. However, it was a highly entertaining game, and the boys produced some excellent fast-breaking football. **Miles Sellens-Flack**, from Year 8, made an excellent contribution in the second half, on the right wing, as did **Ethan Smither** at left back. **Tom Hallam** played with his usual high work-rate and technical consistency. He also made some good, strong challenges. Ultimately, it was a few skill errors that undid the Portland effort. Hopefully, the boys can work on improving these elements in the future.

Well done to all that played!



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Senior House Cricket

With the junior house cricket having been cancelled the previous day due to the rain, it looked a very dubious decision to go ahead as Portland's Year 9, 10 & 11s set off for Regent's Park under cloudy skies and a light rain. The pitches were in a woeful state, but the games got underway with Wigmore facing Devonshire in the first semi-final. The semis were 7 over, quick-fire matches and Devonshire made 36/2, with Wigmore captain **Oscar Bolgar** taking **Milan Luther's** wicket, courtesy of a nice catch from **Louis Eberlin** and Year 9's **Issy Corney** bowling out **Nicolas Bartha**.

Wigmore set about scoring the runs and made a good start thanks to some good hitting from Oscar. He scored an unbeaten 8, with **Bosco Buonaguidi** making 4. Wayward bowling was the biggest contributor to the Wigmore total, and they managed to overhaul Devonshire's total within 5 overs, without loss.

In the second semi, Langham bowled to Cavendish, who knocked-up a decent 43/2. **Teddy Desmond** bowled the Cav captain, **Adam Khan** and **Anton Polyakov** – Cav's highest run scorer – was caught by Teddy, bowled **Jude Brooke-Cowden**, for 7. Year 9's **Lawton Ballbach** managed 6 runs in the last over. Langham batted out the full 7 overs and totalled a winning 49/3. Adam bowled very well for his team and took the Langham captain, **Dylan Young's** wicket with the help of an outstanding catch from Lawton. Anton straight bowled both Teddy and **Edwin Hounkanli** in controversial fashion, amidst claims his bowling action was less than legal. Umpire **Mr Steward** was not impressed by Langham's claims and the wickets stood, but it did not prevent Langham booking their place in the final.



In the third-fourth play-off Devonshire narrowly took the win, by a single run on the final ball of the game, scoring 53/5 from their 8 overs. Cavendish had reached a promising total of 52 thanks largely to an unbeaten 16 from Lawton. Three wickets from Adam, another from Anton and one from **Vasilis Koutrakos** couldn't stop Devonshire. **Roberto Hinton** scored 9 runs as did **Milan Luther**, with **Jesse Francis-Baum** opening the batting and making 6.



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The final saw Langham take on Wigmore. Oscar won the toss and elected to bowl, which looked to be a superb decision when Teddy was caught Issy, bowled Oscar on the first delivery of the innings. Dylan steadied the ship and played a captain's innings, amassing 17 runs, not out. He was ably assisted by **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** who managed 7 not out, after **Caspar Waldron** was clean bowled by Louis for 2. Langham's final score was 50/2 – a decent total to defend, but not insurmountable.

Wigmore began steadily and within a couple of overs Oscar began to score fluently. A change of bowling brought **Tom Hallam** to the attack and he claimed the wicket of the Wigmore captain as Oscar chipped the ball to Teddy, who confidently claimed the catch. Edwin managed a wicket, also caught by Teddy. The scores were very even, with Issy adding 6 runs and with just a single over remaining Wigmore required 10 runs for the win. Jude bowled the 6 balls and nerves looked to have got the better of him after he bowled a wide and a no ball. However, he responded well and bowled out **Arthur Hales** with just a single ball remaining. Wigmore needed a six to win and actually managed to run 2 from another no-ball, but were eventually unable to get past 49, to give Langham the win by just a single win. No one was more delighted by the victory than captain **Dylan Young** who claimed this was the first victory from a Langham team since he was in year 6!

This was a very enjoyable morning's cricket and all that played contributed very well to their house team. Despite poor conditions there was some good stroke play and very solid fielding. All the matches were highly competitive. Very well done to all that played and congratulations to Langham!

Enrichment

Activity	Room	Staff
Academic Mentoring	4th & 2nd Floor GPS	Misc
Boxing	Offsite	Mr Kubric
Fencing	GPS Hall	Mr Rider
Carpentry	B1	Mr Ruddy/ Mr Snowden
Ceramics	HHB	Miss Birtles
Coaching	R34, R35, R36, PP Hall	Miss Boyce/Miss Florea/ Miss Nicholas
Cross Stitch	H1	Ms Robinson
Drawing & Painting	H10	Miss Dever
Fencing	GPS Hall	Mr Rider
Horse Riding	Offsite	Miss Linton
Touch Rugby	Offsite	Mr Steward
Wizard of Oz	Drama Studio	Miss Boyle/Miss Judd/Mr Chivers
Young Enterprise	Canteen & 3rd Floor GPS	Miss Thorne/Mr Soper/Mr Hill

CLUBS

Monday

12:50-13:40	Table Tennis, PPS Hall
13:00-13:50	Art Club for Y10 girls, Miss Dever, HH10

Tuesday

12:50-13:40	Weight Training, PPS boys changing rooms
12:50-13:40	Arabic Club, Ms Elshelmani, G41
12:50-13:45	PPS Choir, Mr S Hill & Miss Boyle, GPS Hall
15:45-17:00	Cricket Club, Lords indoor cricket academy
15:45-16:30	Japanese Club, Ms Eren, R36

Wednesday

12:50-13:40	Fitness Club, Dance Studio
12:50 –13:40	Russian Club, Ms Zalesny, R24
12:50— 13:45	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12:55— 13:40	Maths Help & Puzzles, Mr D Hill, G41
13:15-13:45	Y11 Physics Revision, H1
15:45— 16:30	KS3 Maths Support, Mr D Hill & Mr Ruddy, R24
15:50-17:00	Football Club, Regents Park Hybrid Pitch
15:50— 17:00	Fencing Club, Mr Jenda, GPS Hall

Thursday

12:50-13:40	Dance Club, Dance Studio
12:50— 13:40	Chinese Mandarin, Ms Huang, G41
13:15-13:45	Y11 Chemistry Revision, H1
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	Table Tennis, PPS Hall
13:15-13:45	Y11 Biology Revision, H1



PPS TERM DATES

Spring Term 2021

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

Autumn Term 2021

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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