



**TAUNTON
SCHOOL**
PREPARATORY

Prep & Pre-Prep Courier



15th May 2020

#REMOTELearning

TPS Commemorates the 75th Anniversary of VE Day



TPS pupils were not deterred from commemorating this historical day by the somewhat different circumstances.

They embodied our ethos of "aiming high" and produced a variety of red, white and blue costumes, Rationing recipe cakes, homemade banners and bunting and a selection of mouthwatering WW2 style picnics!!

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#STAYINGSAFEATHOME



The Head has his say...

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. The high levels of engagement and effort, and the high quality of work being produced by the pupils, is a very good indication that our pupils are continuing to thrive

in many ways. Each and every pupil has made a very significant contribution to the tremendous body of work being produced by all of our year groups, and I am delighted that so many housepoints, rolls of honours, and weekly assembly certificates have been awarded since the start of term. Very well done to all pupils and staff, and to the parents who have provided such great support.

We are all also acutely aware at the same time that the children are missing their friends, missing all of the work and activities which they are not able to do at the moment, and missing being in school. The teachers are continuing to stay in close touch with all of their pupils and tutees and we are giving as much support as we possibly can where this is needed. We are in the process of sending out a well-being survey for our pupils and we will consider very carefully the information which this gives us.

For pupils in Year 8, we have been giving thought of course to their final five weeks in the Prep School after half term. We have been spending significant time speaking with, and listening to, these pupils and we will be sending a letter before half term to parents of pupils in Year 8.

The government's request that we now start planning for the possible return of Year 6 pupils has thrust us all into a fresh situation to manage, and it is going to be essential that we work together as one community to find the correct way forward.

For us as a Prep School, with Year 8 being our final year instead of Year 6, it could be argued that Year 8 would have been the first year group to return. However, we are bound by, and must follow, government guidance.

We all know that a successful return to school for any of our classes will depend upon high levels of teamwork, co-operation and trust between pupils, staff and parents. During this week, we have been considering carefully all of the government advice and listened to the thoughts of our staff, and I will be sending a letter by the end of tomorrow to parents of pupils in Year 6, giving them more information and seeking their thoughts.

Looking ahead to the final week before half term, Mr Winsor and the sports staff are looking at ways in which we can run some sort of 'Sports Day' and I know that House Staff and House Captains are looking at ways in which other House events and House competitions can be run this term.

We can all be extremely proud of what we have achieved so far this term and hugely encouraged by the fact that, at the end of one more week of effort, we will be able to enjoy a very well deserved rest over half term. Thank you and very well done to all pupils, parents and staff, for all of their hard work, skill and commitment.

I trust that you can all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Andrew Edwards, Headmaster



News from Nursery and Pre-Prep

I do hope that you all continue to stay safe and positive. As I write this to you, my two teenage boys continue to build their outdoor pizza bar, in our garden. Certainly ... changing times for us all to adapt to.

It would be dishonest to say that it isn't a challenge to write this piece for the Courier this week. Following the announcement on Sunday – there has been much to read and many meetings to attend. Thank you very much to all of you who have responded to my correspondence from the 13th May 2020. Your messages of support and understanding yet again project the strength of the Taunton School Community and are greatly valued by myself and the rest of the team.

We are currently seeking clarification on a number of issues and once we have these answers, more concrete Government

guidance and instruction, along with the agreement from all the other areas of the school, I will communicate a clearer map of the phased return to school for Nursery, Reception and Year one. Unfortunately, until we receive further guidance around Year two, we will continue our remote learning provision and hope to see this year group again in school before they transition to TPS in September.

Thank you again for all you are doing to support your children's learning. It is amazing to see how much creativity is going into what the children are doing at home.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend together.

With best wishes,

**Mrs Louise Leah,
Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep**



Weekly Awards

4th May 2020



Learners of the Week

- Chloe Mills-Bown** – for excellent determination and perseverance when tackling problems on simultaneous equations in Maths.
- Jasmine Lemm** – for excellent determination and perseverance when tackling problems on simultaneous equations in Maths.
- Ben Leahy** – for developing his ICT skills through remote learning and always being positive and aiming high.
- Valentin Bala** – for continuing to be positive, persevering and aiming high in his English and History lessons.
- Takara Dupont** – for outstanding work on the bench drill machine topic and producing a tremendous safety poster.
- Brogan Flitton** – for showing persistence when facing technical problems and succeeding in catching up on work missed due to these issues.
- James Pullen** – for working really hard in all of his lessons, engaging with the work set and always having a positive mindset.
- Ted Maloney** – for showing creativity and ambition with his Rainforest project, by including an erupting volcano! (Super Science).
- Helena Goudswaard** – for showing great maturity when working remotely and maintaining high standards of work.
- Dylan Holberry** – for an excellent sugar investigation write up in Science.
- William Davidson** – for enthusiasm and commitment with his remote learning resulting in some excellent work.
- Lewis Walters** – for always challenging himself and aiming high in his remote working.
- Lois Coleman** - for superb efforts in History lessons this term and fabulous work on WW2 propaganda posters.
- Isaac Tyler** - for showing great determination, perseverance and producing some great work whilst self isolating for the last week of last term and was our first pupil at TPS using the remote platforms to complete work and receive feedback remotely.
- Rollo Martin** - for being a curious learner and using historical artefacts.
- Kiki Anderson** - for showing pride, ambition and working to a very high standard in her English postcard and bar chart in Maths.
- Lucas Baker** - for producing an excellent rainforest in a shoe box! Lucas worked hard on his creative curriculum project showing perseverance and ambition.
- Henry Woodley** – for working really well across a wide range of subjects. Taking great pride in the presentation and content of his work.
- Cara Cunningham** - for excellent application in on-line Science lessons. She has completed all tasks set to the very best of her ability.
- Mohammed Al Suraifi** – for excellent application in on-line Science lessons. He always asks pertinent questions and works hard to complete the tasks set

Certificate of the Week

A certificate to each of you in Year 7 for the contributions that you made to the excellent work produced by the year group as a whole last week. (Excellent poems and descriptive writing based on The Ancient Mariner, very positive and grateful cards and drawings to the NHS, and creative artwork showing the view from your window).

Musician of the Week

- Emily Vernon** – for taking pride in her musical skills, taking part positively in our remote learning music activities.
- Thomas Ford** – for showing excellent effort and persistence in tackling the challenges of remote music learning.
- Jake Maloney** – for taking pride in his musical skills and practising his cello and guitar regularly at home.
- Laura and Zoe Trembath** – for practising the piano every day and engaging positively with making music in a remote learning environment.
- Ben Hatcher** – for practising the trombone regularly at home and making an excellent improvement.

Citizen of the Week

- Ben Goddard** - for always being polite and showing kindness and respect.

Sportsman of the Week

- Alex Coombes** - for showing great effort and aiming high with the weekly sports challenges .

Sportswoman of the Week

- Katie Sercombe** – for persistence and effort in the sports sessions.

Certificate of the Week

A certificate to each of you in Year 3- for the contributions that you made to the excellent work produced by the year group as a whole last week. (ambitious letters based on The Railway Children, a wonderfully positive 'Happy Birthday' video for Captain Tom, impressively curious work in Science dissecting plants from the garden, extremely careful reading of maps).





Weekly Awards

11th May 2020

**Learners of the Week**

Frankie Hanson - for a detailed, accurate and comprehensive data analysis project in Maths.

Gabriel O'Mahony - for an excellent mathematics TV project, showing continued and sustained application throughout.

David Mills-Bown - for writing a thoughtful letter to the Queen, sharing it with the class in our Tutor Time and inspiring others to do the same.

Fedor Demochka - for engaging fully in the online learning, working hard in his EAL lessons and continuing to make strong progress.

Christan Onwubiko - for overcoming barriers to remote learning, establishing a routine and working hard to submit work in core lessons.

Leo Gulliver - for showing great independence and initiative in PSHE.

Jayden Mills - for showing fantastic independence in getting his work completed whilst home learning.

Henry Skittrall - for consistently challenging himself and having a go in Maths.

Barnaby Bedford - for producing consistently high quality work in Maths, displaying both ambition and curiosity with his learning.

Alex Leach - for consistently producing a high standard of work, remotely; particularly a very well researched fact file on Wembley stadium.

Wills Leach - for a stunning Maths project and boundless enthusiasm for anything numerical.

Noah Jacobi - for embracing so brilliantly Year 4's Creative Curriculum tasks linked to the rainforest.

Ivy Wreford - for some fantastic work in Maths on 3-D shapes and their properties.

Namu Gurushankar - for an outstanding piece of work in Science on the Fractional Distillation of Crude Oil.

Harrison Perrone - for writing a superb job advert for a fearless warrior in English showing ambition and effort.

Josie Hanson - for aiming high and putting in lots of effort with analysing sources about slavery in History.

Louis Maloney - for a fantastic piece of research on the environmental effects of DDT.

Lucy Gliddon - for showing great independence and progress in her French work.

Olivia Foster - for a consistently high standard of work over several lessons for DT. An excellent 3D birdhouse.

Ben Kyles-Short - for superb discursive extended writing on Mary Queen of Scots in History.

Catherine Kemmish - for a superbly empathetic Crusader postcard in History.

Millie Redrup - for excellent use of arguments and evidence in History.

Zach Ptiman - for excellent graph drawing in Science.

Amelia Smith - for exemplary science work on Lifecycles.

Millie Wiggins - for showing great persistence with her French whilst working from home, on time with every task and pushing herself to achieve the best that she can.

Sophia Odedra - for wonderful creativity in her French story book about a fox and showing great ambition in her use of adjectives and conjunctions.

Musician of the Week

Alan Wang - for challenging himself to learn difficult repertoire for the piano showing determination and skill - Grade 7 pieces.

James Sercombe - for playing a trumpet solo brilliantly after only 5 lessons on the instrument.

Florence Legg - for performing a poem with amazing expression and dramatic skill in the Performing Arts Cafe.

Maddie Hudgell - for playing beautifully in the Performing Arts Café.

Freya Simpson - for playing beautifully in the Performing Arts Cafe.

Citizen of the Week

Angharad Jennings - for excellent pastoral care of a new pupil, has gone above and beyond expectations, showing real KINDNESS and COMPASSION.

William Thomas - for running a half marathon every week for four weeks and raising money for Musgrove's COVID19 fund.

Sportsman of the Week

Harry Wadsworth - for his kindness, effort and persistence in climbing the height of Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for people hit by COVID in poor countries.

Sportswoman of the Week

Chloe Mills-Bown - for her ambition, positivity, effort, and persistence in overcoming obstacles to keep up with her swimming training.



Learners of the Week

Ava Julyan - for showing great ambition and perseverance in her home learning for French and completing work to a very high standard.

Matilda Rihll - for an excellent Mathematics investigation with considerable data analysis and summation.

Grace Kemble - for an outstanding piece of work in Science on the Fractional Distillation of Crude Oil.

Elsbeth Craik - for excellent work in her English and planning an excellent non chronological report that showed determination, pride and ambition. Very well done!

William Kemmish - for working really hard across all subjects. Showing determination, pride and ambition in his re-drafting of a conversation with excellent punctuation.

Louis Ayrinhac - for working really hard in Maths, being positive, ambitious, challenging himself and taking pride in his written work.

Bobby Saunders - for working really hard in Maths. His perseverance and ambition is very noticeable in his written work. Well done Bobby and keep up the great work.

WELL
DONE TO
ALL
AWARD
WINNERS!

**Certificate of the Week**

A certificate to each of you in Year 8- for the contributions that you made to the excellent work produced by the year group as a whole last week.(including excellent research into the environment and wonderful investigative projects in Maths, confident work in French, superbly independent DT projects, and high levels of effort in Geography and History with some super extended writing).

Certificate of the Week

A certificate to each of you in Year 5- for the contributions that you made to the excellent work produced by the year group as a whole last week (including respectful letters to the Queen, high levels of curiosity shown in your work on slavery, and tremendous effort made in your work on life cycles).

House Points

Bronze

Cicely Henry – 7W Kian Roberts – 8R
Millie Trescothick – 7V Aurelia Catton -3R

Silver

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| Ted Maloney – 4F | Adrien Moreau – 3H | Joshua Green – 3R |
| Sophia Powers – 3H | Henry Skittrall – 3H | William Davidson – 3H |
| Nyasha Dzvanga – 7V | Lewis Kemble – 3H | Isobelle Riley – 7V |
| Gabriel O'Mahony – 7V | Harrison Webb – 3H | Rakhym Tilekkabybek – 8R |
| Rohan Narang – 7V | Josie Hanson – 5H | JJ Wells – 3H |
| Millie Wiggins – 7V | Alfie Davis – 5H | Tilly Coomber – 6T |
| Ruby Cottrell – 7V | Eleanor Thorpe – 3H | |
| Ava Julyan – 5H | Janice Huang – 8R | |

Gold

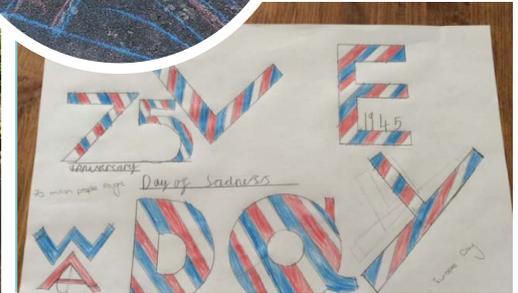
Chloe Mills-Bown – 8R
Tongfei Deng – 4P

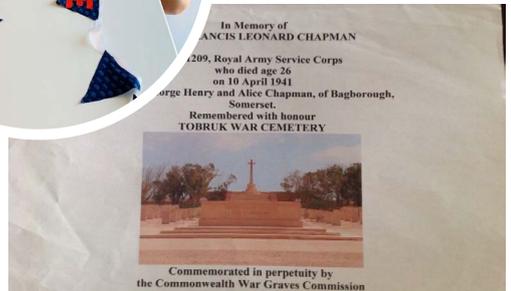
VE DAY Celebrations

It was lovely to also see some interviews pupils had carried out with grandparents and great grandparents who remembered the events of May 8th 1945

My thanks to all pupils and parents, for putting in so much time and effort to mark this historic day.

Joanna Hall-Tomkin
Assistant Head Pastoral and Head of History





we made our own bunting and had a picnic to celebrate VE Day.







Thank a Teacher Day

This Wednesday is Thank a Teacher UK Day! We are so grateful to all of our wonderful teachers here at Taunton School. If you'd like to show them your thanks with a short message or a picture, send us a message via marketing@tauntonschool.co.uk before Tuesday, and we will let them know about it through social media on Wednesday

#HowWillYouSayThankYou #ThankATeacher



Do you have an **AMAZING** teacher?
Send your messages of thanks **TODAY** so they can be featured on **National Thank A Teacher Day**

#HowWillYouSayThankYou
#ThankATeacher



An update from the Taunton School Foundation

Memories Project

Remember when...

For all OTs, Parents, Teachers and Friends around the world

Our new online "Memories Project" is available now! We are asking people to share their stories, photos and videos, to be collated, shared and ultimately used to celebrate our 175th anniversary in 2022. There's also a questionnaire for all OTs, parents and staff just for fun!

Share your career story with our students

We are asking members of our professional community, all parents and OTs included, to talk about their knowledge and experiences in a 3 minute "video selfie", to be shared with our students- many of whom would welcome some inspiration right now.

[THE TAUNTON SCHOOL MEMORIES PROJECT: CLICK HERE TO JOIN IN!](#)

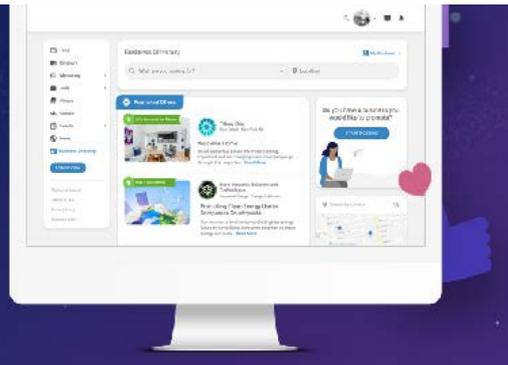
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The Foundation Team: Nadine Latte and George Cockburn

A busy few weeks for Nursery 3

Nursery Three have been incredibly busy in the past few weeks. They have been counting, looking for shapes, sorting colours, exploring floating and sinking, making boats and creating fantastic art work linked to our stories'.

Nursery 3 team



Non stop fun for Nursery 4

Nursery 4 have been having lots of fun making their own nature picture frames, counting games, phonic finder cameras, being scientists, investigating ways to make 10 and how far toys can travel, dancing and trying new foods. Not to mention getting ready for all their VE Day tea parties. We are immensely proud of all of them.

Nursery 4 team



Reception Detectives

The Reception children have had a very busy few weeks. They all enjoyed their VE Day celebrations last Friday, after a busy week preparing by making cakes, bunting and writing their own party invitations. Luckily, the sun shone and we all enjoyed our celebrations with our families outside.

This week, the children have explored pattern and the children have been creative in the ways that they have made their own patterns. Some have been outside using leaves and flowers, others inside using Lego, pencils and apples. They even became 'Pattern Detectives' and had to spot the mistakes in pre-made patterns. We were both very impressed with their detective skills. In Literacy, the children have worked hard to create their own versions of The Rainbow Fish story. They have all had some lovely ideas, including, The Rainbow Cat and The Rainbow Fairy.

We continue to be very proud of all the children and the effort they are putting in to their home learning. A big thank you to parents too for your continued support.

Mrs Wallace and Mrs Jenner, Reception Team





Year 1 invite you to their party...



Although the children weren't able to have their 'VE Day 75' Street Party at school, they more than made up for it, by having wonderful celebrations at home with their families. From creating VE Day party invitations to baking delicious cakes and making red, white and blue bunting, the children were excited from start to finish! They also learned the history of why VE Day was such a significant celebration.

Following on from last week's celebrations, the children imagined they were organising their own party. They created invitations, remembering to write the day, date and time of the party. They drew colourful illustrations and told the invitee all about the games and activities they might expect if they came to the party! Some of the party suggestions included a Heavenly Hare Party, a Birds of Prey Party, a Cat Noir and Lady Bug Party, and a Volcano Party.

They all sound very exciting! What imaginative ideas you had, Year 1.

Year 1 Team



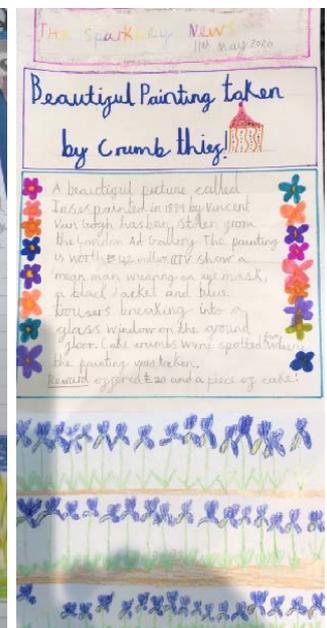
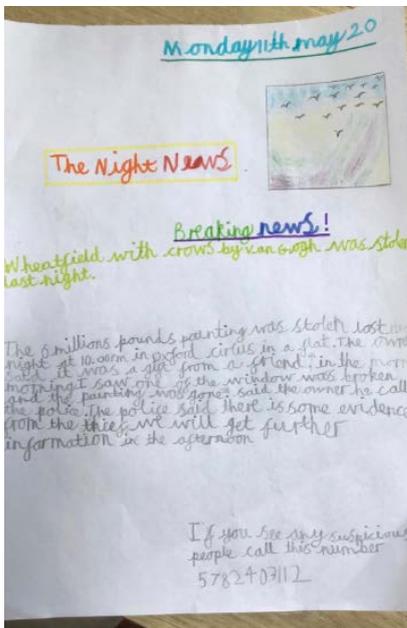
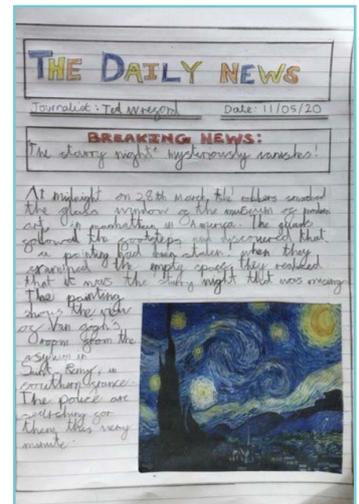
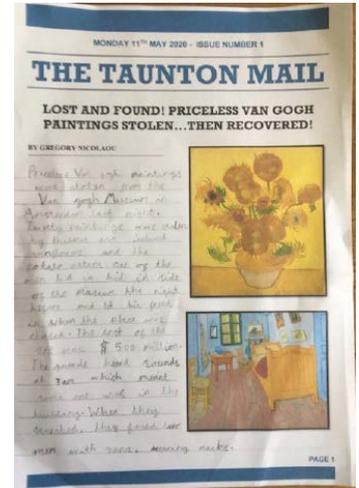
Budding Journalists



We have some budding journalists in Year 2! Inspired by the recent robbery of a Van Gogh painting making the news, this week the children have written newspaper articles reporting the theft (either real or fictitious) of Van Gogh artwork. All the articles had excellent headlines and were very informative. Many of the pupils then had fun dressing up as newsreaders and filmed themselves reporting the news from their home studios across Somerset.

An impressive week Year 2!

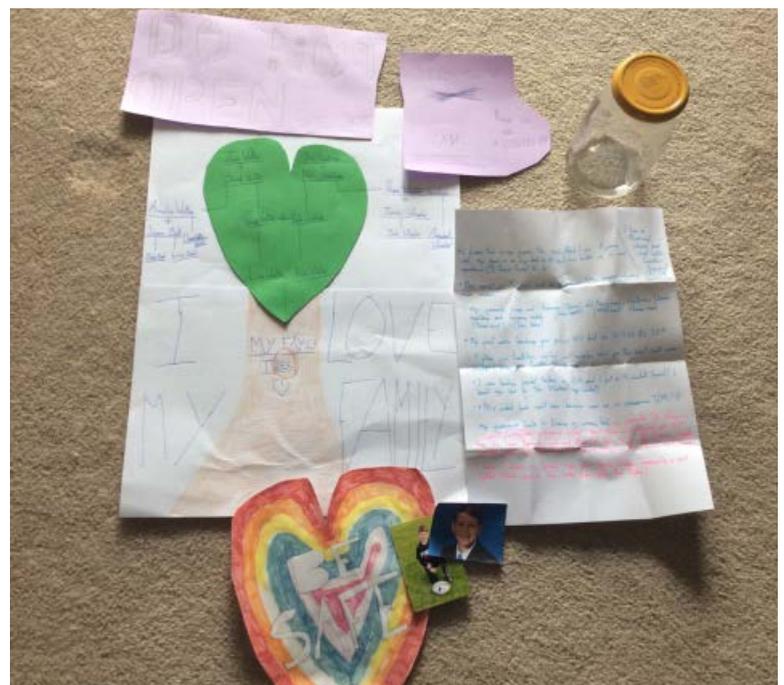
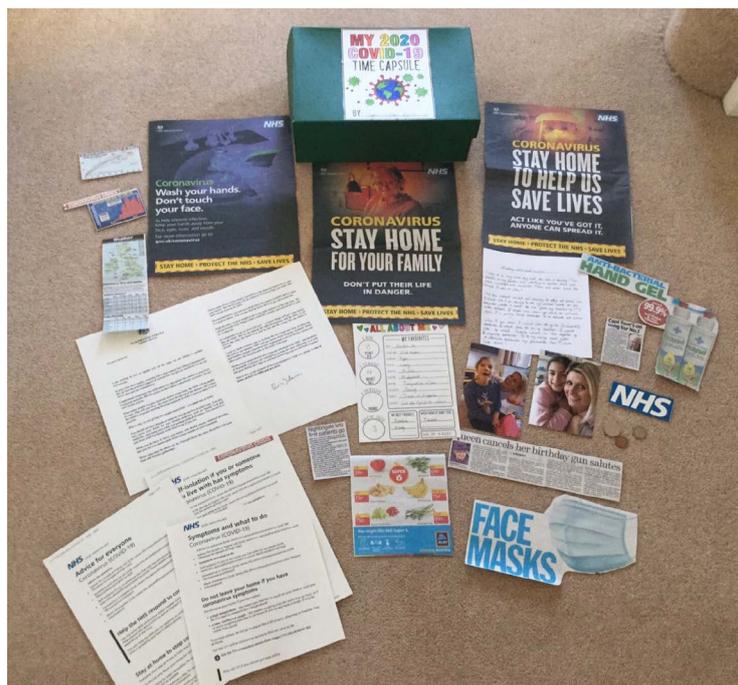
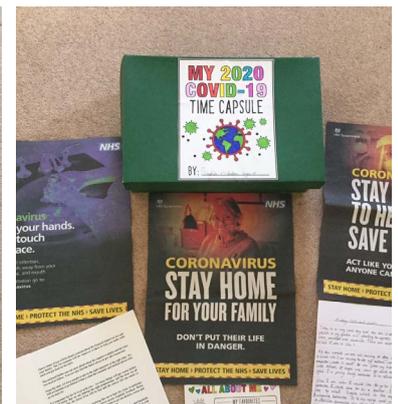
Year 2 Team



Year 3 create Time capsules

Pupils in Year 3 have really enjoyed creating time capsules related to the current COVID 19 crisis. Lots of thought has gone into the contents of each box, as well as where they will be buried and when they can be opened! Boxes have contained newspaper articles, stay at home leaflets, empty hand sanitiser bottles, audio and video clips of family members being interviewed, shopping receipts, coins, family trees, letters about themselves and family photographs. We wonder who will find these interesting time capsules in the future all about this interesting and unique era of world history.

Year 3 Team



Performing Arts

As part of Performing Arts, Year 6 were tasked with a letter challenge. Can you guess what they have spelt out using their bodies?

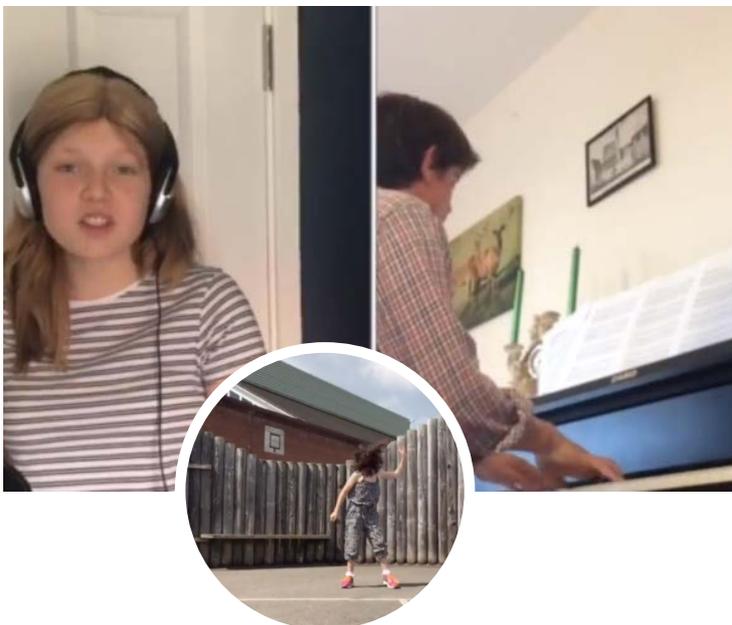


Performing Arts Cafe

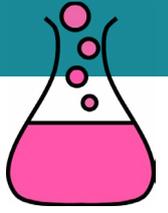
Since the Summer Term began we have had 3 Virtual Performing Arts Cafes. The latest Cafe concert is available on the TS Facebook page for your enjoyment. Thank you so much to everybody who has taken part by sending in their performances over the last few weeks. We have one more Performing Arts Cafe before half term.

Stay safe everybody and keep practising and enjoying your Music, Drama, and Dance!

Sam Baker, Music Teacher



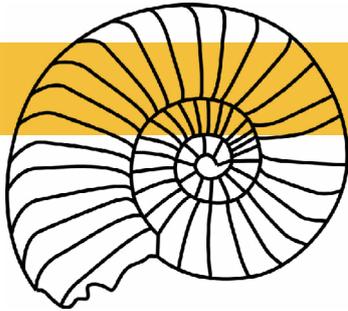
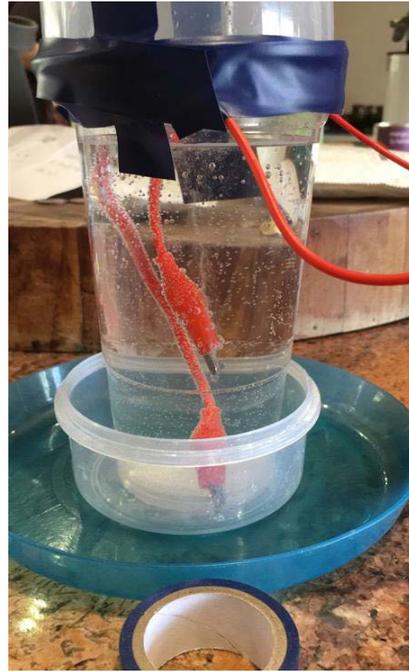
Keep Calm and get Scientific



Lockdown experiments with Louis...

Louis (Year 8) has been using his time in lockdown rather creatively to do some scientific investigations of his own. With a little guidance from Mr Waller (TS Head of Physics), Louis has undertaken a series of experiments into fuel cells to test different conditions for electrolysis. His aim is to eventually use the hydrogen and oxygen created to make a fuel cell similar to the one developed by Hyundai cars. The photos show Louis with one of his experiments and with the apparatus in operation producing bubbles of hydrogen and oxygen gas.

Mr Williams, Head of Science



Chocolate Fossils

Year 6 are learning about Earth's Geological Timescale with Mr McCarthy this term. Thomas has been busy making chocolate fossils, he is now expert in the mould & cast method of fossilisation!

Mr McCarthy, Head of Geography





Lockdown Poetry

I was delighted to read some poetry written by our pupils in response to this week's creative writing challenge, which was to write a poem on the theme of 'lockdown'. These were written by Sofia Johnson and Jack Pool, both Year 8 pupils.

Jane Burton, Head of English

A lockdown poem by Sofia Johnson...

When I ride along the lanes,
People jump into the hedges,
Seeing family upon a screen,
It's hard them being on another side of a machine.

Food shelves empty, like schools on a winter morning,
People queuing outside shops, standing 2 metres apart,
So, we are unhurt, but we have to divert,
From friends and family.

All the animals have no idea,
But they know something is different,
No planes overhead, few cars passing by,
Peace and tranquillity stand side by side.

The NHS are protecting us, especially the ones in pain,
We have to abide our stay safe and inside rule,
If we want this tragedy to be over,
Before we go back to school.

A lockdown poem by Jack Pool...

It came at the end of December
A virus we will always remember
It dramatically changed our view
Of the safe world we once knew

Suddenly we are now schooled from home
No longer allowed to play and roam
Missing the places we used to go
The holidays with sun, sea or snow.

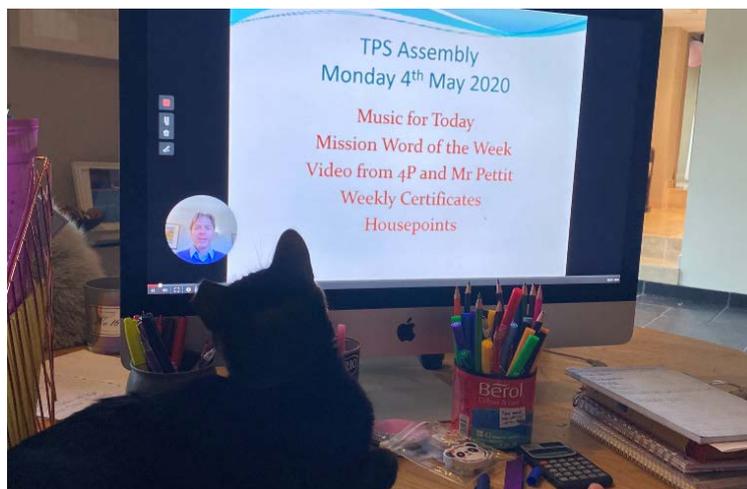
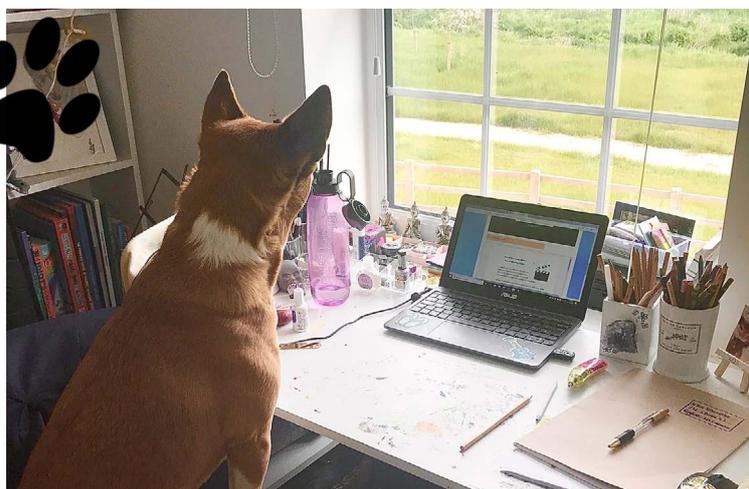
Birthdays are spent at home alone
Only speaking to relatives on the phone
It makes me feel very sad
That this is the way it has to be had.

13 tomorrow, normally a life changing day
For me in lockdown it appears a normal 9th May
Sister's baking cakes all day
I must stay in my room...Away!

Pets home learning



Some of our students have had their pets join in with their home learning this term. Year 7 student Ellie's dog decided he wanted to be involved with online learning, whilst Year 5 student Florence had her cat joining in with the TPS assembly.



Nature Notes

Children of key workers in school and members of staff have noticed interesting aspects of nature within the school that we might be so aware of in the normal busy routine of the school day.

There were some nice viewpoints and good photographic skills shown. Lucas Baker captured a lovely view of the clocktower keeping watch over the school grounds, rising high above the eerily empty TPS monkey bars in the playground. A lonely seagull in flight across the empty playing fields, as well as a new resident pigeon in the ceiling of the Ward Room play area were also snapped up. Atul Gudsoorka focused brilliantly in on the rose garden, which normally greets staff, students, and parents alike on their way in and out of the school office and Thone boarding house.

Outside the Weirfield building, there is a lovely Christmassy looking bush, currently bearing red berries, white blossom, green leaves. Only seven months till Christmas...!!

Sam Baker, Music Teacher



House Art Competition

TAUNTON SCHOOL

TPS House Art Competition

Open for years 3 - 8.
Closing date is Friday 29th May.

Roberts Dowell Cooper Loveday

House Art Competition 2020
Launches on Monday!

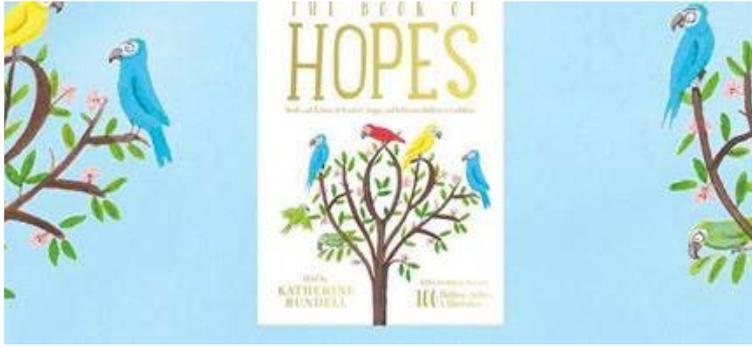
A fantastic opportunity to be creative and support your House. Years 3 to 8 can enter one piece of artwork. Will you create a drawing, a painting, a three dimensional model, ceramics, a sculpture, origami or some textiles!

Closing date: Friday 29th May 2020

More information will be provided by form tutors on Monday.

Chris Kemble, Head of Art

Reading



It is wonderful to hear that the pupils are enjoying their usual class texts during this period of home learning, from *The Railway Children* in Year 3, *Beowulf* in Year 6 and non-fiction articles in Year 8. According to the National Reading Agency, there has been a 31% increase in reading since lockdown began with a surge in new library memberships. With our own school library inaccessible at the moment, it is worth remembering that Audible are currently offering a free audio library with hundreds of titles available.

Any existing or potential Harry Potter fans might like to visit www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home where different celebrities are each reading a chapter of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', starting with Daniel Radcliffe at Chapter One. There is also a free collection of short stories with contributions from more than 100 children's writers and illustrators in *The Book of Hopes*. This book, edited by Katherine Rundell, is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals and is available at www.literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes.

Finally I have a live Book Club running on Thursdays from 4.00-4.30. All pupils are most welcome to join to discuss their current reading book and get ideas for new books.

Jane Burton, Head of English

KS3 Reading Challenge

Well done to the following pupils who were the highest achievers in the recent KS3 Reading Challenge. They will all receive a prize in the post from Mr Edwards!

**Olivia Foster
George Tarr
Katrina McAllister
Lilly Adams
Eva di Capua
Brook Kirtland**

The challenge was designed to encourage pupils to read a variety of new genres. In total, 334 books were read by Year 7 and 372 by Year 8! Well done to all those who took part.

Jane Burton, Head of English



Macbeth

Royal Shakespeare Company

In 2018, Year 8 enjoyed a superb performance of Macbeth at the RSC in Stratford, with Christopher Eccleston and Niamh Cusack playing the main parts. This performance, along with others, is now available to view on BBC iPlayer as part of the BBC's Culture in Quarantine Project. Highly recommended for all our Year 8 pupils who studied the play last term.

Many of you may also enjoy a light-hearted version of Macbeth which is being live-streamed by touring theatre company, Oddsocks Productions, this Friday at 7pm. Andy Barrow, along with his wife and daughter, will be performing the 30 minute version of the Shakespearean tragedy at home using seven cameras and a range of household items!

Watch the free live performance at oddssocks.co.uk/stay-home-shakespeare.



The Bridport Prize



The Bridport Prize is an international writing competition and we have a young writer award worth £500 for budding writers aged 16 to 25.

Deadline for poetry, short story, flash fiction and the novel is 31 May.

You can find out more at the link below or please, get in touch.

<https://www.bridportprize.org.uk/news/young-writer-award-worth-500/>

Letter from Famous Author...



Laila, Year 1, used this period of lockdown to write a letter to her favourite author, Claire Barker, who wrote the Knitbone Pepper stories. Laila was very excited to receive a personal letter and a badge from the author herself. Claire Barker commented on Laila's wonderful illustrations and said that the Knitbone Pepper stories were lots of fun to write. Claire said she was very happy that Laila enjoyed reading them. What a special letter to treasure forever!

Mrs Lawson, Year 1 Teacher

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