

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

It has been a week of some significance beyond our lockdown lives with Storm Christophe battering much of the UK and Donald Trump finally leaving the White House to be replaced by Joe Biden. In other news, I talked to the boys in assembly about the arrest of Alexei Navalny, leader of the opposition in Russia, upon his planned return to Moscow earlier in the week. Mr Navalny, you may recall, was the victim of a serious nerve agent poisoning last year and very nearly died. After a long period of recuperation in Germany, he determined to return to his homeland and continue his quest of anti-corruption.

Whilst the flight was in mid-air, the captain received instructions to divert the aircraft from its intended destination, and, upon landing, Mr Navalny was separated from his family by threat of force and detained. I explained to the pupils that Mr Navalny showed courage in his convictions, an example of integrity in action, by not taking the easy option and fighting his cause from the comfort of another country – which he could easily have done given his huge following on social media. Instead, he decided to lead by example with scant regard to the grave personal danger it represented. I, for one, will be following developments with interest. It is all too often that we take for granted the fundamental British values of democracy and freedom of speech, for which Mr Navalny is prepared to risk his life.

Meanwhile, here at KHS, the pupils and staff have continued to exhibit creative and enterprising ways to make the best of the online learning experience; there are some fantastic examples overleaf to lift your spirits ahead of the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Murphy

Headmaster



Caron Alford

I am sad to report that Caron, a loyal colleague and friend of KHS for many years, passed away this week after a long illness. Caron was a great character with a wicked sense of humour and our lives were richer for knowing her. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.



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Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

JANUARY 2021		WEEK 2	
Monday	25	0840 0845 From 1610	Divisional Assembly online Class Reps meeting online 11B Parents' Evening via School Cloud
Tuesday	26	From 1715	11W Parents' Evening via School Cloud
Wednesday	27	0840 1700	Whole School Assembly online Sixth Form Information Evening online
Thursday	28		
Friday	29		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter



KHA Online Quiz Night

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 26 February 2021

Details and link to be sent nearer the time...

See you online!

A reminder from our ELSA Ms Timothy...

More on parental mental health and well-being [here](#).

Self-care is often misunderstood. It's not limited to meditation, bath bombs, or indulgent foods. Self-care is speaking to yourself with compassion, knowing your limits, and making the daily choice to create a life you don't need to regularly escape from.



make a
difference
give a laptop

Our very own **George D in 6L** had his '15 Minutes of Fame' the other night on BBC Look North (East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) on 14th. January at 6:30pm. George has been assisting with the collection and cleaning of old laptops in attempt to help other children learn on line. Thank you, George—great community spirit shown. More information about where you can donate an old laptop to help other families can be found [here](#) Mrs Lindley

Mission Accomplished - Well done Junior Codebreaker!!

...and well done to **Bogdan P in 8T** who independently took on some online challenges and competitions set by Bletchley Park! It all sounds very exciting and worth getting involved with!

Mme Taylor



Parents, if you have the time and inclination to do so, **Ivan T in 8L** has set up a short survey to gather evidence and opinion to help with his IPQ project. Please find the link [here](#). It is about pupils and staff using technology for learning. Thank you in advance.

Please find Mr Murphy's topical thoughts for the week and the pupils who have been 'Mentioned in Dispatches' for something noteworthy recently. **You can read the names of pupils nominated below and see the HM Blog [here](#):**

LOWER PREP

1 & 2L

Zayn J for being so engaged in our online lessons and working really hard! Mrs Lambert

Johnny D who produced a wonderful video showing three different actions that we can do at different tempos. Miss Foster

Ebrahim B who did an excellent job at cracking a very difficult Tempo Crossword. Miss Foster

3M

Ciaran P who was amazing in maths. He was adding two 3 digit numbers together. Well done! Mrs Marskell

4S

Fraser S who has been working really hard in maths even though we are doing the very tricky topic of 'Time'! He has been persevering! Well done! Miss Smith

Ryan B created his own art work based on a Star Wars theme. Mrs Wraith

All Lower Prep pupils for their fantastic sock puppets and thanks to parents for supporting and assisting in this! Mrs Wraith

UPPER PREP

5F

Harry B for his work in English. Ms Forbes

Zac W for his maths work. Ms Forbes

5S

Enzo B-P for working so hard and diligently in all his lessons this week. Mrs Seiver

Fraser B for showing perseverance when the Maths got hard! Mrs Seiver

5S – I have had so much fun taking afternoon registration for 5S. Each afternoon we have a lovely chat. It has become a highlight of my day so thank you, boys. Miss Foster

5S and 5F, both classes work extremely well in French, they are always ready at the start of the lesson and are the best Year group (so far) at returning work to me. A big well done to all of the boys. Madame Swift

Sam F-L because he gets on with his online learning and he will always ask nicely if he is struggling with his work so can get help from those on site and the teacher online. He also participates really well in the PE we do in the afternoon. Mr Westcott

6L

Online etiquette in 6L is fabulous; I teach all boys for English and most for Maths. They are on time and waiting for the lesson; behaviour is fabulous creating a nice environment, conducive to learning. Mr Clarke

Both 6L and 6S have made an excellent start on their 'what is music' topic this term, with some touching descriptions of what music means to them and for sticking with me when I made them listen to some unconventional music. Miss Foster

6S

Izyan Siddiqui has shown great maturity and behaved so well while he is working remotely at school. Mme Swift

Disputes Continued...

UPPER PREP

7BA

Theo M and Zachary H for their continued efforts with the remote learning. Mr Barratt

Theo W for his greater focus and effort in remote learning. Mr Barratt

Conor T – particularly helpful and sensible in online lessons. Mme Taylor

Avaneesh G for creating a fantastic interactive Quiz on the CPU and hardware. Mrs Webb

Ethan C for a very well designed CPU test. Mrs Webb

Jasper W for an excellent CPU and hardware Quiz. Mrs Webb

7BI

Pryank has become more confident with using Teams; he is contributing in form time and this week it has been lovely to hear him talking about his birthday! Miss Black

Oliver D has been spending his time well during this lockdown; he received a microscope for Christmas which he is excited to use and this week has made a 'double decker chocolate cake with sprinkles' which looks delicious! Miss Black

Joshua I for the perseverance and resilience shown in last week's maths lessons. Keep up the great work ethic. Mr Sukhdeo

7P

Will H for his excellent online etiquette! Miss Patel

Sergio A-H in 7P for his great efforts and contributions in lessons. Miss Patel

Noah S, Joseph H and Emir O for creating excellent quizzes on the CPU. Mrs Webb

8L

James C and Daniel P for outstanding work and effort in History. Mr Laudy

Ruari F, Oscar D'A, Charles L, Alexander H and Joe S for completing the binary quiz and achieving full marks. Mrs Webb

8T

All of 8T for their extremely mature contribution to discussions in both form time and PSHE. Mme Taylor

Bogdan P for some really interesting questions in science! Miss Patel

SENIORS

9H

Ismail M for coping remarkably well with online lessons despite the intermittent connection he is currently experiencing overseas! IM has made a concerted effort to also get work back to me on time; great levels of endeavour shown! Mr Sukhdeo

Enan A and Max G for me have been consistent all week; always on time and work has been good. Mr Hendry

9T

Ted R, Folu A, James G, Marcus G and Ali Al-R for their consistent promptness to afternoon form time, good morale and eager readiness for a chat. Mr Twinley

10H

The form have been very active looking after their physical and mental well-being, with plenty of running, cycling, shooting of basketball hoops and dog-walking. Even Mrs Haunstetter has been out running!

Eddie F for his efforts and contributions in lessons. Miss Patel

Disputations Continued...

SENIORS

10W

10W Parents evening, I felt that the 10W boys showed resilience and adaptability when dealing with the unexpected changes that were forced upon them that evening when School Cloud crashed and all meetings suddenly moved back to Teams. Mrs Weston

Alastair D was presented with his Chief Scouts Gold award recently; well done to him for completing many challenges to earn this prestigious award. Mrs Weston

11B

Oliver P for the continued contributions to his DT coursework so far this term. Mr Bailey

Oliver P has been working hard in Science; he always asks questions if he is unsure and has been showing endeavour with his revision. Miss Black

James T for outstanding art work produced over the Christmas holidays. Mrs Wraith

11W

Theo B, Hasan J and Guy N all wrote beautiful and meaningful pieces based upon the values of Integrity. Mrs Wraith

Jazib A and Freddie H both wrote a good answer to their 15marker question – keep it up please. Mrs Weston

Our Divisional Heads were pleased to see the majority of boys logged in for their Assembly; they were reminded about being resilient and boosting your own mood with simple actions like smiling at those around you and being kind online.



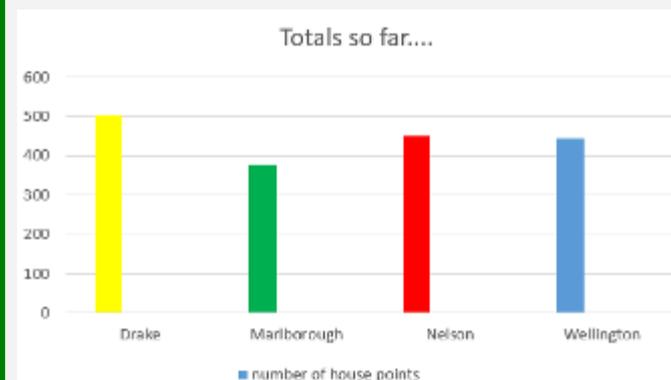
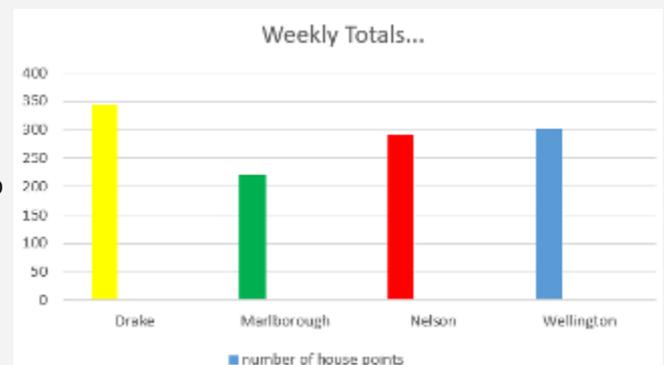
HOUSE POINTS

This week's totals are in!

A very large number of house points are being awarded – everyone must be working so hard at home so well done!

This week, Marlborough and Nelson slipped to the bottom

two places, while Wellington and Drake earned over 300 house points in just a week! Super work, boys!



In total....

Marlborough need to start thinking of more ways to earn some more house points to catch up as they sit in 4th place, Wellington just slip

to 3rd place, 6 points behind competitors Nelson in 2nd! While Drake storm to the front, with a 53 point lead!

A fine competition and the term has only just started! I look forward to seeing how this can all change again in a week's time! *Miss Smith*

COMMENDATIONS

The following commendations have been awarded to boys in each subject area or from their Form Teacher in a subject.

<u>Music</u>	<u>Art</u>	<u>Art continued</u>	<u>Computer Science</u>	<u>PE</u>
Avaneesh G 7BA	Peter S 5F	Joshua I 7BL	Ted R 9T	Jack B-A 9T
Noah S 7P	Byron M 5F	Jamil N	Pete D 9T	Ted B-A 8L
Joe H 7P	Elliot N 7BL	Jonathan B 7BL	Yejun L 9T	Theo W 7BA
	Raphael M 1L	Rex T 6L	Jack B-A 9H	Elliot N 7BL
	Ryan B 4S	Hugo D 10H	Enan A 9H	
	Jeremy B 6L	Jack C 8T	Joseph S 9H	
	Ben H 8T	Frankie L 5S	Joseph W 7BA	
	Tharani V 8T	Theo W 7BA		
	Ryan L 10H			

Ryan B (2) Ben S & Torin A-I 4S: Maths. Mrs Marskell

Ciaran P, Zach Bl, Zach Bo, Toby H & William N-B 3M: Maths. Mrs Marskell

Zachary Bl, Zach Bo, Gregory C, William N-B, Ciaran P, Jamie C & Toby H 3M: Creative topic work. Mrs Marskell

The whole of Year 5: Science. Mrs Seiver

James Mc D 7BA: Science. Mr Barratt

Kieran S 6S: Spellings. Mrs Swift

Raphael M 1L: Maths. Mrs Lambert

Ebrahim B 2L: Maths. Mrs Lambert

Zayn J & James W 2L: Class work. Mrs Lambert

Ted R 2L: Class work. Mrs Lambert

Benji A, Ed B, Rhys B, Harry B, Jamil H (2) Maximillian K, Byron M (2) Henry S, Peter S, Harrison W & Zac W 5F: Class work. Ms Forbes

Arun A, Samuel A, Fraser B, Lucas C, Alexander F, Nathaniel J, Frankie L & George P 5S: Classwork. Ms Forbes

William B 6L: Science. Mr Barratt

James C, Alex H & Matthew M 8L: Maths. Mrs Lindley

Jonathan B 7BL: French. Mme Swift

Tobias v-H 8T: Science. Miss Patel

Zach Bl, Ciaran P, William N-B, Zach Bo, Gregory C, Jamie C & Toby H 3M: English / story writing. Mrs Marskell

Michael C 11W: Maths. Mr Sukhdeo

Zachary Y, William B, Dylan N, Daniel G, Derin U & Lauti Y (2) 6L: English. Mr Clarke

Rex T, George D & Tristan B 6L: Maths. Mr Clarke

Jamie C 3M: OT work. Mrs Blore



Junior Master Chef in 7BA...

We can only imagine what Mr Barratt has been saying to his class to inspire them online, but judging by the plethora of images sent in, they are all aiming high for Junior Master Chef sometime soon!



Fantastic effort boys—such a great life skill to have a passion in food preparation and serving; bet your families are thrilled too.

These delicious dishes comprise a Lamb Hotpot (done in the slow cooker!) Butternut Squash soup with Cheesy Ciabatta Croutons,



Special Family Chicken Curry, a self-crafted Burger, chips and salad and finally, Veggie Rice with Sweet & Sour Chicken—

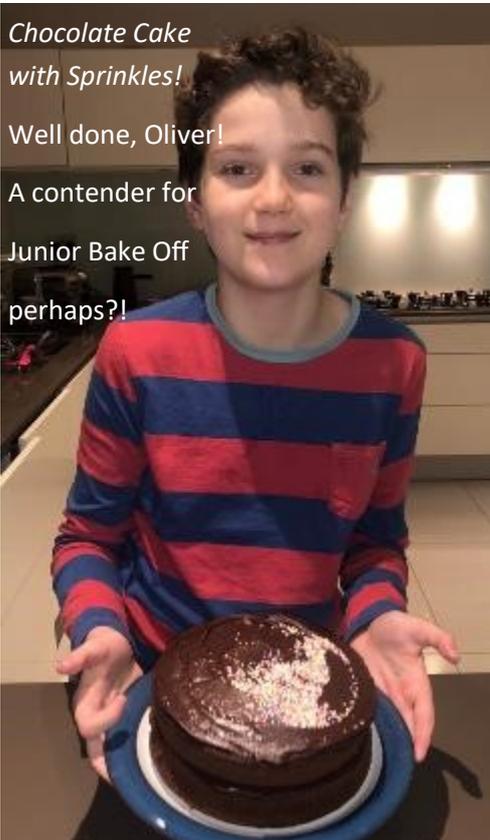


move over Jamie Oliver, James Martin *et al* there are some new chefs in town!!

Chocolate Cake with Sprinkles!

Well done, Oliver!

A contender for Junior Bake Off perhaps?!



Music News

Miss Foster shares with us the following,



“Kevin T in 6S started to have lessons with Professor Christopher Hinterhuber in December 2020. Professor Hinterhuber is the Head of Piano Department at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna and Kevin is his only student who is younger than 16 years old! He picked up Kevin from about 200 young musicians. Kevin is very lucky to have this opportunity to follow a piano master at this young age.



The professor told us that Kevin was born for music and for playing piano. If Kevin continues working hard, he has a very high chance to attend the Viennese university to study with him.

Kevin recently passed his Grade 6 on Drum Kit in December 2020 so excellent news and a major achievement—many congratulations”.

Integrity

Some impactful, honest thoughts on 'Integrity' straight from the heart of 15 year old boys... Mrs Wraith was delighted to read these responses—thank you for considering and writing these boys—the examples re very well thought out too!

"Integrity is the quality of having strong ethical or moral principles and following them at all times, no matter who's watching. A person with integrity acts constantly with honesty and truthfulness..."

Integrity should be seen in everyone and generally is at Kingswood House—whether we're in school, away at a match or trip and in our own free time at home. Even during this hard time...

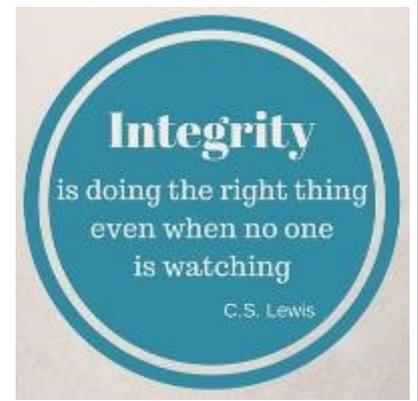
Integrity will help you hugely - from asking a friend for a simple favour, through to getting a well-paid job. People will notice integrity in their first impression of you. It can be noticed in many ways in the modern world we live in today; through social media, in an email, videos, on a phone call and of course, in person. It plays a huge part in a person's judgement; if you show great integrity then they will trust you more and let, or ask you to do jobs which require much more responsibility. Other people respect you more when you show integrity so therefore you will be able to improve your life further in so many ways. There really are very few disadvantages in having or showing integrity whatever stage you are at in life!"

"Examples of integrity:

An example of integrity can be seen in the actions of a footballer called Marcus Rashford who stood up for what is morally right. At a time where the government was questioning the allowance of free school meals, the footballer used his platform to raise awareness and call for a change. Having been a child who was brought up in a poor family, he understands the pain the families have to go through just to get a meal on the table. He has now ensured no child goes hungry which is how it should be. For his efforts, Marcus Rashford has received an MBE which is all because of the integrity he has shown.

The NHS are another example of integrity. The front-line workers have risked their lives every day for the sake of other patients. They have come out to help people who are suffering in this pandemic. They are heroes for this country and without their integrity, we would have been in a much worse situation

Teachers have also shown integrity. At a time when it was uncertain whether school would open or not due to the increased number of cases and deaths, the teachers worked extremely hard to ensure that the students had the best experience possible, whether that be in school, or through Microsoft Teams online learning".



Congratulations!

We were delighted to hear that Alastair in 10W was presented with his Chief Scouts' Gold badge recently which made him only one of two scouts in his troop (8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts) to obtain the award in 2020! The Chief Scouts Gold is the highest award a scout can get under the age of 14 ½ years.

To obtain the award Alastair had to complete nine challenges consisting of a number of activities and tasks, including for his expedition challenge, planning a hike to Box Hill, camping overnight and returning.

The Chief Scout Gold award is often likened to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze achievement; however, scouts are younger when they undertake it.

Well done, Alastair, everyone is very proud of your success.



Lockdown Learning!

This week the saw staff a huge range of tasks and activities completed and evidence sent in including videos of daily exercise regimes, cycling stats to keep fit, a vast array of mazes designed and built both at home and by boys in school in the Lower Prep, some nifty Science investigation into how much CO2 was present in fizzy drinks, a moon buggy built out of Lego, worksheets neatly filled, articles and essays attempted and lots more besides! Oh yes, and never underestimate how much family pets like to be involved in the learning too...!

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THE KINGSWOOD NEWS

FRANZ FERDINAND AND SOPHIE SHOT DEAD.

Then it all kicked off...and very quickly

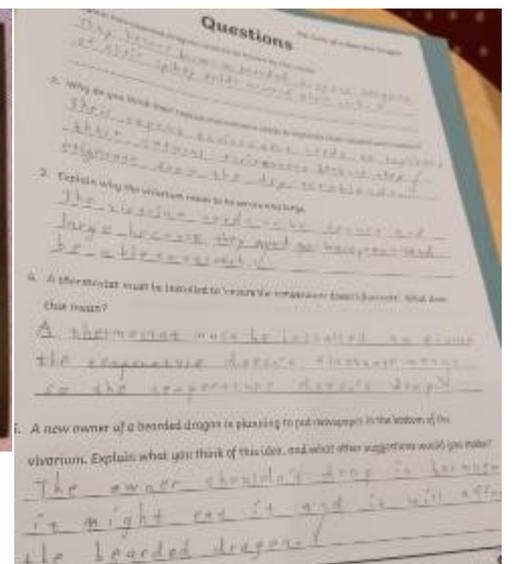


MAN FOUND IN BIN!!!

A man was found in a bin but this might just be rubbish.

On a relaxing afternoon today in Sarajevo, Franz and his wife Sophie were assassinated by Gavrilo Princip from the Serbian gang called the Black Hand Gang. To make it worse, Sophie was pregnant and they also shot the driver. A passer by said that Franz last words were, "SOPHIE".

We are being told that this assassination has caused massive problems. Austria are blaming Serbia who are allies with Russia. A source has told us that Russia are threatening Austria which could cause even BIGGER problems as they are allies with Germany who will not only go to war with Russia but also want to invade and take over France. This would be a big problem as France are allies with Britain. It's a big fat mess and could POSSIBLY be the start of a MASSIVE world war. More news as it happens.

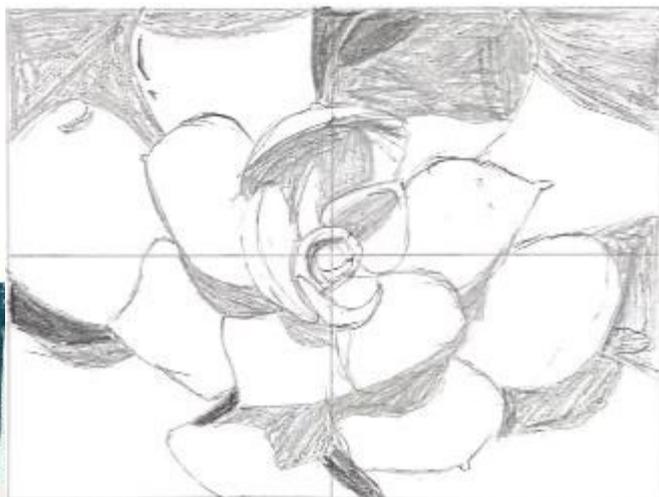
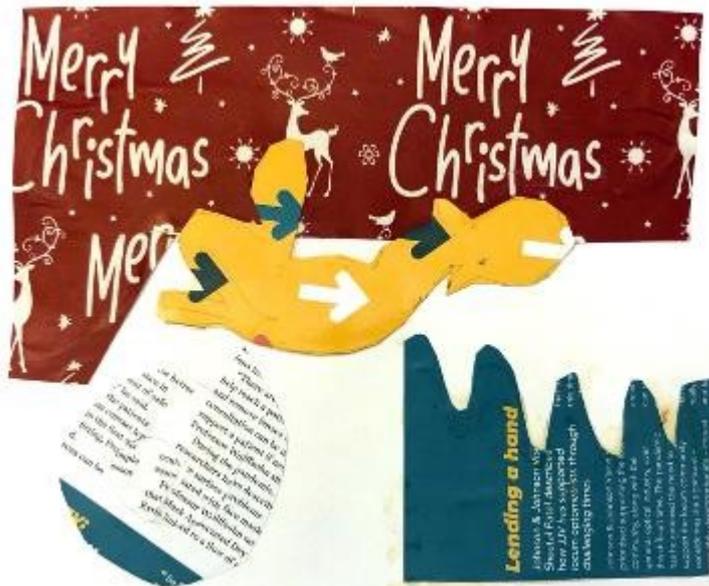


Lower Prep Headwear Task!

Mrs Wraith and the form teachers have had some super images in of all the hats, crowns and headgear that have grown from people's imagination at home. There are some super materials being used to create some excellent wearable structures! Thanks to all the parental support in this task... Philip Treacy had better watch out at the next Royal Wedding?!



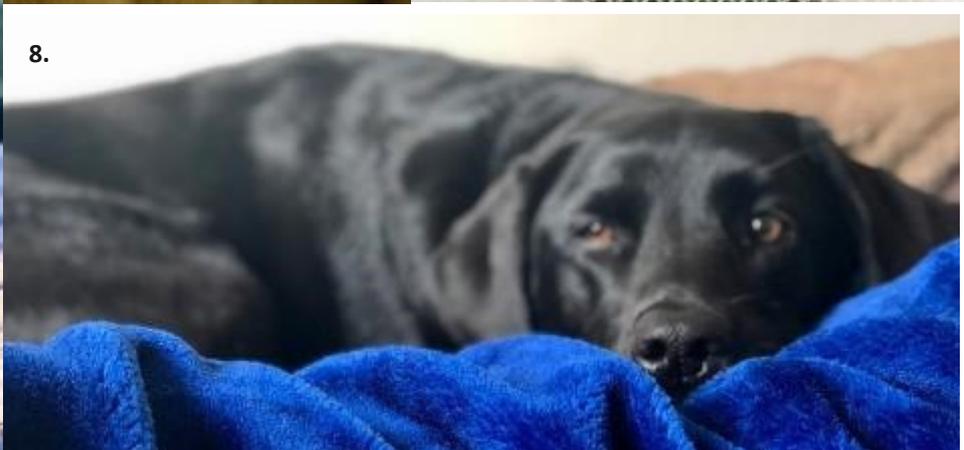
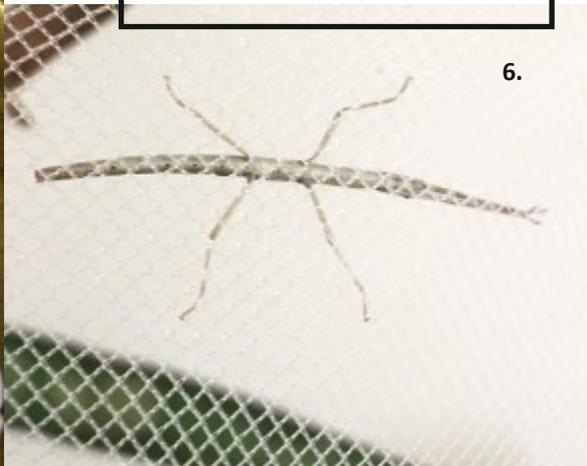
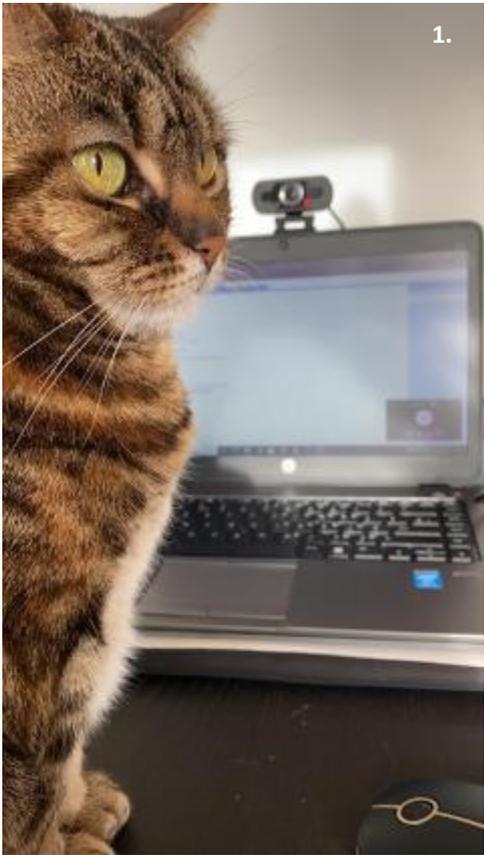
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Creativity Corner!

Mrs Wraith has, once more this week, been delighted to see many examples of creativity at home—from Matisse inspired collages, tonal drawings aided by a grid, lively textured sock puppets and even a 3D relief panel made out of tin foil and inspired by a scene in Star Wars! Well done, boys.





Staff Pet Corner!

The constant companionship of our furry friends is more important than ever during lockdown so we thought we would share with you some of the staff's pets... do meet,

1. Miss Marble, 2. Charlie, 3. Nibbles, 4. Tessa, 5. Ivy, 6. Sticki, 7. Cally and 8. Lilly

Can you hazard a guess as to which staff families they belong to?!

More to follow next week...!