

KINGSWOOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
25 June 2021

KHS IS MOVING TO CO-EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER 2021 - find out more [here](#)

New RECEPTION CLASS opening up September 2021—find out more [here](#)

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Dear Parents

Last Monday, the boys and staff in Lower Prep braved torrential conditions for their long-awaited visit to the beach; I commend their fortitude because they did not allow the inclement weather to dampen their ardour!

Equally, some of our talented artists enjoyed a mid-week trip up to London to see the Banksy exhibition as a part of our Gifted, Talented & Interested (GTi) programme. Thank you to Mrs Maciejewska and Mr Sukhdeo for organising an inspiring day out.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 6 who completed their assessments this week; I know that your teachers are very proud of your efforts.

Miss Patel and Form 7P prepared a wonderful assembly on Wednesday morning, written and performed in-house, with a game-show theme. It was marvellous to see such a creative sense of humour and genuine stage-presence. A media career beckons for some, I suspect...

On Thursday evening, one of our school governors, HH Judge Georgina Kent, presented a fascinating insight into her career in law. With the advent of KHS becoming co-educational, it was most instructive to hear about her successful journey into a predominantly male profession.

Today has seen the culmination of a new House Arts Competition with some excellent enterprise on show; do look out for a full report in next week's edition of the newsletter.

Finally, I am looking forward to England's last sixteen clash against Germany on Tuesday evening; it brings back all sorts of nostalgia about Euro '96, and even Italia '90, but I hope our team focuses on the present, not the past, to put those memories to bed once and for all. Penalty shootout, anyone??

I wish you a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

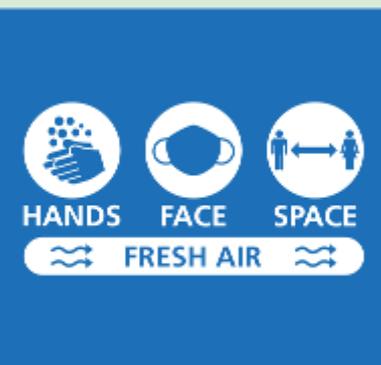
Duncan Murphy
Headmaster



Mr Murphy enjoyed the company of the Upper Prep Student Council last week...

**WINNERS
DON'T
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CHANCES,
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THEM.**

The Kingswood House Way

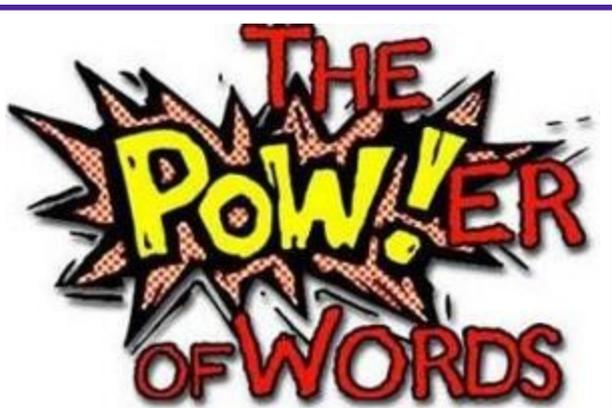


Please find below the calendar dates for next week and any current notices:

2021 JUNE / JULY WEEK 2			
Monday	28	1430-1615 1100	Girls' Taster Afternoon—virtual event, 'Tea & Talk' with families Divisional Heads' Pupil Briefing
Tuesday	29	All day 1700	Senior House Cricket 10W Careers Meetings for boys & Parents via School Cloud
Wednesday	30	0845 0930-1200 All day	Assembly Lower Prep Forest School Upper Prep House Cricket 10H Careers Meetings for boys & Parents via School Cloud
Thursday	01		Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Friday	02		Headmaster's Blog & Weekly Newsletter

LUNCH MENU—week beginning 28 June 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Tomato Sauce (V) with Bacon and Spaghetti Fresh Fruit; Yoghurts	Beef & Onion Pie; Macaroni Cheese (V) with Selection of Vegetables Fresh Fruit; Choc Ice	Sweet & Sour Chicken; Sweet & Sour Crunchy Vegetables with Spicy Noodles Fresh Fruit; Jam Tart	Toad in the Hole; Vegetarian Sausages (V) with Seasonal Vegetables Fresh Fruit; Jelly	Fish Fingers, Oven Chips and Fresh Vegetables Fresh Fruit; Butter-scotch Tart



This week, Tuesday was the 21st of June, also known as the Summer Solstice, but where do the origins of the word **solstice** come from?

The first record of the word dates back to the 1200s, it takes its root from the Latin word 'solstitium' 'sol' meaning sun and 'sistere' meaning to stand still. So, the word solstice, literally means 'the standing still of the sun'. Because at the solstice the sun's daily path, as seen from earth, pauses at a northern or southern limit before reversing direction.

Madame Swift

Open Letter to all Parents of Secondary Age School Children from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson

Dear Parents

Please see the link [here](#) for an open letter to all parents from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson.

Mr Williamson wrote on Friday 18.06.2021 to secondary school and college parents and guardians in England to talk about the importance of regular testing when it comes to keeping Covid out of the classroom.

As a school we have been asked to make you aware of this and encourage you to read it.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs S Witts



Department
for Education

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

James W for working so hard on his recent assessments. Mrs Lambert

Maye B and James W - for excellent rhythm work in our Elimination game whilst bucket drumming this week. Both nearly beat me, but not quite! Miss Foster

3M

Zachary B and William N-B for amazing handwriting. They had to copy a poem out and both of their handwriting was perfect! Delightful to see boys. Mrs Marskell

Toby H and Gregory C- for their contribution to choir this term. They have shown great commitment, even as the youngest members, and have been singing fantastically. Also, Hugh H for keeping me entertained on break duty with his conversations about music; it is indeed interesting to think about whether you need to be tall to play the Double Bass and I look forward to hearing him play his ukulele soon! Miss Foster

Hugh H who is always so enthusiastic in all the French topics we cover plus Gregory Chung, always eager to help others with French words. Mme Swift

4S

Hugo H for showing hard work whilst learning about living things and their habitats in science. Miss Smith

Form 4S who in general are always a delight to teach and brighten up my Wednesday afternoons! Mme Swift

Also to note, a huge 'Well Done' to all of Lower Prep for their excellent behaviour on our trip to Goring beach; we all had a good time and the boys were a pleasure to take out! Mrs Lambert

UPPER PREP

5F

Harry W, Eddie B and Max K for some super work in English. Ms Forbes

Benji A playing well in the Colts B team and Harry B stepping up and being a great captain for the Colts D team. Mr Hendry

Bertie L showed perseverance when doing Basketball Percussion - despite finding it difficult, Bertie continued to join in until he could do it; it was great to see, and hear! Miss Foster

5S

Nathan J for continuing to keep the classroom equipped with soap, paper towels and tissues; every morning Nathan comes into the classroom and checks we have everything we need for the day. He also returns the Prep register to the office if it has been left here and offers help to classmates if they need it. I'm not sure how I'm going to manage without you next year, Nathan! Mrs Seiver

Kai C for making a super-human effort not to get stressed when he doesn't understand his work. We are seeing more and more smiles as the term progresses, Kai, and it's such a lovely sight! Also, finally, someone else who gets my dreadful jokes as well as Arun does! Mrs Seiver

Sam F-L, Frankie L (5S) and Max K (5F) - Excellent work with 'Basketball Percussion' - all listened to instructions and had fun making music with unusual objects. Miss Foster

Arun A - Congratulations for an outstanding distinction in his Grade 3 Piano exam. Your hard work and perseverance have paid off and you thoroughly deserve to be proud of your accomplishment! Miss Foster

Fraser B who offered to help when a boy had fallen and badly hurt himself. Ms Forbes

Disputes Continued...

6L

Lauti Y is nominated by me for showing a good mental attitude in relation to his assessments because he tried really hard to keep on top of his emotions. Mrs Lindley

Jackson W – a notable performance, playing well last week and filling in last minute for the Colts B team. Mr Hendry

Hussain K has been showing great improvement in music. Not only is he concentrating and trying his best in class, but he is also doing fantastically well in his guitar lessons. Excellent work! Miss Foster

Dylan N who earned a commendation for his excellent explanation of how to form the past tense. Mme Swift

6S

Josh D and Kieran S for their great contributions in class discussions. Mme Swift

Freddie T being a great role model to the Colts D team. Mr Hendry

Well done to all of our Forms 6L and 6S for their valiant efforts with assessments. Mr Clarke

7BA

Jasper W is showing excellent maturity in his learning. Mr Barratt

Josh McC - when he realized that he was becoming distracted in class, he took the initiative and asked to move seats so he could focus and work to the best of his ability. This showed real maturity; very well done, Josh. Miss Foster

7BL

Josh I has taken part in the Citizenship enrichment programme and made a recycled robot bigger than himself! Fantastic work, Josh! Miss Black

Luca S-S has been getting involved with form time discussion and shows endeavour in so doing; keep it up. Miss Black

7P

Michael S for always being super helpful around the classroom; Enzo Reed for some brilliant contributions during PHSE; Noah Seager for always doing a superb job as the student council representative. Miss Patel

Many Year 7s have responded well to discussions regarding applying for a role of responsibility. I have already had seven applications which is fabulous. Well done to Theo M, Noah S, Beau C, Max R and Ethan C for being so organised. Mr Clarke

8L

Well done to all boys in 8L who took part in our assembly on wellbeing last week. Mr Laudy

8T

Max H, Lukas C and Sam M for making some mature and thought-provoking contributions to PSHE lessons. Mme Taylor

Ben Hu has been proactive in his approach to writing a speech for prize giving. A diligent and professional approach. Well done, Ben! Mr Clarke

Well done to both Stuart C and Ben C who played their final competitive match for the school last week. They have been outstanding sportsman for the school throughout their time with us. Mr Laudy

Patrick G and Max H for huge focus in lessons. Mr Barratt

Well done to those in Year 7 and 8 who took part in, and received awards for the UKMT Junior Maths challenge – the results of which were reported last week in the Newsletter. There were some very well-deserved, high placings amongst our boys. Mrs Lindley

Disputes Continued...

SENIORS

9H

Ismail M & Barnaby H for good efforts all week in lessons. Mr Hendry

Ted H for good understanding and a great work rate - exceeding expectations! Mr Barratt

Barnaby H is thinking about exam technique when completing his prep; he is taking the feedback that I give him on board which is helping him make progress. Miss Black

Jack B-A consistently shows a positive attitude in Science; he is enthusiastic and engages well in the lessons. Miss Black

9T

Tommy C for resilience and determination in reading "An Inspector Calls", also Pete D for balancing humour and maturity in PSHE. Mr Twinley

Folu A - Congratulations for your excellent result in your Grade 3 Piano. You should be so proud - Well done! Miss Foster

Harvey W and Marcus G for good understanding and great work rate - exceeding expectations! Mr Barratt

10H

Cameron A reacted to being told he needed to self-isolate in a very mature manner and has been taking responsibility for ensuring he has got sufficient work to be completing at home. Mrs Haunstetter

Owain F and Eddie F for their work on their documentaries on the historical context of "An Inspector Calls"; also, a special mention to Sam S in the same group for his incredible editing skills to create an impressive, very professional-looking video. Mr Twinley

10W

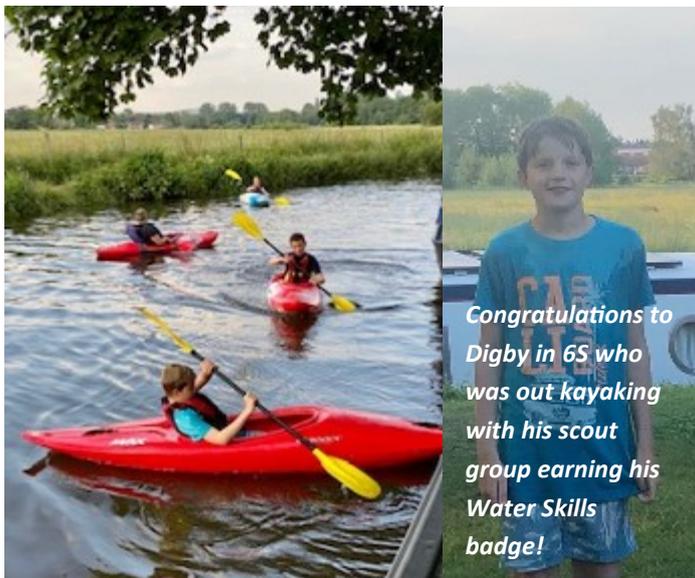
Rory G and Josh L have been getting into school more promptly this week. Mrs Weston

Max M-N has shown real kindness to other boys consistently this year - going out of his way to talk to them or help them. It is lovely to see. Miss Foster

Max M-N is listening to feedback and has started to gain a good understanding of how to respond to different question command words in Science. Miss Black

Jack B has been conscientious with his work and is making sure he has a full set of revision notes to support him in his next exams. Miss Black

"A big well done to all boys who have attended the Study Centre this term and even this year! They have coped tremendously with everything that has been thrown at them including timetable changes, exam timetables and online tutoring. Well done!" Miss Wilson, Mrs Ibbitson and Mrs Lucas



Y11 Positions of Responsibility Interviews...

Mr Murphy and Mr Sukhdeo spent an industrious morning and afternoon interviewing Year 10 pupils for positions of responsibility next year; their applications and responses were first class leaving the gentlemen with some tough decisions ahead. The boys did themselves proud!



SPORTS RESULTS

U9B vs Belmont

MoM – Zachary Bl (3M) for fantastic batting and getting a wicket.

Moment of the Match – Hugh H (3M) great fielding and Toby H (3M) great batting

Result – Belmont won

U9A vs Belmont

MoM – Cameron E (4S)

Moment of the Match – Zach Bo (3M) taking two wickets in an over

Result – Belmont won

Colts A vs Belmont

MoM – Adam G (6S) for good bowling

Moment of the Match – Harrison W (6L) for great fielding

Result – Belmont won

Colts B vs Belmont

MoM – Sam A (5S) & George D (6L)

Moment of the Match – Booming Sixes from the boys above

Winner - KHS

Colts C vs Belmont

MoM – Kieran S (6S) for excellent communication both fielding and batting

Moment of the Match – Josh D (6S) catching his 6th ball

Winner – KHS

Colts D vs Belmont

MoM – Sam F-L (5S) & Digby H (6S)

Moment of the Match – Hitting lots of runs and excellent fielding from both boys

Winner - KHS

U13A vs Belmont

MoM—Ben C (8T) for good captaincy and batting

Moment of the Match - Rory S (8L) for some outstanding bowling which brought us back into the match

Winner—Belmont

U13B vs Belmont

MoM – Noah S (7P) for getting 44 runs off 30 balls

Result – Belmont won

U13C vs Belmont

MoM - Patrick G (8T)

Moment of the Match – Good captaining by Archie S (8T) and all round good fielding by the boys.

Result – Belmont won



COMMENDATIONS

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

Angelo C, Milo R & Ewan W 10W: Classics exam, Mrs Weston

Josh I 7BL: RS exam, Mrs Weston

Dylan N 6L: French, Mme Swift

Beau C 7BA: Coding, Mrs Webb

Barnaby H 9H: Computer Science, Mrs Webb

The following boys in **7P** have all received a commendation **Krishan I, Tai B, Will H, Noah S, Charles R, Sergio A-H, Mikey S & Sam C:** Assembly, Miss Patel

Toby H 3M: Maths, Mrs Marskell

Nice Work
Great Job
Well Done

HOUSE POINTS

The last remaining counters have been awarded, the piles for each House colour are looking high... FINAL scores in next week after the last big total count of term to find out who the winners are this term and overall for the academic year. Who do you think it may be?! Which colour flag will be flying jubilant?! Watch this space...

And a very big 'Well Done' to all the boys over the year who have been recognised and rewarded with House points helping to elevate their House to success. *Miss Smith*



Holiday Touch Typing Courses



Please note this may be of interest to some families; a [touch typing course](#) during the holidays to help students with their studies. It is for children aged 10 years and above, runs in August over 5 days for one hour session each day and is facilitated by the Helen Arkell charity for Dyslexia support.



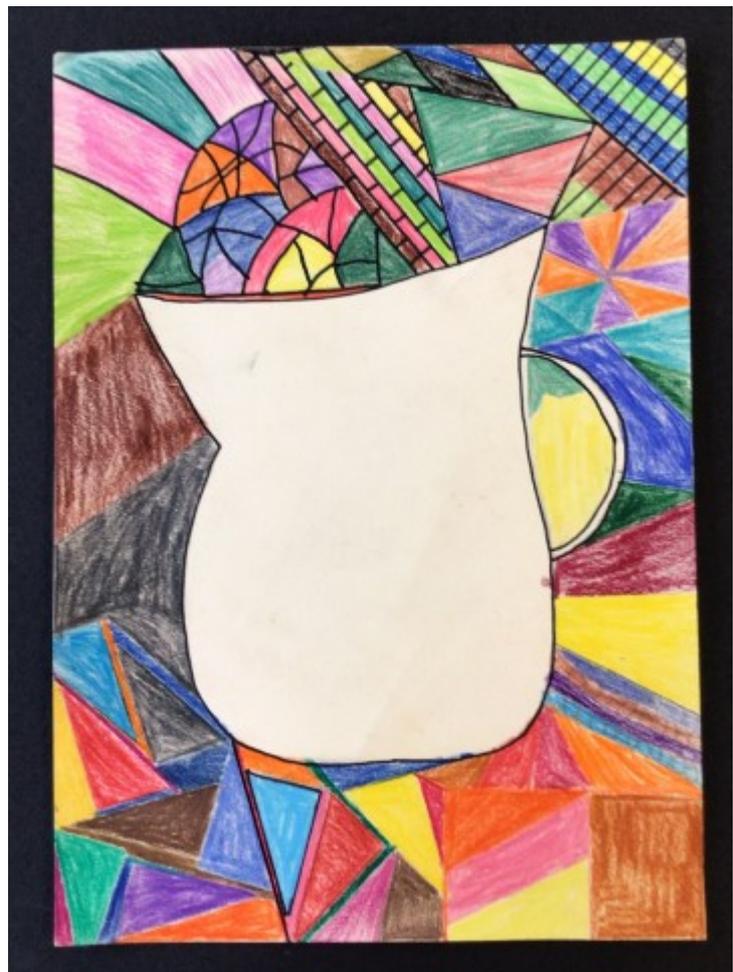
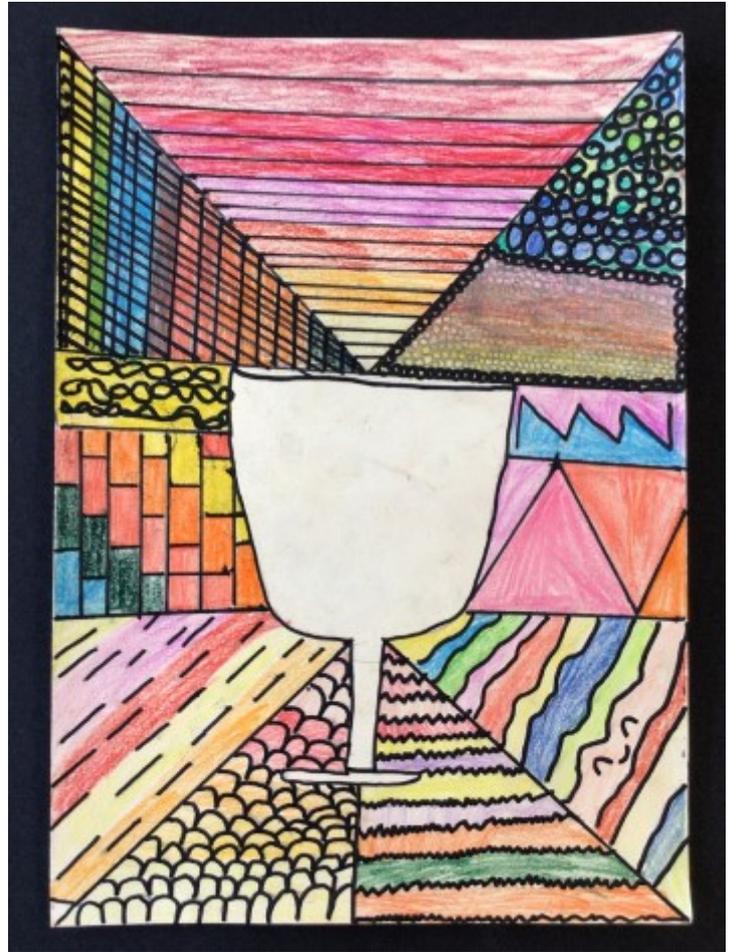
World Wellbeing Week

Takes place from Monday 21 June to Wednesday 30 June and as a school we have been contacted to pass on the following ['Happiness Challenge Pack'](#) to our school community.

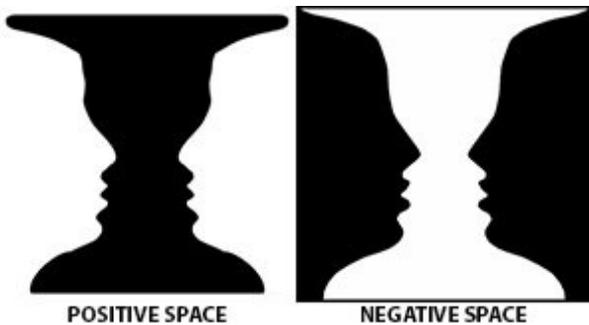


Focus on Art

Mrs Maciejewska has enjoyed her time back in the Art Room with the boys and judging on these results, everything has been inspirational!



Here is some work by Year 7 who have been exploring pattern, colour theory and positive and negative space. They started with observational still life drawing and proceeded to use various colours and patterns to show the negative space in watercolour pencils and fine-liners.

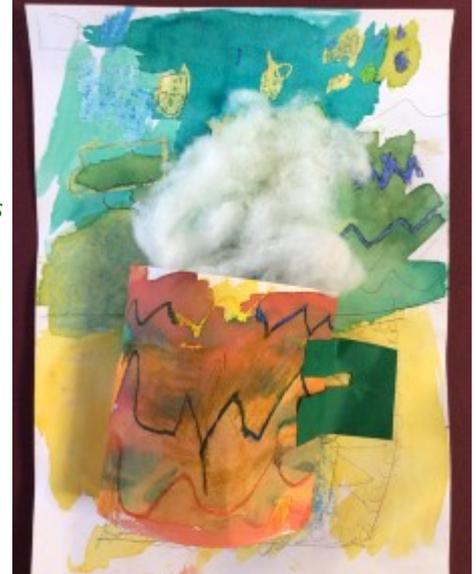
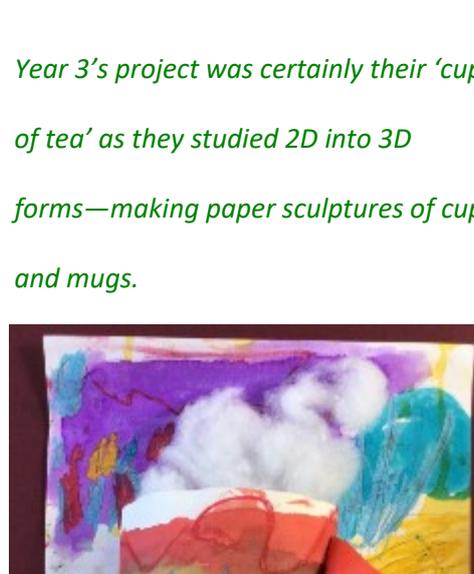
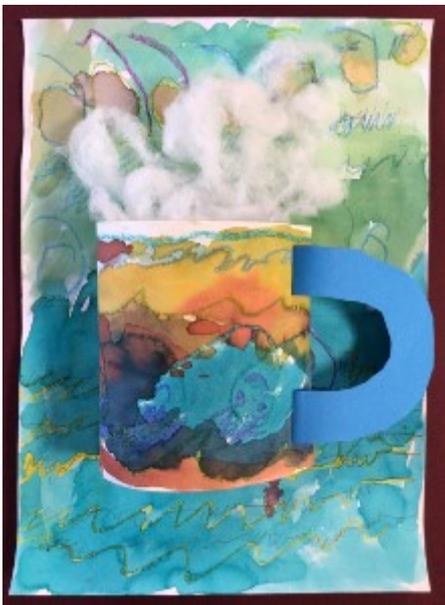


Do you see a curvy candlestick first or two faces in profile?!
Neither is right or wrong, it just depends on our perception of positive and / or negative space...!



Here are some observational drawings in charcoal done by Year 7s looking at some of the beautiful trees in our grounds. The boys had to think about the solid forms as well as the negative space between and around the branches. The boys used a view finder to help them select and focus on just a small part of the tree, and enjoyed their outside classroom to work in!





Year 3's project was certainly their 'cup of tea' as they studied 2D into 3D forms—making paper sculptures of cups and mugs.

Proud artists with their work...

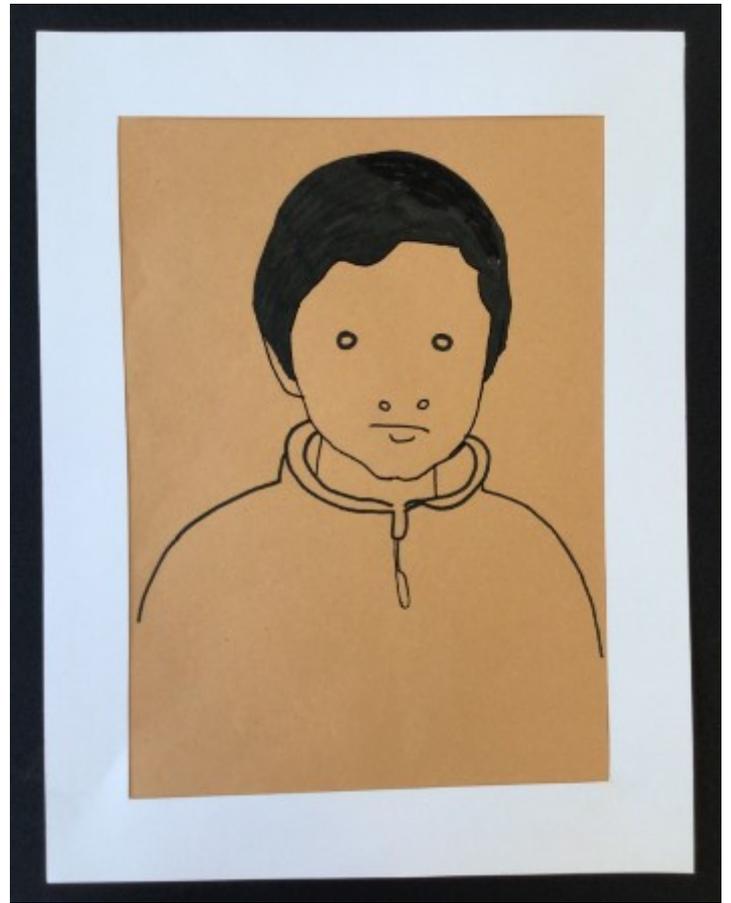




Year 4s enjoying the lino printing technique overlaid onto colour experiments...



Lino print mark making—examples of cuts, and a range of different nibs to make the marks...

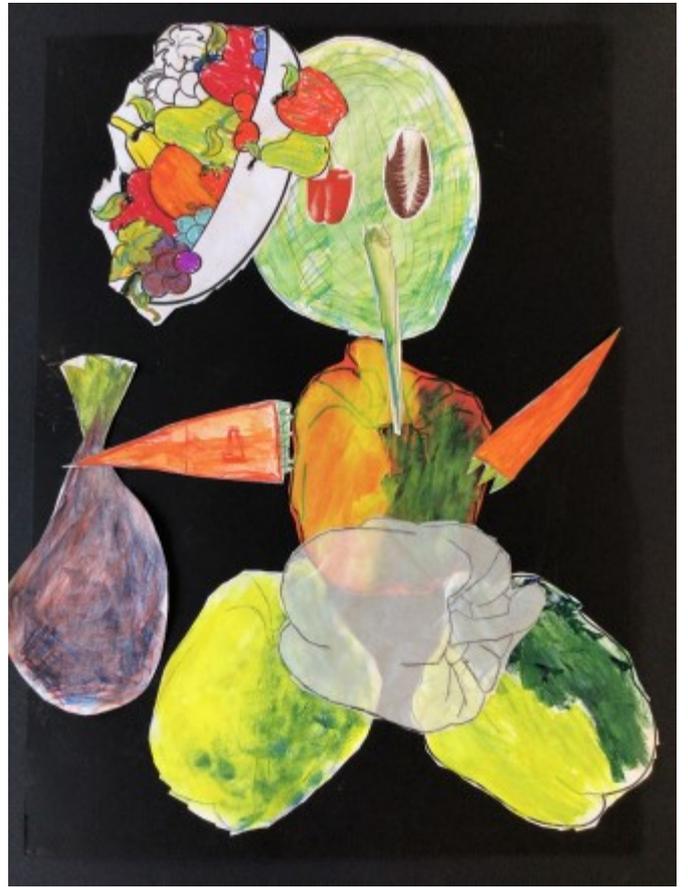


Y5 self-portraits inspired by Julian Opie.

Simplicity of line and colour are key to achieve this look.



The artist Julian Opie with his own self portrait.



Portraits from fruits and vegetables inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, made by Year 3.

They had to think imaginatively and creatively with known shapes and forms putting them in place to represent human features. They did a brilliant job!





School Council

Mr Murphy joined our Year 7 & 8 school council meeting recently. The boys wrote a letter to persuade Mr Murphy to agree to their idea for the Winning House celebration, following a vote throughout the school as per British values. He is certainly smiling—so let's keep our fingers crossed that he agrees! *Miss Smith*



Citizenship Enrichment and Creativity!

Josh I in 7BL has made a larger-than-life recycled robot! This robot is bigger than Josh and not only is it made from recycled material, but it is also holding a bin bag and dustpan ready to make the world a cleaner place. This design shows both imagination and excellent citizenship. Well done Josh.

James W in 2L has made a fantastic robot from recycled material for the citizenship enrichment programme. It has wheels for feet and looks ready to pick up litter! Excellent work James. *Miss Black*



7P Game Show Assembly

Form 7P wrote, performed and produced their own humorous game-show in Assembly this week; they demonstrated super creativity and stage presence with some great talent on display. Miss Patel was very impressed with the class as a whole and also wanted to mention the following boys...



Krishan I and Tai B – for taking on the massive challenge of writing the assembly;
Will H – for being a fantastic chaser and showing great resilience and effort with some tricky lines!
Noah S – for being a brilliant host and showing sportsmanship to his peers;
Charles R – for stepping out of his comfort zone and taking on a major speaking role;
Sergio A-H, Mikey S and Sam C – for their confidence and efforts with the performance. Well done to all. *Miss Patel*





What Anoraks Were Made For...!

Proving that there's no such thing as bad weather only bad clothing, Lower Prep headed to Goring on Monday for a typical British summertime trip to the beach! Despite the constant drizzle and the odd gust, which nearly took the school gazebo out to sea, the boys had a fantastic time. They collected shells and pebbles, scrambled over rocks and built sand castles. After a well deserved ice cream, we headed back home with the boys declaring it was, *'the best trip ever'*! Who needs sunshine and sun-cream?!

Mrs Lambert and the accompanying Lower Prep staff were proud of the boys' exemplary behaviour after such a long time without going on such a fun day out.



GTi Trip

Mrs Maciejewska and Mr Sukhdeo were thrilled to head off into London with some of the creative and talented pupils on our GTi programme to visit the Banksy exhibition. They saw and learned that expression can be manifest in a variety of ways—is that really art?!! - and enjoyed the opportunity to immerse themselves in such debates.



*“When the time comes to leave,
just walk away quietly and
don't make any fuss.”*

*- Banksy
Wall and Piece*

*“People say graffiti is ugly,
irresponsible and childish...
that's only if it's done properly.”*

*- Banksy
Wall and Piece*



Senior Lecture—June 2021

We are most appreciative of one of our Governors, HH Judge Georgina Kent, for giving up her time to present our Senior Lecture on Thursday with an fascinating insight into her career in law.

With our new cohort of girls lined up and ready to join us in September, it was

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most instructive to hear about her successful journey into a predominantly male profession. No 'glass ceilings'!



Crop Success!

The boys in 3M were able to reap the benefits of their labour and watering and start to harvest the lettuce they have been growing. They selected the choicest, young green leaves, cut them carefully and washed them which is a good lesson to see how food arrives in the supermarkets and then on our table. A small crop of strawberries was also picked and enjoyed.

A rather impressively tall Russian sunflower has put in an appearance too and is still outgrowing the boys!

Mrs Marskell

