

27th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a weird and uncertain time we live in right now with very few people on the streets and a very quiet school indeed! The school remains open with about 10 students a day enabling our 'key worker' parents to go to work. I hope that the home learning is going well. If you could check your son/daughter's work each day and check that requested work has been uploaded it would really help my staff. A key feature of teaching is keeping children motivated, coaxing students along and the thousands of daily interactions - this is hard remotely and I appreciate this puts a lot of pressure/demands on parents. Many people are supporting children at home and juggling a job as well.

On Wednesday, I produced an update and it had a number of useful website links. There are a few more in this newsletter too - if you come across any great ideas to share please email [jcarpenter@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:jcarpenter@tomlinscoteschool.com)

I am pleased that a few of our staff have volunteered to support the NHS in different ways and we have asked Frimley Park Hospital if they want our Science plastic glasses.

Over Easter, Tomlinscote School is continuing to support our students who have Free School Meals and this will carry on until the students are back in school.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and please send in any great ideas, photos, stories etc. to emphasise what the Tomlinscote community is doing right now.

Mr. Major

### Reaching the peak of his success!

This was a Mother's Day Lemon Meringue Frangipane created by Thomas Nicolle in 7R. The end result was amazing and it looked as though the proof was in the eating!



### A Mother's Day Bake

This was a huge Chocolate Brownie made by Sophie Rolls in 7M for Mother's Day.

I'm guessing a few family members helped with the consumption of it!

I hope you can create many more cakes to help keep your spirits up.



### Even a Superhero cooks!

Jay in 7H has obviously been inspired by the current series of MasterChef, as his presentation looks amazing.

Here Jay has cooked 'Cornflake Chicken Nuggets' which was a recipe that he had used in his Year 7 Food Tech class.

It also serves to prove that Cornflakes aren't just for breakfast!

### Pie High Success!

Claire Hobbs' daughter inspired by watching Stand Up to Cancer Bake Off, created a fantastic home baked apple pie.

If ever there was a time to cook comfort food.....



### Scone in a second!

Jay Prince in 7R has been putting some newly learnt skills to good use and baked some scones.

I'm guessing by the number left in the box they were very tasty!

## The Next Jamie Oliver?



Harry in 7R has been cooking up a treat while confined!

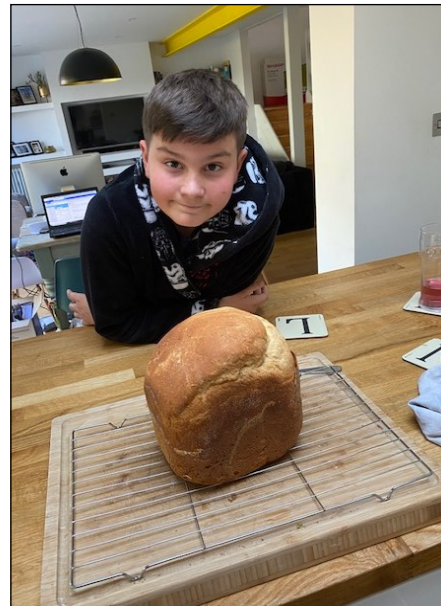
Day 1 saw a magnificent chocolate cake that could have fed an army.

Day 2 saw a stunning loaf of bread.

We are keen to hear what he has on the menu for day 3!

I hope that Harry's family have a good fitness regime planned if this level of baking is maintained.

Food Tech classes will be a breeze when you return to school Harry.



## A message from the LRC



***We are aware that some students received automatic reminders about returning overdue library books.***

***Please rest assured that during this time, no fines will be incurred and we do not expect students to renew or return their books until they are back at school.***

***As of this morning the automatic reminders have been temporarily disabled.***

***Keep up the reading!***

***Kind regards,***

***The LRC Team***

## **We can still keep fit!**

Proving that keeping fit and getting fresh air is vital at this time.

Members of Tomlinscote Staff have been out and about, while adhering to the Government guidelines that were issued at the time that these photos were taken.

Families should always check the latest Government rules and regulations before heading outdoors.

Mr. Morren's dog Breac is the exception, proving that just as much fun can be had while sitting inside on the driver's seat of his car!



## Home Schooling - in many different forms!

Home schooling has already been demonstrated in many forms.

Miss Roy has clearly taken the sensible and structured approach which is highly commendable.



The biscuit jar is obviously there as an incentive!



Mr Arrojeria has been keeping in touch with his tutor group.

He has been setting weekly challenges, this week's is kicking a toilet roll 10 times.

I'm not sure how this is being received by parents nervous about their toilet roll stocks!



Miss Livesey is clearly teaching William about the once used measurements - feet and inches!



Miss Streeter clearly has other forms of entertainment set up for little Evie!

We hope that she invests in the Disney Channel in the future!



Mrs Hayden has drafted in her daughter Lucy to start the days teaching.

## Our four-legged friends!



Miss Whitehead's beautiful kittens,  
enjoying some lap time.



Miss Streeter's Spaniel Lenny enjoying the water  
and fresh air and observing his 2m distancing!

Ellis is a Hearing Dog who lives at home with Miss Scott and her family. He loves walks and snacks in equal measure.

He wants to pass the message on to students that keeping up with your reading is very important. He is currently reading *Storm Witch* by Ellen Renner. It's a story of magic and adventure, and a decision that must be made by a girl called Storm. A decision that will determine the fate of everyone she loves....

When he isn't reading, sleeping or walking he has been listening to audio books. Audible.com has recently made hundreds of audio books free for children and animals who are stuck at home at the moment!

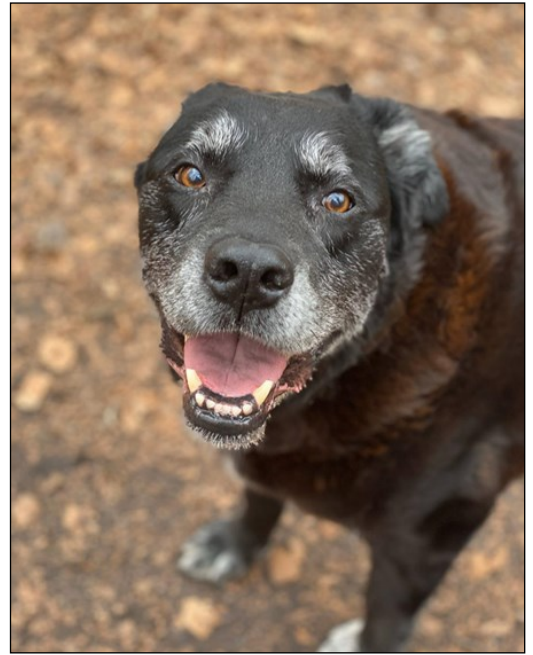
You can listen here too:

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

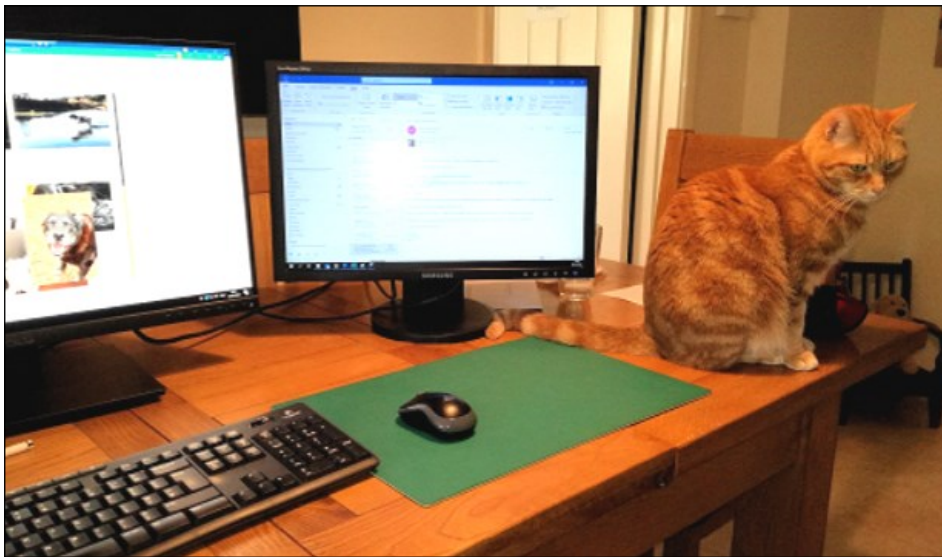




This is Miss Hardacre's cat putting on a disturbing performance of the destruction of a toilet roll. Being a Drama teacher this might be one role that she is not keen to reprise!



Here is Milo, he is 12 and he's really enjoying the fact that Miss Tolley can be the one taking him out for walks at the moment.



This is one of Mrs Carpenter's cats Boris (named after Boris Becker the tennis player as he is Ginger!)

He decided to play a game of cat and mouse which wasn't helpful while trying to create the Newsletter!

Finn Walsh in 7Y sent this photo of Kilo (a friend of Milo (see above?))

He has obviously been reading recently as his re-enactment of 'The Cat in the Hat' is very impressive!

He is clearly taking instructions to self isolate very seriously!!



## The 'Bunny Side' of home learning!

Eliza in 7X has managed to tick 3 boxes with this photograph.

A demonstration of Home Learning

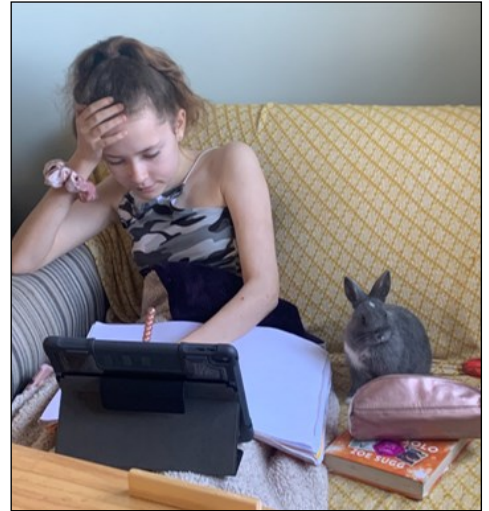
A pet featured

A seasonal theme (Easter)

The home learning being done in this case is vaccines for Science.

The topic is wholly relevant as Angel, her Netherland Dwarf Rabbit, is due to have her vaccinations shortly.

Good luck Angel!



## Pawfect Students!

These 2 very diligent students are Henry (L) and Charlie.

They belong to Mrs Tonkin, and they are clearly taking their studies very seriously. Conference calls are proving to be interesting.

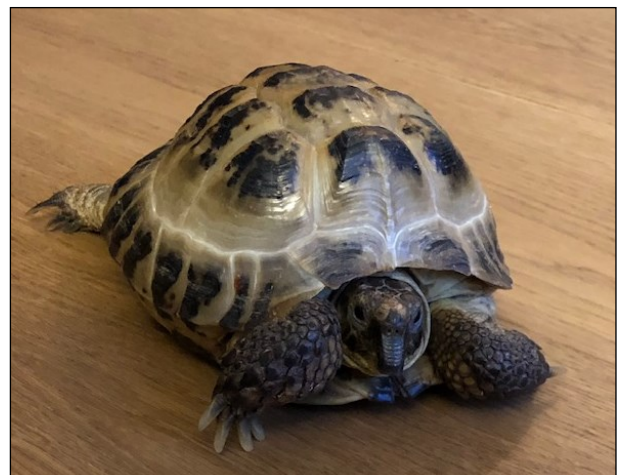
They are both very good listeners and look very attentive!



## Someone used to being stuck indoors!

Mr Major has kindly shared this photograph of Sid who is clearly not struggling with the 'stay at home' policy!

Mr Major said that Sid is desperate to go out for a run, having once owned a tortoise, I know he isn't joking, they are capable of moving at speed (downhill!)



## What are you doing with your time?



Jacob Townsend in 9P spent 4 hours creating this mega Spaceship.

This was totally self designed without instruction.

Miss Brown's daughter may have made plans to have a quiet few days at home.

Sadly for her, Mum had other ideas, putting her to work in the garden. At least it's sunny!



Sienna in 8R has been doing her best to take part in the PE sessions with Joe Wicks every morning.

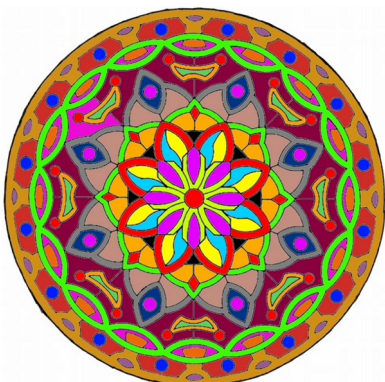
This photo proves that her brothers have other ideas!

Good luck with your ongoing attempts to participate.



Mrs Jones and her children have been busy creating rainbows to add to the number that people are putting up in their windows.

As families are going out for their one walk of the day, children are counting how many rainbows they can see.



In addition to cooking up a chicken masterpiece, Jay from 7H has completed one of Miss Bennett's Mindfulness activities.

It truly is a riot of colour and has definitely brightened everyone up.

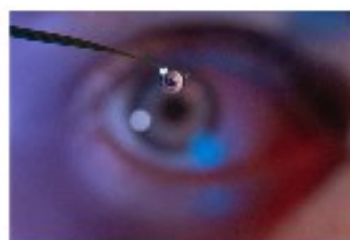
# Winners Again!

**ROTARY**  
**YOUNG**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**COMPETITION**

We are pleased to announce that our students that won awards in the Rotary Club local heats have gone on to win prizes in the regional heats! Well done Faith Kurzberg who has won first prize in the Intermediate section and Lisa Gurung came third in the Seniors. Faith's photos will now go through to the National Heats. Well done girls!

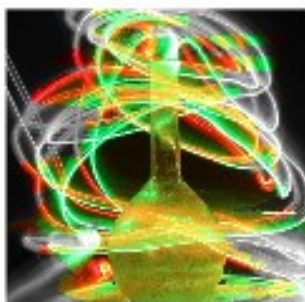
## **Intermediate Winner:**

1st Prize - Faith Kurzberg



## **Senior Winner:**

3rd Prize - Lisa Gurung



### **MORE USEFUL WEBSITE IDEAS**

**Joe Wicks PE Workout** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

**Royal Institution Science** - <https://www.rigb.org/visit-us/find-us>

**Free Reading Books** - <https://www.stories.audible.com>

**Via Sanity** - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sanity-Audio-Apps-Free-Audiobooks/dp/B01NCTQAAV>

**The Royal Opera House** - <https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home>

**Royal Academy of Arts** - <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/articles/tag/videos>

### **British Sign**

British Sign is offering enrolment on their 20-hour online course to learn BSL for as little as £3.00. to under 18s.

<https://british-sign.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360044794654>

Proof of age is needed by uploading a photo of a young person's passport or birth certificate. You can find more details at <https://www.british-sign.co.uk/learn-online-british-sign-language-course>. You can get a certificate at the end.

The course is designed to be completed over 3 months and has the approval of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for use as the 3-month skill. British Sign can submit the report directly onto the portal.



**The National Theatre** — <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/>

The National Theatre has announced plans to stream NT Live shows for free on YouTube.

From Thursday 2nd April, a number of productions previously screened in cinemas globally as part of National Theatre Live will be made available to watch for free. The first will be Richard Bean's One Man Two Guvnors featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from James Corden. All the productions will be free and screened live every Thursday at 7.00pm and will then be available on demand for seven days on the NT's YouTube channel.

On 9th April there will be a streamed performance of Sally Cookson's Jane Eyre. On 16th April Bryony Lavery's Treasure Island adaptation starring Arthur Darvill and on 23rd April Twelfth Night with Tamsin Greig.

Further titles are to be announced.

**NT**

## Thought provoking Verse



In one of Mrs Long's last English lessons before we went into isolation, she got her Year 10 students to read a poem written by Simon Armitage, UK's poet laureate.

He wrote it to address the Coronavirus and a lock down that is slowly being implemented across the UK. He also references previous outbreaks that have happened around the world.

Mrs Long was so impressed by her students' amazing comments and observations that she wanted to share them with everyone.

### Lockdown by Simon Armitage

And I couldn't escape the waking dream  
of infected fleas  
in the warp and weft of soggy cloth  
By tailor's hearth  
In ye olde Eyam.  
Then couldn't un-see  
The Boundary Stone,  
That cock-eyed dice with its six dark holes,  
Thimbles brimming with vinegar wine  
Purging the plagued coins.  
Which brought to mind the sorry story  
Of Emmott Syddall and Rowland Torre,  
Star crossed lovers on either side  
of the quarantine line  
whose wordless courtship spanned the river  
*till she came no longer*  
But slept again,  
And dreamt this time  
of the exiled *yaksha* sending word  
to his lost wife on a passing cloud,  
a cloud that followed an earthly map  
streams like necklaces,  
fan-tailed peacock, painted elephants,  
embroidered bedspreads  
of meadows and hedges,  
bamboo forests and snow-hatted peaks,  
waterfalls, creeks,  
the hieroglyphs of wide-winged cranes  
and the glistening lotus flower after rain,  
the air  
hypnotically see-through, rare,  
the journey a ponderous one at times, long and slow  
But necessarily so.

Isobel King said  
that "It's not to  
depress us".

Ellen Caton said "It's to  
show isolation as  
purposeful, despite  
being annoying".

Ella Lai-Tan and Jack Crumley  
discussed the slowing of the pace,  
and Jack suggested that a patience  
is required to create a sense of  
relief.

Sophia Barquin said  
that it suggested a  
sense of reassurance.

Joel Ellis picked up on the  
tiredness and the use of short  
sentences to create a feeling  
of breathlessness.

Diya Rashid felt the feeling  
of desolation and a sense of  
imprisonment.

Livvi Digings said that the  
structure of the poem could  
portray a disorganised state  
of mind.

Sophie Walker said that the  
structure of it reflected on  
us keeping our distance.

Erin Maris said that it should make us be  
considerate towards others and nature, and  
that whilst isolation is hard, it gives us time to  
reflect. It also ends with positive language  
offering hope for us and nature.

## So you think you know your neighbourhood?

Leah Farnsworth in 10R has been taking photos of our neighbourhood while out on her one walk of the day.

Do you know where they are? The answers will be posted next week!

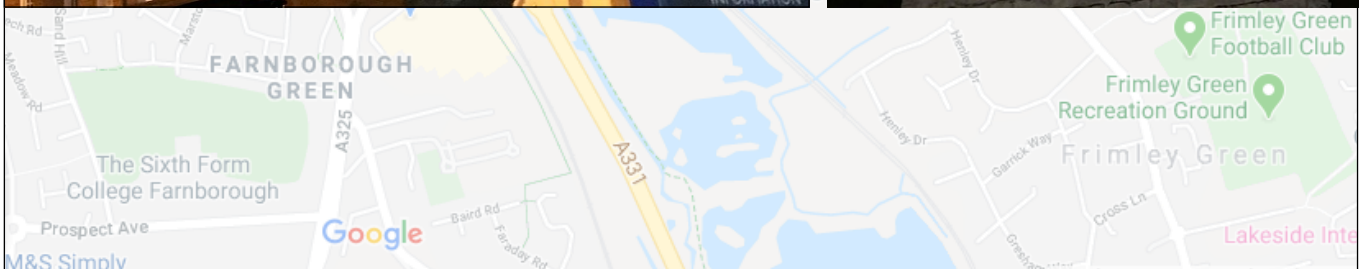
Picture 1.



Picture 2.



Picture 3.



## Keep strong and carry on



A new way of life, and who knows for how long,  
We all have to rally and stay really strong!  
So this is the time to discover a skill,  
Pick up a new language and keep going till-  
You've that sense of achievement, a feeling of worth,  
To promote some wellbeing and much needed mirth.

So try out some baking, be really inventive,  
With more time for fitness, there's a real incentive -



to cook up a gateau, a choux bun or two,

A tray bake with sweeties or family stew!

If pets feature large in your family group,

Take pictures when out with your 4-legged troop.



You might have a fish or a miniature Tortoise,

Whatever you have, they will all fit the purpose -

Of giving some comfort and raising a smile,

And taking your mind somewhere else for a while.

It's hard to keep smiling when faced with this issue,

Just where can I buy that must have toilet tissue,

And as for that hand gel, we all live in hope,

Until then my friends it's hot water and soap.



We must all stay safe and encourage immunity,

While serving our friends in the local community,

Your neighbours won't check your delivery credentials,

When giving your time to provide their essentials.



This will go away, and be part of our history,

The whys and the wherefores remaining a mystery.

Look after each other, look out for your neighbours,

You could be the ones who are simply their saviours,

Keep calm carry on and please try not to stress,

And give thanks to the heroes in our NHS.



**A New Competition—that will turn heads!!!**

# **CAPTURE YOURSELF READING**

an INTERHOUSE COMPETITION  
from the English Department

If you're an odd duck that likes to read  
in strange places, then here's a competition for you!

To enter: submit up to 3 pictures of yourself  
reading in quirky places.

Deadline: Thursday 30th April, 2020  
Google Classroom: qir3gnp

Remember: STAY SAFE and be original

**FIRST PRIZE: 100 POINTS  
5 POINTS FOR EVERY ENTRY**



Mrs Matous' Cat has felt impelled to start its own Corona Column.....

## The Adventures of Corona Cat, a weekly update



This household would fall apart without me, that's for certain.

The crisis has come to a furry head. For days now the tall ones have been neglecting meal times and they laze far past 6am, after the sun has clearly instructed them of the precious time sliding past. So I wake them – a casual sucker-punch to the eyes, that's all it takes. They need to learn.

There is an uncommon disrespect invading this house that does not recognise my status here. I demand food and instead suffer the indignity of manhandling in front of some cooing loser on Facetime – work calls have become a farce, I'm telling you. Once again, the idiot dog next door is incessantly barking his pleasure at being home with the neighbours. The dog's a fool to be so easily pleased – those people are so basic. Genuinely nothing to bark about in this confinement; as though I would ever be so crude.



The Newsletter team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed this week.

Teachers, support staff, students, parents and pets have all sent me articles!

I have been blown away by the variety of activities that people have been getting up to. I would love to put together another issue for next week so please keep photos of your quizzes, bakes, sports, animals etc. coming.

It's not quite like any other Newsletter that I have put together, but it has certainly been the one that has provided me with the most smiles.

Hopefully it can serve to help families come up with new ways to pass the time.

Keep safe - Mrs Carpenter



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Mrs Carpenter



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