



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter with photographs and articles. At such a time it is a pleasure to read such positive news from staff, students and parents in our community. It is great to see so many smiling faces and hear about the great acts of kindness. Our Community has now produced 2000 face shields, several sets of scrubs, 124 scrub bags and 74 ear relievers, the majority going to Frimley Park Hospital.

I hope that all parents have now received their refunds from cancelled foreign trips. The refunds from the Swanage Geography trip will also be distributed very soon. I would like to thank The Prospect Trust who have supported the school and our parental community by financing all of our refunds. It was felt by everyone that, at this financially difficult time, we needed to return all the trip costs to parents before we have accessed any insurance claims. Tomlinscote has supported our students who receive Free School Meals and we are now part of the National Voucher Scheme. If anyone feels that they would benefit from the FSM voucher scheme and meet the criteria, then please contact adaniel@tomlinscoteschool.com. This would obviously be treated in the strictest confidence.

I will produce a separate update for parents this week that will outline more specific information that has an impact on each year group and I will also provide support for parents about students staying safe online.

Mr. Major

“ We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone” (Dr Loretta Scott)

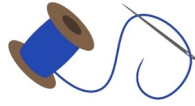
Muir in 11K has definitely taken on board this quote. He has been doing some extraordinary voluntary work in aid of some of the most vulnerable members of our society. His father is a Director at the London Borough of Hillingdon and for the last month, has been working in a completely different role. He has redeployed about 40 members of staff to help run a new government service for the shielded and most vulnerable residents in the borough, as well as the surrounding areas.

The scheme has included buying, making up and delivering free emergency food packs, doing bespoke food shopping orders/deliveries, prescription collections/deliveries and even dog walking and posting letters! For the last couple of weeks, Muir has been helping out on the food packing aspect of this work. The project has been offering support 7 days a week and has been delivering to those in need, in some cases going quite a considerable distance.

It has been a very challenging but extremely rewarding job for Muir and his father. They should feel rightly proud of the support they are offering to people who are in need at this difficult time.



All sewn up!



Below are some photos of Ryder in 7H who has been learning how to operate a sewing machine. This done he has proceeded to manufacture masks.

Both Ryder and his younger sister were taught how to use the machine while practising on scrap material before trying out the real thing. They started making the masks for high risk members of their family and friends. Having catered for them they moved on to creating them for their neighbours, who are mostly retired and elderly.

As part of the process, Ryder also learnt how to make the pattern, measure the material, cut the fabric, iron pleats in, and then hand stitch on the elastic.

The photo of him wearing one of the masks he completed was for his dad, so it's a bit too big for Ryder. Ryder is hoping that the art of sewing and ultimately the making of the masks will be enough for it to count towards the Community section of his T5 project! Congratulations to Ryder for contributing so wholeheartedly and embracing the meaning of community.



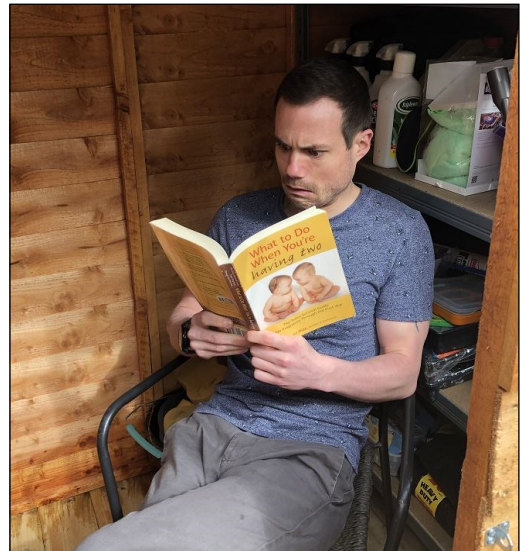
Shedding light on things!



Having built his shed, Mr Frater has already taken refuge in it to undertake a little 'light reading'.

This picture Mr Frater has called 'The calm, before the storm'

Before long there won't be much time for reading, so make the most it while you can!



Keeping up with the all important reading too - Ellis

We hope that everyone has been keeping up with their reading! If you would like to write a book review for anything you have read, you can log on to Reading Cloud from the 'Student' tab on the Tomlinscote homepage, and write your review there. You can also email any book reviews to Miss Scott or Miss Brinton!

This week, Ellis, (Miss Scott's dog) has been reading Lightning Mary. It's a story about Mary Anning; a real person who lived in the 19th century. She was an avid fossil collector and made several important scientific discoveries. Ellis is very interested in fossils, but Miss Scott won't let him have any because he might chew them...

From the back of the book:

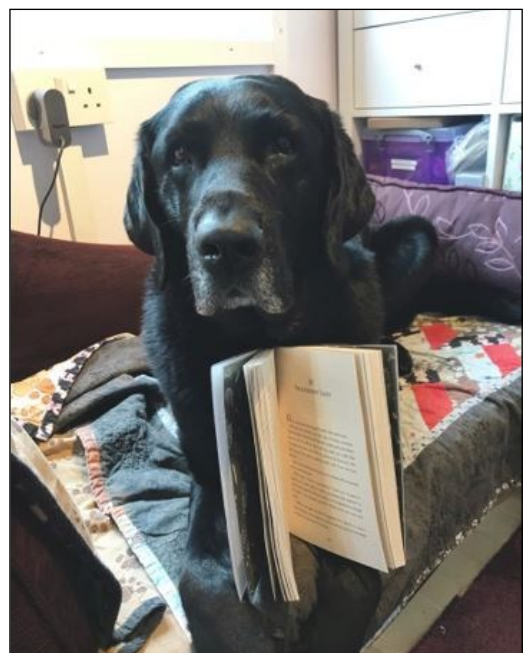
"Ordinary is what most people are and I am not. I am not ordinary at all. I am a scientist."

One stormy night, a group of villagers are struck by lightning. The only survivor is a baby - Mary Anning. From that moment on, a spark is lit within her.

Growing up poor but proud on the windswept Dorset coast, Mary follows after her father, hunting for fossils uncovered by waves and landslips: ancient creatures, turned to stone. Ignoring other people's taunts, Mary faces danger to bring back valuable treasures to help feed her family. But tragedy and despair is never far away. Mary must depend upon her unique courage and knowledge to fulfil her dream of becoming a scientist in a time when girls have no opportunities for such ambitions. What will happen when she makes her greatest discovery of all....."

If you are curious about Mary Anning, you can learn more about her on BBC Bitesize:

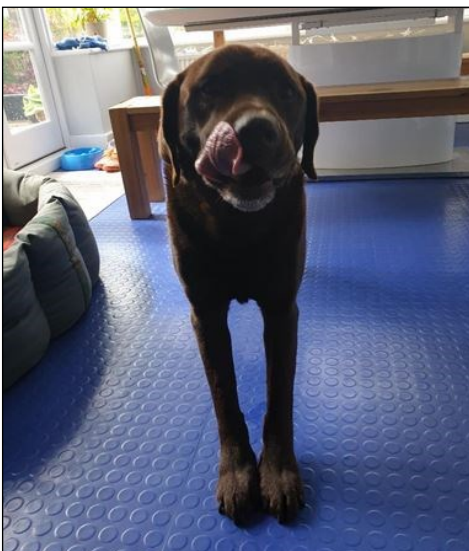
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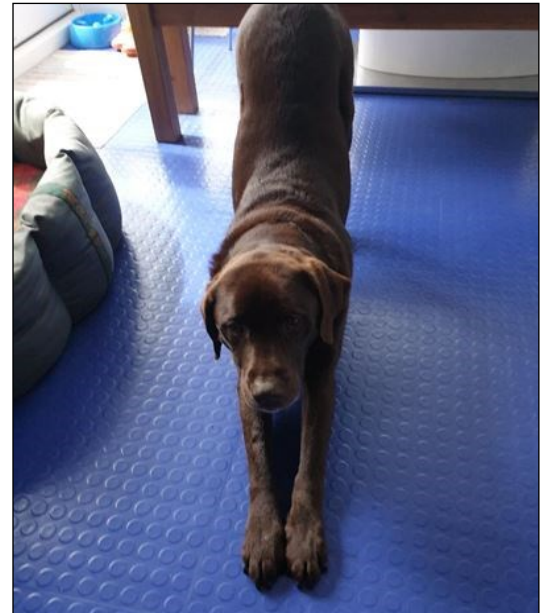
Downward dog with Dexter!



The second is him doing his yoga downward facing dog pose to stretch his shoulder, any keen yoga fans will clearly recognise this one!



Here is Dexter undertaking his doggy physio sessions with Dr Hammond. The first exercise is meant to be a figure of 8 through Dr Hammond's legs, this, however, resulted in the coming together of Dexter's teeth and Dr Hammond's fingers!



The third one is Dexter giving his teeth a work out around a doggy treat!

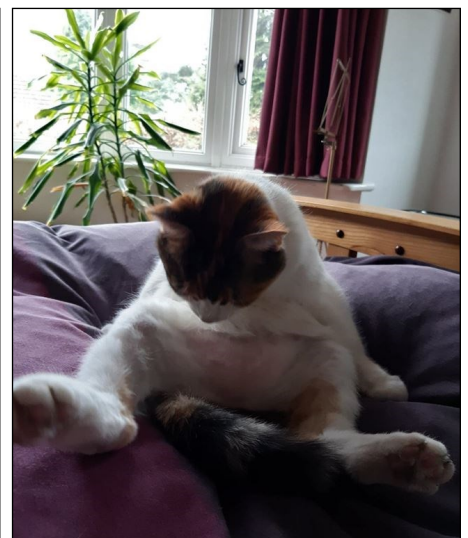
Well done Dexter for completing your round of exercises, and well done Dr Hammond for retaining all of your digits!

Pawsing for thought!

It looks as though Luna, Ms Rushby's cat, is enjoying her daily exercise of sit ups and yoga.

Or is this a wash prior to a snooze?

We suspect that it is the latter!



Student successes and creations

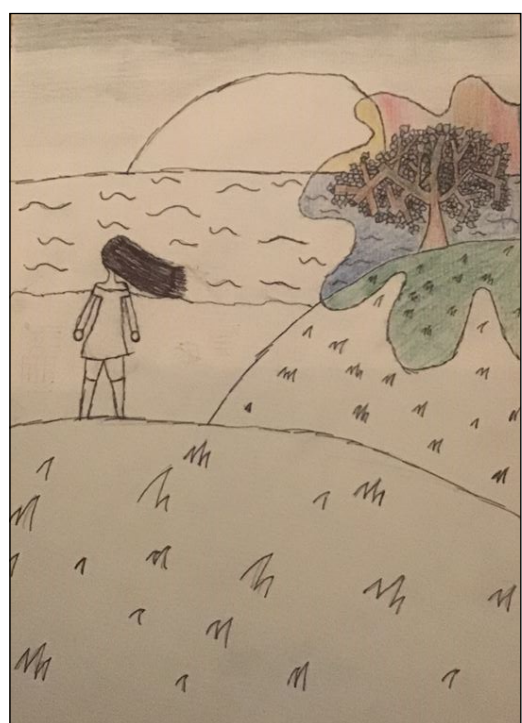


Picture this...

Zohal Ahmadzai from 8K has produced this great picture which sums up what we would all like to be doing at the moment, namely gazing out to sea on a breezy day.

The colour bubble also reminds us of all the rainbows we are seeing around the neighbourhood at the moment.

Keep up with the artwork Zohal!

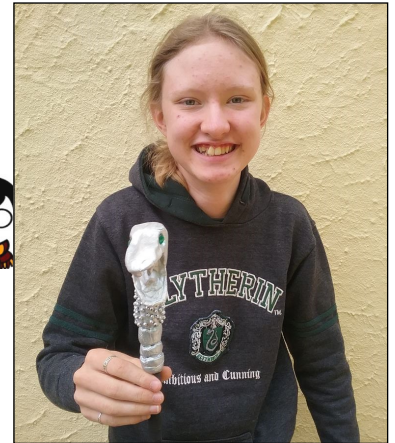


Wanderful work!



Louise from 8L has been 'pottering about' and creating a truly out of this world Lucius Malfoy wand. It was made out of light clay, then painted and decorated.

If Louise could create a spell to get rid of Coronavirus we would all be very happy. Nice work Louise.



Have you seen some photo worthy situations since we have all been in lockdown?

Remember to take pictures and send them to jcarpenter@tomlinscoteschool.com.



While we are not able to get out and about it's great to see pictures of other locations nearby.

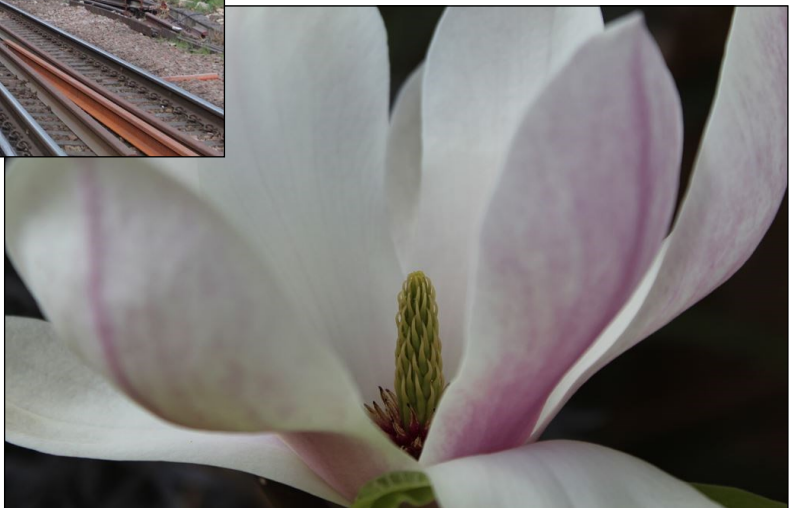
On the right track

Charlotte from 9G has been making the most of her daily walks. She has decided to take pictures documenting this period of lockdown.



Here Charlotte creates a perfect contrast between the beautiful flowers and the harsh and industrial look of the railway.

We look forward to seeing more images captured during her lockdown walks of the neighbourhood.



Leading by example!



Mrs Prothero has thrown down the gauntlet to Tomlinscote students. Why not have a go at these delicious bakes.

The roulade is a Mary Berry recipe - Pistachio and Lemon Curd Roulade. The egg yolks are used in the lemon curd and the egg whites in the meringue.

The Marmalade yoghurt cake is an easy cake to satisfy the whole family.

Serving up a feast!

Jay in 7R has been making the most of every minute of the day and seemingly night.

If he's not cooking up Popcorn chicken for his family, he is taking part in the Joe Wicks' morning workout, going on cycle rides and playing table tennis either by himself or with his brother under the cover of darkness.

This surely helps him get to sleep as he must be exhausted!



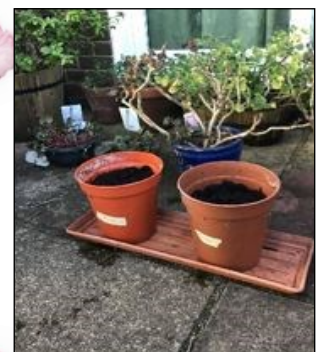
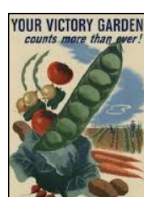
Your garden needs you!

With the 75th Anniversary of WW2 "Victory in Europe" approaching, here is proof that even now there is value in gardening!

Raeleah Raath 7X has certainly been helping her family out. They won't need to buy any vegetables for a long time if her plants continue to thrive.

Raeleah has been growing some fruit and vegetables in her garden, so far she has grown cherries, tulips, sunflowers, courgettes, cucumbers, blueberries and some general garden plants.

Congratulations Raeleah on proving that you really do have green fingers!



Here is Abeeha in 7Q who has also decided to try her hand at growing plants in her garden.

Her process is as follows:

- * Fill plant pots half full with compost
- * Plant the Sweet pea seeds 1cm deep with special nutrients
- * Fill up rest of the pot with compost
- * Water every second day
- * Wait for about a week for the seedlings to appear
- * Be rewarded with beautiful flowers after a few more weeks!



Watch and wait!

Let's get jamming!

Year 10 students have been making jam and learning about processing raw ingredients. We hope they have all the ingredients to make the must have accompaniment - scones!



Matthew Pickard



Ellie Richards



Eva Brock



Ambika Bhandari



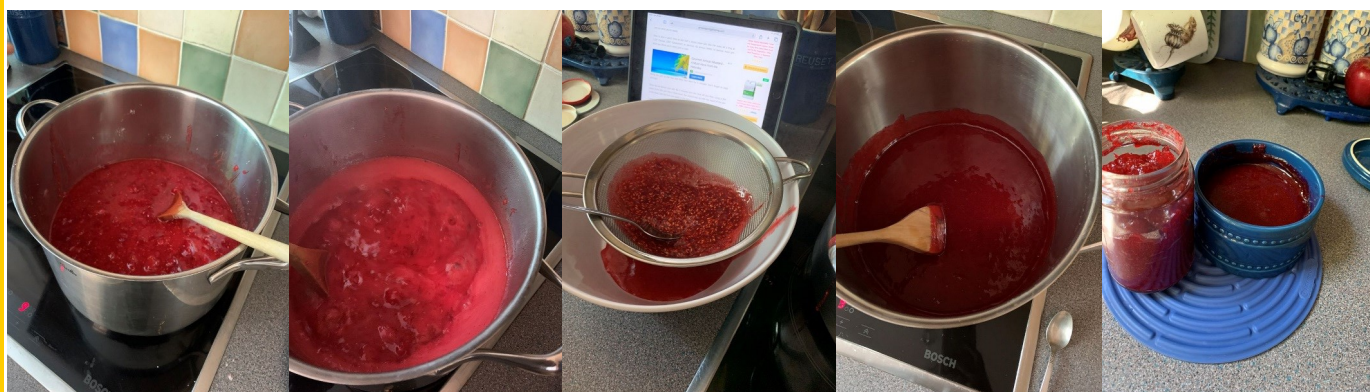
Natasha Griffiths



Food Tech Home Learning continues to provide 'Comfort Food' ideas!

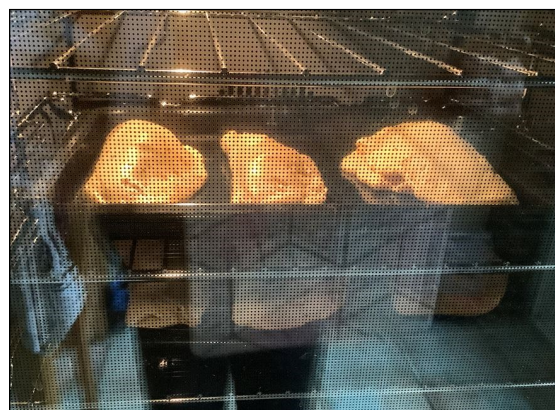
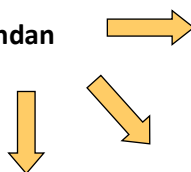
Should you want to try a bit of jam making, Sophie Webster has provided a step by step guide.

We hope your cupboards will be jam-packed soon!



Pasty perfection!

Maya Dayanandan



Jess D'Arcy

Jess D'Arcy and Maya Dayanandan, both in Year 9, have managed to gather all the ingredients together to produce these perfect pastry pasties. They look delicious, and we bet they were.



Mother nature
and the community
displaying a heartwarming
message



Outdoor capers

A lovely welcome

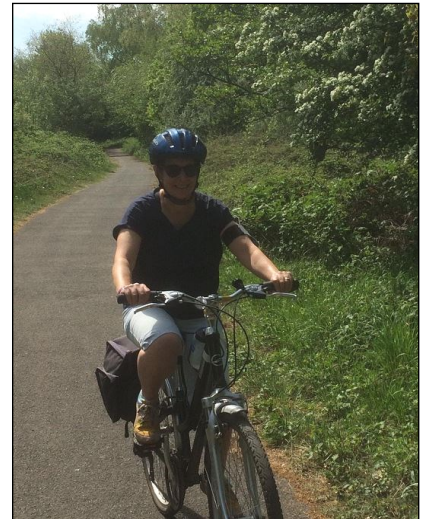


Ava Brasier and her family have been busy ensuring that they promote a feeling of happiness for their neighbours.

Congratulations on creating a really beautiful scene Ava, I bet your postie enjoys delivering your mail!



Sparkes Flying!



Mrs Sparkes has hit upon a great routine. Bake an awesome cake, eat some cake and then go out for a lovely cycle ride to burn up those calories!

She is continuing with her regular running sessions, but is mixing it up with a bit of cycling.

This is her enjoying a nice ride along the Blackwater Valley path in the sunshine, which seems to have gone missing from Camberley for the moment!

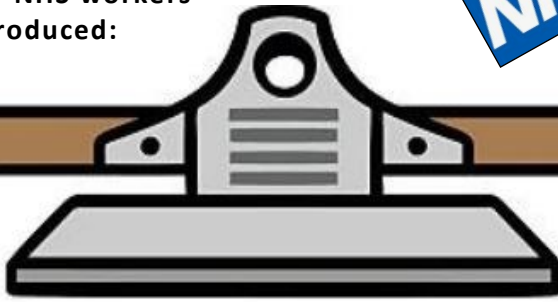
Has Miss Ellis found the right passage?

In the same vein, Miss Ellis has decided to spend some time outside, if she felt as though her walls were closing in on her while indoors, we're not sure that she has achieved a better position.

It is very commendable, however, that she has managed to tick the getting daily fresh air, childcare and working from home boxes all at the same time!



The army of volunteers that have been in school helping with PPE for NHS workers have now produced:



CHECK LIST

- 2000 Face shields (400 going to the Ambulance Service)
- Scrubs under way and production line started
- 124 scrub bags (majority going to Frimley Park Hospital)
- 24 ear relievers sent to Frimley Park Hospital
- 50 sets of ear relievers to the Ambulance Service



THANK YOU

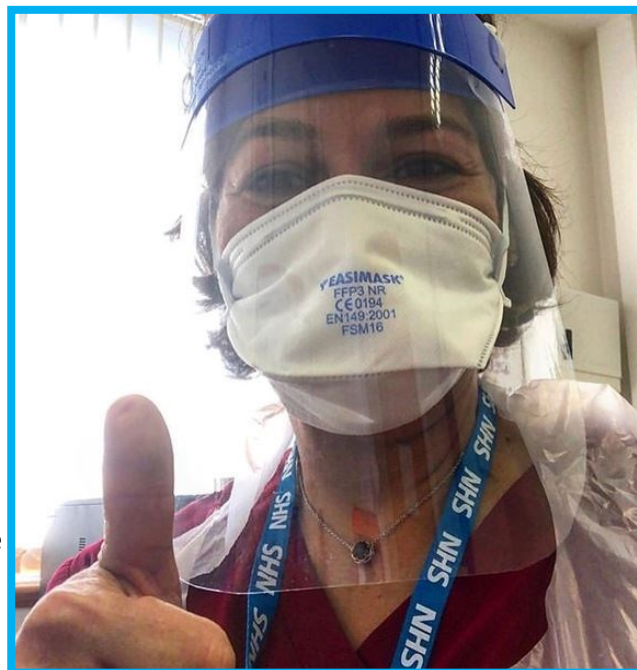
The Tomlinscote Community have literally received the thumbs up from the NHS.

The effort that students, staff, parents, neighbours and relatives have put in has been staggering, and we cannot thank you enough.

Following a request for duvet covers, sheets and pillowcases last week, a member of staff put a post out on the Lightwater Community Facebook page. The response was completely overwhelming, which prompted a speedy pick up of bags of donated items.

The donations were dropped off at Tomlinscote where the 'Dream Team' started sorting. It's safe to say that they have enough to work with now!

Two mums who really rose to the challenge and warrant particular thanks are Michaela Haig in West End and Natalie Jones in Camberley for their huge efforts. Thanks also to Helen Dixon for her help with the collections, it was greatly appreciated.



The staff pictured here are from a local hospice for children called Shooting Star Chase. They are based in Guildford and we have raised money for them before by way of the Christmas Carol Concert.

Mr Taylor's wife works for the hospice, hence the donation of visors. The ladies pictured live in-house so really appreciate the protection that we have afforded them.

Congratulations to Erin O'Luanaigh from 8X. She designed this stunning piece of artwork which Frimley Health Charity picked up and used.

She used an app called Ibis Paint to create this really effective image. Using the colours of the rainbow has provided extra relevance to the image, well done Erin.





A parent of one of our Year 10 and 11 students contacted school explaining her role in a vital organisation. Claire Dawson explained that she works for the Disability Initiative in Camberley. They are an established charity with 45 years of experience, specialising in slow stream rehabilitation and support to adults who have a physical disability/acquired brain injury. They currently deliver a service to clients from Berkshire, Surrey and Hampshire who have conditions such as stroke, TBI, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Huntington's, Parkinson's, spinal injury and other physical diagnosis.

With the outbreak of COVID-19, the Government identified their particular client group as highly vulnerable and since the 17th March, they have all been in isolation. This has caused extreme anxiety and concern for the clients as they truly believe that the Disability Initiative is their lifeline. In response to this the service they provide has had to be modified which has seen them proudly providing essential outreach services not only to their clients but also their families and carers.

The specialist support their clients and carers receive from the Disability Initiative is highly significant to their wellbeing and include support with the provision of: hot food deliveries, mobility assessments, personal care and hygiene, medication administration, emotional and psychological wellbeing, social media and safeguard monitoring, to name but a few.

Although the organisation was fortunate enough to source some items of PPE, they were really struggling to locate face visors.

Having heard that Tomlinson's was producing them, Claire approached the school for help. As with all of the other fantastic causes we have been able to help, we naturally jumped at the opportunity to help such a worthy local initiative. We are pleased to hear from Claire that the keyworkers are now equipped with visors so protecting themselves and their vulnerable clients through this extremely difficult time.

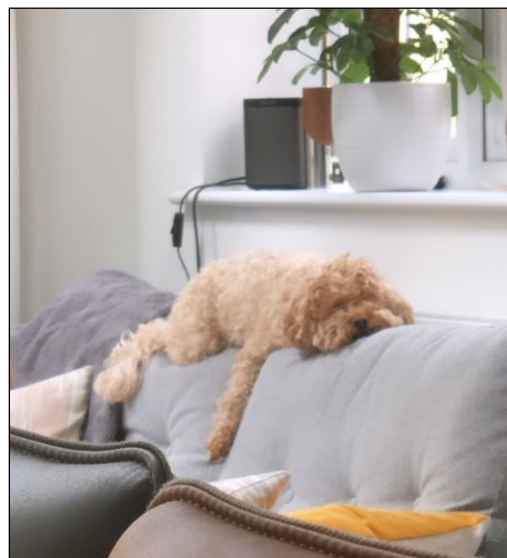
Dog tired!

If you fancy chilling out and being cultured at the same time, take a look at the plays on offer from the Globe Theatre below.

Clearly Miss Scattergood's dog Maggie, has been doing exactly that, and brushed up on some Shakespeare titles.

She's clearly got to grips with 'Much ado about nothing'

It's certainly a case of 'Sofa so good!'



Still creating a drama!

As Timon (one of Shakespeare's less well known characters) once said

"We have seen better days"

So why not try and improve the coming days by watching one of the following!

The Globe Theatre is still sharing 5 of its productions, each for 2 weeks, follow this link:



<https://globeplayer.tv/>



Romeo and Juliet 20th-3rd May

A Midsummer Night's Dream 4th - 17th May

A Winter's Tale 18th - 31st May

The Two Noble Kinsmen 1st June - 14th June

The Merry Wives of Windsor 15th - 28th June



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helpdesk@tomlinscoteschool.com



As some of
you may have
forgotten
what school
actually looks
like, a couple
of pictures
have been
included this
week to give
you a gentle
reminder!



The Newsletter team hope that you are keeping safe and well. Judging by the articles and pictures that you have sent, some students are keeping very busy!

Thank you again for the variety of donations to the Newsletter, it really is a joy to hear about your endeavours and successes.

Please keep the pictures, articles and stories coming, is anyone doing any exercise? Photographic evidence would be appreciated!

Please note, contributions for next week will need to be sent earlier due to the Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May

Stay safe - Mrs Carpenter

