



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday, we all waited in anticipation of news on whether schools would be opened further when the lockdown restrictions were eased. In the end, the impact was more significant for our primary colleagues but the suggestion is that Year 10 will have face-to-face support in order to help them with their Home Learning. I am waiting for further guidance about what this will look like and I will contact everyone next week with our plans. Please refer to my weekly update for more information.

<https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/attachments/download.asp?file=2786&type=pdf>

It is great to see so many photos and we have a House 'Olympics' Competition starting next week for the students. The first category is Cooking - instructions are on pages 16 & 17. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved and upload a photo.

Praise postcards are currently being sent to students who are putting in a tremendous amount of effort and producing great quality Home Learning work. We are also doing the same for staff in recognition of all the hard work they are doing behind the scenes at the moment.

The school will be open during Half Term for keyworker support and there will not be an INSET day on Friday 22nd May. It will be a normal school day for Home Learning.

I am really pleased to let everyone know that construction of the 3G Tomlinscote Community Football Pitch Project is starting on Monday. This has taken 4 years to get to this stage with a great deal of input from a variety of sources. We plan to have a time lapse video set up to show everyone the stages of development and I will send out a link next week. I am looking forward to seeing a great new facility ready for our local community in September. Mr. Major

A Double Date

Emma and Eva from Year 7 made their VE Day celebrations last a little longer than most. Their mother is Russian and the Russian people celebrate VE Day on 9th May. Their costumes also came from Russia.



A Double Date Cont'd



The twins and their brother really enjoyed dressing up in replica Russian costumes.

The sepia shot really helps to provide a historical significance.

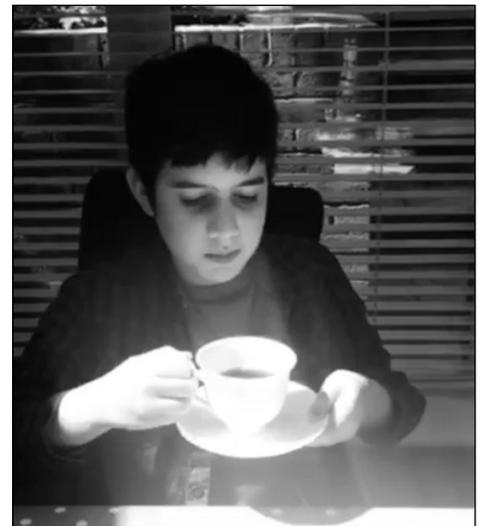


Capturing the moment

Tyler in Year 7 made a video covering his VE Day celebrations. He called it 'VE Day In Lockdown'.

"This VE Day is a bit different from any other VE Day because we are all in lockdown and it was the 75th VE Day which makes it even more special. So I decided to make a video using my editing skills and pictures and videos of our house to make this VE Day extra memorable".

Tyler <https://youtu.be/SUpCO24gYEc>



A flypast - but not as you know it!



This is a picture of Jacob in 7R doing his own version of the VE Day celebration fly past. I think you'd agree the formation is great, the colours spot on and he even managed to land in his garden in time for tea. Bravo Jacob!

Worth flagging up!

The prize for the biggest VE display has to go to Mrs Elliott, Tomlinscote's Medical Coordinator. We have no idea where she scavenged this from, Windsor Castle flag pole maybe!



Hitting the right note

The Jamaican-American singer Harry Belafonte once said "You can cage the singer but not the song".

This is clearly the case with the local Rock Choir. Mrs Jones and Mrs Preston kindly sent me some pictures of their recent Rock Choir session. Despite the lockdown, they have still managed to keep in tune and gain from the feel good feeling that is experienced while singing. Some students may recognise Mrs Summers, bottom right, who left us last year.

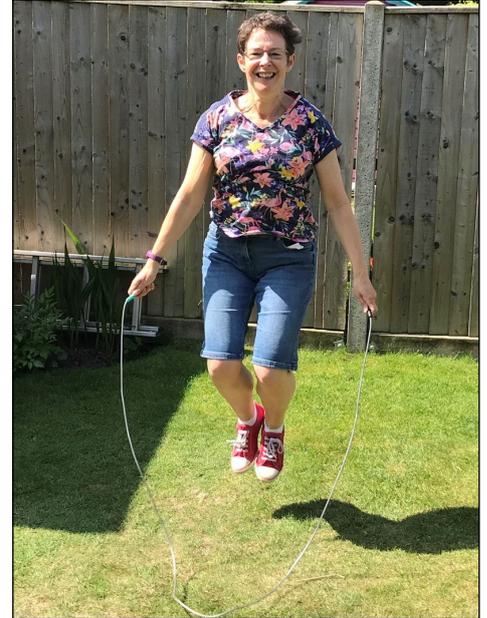


Skipping Meals!



Mrs Sparkes continues to bake and bike! However, this week she discovered a skipping rope in the shed and thought she would put it to good use.

It certainly helps justify the consumption of the delicious looking scones and chocolate brownies she had baked earlier. To date, Mrs Sparkes has managed 68 consecutive skips, it is far more tiring than she remembers. As if that weren't enough she continues to run, walk and cycle.



Longing for tea and cake!



Mrs Long managed a socially distanced driveway tea on Friday. Her sons made bunting to decorate the house and street and drew bunting on the brick wall and hopscotch on the road. They enjoyed scones and lemon drizzle cake.

The next day, Mrs Long ran a virtual 10k race for VE Day. She had to submit photos to her running club, so her boys used the bunting as a finish line. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement.

Tapping into nostalgia

Mrs Bowman certainly got into the spirit of things with her 2 daughters. They enjoyed a socially distanced VE Day party with residents in their street. Mia in 8Y performed a tap dance for everyone; the elderly residents especially loved it! It helped to bring back some very happy memories for many of them.



Tiers of joy!



Zandra Burgess in 9L baked this absolutely perfect Victoria sponge cake last week.

She baked it as part of the VE Day celebrations. Zandra's family enjoyed a street party with their neighbours all while keeping at a safe distance.

The verdict on the cake - Delicious!

Congratulations on baking a cake that wouldn't look out of place on Masterchef!



And to counteract all that cake.....

Strike a Pose



Mrs Barnes' Year 10 Dance students have been completing their Dance coursework.

As you can see they have been doing their practical elements very successfully at home.

This movements shows the stretching of the spine. The way I am sat has meant I needed to stretch both my arms and legs as well as my spine for me to be able to bend directly in half. Limon believed in active alignment so many movements in this technique look at stretching the spine and holding the body into a fixed position.

The Limon Technique looks at the use of weight in the body. Here I am using the weight of my back to stretch my hamstrings and bend my spine.



This technique also looks the way you go in and out of floor work (rise and fall) so when we did this movement within the workshop we looked at how to get from standing into this position using fluidity.

Oodles of Noodles

Maya Dayanandan recently decided to make a treat for her whole family.

With the help of her brother and sister they very successfully produced Chinese style Noodles.

It was the first time they had tried cooking them, and we think they did a very good job.

They even made prawn crackers to accompany them.

A cracking effort!



Hey Pesto!



Jarek Hildreth from 7M felt the knead to make this twisted pizza bread that he had previously made at school in Food Technology. He wanted to bake it to help celebrate VE day lunch.

It was filled with red pesto and cheese, 2 wonderful flavours that go perfectly together.

He demonstrated the process to his brother and even let him help with part of it.



Blooming brilliant scones!



Abeeha from 7Q soaked up the good weather in her garden while making scones ready for VE day.

Taking the recipe from Nigella Lawson, they were bound to be delicious!



Spreading her wings

Laura from 9Q loves painting and can always be found with a brush in her hand.

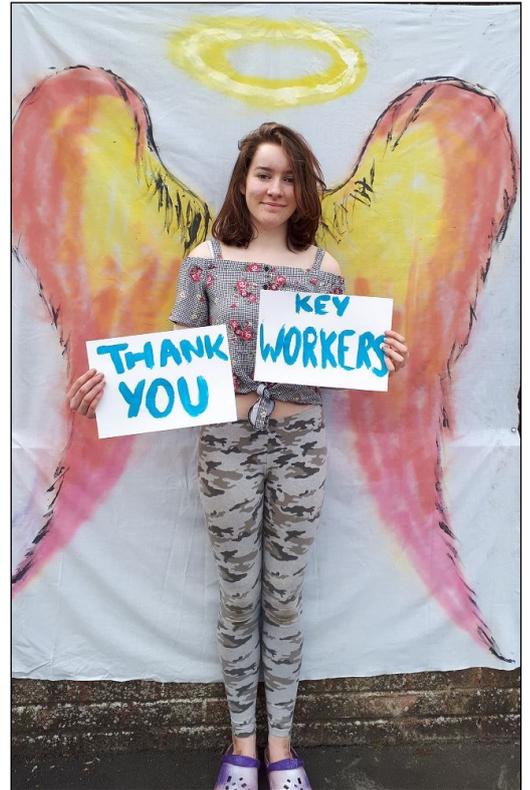
On this occasion she has put her painting skills to a really great use.

She has spray painted angel wings onto what looks like a sheet.

Children have been having their photographs taken standing in front of the wings holding up the words that are uppermost in our minds at the moment.

If you live in the roads neighbouring Tomlinscote, you may have seen them.

Well done Laura for using your talent for the benefit of others.



Drawing on experience



Jack Fordham in Year 7 has also been putting his artistic talent to good use.

He has sketched a brilliant portrait of Jim from the comedy sketch show 'Friday Night Dinner'.

I think anyone who has seen the programme will agree that the likeness is fantastic.

We look forward to seeing Jack's next portrait.



Character building task

Louise Veaser-Woods in 8L has found the force and built this impressive array of Star Wars images, namely, an Imperial Trooper Droid, Darth Vader's red TIE Fighter, a Scavenger Bounty Holder and a Sith Battle Training Facility.



Climbing the wall - in a good way!



Adam in Year 7 has set up a fund-raising walk to raise money for St. John Ambulance. The charity is struggling at the moment as they usually make money from attending events providing First Aid cover. Due to Coronavirus, however, these events are not taking place which has resulted in a huge drop in charity donations.

To date Adam has raised £213.00 with the help of his brother Luke. This is such a heart-warming story, well done Adam for showing so much initiative and community spirit.



The proof of the pudding is in the eating!

This week Year 10 have been making a high skill desert. I think we can see from the photographic evidence that every student has succeeded in this task. The level of complexity is so impressive and to achieve these results without direct help from their Food Technology teacher is fantastic.

Natasha Griffiths baked this amazing raspberry, white chocolate and pistachio roulade. That slice on the plate looks so tempting!



Alanna Collard produced this showstopper of a cheesecake. We have no idea how long it took her to construct, but it must have been a while. To embrace the rainbow theme too, that's impressive!



The proof of the pudding is in the eating - Cont'd

Daniel Elmes reached the peak of perfection with this beautiful lemon meringue pie. A real comfort food success story.



Eva Brock baked this awesome cake decorated with a true super food, namely blueberries. I'm impressed that no-one has cut into it yet!



Sophia Barquin has baked a crowning glory with this huge cake. Her icing and piping skills have really been demonstrated here, again, no-one has touched it!



Going nowhere fast!

Have you been experiencing the feeling of going nowhere fast? Well Mr Morren has been feeling that a lot recently. While clearly embracing the 'keep fit' vibe, he has been cycling in his front room, but not actually going anywhere.

As his bike is anchored down and attached to a treadmill, we can assume that he is not feeling the wind in his newly acquired short hair!

We look forward to receiving Mr Morren's contribution for the Olympic sports challenge.

(see posters featured later)



Keeping in step

Mrs Rust, Tomlinscote's attendance officer, is not in school monitoring student attendance at the moment. As a result her daily step count has dropped considerably.

As you can see she has found the solution, with her cross trainer.

She is clearly keeping up her strength too doing additional workouts with her dumbbells.

Maybe Mrs Rust's contribution to the Olympic challenge will be a weightlifting pose!



Cross Country Exercise



Miss Thomas has also been exercising with her beautiful dog Bella. As a PE teacher, I think we can safely assume that she has been doing regular exercise!

Unlike Mr Morren and Mrs Rust, she did actually make it outside.

Although it does look as though they have stopped for a breather! What will her contribution be to the Olympic challenge?



'Made in Chelsea' - well not quite!



Ambika Bhandari, also in Year 10, decided to have a go at a very ambitious bake. As you can see from the step by step guide above, the number of stages were considerable. The attention to detail is great, and the result a very impressive batch of Chelsea buns. Also impressive is Ambika's ability to source all of the ingredients!



“We can work it out “ said the Beatles and these students!

Year 7

1 st	Maisy Gimblett	109
2 nd	Jack Glassar	103
3 rd	Noah Pepin	97

Year 8

1 st	Grace Bewley	60
2 nd	Zainudeen Hussain	55
3 rd	Lily Walsh	54



Based on the number of correct questions answered
4th May – 10th May

Year 9

1 st	Oliver Knightley	215
2 nd	James Cavan	118
3 rd	Maya Dayanandan	115

Year 10

1 st	Parisha Mullay	319
2 nd	Natasha Griffiths	116
3 rd	George Sanders	114

Congratulations to all of the students featured above. However, an extra special congratulations to Jack Glassar (Year 7) and James Cavan and Maya Dayanandan (Year 9) for being on the leaderboard for 2 consecutive weeks.

Sunset strip

Naomi Mackenzie-Jones took these lovely photos while out on her evening walk. After another day of social distancing, working from home, home schooling and queuing outside supermarkets, the sun shows that it is keeping to its daily routine too!



Mental Health Resource for students

Please see below for a link that has come through from our Enterprise coordinator.

It would normally be Careers advice being supplied, however at this current time they are supporting the community in other ways.



<https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus/>

'Now is the *summer* of our discontent!'



But **'As you like it'** I've put the details in again!



For a few nights only



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



<https://globeplayer.tv/>



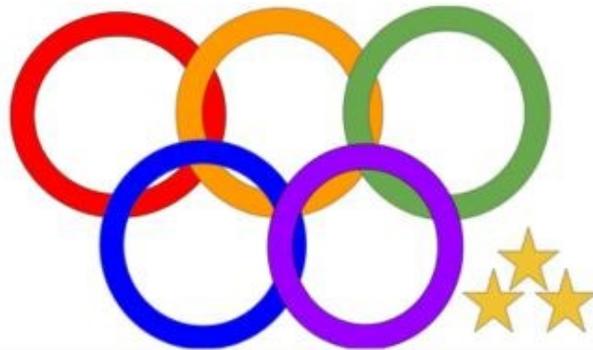
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Exciting Announcement!

HOUSE OLYMPICS

THINK OF THE OLYMPICS WITH A TOMLINSCOTE TWIST...



Over the next 6 weeks the house Olympics will be taking place. There are 3 categories; **cooking, physical and arts & crafts**. There will be a new category **every two weeks**. A house point will be awarded for every entry, as well as the top 3 entries from each category winning additional points for their house!

COOKING

18th May - 5th June

Get creative in the kitchen and bake anything Olympic related. From Olympic ring cupcakes to savoury pie medals! On your marks...get set...bake!

PHYSICAL

8th June - 19th June

Get imaginative with your household items as you create your own Olympic event. Think 'basket' ball, grapefruit shot put, clothes line javelin, plastic plate discus...

CRAFTS

22nd June - 3rd July

Get innovative as you design house related sports clothes, equipment or an Olympic torch.

How to enter? Simply take a photo of either your creation or you taking part in your own Olympic event and upload it to the google classroom 7fmq5j6. Please include: details of your house, tutor group, name of your event, as well as stating if you give permission for your photographs to be used in the weekly newsletter.



Don't forget to follow the government guidelines on HEALTH, SAFETY and SOCIAL DISTANCING when participating!



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Thumbs up from our Ravenscote neighbours

Having received a request for visitors from our Ravenscote neighbours, we duly obliged with some from the Tomlinscote production line.

With Years R, 1 & 6 students due to return to school in the next few weeks, staff are keen to get everything ready. In particular, they are sourcing materials for their medical room.

We wish all the staff involved in this important preparation work all the very best.



The Newsletter team have enjoyed another week of reading your stories and admiring your pictures. There have been a lot of heart-warming contributions which have exhausted Kipper and Boris!

The VE Day pictures were wonderful, it was lovely to see so many of you managing to enjoy the special day. As always keep the pictures, articles and stories coming. We can't wait to see your Olympic themed contributions, have fun creating those!

Stay safe - Mrs Carpenter

