



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter this week with a variety of articles emphasising student achievements and successes. Recently we distributed 550 praise letters to students in Years 7-9 that were in relation to their successful reports. Furthermore, we have sent more than 3500 postcards out in the past couple of weeks to students who have demonstrated superb Home Learning. Well done to all the students, I have also sent the staff a few postcards too!

I am really pleased to see the **Tomlinscote Community 3G Football pitch** starting to be built. The playing field already looks very different and you can see the daily developments through time lapse images. Please click on the link here:

<https://youtu.be/QPileRwunRg>

The Newsletter has a couple of competitions to look out for and it would be great to see your son/daughter getting involved with them. There is the House Olympics Competition (pages 16 & 17) with a focus first on catering and then on a physical activity. The second competition is called 'TOMLINSCOTE CREATES AT HOME' (page 19) This is a Creative Arts initiative and it is looking for students to demonstrate their creativity in different forms.

One example of creativity is a piece of music from our Jazz Band - please click on the link to hear the recording performed by students at home. (further details on page 15) <https://youtu.be/YeYZTmaOPD4>

Our staff have also been creative this week and created a brief video clip for students.

It is titled: 'Tomlinscote Staff A Second of Them' Enjoy watching the video.

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Mr Major

Tomlinscote hopefully recording history!



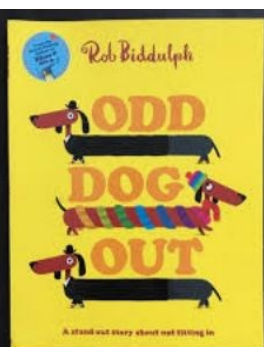
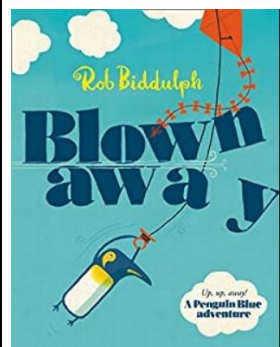
On Thursday 21st May, Mrs Hayden asked students, staff and families to take part in a World Record attempt. The record was for the **World's largest online art lesson!** This was an official Guinness World Record title challenge.

The project also raised money to help fight COVID-19 which is at the forefront of our minds at the moment.

The lesson took place on **21st May at 4:00pm** BST. It was led by World Book Day author and children's book illustrator, [Rob Biddulph](#). You might know him from #DrawWithRob (as seen on BBC or on social media) or his books, 'Odd Dog Out' or 'Blown Away'.

Students were asked to sign up and register online. They were then sent a link to join in the live art lesson.

Artwork created by our students will feature in the next Newsletter. Congratulations to all students who took the time to create their artwork. Fingers crossed for the record!



*In a lockdown far far
away.....
Tomlinscote Staff would like
to share a snapshot of
themselves, a representation
of lockdown 2020. To share
our faces so you don't forget.
To let you know we are here
for you, 'Our Tomlinscote
Community'.*



T O M L I N S C O T E
S C H O O L



L O C K D O W N
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Miss Barnes, Head of Creative Arts, has put together a heart-warming video of Tomlinscote staff, designed to remind you what we all look like and also to convey how much we all miss seeing our Tomlinscote students. It also includes a subtle message from Mr Major!

We hope you enjoy it.

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Tomlinscote taste bud temptations continue!

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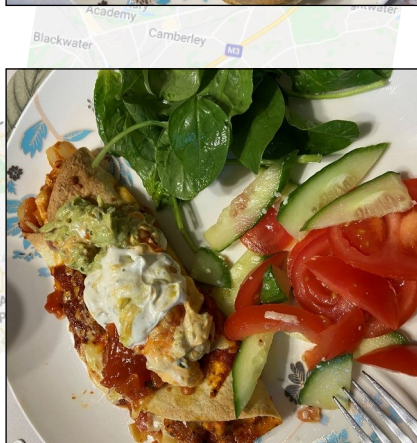
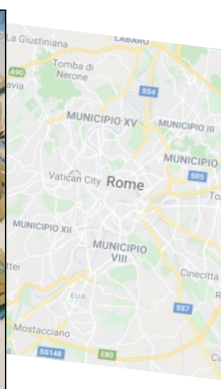
We're sure that Eliza in Year 7 will have had to shoo her family away from these beautiful caramel choux puffs. There are no obvious gaps, so she was probably successful.



Ben Matthews in Year 10 has been practicing his plaiting. If lockdown continues much longer his new-found skill might come in handy!



Maya and Kieran Dayanandan may live in Camberley and may not be travelling too far at the moment, but the fabulous meals they are cooking have a real international theme. With enchiladas, spaghetti and meatballs, doughballs and Malaysian style samosas they are still getting the benefit of these different countries, without having to travel to them!



Positive vibes from the whole Tomlinscote Science Department

Dr Wiskin and Dr Hammond have decided on the kitchen table approach to work. Dr Wiskin is clearly planning a route out of lockdown, while Dr Hammond is content to enjoy the sunshine while in front of her laptop.

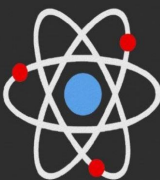


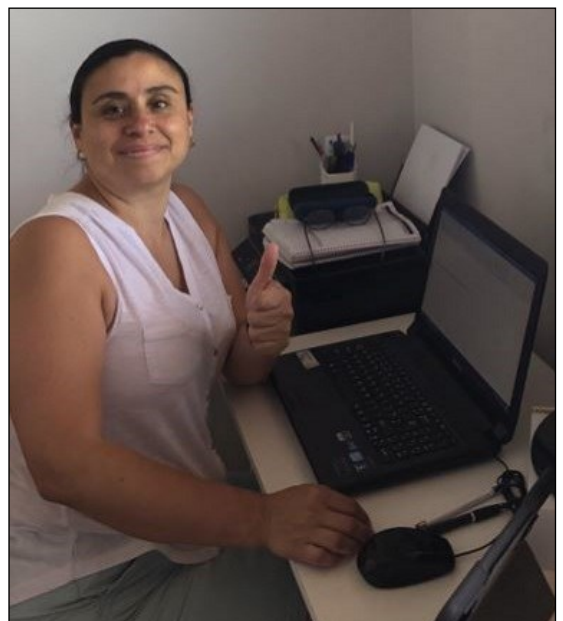
Dr Comfort looks to be enjoying some peace and quiet in his office and Mrs Chessun is trying to keep all of the Science department ticking over while we are all away from school.



Mrs Patalagua-Russo is giving everyone the thumbs up, which bodes well for the piece of work that she is marking.

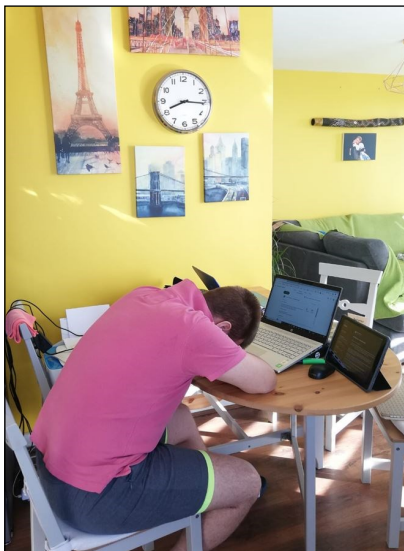
Mrs Sangar's students might fare better as her daughter is clearly doing the marking!

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and stay
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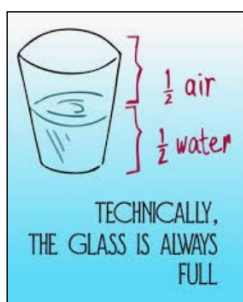


Positive vibes from the Science department Cont'd

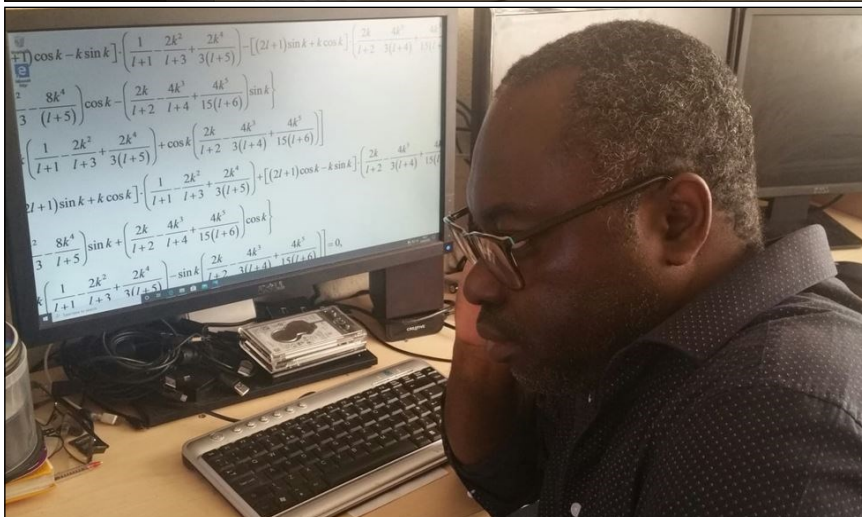
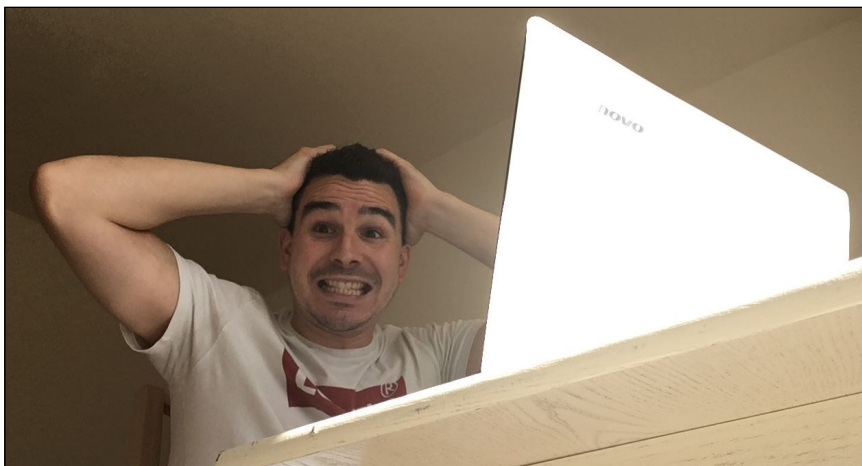
Here we have 2 very contrasting pictures of Mr Molnar. One shows him enjoying the sunshine, train spotting and working on his balcony with his gorgeous dog. The second one clearly shows him struggling with continued lockdown while trying to set and mark work. We imagine the view must help pass the time a little.



Mr Arrojeria is clearly not faring well! The weeks of lockdown have taken their toll. We hope this is the reason and that it's not a substandard piece of Home Learning that he is looking at!



Mr Oppong-Mensah looks as though he is trading on the money markets with his 3 screens. We hope that the formula he is studying heralds the much needed breakthrough that we all need at the moment.



Mrs Siddiqi is taking a far more relaxed approach to marking with her Science props around her. She also wishes everyone marking the end of the month-long fasting of Ramadan a "Happy Eid"

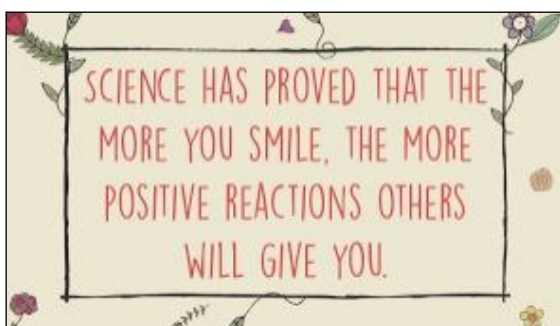


Positive vibes from the Science department Cont'd

Mr Johnston looks as though he has launched a one man crusade to come up with a vaccine for the Coronavirus. He's not taking any chances and we can see that he already has a formula mapped out. We wish him luck with his endeavours.

Miss Radley looks to be taking a more measured approach in her garden, where she has swapped a white lab coat for a whiteboard.

We hope that you have enjoyed the positive messages from the Science Department.



Catherine Hibberd from 8M clearly wanted to paint a positive image too. She entered this picture into the Heatherside Ward Resident's Association Painting Competition and was awarded the runner-up position. The theme was 'Seaside' which will have produced a lot of longed for views. Congratulations Catherine!



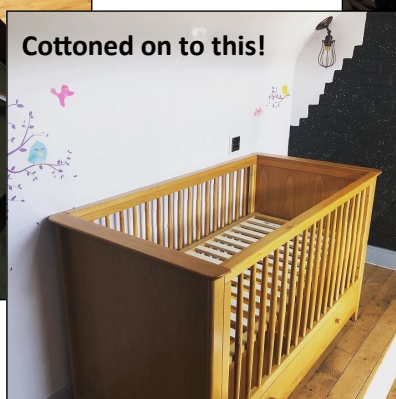
Creating at home!

Mr Frater has certainly been putting his creative skills to good use over the last week or two.

As well as setting lessons and other administrative duties, he has been busy assembling a very complicated looking cot, cooking and plumbing! He has managed the following accomplishments:

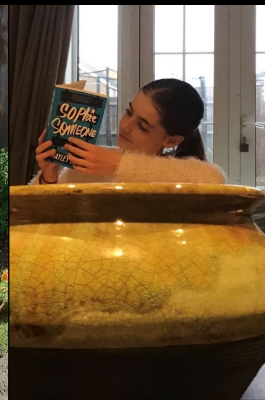
1. Learnt how to make 2 ingredient banana pancakes (just eggs and bananas!!)
2. Fitted together his unborn twins' first cot-bed (there are two but the other one doesn't need to be built as one is big enough for now).
3. Learnt how to drain a radiator, repair a leak and put it back together.
4. Learnt how to dismantle old bathroom basin taps and fit new ones, again without any leaks or sinking feeling.

We're beginning to wonder whether Mr Frater is in the wrong profession! Next week could see him in a bit of a spin as he attempts to fit a new washing machine.



Marita from 7H has also been creating at home. Her creations will probably appeal more to people in this time of lockdown. So far, she has baked scones, banana bread, oatmeal and raisin cookies, carrot cake and pasties. Now we know where all of the flour has gone!





The 'Capture Yourself Reading' Competition has been judged and few have been found wanting! There were some exceptional entries and some really creative ideas. Thank you and well done to everyone who participated.

The Staff winner was: Mrs Metcalfe with her 'Lady who lived in a shoe'

Runner up: Mr Frater in his 'man cave'

The students' entries were tough to judge, but here they are:

Winner: Faith in 9K - I get in my reading on the go!

Second Place: Amelia in 8R - the cleanest reading available

Third Place: Henry in 8R - the mirror watches me read

Honourable Mentions for great original pictures:

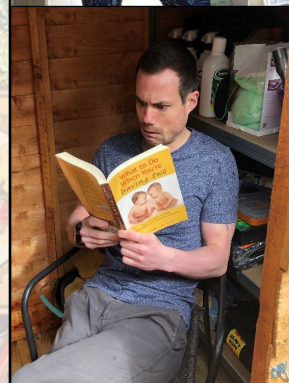
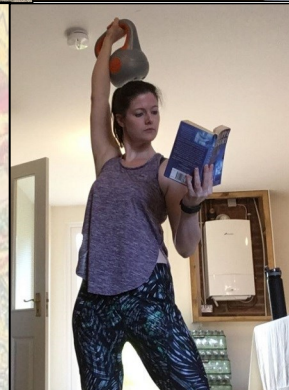
Frieden 7L

Izzy 7H

Raeleah 7X

Ellie 7Q

Eva and Emma Jensen 7H



LRC Reading Tips

By now, we're sure that many of our amazing students are running out of things to read at home, so we'd like to share a project by Award-winning children's author, Katherine Rundell.

In collaboration with The Natural Literacy Trust, she has created the 'The Book of Hopes: words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown'.

Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon, Jacqueline Wilson and Katherine herself.

You can find out more information on the project including where to read it on the Literacy Trust website:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/katherine-rundell-launches-the-book-of-hopes-a-free-childrens-book-by-over-110-authors-and-illustrators/>

We'd also like to share a link to the latest 'Books for Keeps' newsletter - #HomeReading Special! It has some really great interviews with authors, as well as book reviews and ideas for your next reading adventure!

You can find the latest issue here:

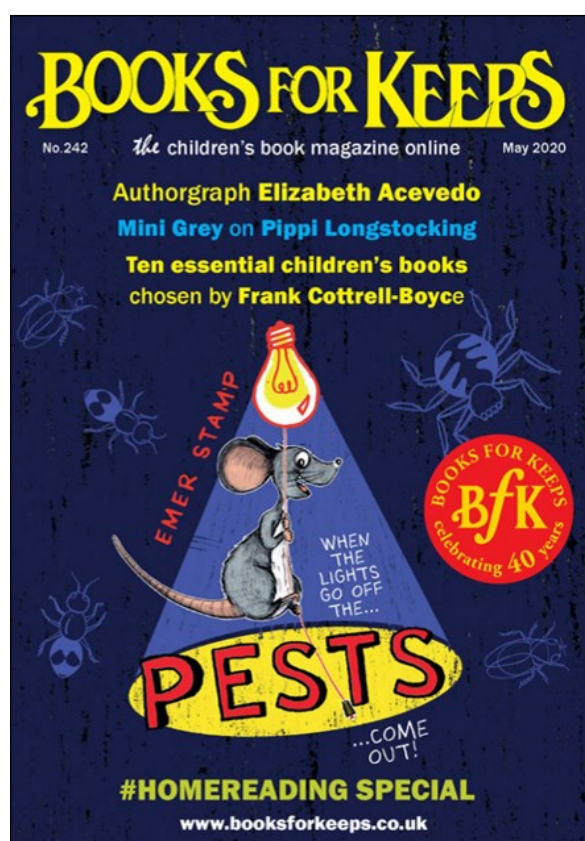
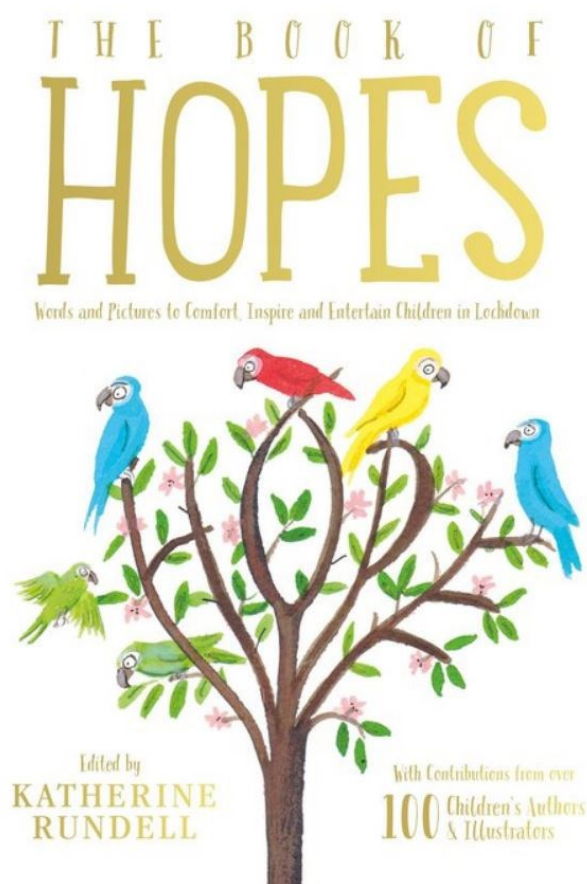
<https://content.yudu.com/reader>

Also, a reminder from the LRC – we would love to hear about all the wonderful books you or your family have been reading. Please send a book review/recommendation, just a few lines or a short paragraph to either Miss Scott at: tscott@tomlinscoteschool.com or Miss Brinton at: jbrinton@tomlinscoteschool.com

Don't forget you can also submit your review via the 'reading cloud' on your iPads!

We can then share them in the Newsletter.

We hope you are all keeping well and we look forward to receiving lots of your book reviews.



Orchestrating Perfection



I'll Be There For You
VIRTUAL
YOUTH ORCHESTRA
#InternationalNursesDay

Oliver Stubbley in 9P who plays the saxophone and Christopher Edrich in 8R who plays the French horn have been keeping up their instrument playing by joining a new virtual orchestra. They get emailed a new piece to learn each week.

It is called the 'Virtual Youth Orchestra' and they have played a number of times, most recently for International Nurses Day last Tuesday.

They played a special piece titled "I'll be There For You" most famous for being the theme tune to 'Friends'.

They currently have musicians from 19 countries who are all in lockdown. Ed Sheeran recently posted on their website congratulating them on a version of one of his songs they had performed.

Congratulations to Oliver and Christopher for taking part in such a fantastic venture that will give them a tremendous amount of experience for future school productions.

Click on the link to see and hear them play:

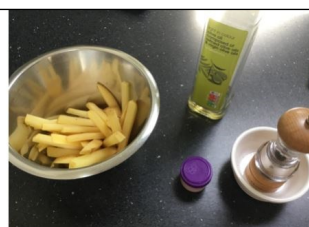
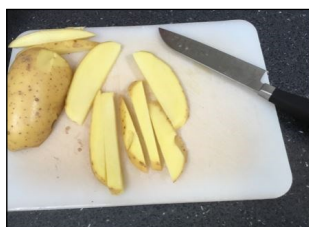
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWVd-wD54BE>



Year 9 students were tasked with cooking 'Street Food' this week. As you can see from the pictures, that task was completed comprehensively.



Georgia made her take on fish and chips and served them in a traditional paper cone for easy eating!



Georgia



Street Food



Oliver made a delicious chicken kebab served in a tortilla. He has produced such a colourful dish, it looks so tasty and appealing.



Both of the dishes look amazing and we hope that all the family got to enjoy them.



Oliver



PICCOLLAGE

Enjoying their salad days

Year 7 students were set the challenge of making salad jars which are ideal for a family picnic as they can be made in advance with no mess. As a result we are talking salad jar and not salad bar!

William Richards made a highly nutritious salad jar incorporating pasta and egg into his jar.



Richard Miranda has helpfully listed all of his ingredients for when you want to head out on that picnic!



Karolina Jones looks to have included some exotic ingredients into her salad jar. She might struggle to get the lid on!



Raeleah Raath made such a huge salad for her family that it wouldn't actually fit in a jar! At least no-one will go hungry.



Docs, dogs, deer and dedication!



Another one of our NHS heroes, namely Dr Najman from Lightwater surgery, was very grateful to receive one of 85 visors that were delivered from Tomlinscote this week.

It has made a real difference to what he is able to do within the practice. Thank you Tomlinscote production team!

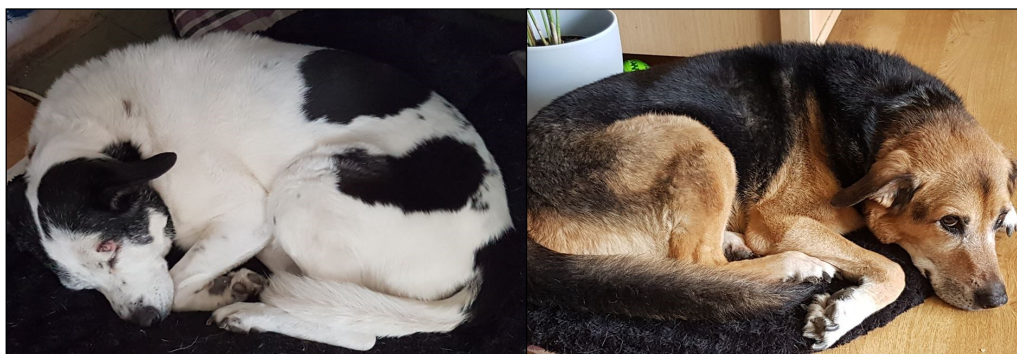
Mrs Shlackman, from Mr Major's Office, went out for her daily walk, mindful of the social distancing regulations. The latest government mission statement asking us to 'stay alert' was timely when a deer walked out right in front of her!



Raeleah from Year 7 has combined 2 of her favourite pastimes.

She has mastered the art of trampolining and reading.

I wonder how many books she has read on the bounce!



Mrs Brown, our SIMS Manager has 2 very contented dogs who are absolutely loving the fact that she is at home with them all day. It really is a dog's life!



The incredible Tomlinson's production team have maintained their Herculean task of manufacturing equipment for use across the community, be it for hospitals, GP surgeries, pharmacies, care homes and many more. To date they have made:

2706 face shields

316 scrub bags

568 ear relievers

17 scrub caps

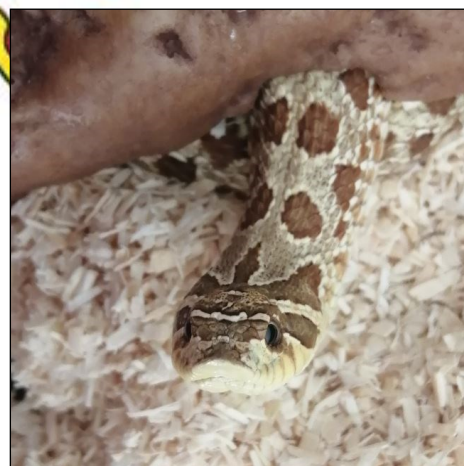
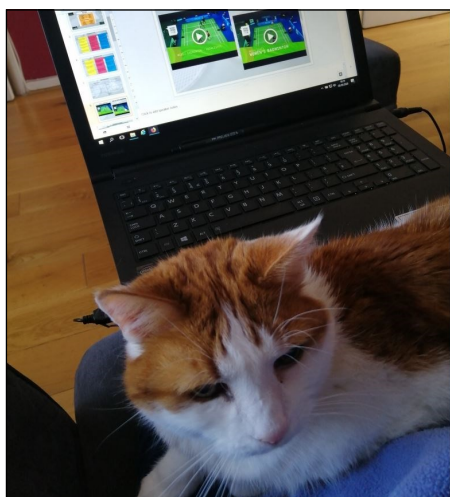


Snakes alive!

Mrs Mensah sent in photos of cute and cuddly and decidedly not so cute and cuddly! She has got a new home for her snake Sidney, which she thinks he was pretty pleased about as he soon shed his skin!

The picture of the 2 sheds show clearly how much he has grown in the last 2 years. He is a Hognose snake, who Mrs Mensah thinks is very cute 😊

She said that Kitty (yes really!) has had enough of her working from home now!



Instrumental in raising our spirits!



Louis Armstrong once said "If you have to ask what Jazz is, you'll never know".

If you need a reminder, however, Mr Morren has done a fantastic job piecing together a Jazz Band performance of 'Frankenstein' by the Edgar Winter group.

All of the students recorded their tracks separately at home using their iPads and then sent them to Mr Morren to piece together.

Click on the link below to hear their version of this incredibly complex piece.

Congratulations to the Jazz Band for such a wonderful rendition.



<https://youtu.be/YeYZTmaOPD4>



Corona Cat

Week 4 - Thursday 21st May

I have started to notice a hypocrisy in this household. The tall ones all seem to eat whenever the whim takes them, whereas, when I inform them of my near starvation levels, they merely titter and patronise me for being "an hour early". Funny how that logic evaporates at 6am during my scheduled breakfast time, isn't it? At least when I eat, it doesn't all hang out on *my* hips.

All of the ads right now seem to be pandering to the notion of making the most out of lockdown, so I've continued my sporadic forays into new hobbies.

This week, I took up Lego. Who says cats need opposable thumbs? What a masterful toy - the pieces can be stored under the rug, so that hours afterwards you can declare war when you walk past! Those 2-by-4s never saw it coming... plus, it's hilarious when the tall ones step on them. They obviously enjoy the surprise too!



A reminder about the first Olympic event!



HOUSE OLYMPICS

THINK OF THE OLYMPICS WITH A TOMLINSCOTE TWIST...

THE FIRST CATEGORY IS ... 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!



How to enter? Simply upload a photo of your tasty creation 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.

HOUSE OLYMPICS

THINK OF THE OLYMPICS WITH A TOMLINSCOTE TWIST...

THE SECOND CATEGORY IS ...

PHYSICAL!

8th June - 19th June

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



How to enter? Simply get a photo of yourself striking a pose in your Olympic event and upload it to the google classroom 7fmq5j6. Please include: Details of your house, tutor group and name of your event. In addition, please confirm that you have 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!

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

Well you could do worse and it wouldn't be difficult at the moment as the weather is so gorgeous.

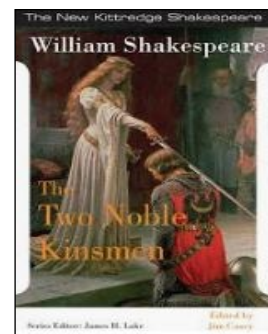
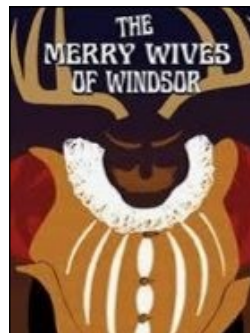
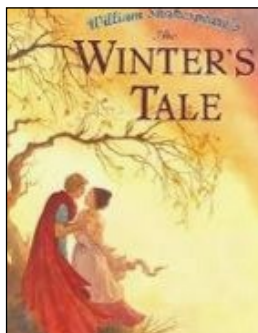
If, however you fancy a break from the sun, The Globe Theatre still has 3 Shakespeare plays scheduled.

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/>



If you experience any technical issues with your iPad whilst working from home, please email the IT Support team at:

helpdesk@tomlinscoteschool.com

Tomlinscote Creates at Home

Deadline: 12th June

It's competition time!

What an experience the past few
weeks have been for all of us!

Let's share our stories and
experiences through the arts?

What will you create?

- A piece of art work?
- A poetry reading?
- A radio play?
- A hit song?
- A movie trailer?
- A photograph?
- An animation?
- A model?

GET CREATIVE

Join the **Google Classroom**
"Tomlinscote Creates at
Home"

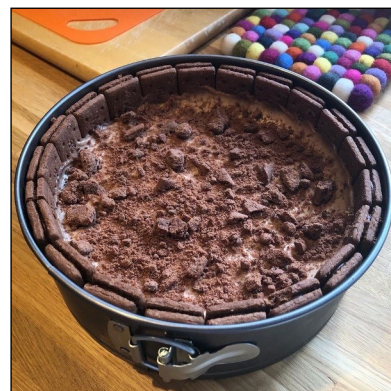
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Oh crumbs!



Mr Frater sent a late entry for the Newsletter this week. We think he feels justified in eating his latest creation because of all the DIY jobs he has completed.

He describes it as his first 'non-bake bourbon cheesecake'. We would describe it as 'death by chocolate' but well worth taking the risk for!



"Forget your troubles and dance"

A number of our Year 11 girls have been keeping themselves busy to help take their minds off the fact that their GCSEs and end of school events didn't happen.

They have been working really hard towards an International Dance Teachers' Association Level 3 Student Teaching Diploma in Freestyle with Aspects of Dance Academy.

The students are Carys Powell, Alyssa Bird, Tilly Dullforce and Megan Montgomery.

Congratulations to the girls for showing such commitment to completing an amazing achievement. We hope that working towards this project has helped them get over the disappointment of not seeing out the end of their time at Tomlinscote.



Some of the Newsletter team have been working harder than others this week. Kipper and Boris simply can't face the thought of another week in lockdown, whereas Clarence the Pleco has been really up for it!

We have received such a fantastic variety of articles this week, which proves that you are all still keeping very busy. We hope that half term gives you the opportunity to come up with great Olympic ideas for each of the categories. We also look forward to seeing what sporting poses the Tomlinscote staff manage to come up with.

Have a wonderful half term, enjoy the sunshine and stay safe.

Mrs Carpenter

