



5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to highlight what will be happening at Tomlinscote over the next few weeks:

Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June 2020 - **Year 11** students are collecting their exercise books, collecting their Yearbook, returning their iPad and other resources from the depths of their bedrooms. I have written to Year 11 parents separately regarding how to safely manage these 'signing off' days.

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Following government guidance to provide 'face to face' contact with **Year 10** we have decided on the following:

Wb. 8th June - students who have been identified as not engaging in Home Learning or who require additional support will have meetings with the Year 10 team.

Wb. 15th June - these identified students will attend 'face to face' sessions in school, in core subjects, over 5 days.

Wb. 22nd June - the remaining Year 10 students will attend school for subject specific support and challenge sessions. This will be for one session a week, based upon student identified needs.

I have written to Year 10 separately with more detailed notes on this plan of action.

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The school will remain open for Keyworker children; this number has recently doubled. I have asked my staff to monitor student engagement in Home Learning in Years 7 and 8. This information will be sent home to parents at the end of next week, hopefully you know this information already! Year 9 will also receive one in July as they have just started their GCSE courses.

Mr Major



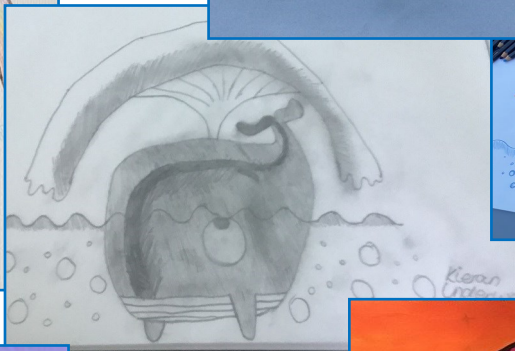
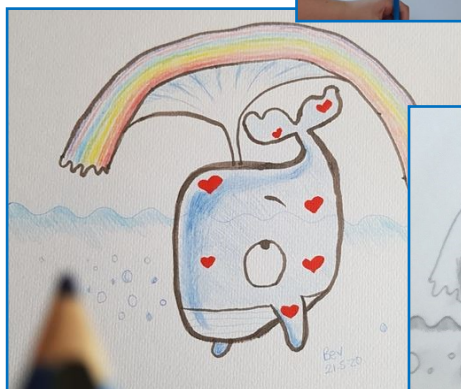
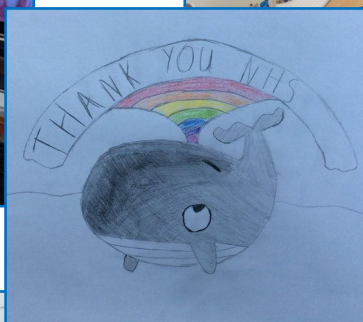
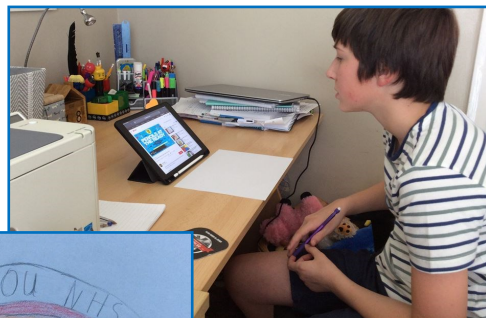
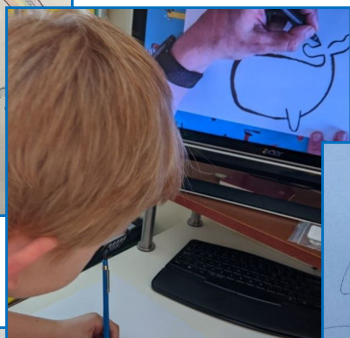
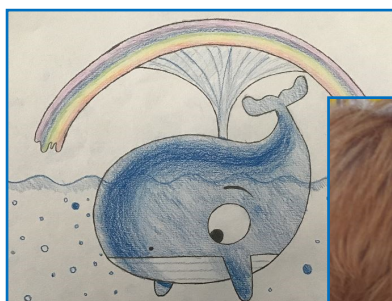
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Having a whale of a time!

Here are a few of the pictures that students and staff created as part of the Guinness World Record attempt before half term. Students like Fletcher in 7M sat and watched the class and then followed the tutorial.

As you can see we ended up with some great pictures and in the process broke the World Record! Tomlinscote joined with 48,000 people and became part of the world's largest online art lesson with illustrator Rob Biddulph. As well as breaking the record, the attempt raised over £58,000 for fighting Covid.

It's safe to say we made quite a splash!





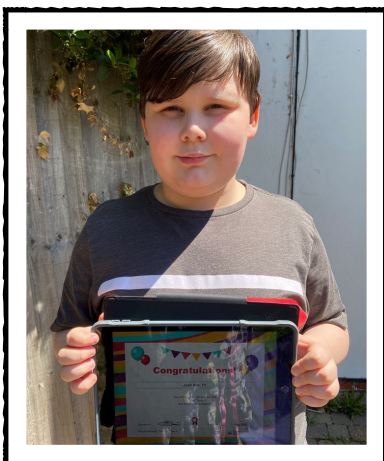
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Abi 7Q



Adam 7K



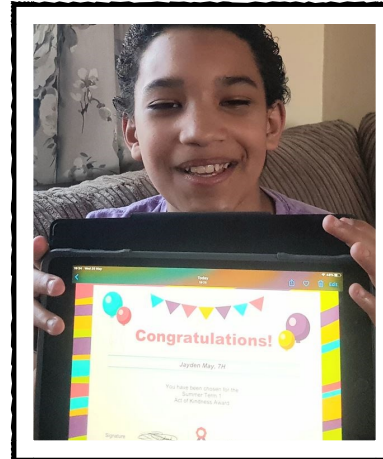
Joshua 7Y



Before half term, students from Year 7 again voted for who they thought best deserved an 'Act of Kindness' Award from their tutor group.

All of the students pictured over the 2 pages received wonderful reasons for being nominated.

Congratulations to the students featured who truly deserve this special accolade.



Jayden 7H



Eva 7H



Jacob 7R



Nithilaa 7P



Freya 7Q



Ria 7M

ACTS OF



Jack and trainee police dog puppy 7X



Tia 7L



Amelie 7K

KINDNESS

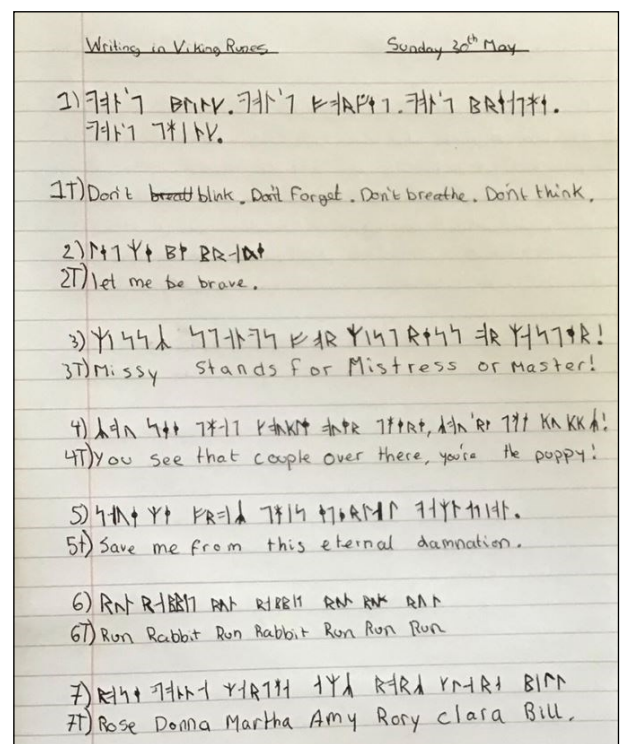


Magic and mystery

Louise Veaser-Jones from 8L has been pottering about and managed to complete this impressive puzzle of Draco Malfoy from the Harry Potter series of books.

In addition she has been learning how to write Viking Runes. Runes are letters from a series of alphabets used to write some Germanic languages before Latin was adopted.

With her obvious coding skills, Louise should give the Bletchley challenge a try. (details featured later in this issue).



A Great S **TART!**

Before half term, Year 10 Food Tech students were set the task of baking a fruit tart, made with either pastry or biscuit.

I think you will see from the photographs that they successfully completed this challenge. Amazingly, in all cases, photographs were taken before slices!



With a combination of bananas, strawberries, grapes and apples, all of the tarts could count as 1 of your 5 a day!

Hair today - gone tomorrow!

Mrs Jarman's dogs, Poppy and Tansey, had started to feel a little hot under the collar. With their coats getting longer and the weather getting warmer they were relieved to hear that their dog groomers had reopened! Despite their glum faces, they were delighted with their new slim line look!

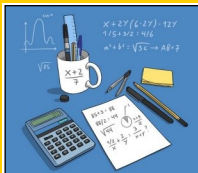


Sun Dog/God!

Bethany in 7P got a new member of the family over half term. He is called Apollo and is a Weimaraner.

He is only 9 weeks old and spends most of his time eating and sleeping. Given the current lockdown status that we find ourselves in, these 2 pastimes are ideal. Named after the Greek and Roman Gods of the Sun, Apollo has definitely arrived at the right time!





HEGARTY HEROES



Year 7

1 st	Ishbir Singh	332
2 nd	Jayden May	94
3 rd	Maisie Gimblett	91

Year 8

1 st	Reece Talbot	131
2 nd	Charlotte Baker	95
3 rd	Madeleine Yorke	94



hegartymaths

Based on the number of correct questions answered
11th May – 17th May

Year 9

1 st	Maya Dayanandan	313
2 nd	Kalkhi Mayuran	128
3 rd	Naomi Mackenzie-Jones	125

Year 10

1 st	Leah Wootton	149
2 nd	Rhiannon Lee	125
3 rd	Alanna Collard	121



hegartymaths

Based on the number of correct questions answered
18th May – 31st May

Year 7

1 st	Ryan Hunter	203
2 nd	Jayme Weekes	123
3 rd	Jessica Widdows	116

Year 8

1 st	Charlotte Baker	107
2 nd	Zainudeen Hussain	105
3 rd	Grace Bewley	77

Year 9

1 st	Maria Achim	107
2 nd	Naomi Mackenzie-Jones	106
3 rd	Maya Dayanandan	101

Year 10

1 st	Charlie Stenson	203
2 nd	Ethan Long	172
3 rd	Heather Pirie	162



Going the extra mile!

Ronald McDonald
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United Kingdom

1300 MILES
in 7 days!

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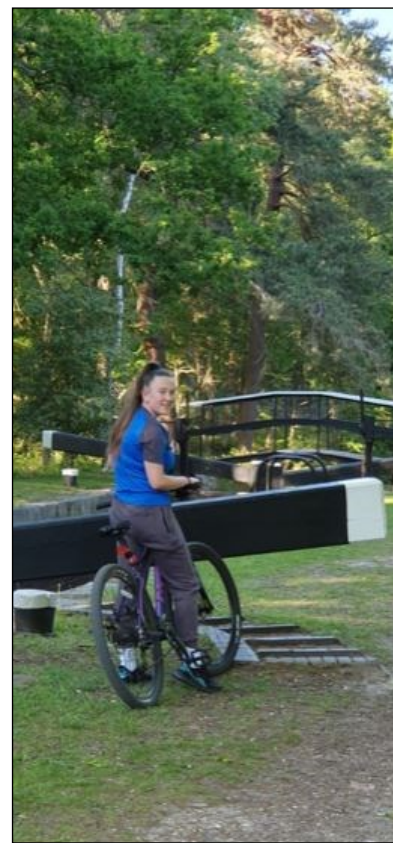


Olivia from Year 10 and her team mates from Oxford United have recently completed a charity run/walk/ride to raise money for Ronald McDonald House in Oxford.

The girls completed the target of 1300 miles in the first few days of the campaign, so they decided to double the mileage to 2600 miles.

To date they have managed to raise £4382.00.

Ronald McDonald House is a charity that helps families stay close to their children who are in hospital, by providing free 'home away from home' accommodation in 11 houses across the UK.



The charity event that Olivia and her teammates participated in was aimed specifically at raising the final £1 million to fit out and furnish the new 62 bedroom Ronald McDonald House at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Olivia's participation in this fundraising event is fantastic and we send our congratulations on her wonderful achievement.



Military precision!



Check this out! Millie in 9H has been making scrubs for the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Forces Medics who are working in hospitals in the area.

Many of the newly qualified medics are now working in medical establishments and have struggled to find a ready supply of scrubs to use.

Millie has learned how to use an overlocker and sewing machine. With her eye catching designs, her scrubs will be easily spotted and certainly brighten up the work place.

Congratulations Millie on putting your new found skill to good use and supporting such a great cause. The RMAS motto of 'Serve to Lead' sums up Millie's effort perfectly.



A really a-peel-ing pud!



Another demonstration of precision craftsmanship came from Naomi Mackenzie-Jones in 9P who created this magnificent apple pie with a little help from her Mum.



It looks absolutely delicious, and according to Naomi - it was.



● On your marks....

● Get set....

● Go....

Strike a pose - it's time to get thinking about which sport you can replicate for the second of the House Olympic challenges.

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!

EnSCONEsed in baking!

Year 7 students have been rubbing it in quite literally this week by producing some amazing batches of scones.

They were set another tricky technique to learn in their Food Tech lessons, namely baking either savoury or sweet scones.

Students had to master the 'rubbing in' method which we can see they all achieved.

It would appear that they have all risen to this challenge.



Raeleah - Fruit scones



Finlay Walsh - Cheese scones with smoked paprika



Fraser Todd - Fruit scones



Karolina Jones - Fruit scones



Gabrielle Mansell - Fruit scones

Still EnSCONEd!



Yash Pande - Fruit scones



Ryan Hunter - Plain scones



Richard Miranda - Cherry and cream scones



Daniel Young - Fruit scones



Liam Jordan - Fruit scones



Mrs Sparkes has scone for another favourite, namely flapjacks. We hope that she is keeping up with all of her exercising!

Corona Cat



Week 5 - Thursday...does anyone even know anymore?

I can't believe I'm even meowing this, but I think I actually *enjoy* having them home. (If you tell anyone, I'll deny it).

Each morning I am awakened by a 10 minute full body massage, followed by a salmon breakfast - the gravy kind. Then, I get a full 30 minutes of playtime in the back garden, before my grooming session in the sunshine. Sure, I have to endure all the ridiculous kisses, but it's a small price to pay to keep her sweet.

Meanwhile, one of my favourite pastimes is watching the squirrels - they like to dig up the flowerpots and when they're least suspecting it... Mum shoots them with the supersoaker! Hilarious.



Doggy Delight!

Mrs Candappa has enjoyed a 'pupdate' with her 'Grand Pup' Mikko.

Mikko is a Hungarian Vizsla who is clearly pleased to be reunited with her.

Mrs Candappa made a round trip of 20km in order to see him so I hope he appreciated the effort!



The Good Life!

Miss Szymaszek has been enjoying some quality time outside. She has been out foraging for Acacia and Hawthorn flowers from which she makes tea. The sausages are clearly the reward for her efforts. We're not sure whether the rhubarb is cooked or merely used as a sun shade!

'The Day of the Triffids' remake?



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?

Code: ifthbowz

GET CREATIVE

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

Pitch Perfect?

Apart from the creation of what looks like a massive long jump pit, we're not sure that Sports Day would have fared too well this year. Preparations for the 3G Tomlinscote Community Football Pitch have been moving at a tremendous rate, but the only tracks to be laid down this year will be made by the work vehicles. This is such an exciting development for Tomlinscote and we all look forward to its completion.



A tale of 10 not even remotely ugly ducklings!



On 17th May there was great excitement at the home of Miss Rushby's sister.

They made the discovery of 10 ducklings swimming around their pond. The female had been a regular visitor to the garden and had clearly made a nest in the garden, but hidden from view.



Having hatched, all of the ducklings decided to put in an appearance and fell into formation behind Mum.

It was established that it would be some time before the babies were able to fly, and therefore a plan was needed to round up the large feathery family and take them to a new and slightly more suitable home.

A plan was duly hatched to transport Mum and ducklings to Chads Water nearby.

After a very stressful hour, they had all been gathered safely in 2 cat carriers and then placed delicately in the car boot.



When they arrived at the pond they opened the boot to discover that 2 of the ducklings had made a bid for freedom and were merrily strutting around.

Having regrouped, the babies were released first, obviously nervous, they ran straight into the long grass. Mum promptly flew into the water and called the babies to join her. Having heard her calls they duly followed. All then sailed off into the distance, literally like ducks to water!





OPERATION BLETCHLEY

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For advanced operatives - a challenging 100 mile mission behind enemy lines in France. STOP

How it works

Operation Bletchley is a virtual event that you can take part in anywhere in the world. Here's how it works...

1. Sign up for just £10 and link your phone or fitness tracker to your fundraising page (you can also record your distance manually if you prefer)
2. Start walking at your own pace (from 1st July)
3. Receive updates and codes to crack at regular milestones - three levels are available - Junior, Codebreaker or Cypher Expert
4. Codes will be delivered straight to your inbox and you can select your level then
5. Solve the codes to decipher the hidden message
6. Complete the journey and deliver the message by the 31st July

Background History

During World War II, the Government Code and Cypher School was located at Bletchley Park. It is renowned for regularly penetrating secret communications between Germany, Italy and Japan. One of the most famous codebreakers was Alan Turing who masterminded the creation of a machine capable of breaking messages encrypted by the sophisticated German cipher machine. It is generally acknowledged that the work of the codebreakers shortened the war by at least 2 years.

Turing and his fellow codebreakers were handpicked through contacts at Oxford and Cambridge. To establish their ability, candidates were set complicated puzzles, codes and mathematical tests.

So, do you fancy your chances? If you do, remain vigilant, be alert and look out for the full mission details in next week's Newsletter.



J.K. ROWLING

THE ICKABOG



J.K. Rowling has written a new book,
and it's being published online for free!

You can find out more information on the project here:

theickabog.com

There's also an illustration competition for a chance to
have your artwork published in the book!

theickabog.com/competition

Read the first
chapter here:

[Chapter 1](#)



Chapter 1

King Fred the Fearless

Once upon a time, there was a tiny country called Cornucopia, which had been ruled for centuries by a long line of fair-haired kings. The king at the time of which I write was called King Fred the Fearless. He'd announced the 'Fearless' bit himself, on the morning of his coronation, partly because it sounded nice with 'Fred', but also because he'd once managed to catch and kill a wasp all by himself, if you didn't count five footmen and the boot boy.

Psst! Don't forget you can send
book reviews and suggestions to
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(tscott@tomlinscoteschool.com)

Piling it on!

This is what the collective load of Year 11 students' books look like.

The hall has been filled with the piles of books that represent 270 students' GCSE work. Teachers have made their way through the towers of work to help establish the students' final GCSE grades.

Ironically, the Main Hall has still played a major part in the deciding of student grades. This year, however, supporting student books and not students.



We hope that you have all had a great first week back Home Schooling following the very sunny half term break. The Newsletter team have had a mixed week, Boris, as you can see has really stretched himself and Kipper has taken up Neighbourhood Watch duties.

We have been joined by the Mallards again this week, although they have been ducking out of their duties! We have had yet another crop of great stories and pictures, thank you for continuing to support the Newsletter. Next week we will be featuring the Olympic Cookery entries which have been coming in. The next competition is the Olympic sports pose, we hope that you have been coming up with some great ideas.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Carpenter

