



The
Southover
Partnership

Newsletter

Spring 2023



Dear Students, Staff, Parents and
Colleagues

In view of my imminent departure I would like to say that it has been a privilege to work with, support and learn from the amazing school community that is Southover. I cannot commend all the staff enough for their hard work, dedication and love of the school and the students.

As I look forward to spending time with my family, I know that I am leaving the Southover family in the safe and competent hands of Mr Kief Ho, who will take on the role of Acting Executive Headteacher, a highly professional Senior Leadership Team and all the amazing school staff. Together we have built the foundations for future success through the embedding of a culture of respectful and supportive relationships to ensure that our students make exceptional progress in all areas of their learning and growth.

A new Chair of Trustees has been appointed. Ms Lynn Yap brings experience and expertise in strategy to support the future growth and development of Southover. The Board of Trustees is working towards appointing an Executive Head Teacher as soon as possible.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful Easter break.
Stay safe.

Kind regards

Merushka Hansraj



A Message From Kief



We had another adventurous term here at the Kingsbury Manor Site. With the work and dedication of the team, our students continued to develop their independence, social and academic skills. A big shout out to all staff supporting our KS4 learners with their upcoming exams; they have been coping with the exam pressure very well! Besides our usual lessons, students all took part in a football tournament this term, organised by George and Ricardo. Students also had the opportunity to visit Kew Gardens as an educational trip. During the final week of the term, we all went on an Ice Skating trip, and competed in a Basketball tournament, which was an exciting end to the term! There are even more exciting events ahead of us in the Summer Term, including a Music and Art Appreciation day, residential trip, Sports day and many more – watch this space!



A Message From Jonathan

A term that began in the darkness of winter has now sped forth to the light nights of spring, as fast as Liam's Brookland glider model (competition winner 5.1m.) Then there were the unprecedented two trips in two weeks, anyone sharing the minibus back from Kew will remember Alieka's singing the entire journey back and Elkie's gravity defying bouncing at Jump In was something to behold. Imen and Tia continue to dazzle with their artwork. Blu stormed to victory in the world book day quiz. George made Imen the 'best hot chocolate ever' at the farm, and our resident barista, Emile, has started sharing his talents in a real cafe. Jake continues to make people laugh all the time and Adriano shows kindness and thoughtfulness to others all the time. We have crammed all of this into a term when students are preparing for exams too. We have welcomed some superb new staff. I am so proud to lead a school with so many amazing individuals. Have a great break and see you all, reinvigorated for a cracking summer term.

A Message From Anne



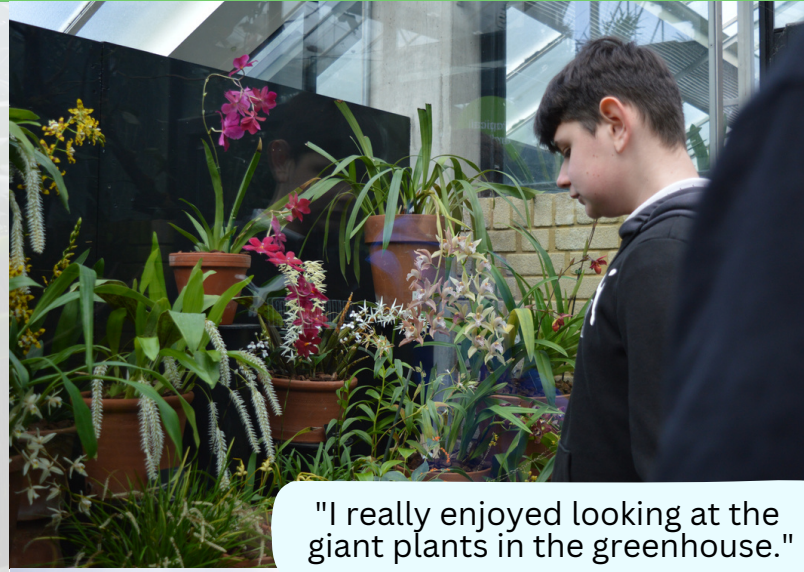
We all returned to school in January eager to start the new year. Our year 12 student was busy completing and submitting his UCAS application to various universities throughout the country. March, another busy month, saw four students sitting English Functional Skills examinations. Meanwhile, other pupils were eagerly attending interviews at various colleges throughout North London. However it wasn't all hard work: in February we enjoyed our termly 'Shared Lunch,' dishes from different cultures, prepared and cooked by staff and students. A little later, in March, we jointly celebrated St. David's Day and World Book Day- Welsh cakes and quizzes galore!

Finally, this term we welcomed back a former member of staff, Freddy; we are all delighted he made the decision to return to SPS.

Thank you for being our acting head of school at SPS

Trip to Kew Gardens

Students enjoyed the day exploring several climate zones at the Princess of Wales Conservatory; strolled through stunning glasshouses like the iconic Palm House, which is home to an array of exotic rainforest plants. At the Temperate House, student observed some endangered plant species from different parts of the world and learned how crucial research is done to identify potential use in medicine.



"I really enjoyed looking at the giant plants in the greenhouse."

"I like seeing the fish in the ponds."



"We got to see some cool greenhouses and the plants inside were huge!"



COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations who are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

The money raised will help support people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and tackle issues such as homelessness, mental health problems, and food poverty here in the UK and around the world.



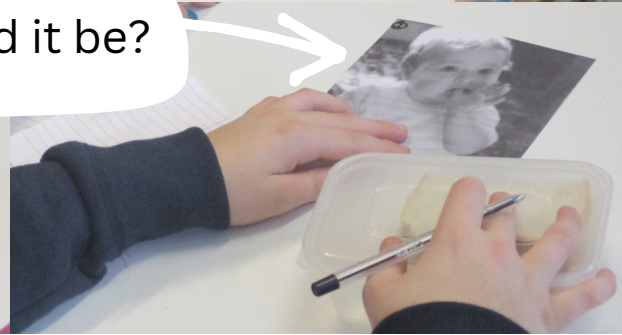
Guess the Baby

Paula asked staff members to bring in a photograph of them as a baby. We had a few minutes to look at each photo and guess the baby. It was harder than expected but it was really fun!

We raised £47



Who could it be?



COMIC RELIEF

Cake Sale at Hutton Grove



Tia made
Red Nose
marshmallow-
krispie cakes

Elkie made Red
Nose cupcakes

We raised
£21





English



You want to work with Bramby Community World.

Your email should:

- Provide information about yourself
- Explain what you would like to do at Bramby Community World
- Explain why you want to work for Bramby Community World

To

sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk

Bcc

Cc

Dear Sally,

I have seen your advertisement and would like to work as a volunteer at Bramby Community World. I'm 18 years old, I live in London and I go to Southover School, where I study English, maths and art.

At Bramby Community World, I would like to apply for the vacancy in art, since it is a subject I'm quite passionate about and talented in. At school, I'm currently working on a new theme: 'Lock'. The theme itself seemed rather simple at first, but after discussing the topic with the people I work with, I learned that, in terms of art and symbolism, 'Lock' has an entire spectrum of meanings, such as locks of hair, or the feeling of being trapped. Another job I would like to pursue is dressmaking as I am already somewhat skilled in designing outfits and have quite a lot of experience in sewing. In addition I would like to engage in photography, as I would like to teach art in the future, and most tasks may include photography.

I'd like to work at Bramby Community World because I want to be provided with training in order to have more experience and improve my skills. I also enjoy the company of other people and working for a community.

Yours sincerely,

Imen

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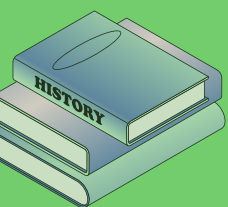
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Humanities



Humanities Trip

Key stage three and four learners took a trip to the London Docklands Museum in February to expand their knowledge of London's historic ties to the Atlantic Slave Trade and migration to Britain from the Caribbean.

Jahnayah said one thing that she learned was “where slaves came from and where they were sent to in the Caribbean.”

Malik said while Britain was a big player in the slave trade, one positive contribution Britain made was “helping end it.”



Students also explored the financial area of Canary Wharf



Student's practice navigating London Underground



The museum

Science Week

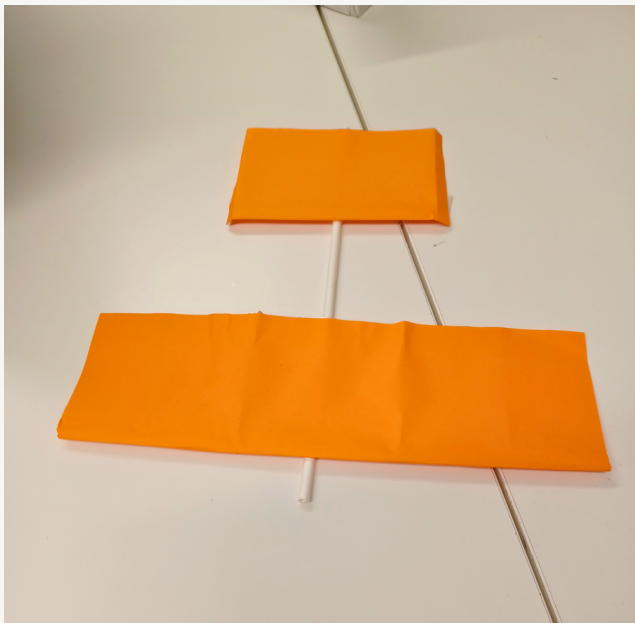
How to Build a Brooklands Glider

Kit list:

- Coloured piece of A4 paper
- Paper straws
- Blu tack
- Wooden skewers or thin dowels
- Scissors
- Sellotape



I used the straw and card for the main parts of the glider, and I used a skewer to strengthen its wings. I tested it inside and outside, it also flew better without blu tack because it made it nose dive too much.

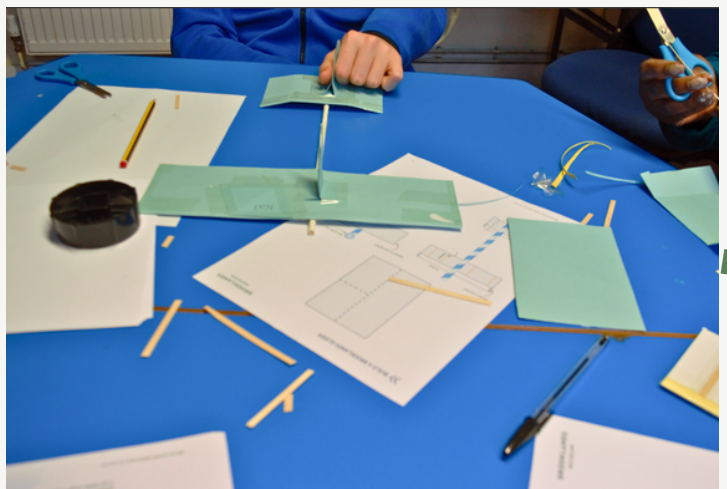
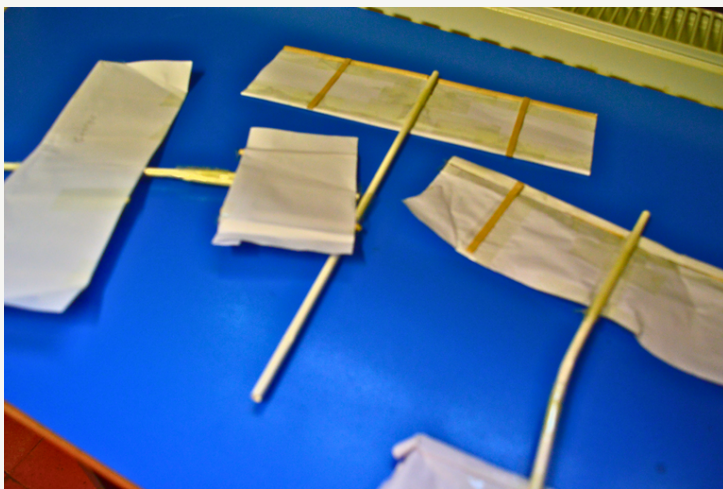


By Liam

Science Week

Building a Brooklands Glider

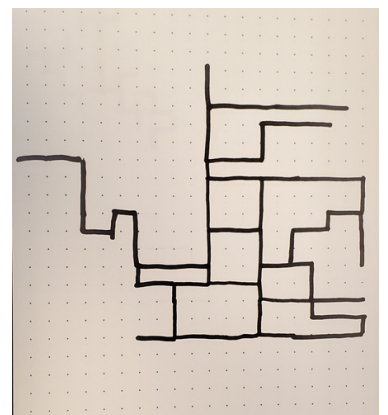
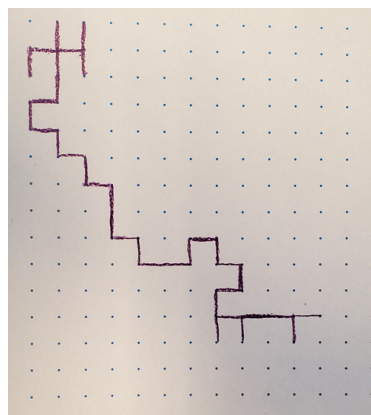
Students at Kingsbury Manor enjoyed building their gliders and testing them against each other.



Self- Avoiding Walk

We rolled the dice to determine the direction of the line.

- 1 = up
- 2 = right
- 3 = down
- 4 = left
- 5&6 = ignore



Tia rolled lots of 5's and 6's which we found frustrating but funny as we couldn't draw a line until she rolled numbers 1-4. Elkie got the hang of the rules very quickly and kept rolling the dice and drawing lines until she hit the edge of the paper.

Book Review



Animal Farm

This is a book review of the story, 'Animal Farm', by George Orwell.

The story is set on a farm and is about how the animals on the farm overthrow Mr Jones, the farm's owner.

It begins with Old Major, one of the old pigs, calling a meeting in the barn with all the other animals after a dream he'd had. In his dream he visioned a better world where animals were not treated like slaves. He encourages the animals to fight back and start a rebellion against man.

Old Major died the next day, the other pigs take over the rebellion leading the other animals against Mr Jones. They successfully manage to chase him off the land after defeating him in a battle.

They change the farm's name to Animal Farm's and establish, 'Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy' and the principles of Animalism.

The seven principles of Animalism are:

Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend.

No animal shall wear clothes.

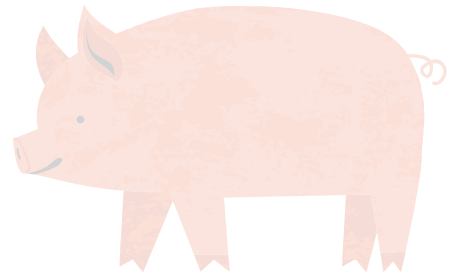
No animal shall sleep in a bed.

No animal shall drink alcohol.

No animal shall kill any other animal.

All animals are equal.

the principles of Animalism.



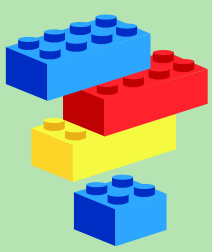
One of the main characters I'm choosing is called Boxer. The reason I'm choosing Boxer is because he's kind, loyal and always works hard. I believe he is a good animal with good intensions

It's not my favourite part but a part that affected me the most was when Boxer died. The reason that it affected me is because it was so sad.

The irony is, that all the principles changed over time as the pigs desired more power and became everything they hated the most. The story ends with the pigs having a party in the barn house with the other farm owners, they were having whisky and playing cards. They were talking about changing the farm back to its old ways again. One example of their morals changing is when they changed the commandment, 'Four legs good, two legs bad' to 'Four legs good, two legs better!' and the commandment, 'All animals are equal' to 'All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others.'

If you enjoy reflecting on human nature and making observations on life then I recommend this book.

By Liam



Animation

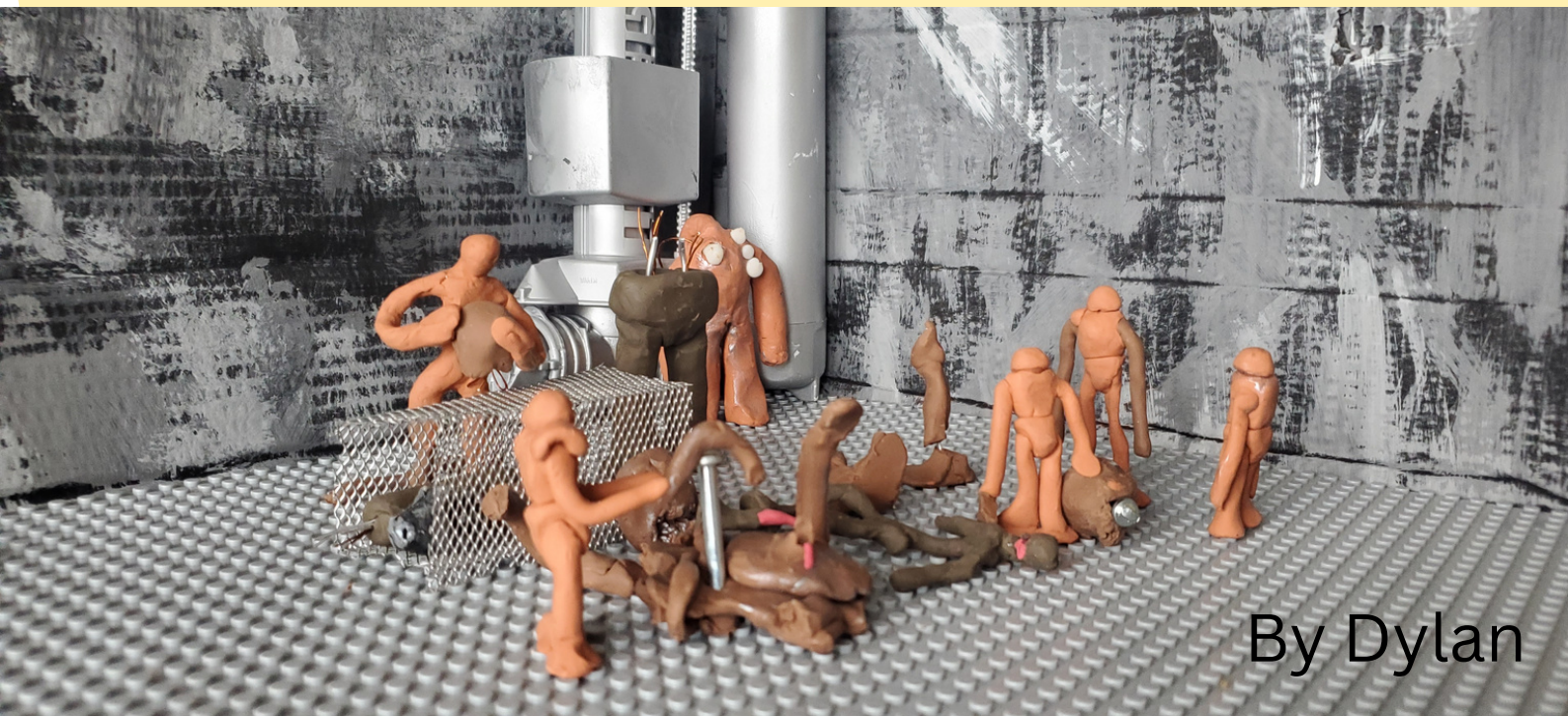


Stop Motion Animation

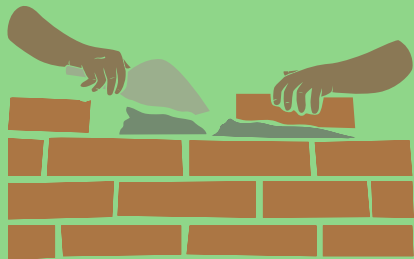
Stop motion is an animated filmmaking technique in which objects are physically manipulated in small increments between individually photographed frames so that they will appear to exhibit independent motion or change when the series of frames is played back.



I am making a short animation called 'The Clays'. I used platercine, modelling wire and polymorph to make the characters. The animation is set in a factory where they are making 'Clays'. I spray painted found objects to make them look industrial and to add interesting details to the background.



By Dylan



College



My College Experience

I started college in September 2022. I felt nervous about my first day, what was I going to be doing and who would I meet? My first course was bricklaying, and it was difficult and tiring. I really did not like it that much. After going home and talking about it with my parents, my mum talked to the college and arranged a carpentry course for me to try out. I really liked doing this even though I found it difficult at the beginning. The tutors are kind and supportive. Being at college has taught me the skills that I may need for the future. I am glad I did not leave on the first day.

By Liam



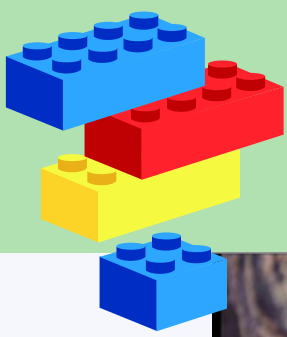
Philosophy



Ten Principles for Life

- You shall never use humans to your advantage or exploit them
- You shall equally respect all genders and sexualities
- You shall respect the rights of all humans of any age
- You shall choose your family and love them
- You shall always care for your people when they are ill and expect nothing in return
- You shall always love and protect your earth
- You shall always question society and authority and demand a fair response
- You shall bend when you can and snap when you have to
- You shall always prize freedom of individualism and choice
- You shall respect all rights, but never the right to harm, and keep an open mind at all costs

By Blu



Animation



Stop motion animation by Jake



English



NEWS

22nd December 1883

Killed By a Kiss

In Green Lake last week, Onion Sam and Katherine got caught kissing. Onion Sam was a black man who sold onions. Katherine was a white teacher. They met when he fixed her classroom roof.

Interracial relationships are illegal. The townspeople ran her out and burnt her school down. Sam's punishment was to be hanged.

The lovers tried to run away like Romeo and Juliet, but walker shot Sam.

For revenge, Katherine shot the sheriff and kissed his corpse.

By Letia

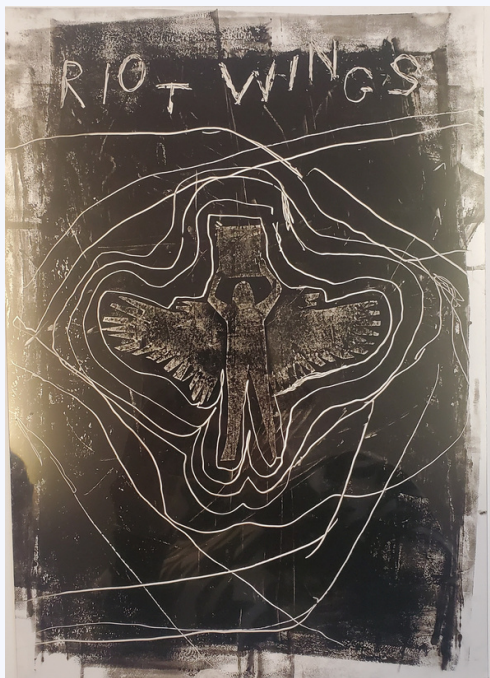
Art



*Mother's Day
Origami Flowers
By Tia*



*Self Portrait
Pen on Paper
By Sadie*



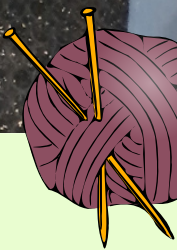
*'Riot Wings' Album Cover Experiment
Monoprint
By James*



*Self Portrait
Paint on Canvas
By Kai*



At The Farm



We are doing some crafts inside, on the farm, this term, especially as the weather has been very cold and spring is so slow to start this year.

One interesting craft we've enjoyed is making wool. First the student's had to brush the wool called carding. Then they spun the wool, called threading, into woollen balls. The students were very enthusiastic. George and Imen can be seen here, with the farm manager Liz, in the spinning process.



Work Experience



This month I have been working at Redwood café at swan lane park as work experience for 5 weeks now with Leo (the owner of the café) I have learnt how to make coffees, sourdough toast and nut butter.

It has helped me in my hygiene, knife, preparation, food safety and till skills. Working here is going to help me with my future career immensely. And I just want to give a big thanks to Annah and Leo.

By Emile

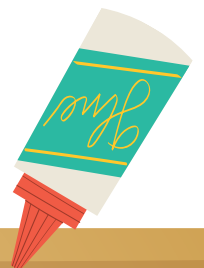


Design & Technology



I wanted to make a car again. Instead of using the scroll saw, I chose laser cutting. There were 130 pieces cut that I glued together with wood glue. I chose not to paint it as I like the wood, especially on the edges where the laser burnt it.

By Omaid





English



Using similes, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs

Adjectives = describing words

Verbs = action words

Adverbs = Describe when or how an action is done

Similes = Using as or like to compare two things



Jurassic Jake

My heart was pounding in my chest as I turned and saw a scary small-armed T-Rex. His eyes were as black as the darkness that flowed through him. He stared at our souls menacingly. His feet trampled over anything in his path. His teeth were as sharp as swords fiercely chomping big logs. His mouth opened wide; it was stained red from hunting. His height was twenty feet. Hideously, the dinosaur bolted speedily towards human flesh...



Trip to Jump In



"On the 29th March we went to Jump In, a trampoline park which also had other exciting activities such as a wipeout game. It was nice to get out of lessons and we all had lots of fun, especially knocking the teachers off the beam! We're all looking forward to going back again soon!"
By Liam



Art



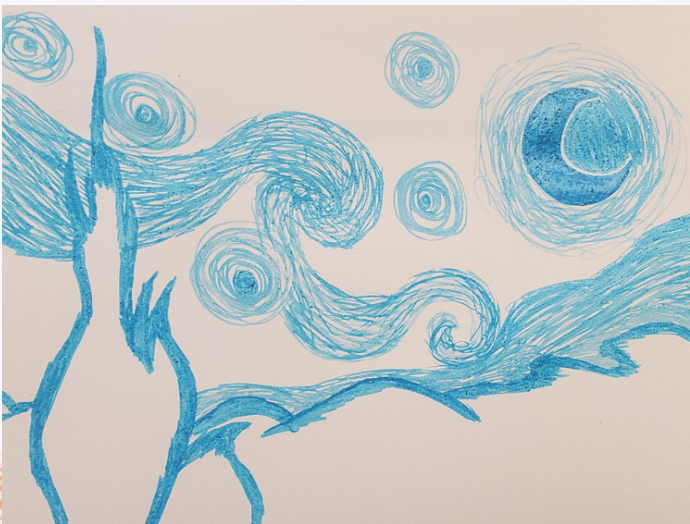
Watercolour Techniques

Tia and Elkie have been experimenting with watercolour techniques.

We used rice, salt and masking tape to create different effects. We used tissue to make the cloud effect. We like the gradient technique the best because it looks like a sunset.



We used a masking fluid pen to draw the parts of the landscape we wanted to keep the paint off. We painted the landscape and then rubbed the masking fluid off.



By Tia



English



The Killing Of Banquo (I think)

Dear Diary,

Macbeth is being crowned King! I feel happy for all the hard work that we have done to get here.

Secretly, I feel guilty and paranoid for the murder of Duncan. However, I will never admit this to Macbeth or Banquo or anyone because I need Macbeth to believe that I am not a coward, and it would hopefully stop him being a coward.

Macbeth is acting strange and is keeping himself alone. He also told me that there are more enemies out there. Macbeth then says that Banquo is still alive. This makes me feel suspicious that he wants Banquo to be dead. I think this would be a bad idea to kill Banquo because it could make people more suspicious of us about Duncan's murder. It could also make him even more paranoid than he already is.

Macbeth says, "Be innocent of the knowledge dear chuck". How dare he call me a chicken? I'm the one who put the daggers by Duncan's body after Macbeth refused to go back there. He then talked suspiciously about tonight.

Yours Truly,

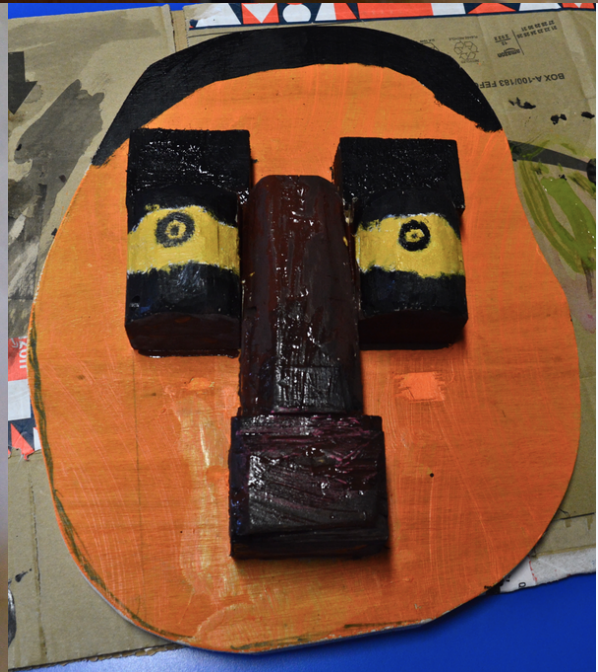
Queen Macbeth

P.S. I think Banquo will soon meet his demise...

By Liam



Art



Carlo has sculpted a face out of wood this term, relating to his theme of 'Faces and Facial Features'. As an aspiring carpenter, he was able to really showcase his fantastic woodworking skills.



English



Analysis of the poem “Vultures”

The poem explores love, good and evil. For example, the vultures are “inclined affectionately” to each other. However, they also do disgusting things, such as eating what is in the stomach of a corpse. Achebe portrays that vultures have two sides to them. The adverb “affectionately” shows love between the two vultures and that they can be gentle to each other even though they are always portrayed as disgusting and sinister.

In the same way, the Commandant is presented as having two sides to him. The Commandant spends all day killing people and the quote “going home for the day with fumes of human roast clinging rebelliously to his hairy nostrils” supports this. The phrase “human roast” shows that he has been burning humans and committing mass genocide. This would make the reader feel that he is evil, cold, cruel and remorseless. Nevertheless, the same man goes home and buys chocolate for his child, pick up a chocolate for his tender offspring waiting at home for his Daddy’s return.” The adjective “tender” highlights that the Commandant is a family man and cares for his child. Therefore, he also has a gentle side. Furthermore, the noun “Daddy” shows that he has a close relationship with his children. The reader feels surprised that the same man is destroying other people’s families.

I believe that the Commandant is eviller than the vultures. The reason I believe this is because his job is to kill a lot of people. However, the vultures only eat dead bodies because they need food whereas the Commandant doesn’t need to kill these people. Additionally, the vultures are cleaning up the environment. When the Commandant leaves work he buys “chocolate” and seems to forget about all the people he has killed. This makes him truly evil.

By Liam (Year 9)

Analysis of the poem “Vultures” Continued

Vultures:

In the greyness
and drizzle of one despondent
dawn unstirred by harbingers
Of sunbreak a vulture
perching high on broken
bone of a dead tree
nestled close to his
mate his smooth
bashed-in head, a pebble
on a stem rooted in
a dump of gross
feathers, inclined affectionately
to hers. Yesterday they picked
the eyes of a swollen
corpse in a water-logged
trench and ate the
things in its bowel. Full
gorged they chose their roost
keeping the hollowed remnant
in easy range of cold
telescopic eyes...
Strange
indeed how love in other
ways so particular
will pick a corner
in that charnel-house
tidy it and coil up there, perhaps
even fall asleep – her face
turned to the wall!

...Thus the Commandment
at Belsen Camp going home
for the day with fumes of
human roast clinging
rebelliously to his hairy
nostrils will stop at the
wayside sweet-shop and
pick up a chocolate for his
tender offspring waiting at
home for Daddy's return...
Praise bounteous
providence if you will that
grants even an ogre a tiny
glow-worm tenderness
encapsulated in icy caverns
of a cruel heart or else
despair for in the very germ
of that kindred love is
lodged the perpetuity of
evil.

Chinua Achebe



Music

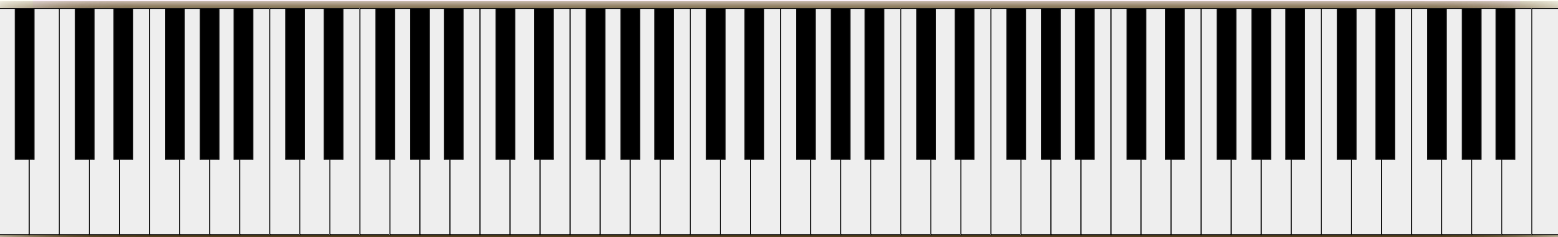


Adriano has done really well this term learning new songs and techniques on the keyboard.

In Spring Term 1 the main topic he looked at was Playing on the Grand Staff from C- G. He looked at Melodic and Harmonic intervals and technical features including Rests, Time Signatures and dynamics of playing softer and louder. The songs he played in this term included The Mexican Hat Dance, Au Claire De La Luna and Jingle Bells.

In Spring Term 2 the main Topic was The C Chord. Here the main focus was playing the C Chord on both the left and right hand whilst playing songs. The technical side involved Rests, different Time Signatures and dynamics such as slurs and ties.

As well as looking at more traditional pieces, we have started to look at more contemporary pieces such as Stevie Wonder's Isn't She Lovely and will continue to expand our knowledge of new music.



**Adam bought
his first guitar
and amplifier!**



SET LIST
Everlong
Black Clover
Sword Art Online
Crazy Train

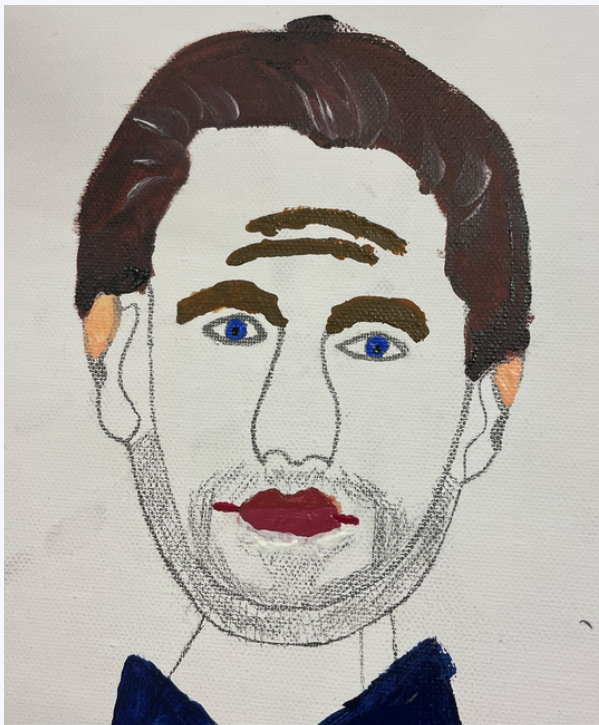
Art



Pop Art
Paint on Canvas
By Justin



Landscape
Pastel on Paper
By Elkie



Jake Gyllenhaal
Paint on Canvas
By Jake



Self Portrait
Paint on Canvas
By Rostam



English



You wish to post something to the Community Forum.

Write a short report about an activity that you found interesting and enjoyable when you were at home.

My favourite activity to play at home is board games. One of my favourite board games to play is Monopoly Junior. The aim of the game is to buy lots of properties in London.

In Monopoly each player gets a character (my favourite is the Car). You roll 2 dice and if you land on a card space, you have to do whatever is written on that card. If you randomly pick a Jail card you must miss five turns. However, if you are lucky enough to acquire a Get Out of Jail card, you can continue playing for the rest of the game. You need to collect as many properties as possible through purchasing or renting these buildings. Finally, when there are no more properties to purchase, the player who owns the most properties wins the game.

To enhance the board game experience, it is nice to eat a variety of snacks, for example: nachos, guacamole, pretzel sticks and garlic bread.

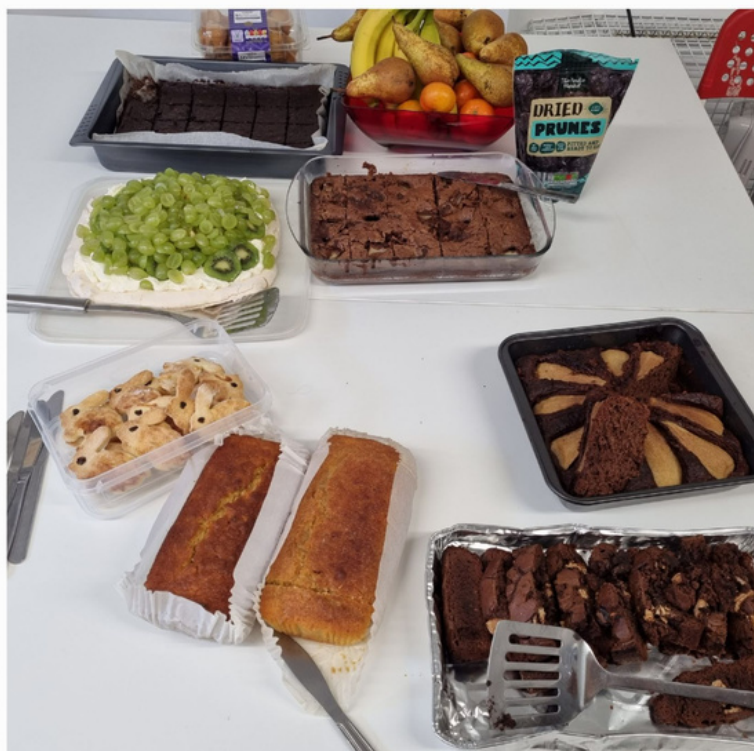
I found this game fun the first time I played it. It is initially difficult to understand but I soon learnt to play like a professional. The last time I played Monopoly Junior I won five games in a row. This game is a mixture of luck and skill. I absolutely adore the little characters especially the Dog and the Dinosaur. Teenagers would enjoy this game; it would help them to develop important life skills, such as, money management.

By Krisy





Shared Lunch



We had a lovely time at our shared lunch at SPS. Students and staff brought in a dish to share including Liam's KitKat brownies, Sam's pear and chocolate cake and Paula's vegetable curry. Ian made a pavlova, Reece made a potato saag, Jo made bunny biscuits and Krisy made macaroni cheese.

DELICIOUS

*Happy
Birthday!*

Jake, Elkie, Emily B,
Anahita, Davut, Anne, Simon,
Ali, Dan, Jason, Sadie, Rayane,
Ricardo, Manna, Amber, Ayden,
Krisy, Ian & Dylan



Welcome

Emily, Exauce, Hoda,
Katherine, Steve,
Freddy & Ashley



Congratulations Emily
and 'au revoir' for
maternity leave.
Welcome baby Eloise



Bye!

*ALL
the
BEST!!!*

Sam & Lewis

THANK YOU!

Important Dates

Easter Holidays:

Monday 3rd April - Wednesday 19th April

INSET Day: Monday 17th April (no school)

Learning Review Meetings: Tuesday 18th April

Early Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III –
Monday 8th May 2023

Half-term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Spring Bank Holiday 2023 – May Bank Holiday 29th May 2023



Have a lovely break!

See you on Wednesday 19th April