

A Knight's Tale

17th June 2020



Welcome to another special edition of a Knight's Tale. We have welcomed a number of pupils and students across the curriculum back into school. Everyone seems to have settled in very well and are getting used to the 'new way' of working and being together. We now talk about 'bubbles' instead of classes!

Each bubble is having a zoom session with the students who are still staying at home so that everyone feels included. It is exciting for our students to be able to see and talk to their friends who are not yet in school.

In this edition we are delighted to share some examples of the fun activities and great work being done while at home and in school.

We are ready to welcome even more pupils and students back to school on 15th June and on 29th June.

As always we send our very best wishes to you all.

Take care and stay safe

Clare Steel

Here's what 2H have been up to...

On 1st June, some of 2H returned to school. George and Sophie have had a positive transition into 'Bubble 2' and have enjoyed a range of activities, including making sun shades and making sandwiches. The rest of 2H have been very busy at home! Gracie has been reading and interpreting pictograms. Dean has been working hard, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Rebecca has enjoyed time in the paddling pool and made a 'sausage plait' for dinner. Jack enjoyed showing us his 'WWE Top Trumps' via Zoom and investigating 'sinking and floating'. Anneré has loved looking after Ben—a very fluffy Border Collie—and making a model of the Titanic.



2P's Adventures

2P have been working extremely hard at home and in school over the last few weeks and it is amazing to see the variety of practical and written activities they are doing! We look forward to seeing more photos of their wonderful learning!



Lola and Lewis have been making their birthday messages for Jayden's special day! **Happy Birthday Jayden!**

Lewis has been busy baking gingerbread men! They look amazing!



Edwin has been busy making and enjoying learning about paper planes!



Well done Isla!
You have a platinum award for home learning on Studyladder!



George has been looking after his baby ferrets!

Mikey has been enjoying some time dancing with his dog Ted!



What Have 2T Been Doing This Week?



Charlie has been using numicon to practise his maths. Although he does sometimes become the numicon monster!!



Locke has been learning how to use the scratch programme on his computer.



Grace has been busy practising her numbers and cooking jam tarts, mostly by herself!



Lachie has been learning how to blow up modelling balloons using his pump and turn them into swords and animals!



Ailsa, Archie and Lottie have been working hard in school. They have started their topic on the seaside and have made sea pictures, sunglasses and sandwiches for a picnic.

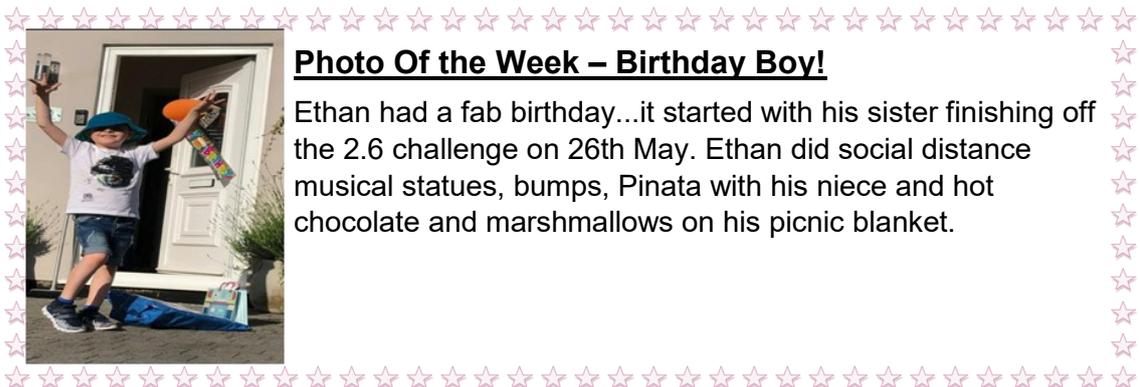


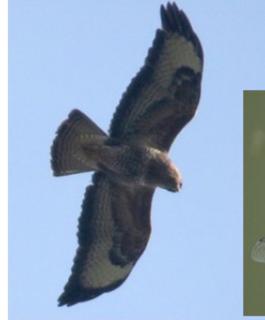
Photo Of the Week – Birthday Boy!

Ethan had a fab birthday...it started with his sister finishing off the 2.6 challenge on 26th May. Ethan did social distance musical statues, bumps, Pinata with his niece and hot chocolate and marshmallows on his picnic blanket.

2W Half Term Fun



Noah enjoyed a lovely stroll around his village and visited Sudeley Castle to feed the ducks.



Harvey has taken some great photos on his camera this week. Very professional!



Happy Birthday Alfie! Alfie had his first lockdown birthday. Look at that cake!



Charlie has been getting his steps in and climbed to the top of Painswick Beacon!



George has been very busy tending to his wildlife garden and it seems to be attracting the bees!

Ollie has been very busy in the garden building a race track for his electronic car. On your marks, get set, GO!

Alfie has been helping at home with the garden maintenance.

Max has enjoyed building new things with his Lego.

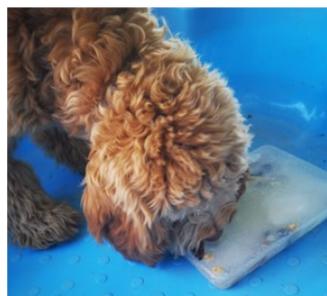
He spent half an hour creating this Minecraft chicken!

Miss Watson has been busy in the kitchen making samosas.



Miss Hancocks has been making Murphy his very own dog ice lollies!

Ava and Lilly have been enjoying the sunshine.



Look at what 3A have been up to ...



Noah has really enjoyed starting his school diary. In Maths, Noah calculated how many cola bottles would be needed to measure 2 metres.

Jack has been doing lots of gardening. He has been learning how to grow his own Bonsai tree.

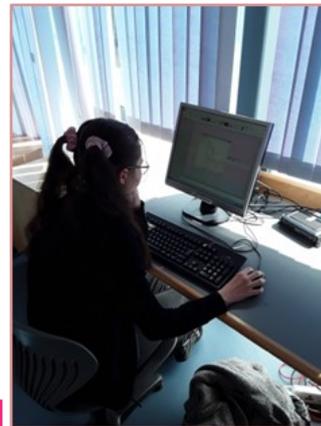
Wilson has most enjoyed seeing his friends and spending time with them at play times. He also enjoys the toast at breakfast club.

William has most enjoyed seeing his friends and teachers at school. He has used his free time to create some amazing art work on the computer.



Matt has continued to cook for his family. He has also got stuck in remodelling his back garden. Matt has worked with his brother, helping him by using a concrete breaker.

Libby will be helping us learn how to paint pebbles in this week's enrichment. She is very proud of the poetry she has written and is enjoying writing the school diary.



Rhianna has produced some amazing poetry. This is available to read in the poetry section.



Ashton celebrated his 14th birthday in style, with a Science themed party. The experiments looked amazing.

Georgia has written a full length ghost story and a thoughtful poem addressing racism.

Joe has enjoyed spending time with his mum and brother completing the art task. They have all found it very relaxing.



Christopher has been producing some amazing school work. He is also continuing to develop his wood working skills. Look at these amazing planters he has made.



3A have taken part in our first Zoom sessions. We have had a few technical issues so thank you for your patience. So far we have shared some poems we have written in English.

Going forward, during the Monday Zoom we will share an item/ piece of work/ experience. On Thursday's we will take part in a quiz or game.

Introducing Ryan and Justin the Bubble 5 cucumber plants.

We are responsible for caring for them. Hopefully we will be able to eat some baby cucumbers by the end of term.

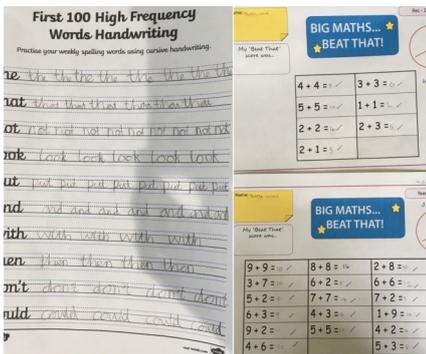
3C At Home and At School

This week Lucas, Jessica and Henri returned to school and have been busy. They have planted some sunflower seeds and potatoes in Science, played games and activities in P.E., solved problems, looked at tally charts and counting in 5's in Maths and been very busy making paper plate suns and creating our own beach scenes in our craft and Art lessons.



Liv has been spending lots of time on her new bike learning how to ride on two wheels. Liv and her Dad have been going on bike rides together on a tandem and have cycled 100km which is amazing. Liv also celebrated her birthday in May; Liv loved her birthday cake and shared a picture with us.

Daisy has been super helpful looking after her baby brother. Daisy has also been very creative and decorated her own bunny mask adding lots of colour. Daisy is loving the new swing and spending sometime relaxing in the sunshine.

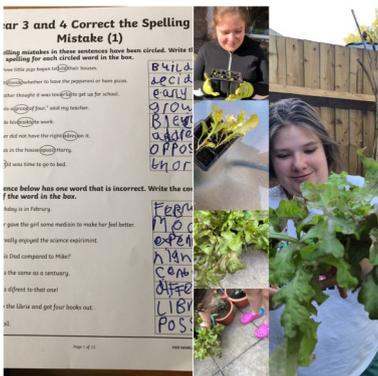


George has been working hard at home completing lots of work and sending us photos along the way. When he isn't working George has been out on his bike, the other day he completed a 15 mile bike ride. Amazing cycling George well done!



Tianna has been busy at home playing with her favourite play dough and salt dough. With the salt dough Tianna made some beautiful jewellery that she has painted in pretty colours and strung onto a necklace. Tianna has also enjoyed cooking at home making lots of yummy recipes.

Edward has been having fun at home playing with his set of electric trains setting them up in his room and watching them go round and round. Edward also enjoyed joining in with our group zoom, chatting with his friends and his teachers.



Laya has completed lots of maths and English work. Laya has also been out in the garden riding her bike, when she isn't planting flowers and seeds. From the photos you can see that the lettuce grew very well and was yummy. So glad you enjoyed it Laya.

3G – Learning at school and home



Tuesday 2nd June saw the school reopening to pupils, including two members of 3G: Jagger H and Edward M. The new rules on social distancing have resulted in the staff and pupils in school being placed in bubbles. 3G and 3O have been put together in a bubble and this is working really well so far.

Two weeks ago, pupils in 3G took part in a 3G bake-off. To your left you can see some of the delicious cakes produced.



Harrison has been reading his novel and busy learning about fractions. He visited Plock Court to enjoy some real fresh air and look at the poppies. Harrison has also managed to do a Zoom drama rehearsal with his drama group. Nothing stops this young man!

Check out Thomas R, not only can he cook wonderful pizzas and cakes; he has now turned his hand to pond building. Thomas continues to enjoy a range of activities at home.

Kayden continues to enjoy completing his school work at home and is looking forward to catching up with the rest of the tutor group soon.



Mac E has been completing a number of activities at home and to your left is an example of some of the rock painting that Mac has completed.

Michael has been doing a range of baking at home, including flapjacks and a lovely chocolate biscuit cake. Michael appears to enjoy the 3G weekly Zoom sessions, where his infectious smile says it all!

Harvey is continuing to work at home and is keeping himself busy completing a range of activities.



3H News

Hello everyone! 3H have been keeping in touch via Zoom weekly: enjoying quizzes and chatting . It's great to see some students at school and to look at all the fantastic things that have been going on at home.

Harrison has planted seeds which are growing well thanks to him looking after them so well – you must have green fingers Harrison!



John B has been learning some useful life skills: using a drill and making pancakes.



William has been fishing and discovered glass eels. He is helping round the house: mending and vacuuming.

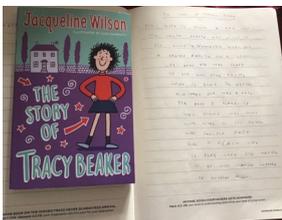


Oscar has been working hard at home and producing some great written work and illustrations. We love his escalator picture!



Tomi has also been working hard at home.

We particularly enjoyed reading your book reviews, Tomi!



At school, Olivia, Bruce and Jessica learnt about making bread and will soon be making scones!



Hugo has been making the most of time at home with exploring and finding some great new places near where he lives.



John O has been very busy!

He's been reading (Pokemon and 'Beast Quest' books), going on his exercise bike and baking.



31 News From Home and School



John and Keiron have been busy in the kitchen making cheese scones. These look delicious!



India wrote her own song and sang it to 31 on Zoom. It was beautiful, India!

Jagrit has also been active cycling 15 miles around his neighbourhood. He has also been showing his Dad all the IT skills he has learnt at school.

Lily connected with class mates during Tutor PSD by sharing her toy Dumbo in our 'show and tell' Circle Time.

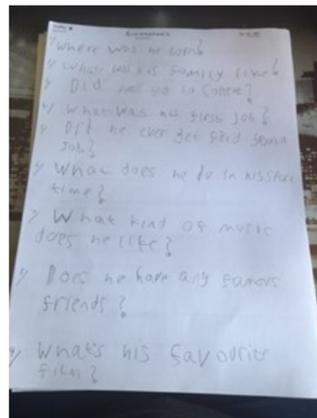
In addition to Home Learning, Keiron ST has been teaching himself Japanese and doing spa aerobics in his lazy spa!



Owen has been learning about friction and measuring the speed it takes to kick a ball on different surfaces.

Sam has been learning all about sharks. He showed us his shark book and taught us all some shark facts during Tutor PSD on Zoom.

Happy 13th Birthday to Jack! Jack showed us some of his lovely presents during Tutor PSD Zoom and he even let us sing to him!



Whilst learning about biographies for English, Max created this interesting list of questions he would like to ask someone about their life.



Iori showed great attention to detail when completing this beautiful piece of art.

3L Together Across Home and School



It was so good to welcome some of you back into school this week. We enjoyed being back in lessons with you and hearing what you had been doing at home with your families. We had our first tutor group Zoom call and quiz last week and it made us really happy to be able to see and speak to all of you together. Thank you to Ben and Adam for your ideas for quiz question topics. This is what 3L have been up to over the last couple of weeks.

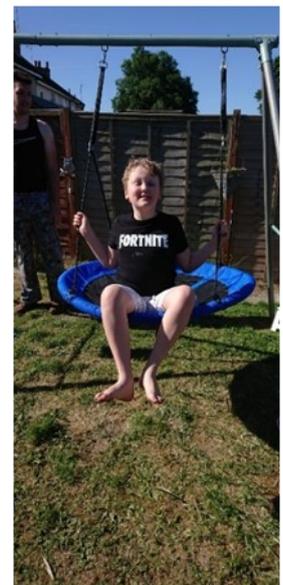


William has been working on his Dad's lathe. Look at his wonderful work



Holly drew some colourful posters.

Crystal, Taylor, Thomas, Jakub, Adam and Millie have been in school learning how to make bread, how to do fractions and all about 'The Normans'. They have also been planning their dream holiday.



Harley has a new swing and celebrated his birthday playing croquet and camping in his garden. Harley and his mum had a spa session at home and Harley tried a foot spa, a face mask and a hand and foot massage.

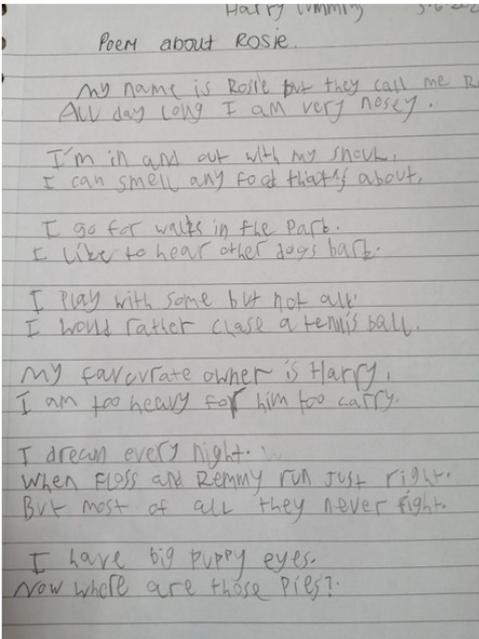


Millie has been flying her kite and she also got to pick her first homegrown strawberries from her garden.

Ben and Arthur have been working really hard at home. Arthur made a synthesiser and composed a tune and Ben is looking forward to learning about 'Dinosaurs'.

30 Updates

It has been a very different start to term 6 but we have really enjoyed welcoming back some members of 30 to school and working with the pupils still at home. It has been lovely to hear from pupils from 30 both via zoom, over the telephone or in school and we would love to share with you some of the things we have been up to over the last few weeks...



Daniel has been extremely busy at home working very hard on a variety of subjects. He has been reading 'A Charlotte's Web' and has been building a new 'film set', making a snooker table out of Lego to go with it! He has also been playing some lovely games with his Mum.

Harry H has been enjoying getting to grips with a bigger bike that he got for his birthday! He has also enjoyed trips to parks in Evesham and Worcester, and had a lovely trip to Northleach. Fantastic!

Abraham has loved learning French in school and has created an AMAZING video with his sister. He is singing 'I wanna be like you' – we love the editing!

Chloe has done some beautiful artwork on creating patterns, is really enjoying reading 'The Twits', and has loved our 30 zoom sessions!

Harry C has sent some wonderful work in, including a fabulous poem about his dog Rosie. Mrs Muchunga was also very impressed with Harry's self-portrait! Well done and keep working hard!

Luca has enjoyed immersing himself in nature at his farm. He has been bonding with his puppy, has watched the sheep get shorn and has even had swallows fly into his house!

Leo has enjoyed returning to school for a couple of days a week and we have loved having him around. He has been working very hard on his Maths and created an artistic 'spy creature' in Enrichment!

Oran has created a wonderful self-portrait and has really enjoyed adapting to his new school routine, particularly learning French and writing his own poetry!

Felix has been enjoying time outdoors walking his dog Walter and has been doing an amazing job perfecting his golf swing at the driving range... impressive!



These are just a few things that members of 30 have been doing both in school and at home, so stayed tuned for the next Knight's Tale for more exciting additions!

4B / 7B



Christine has loved being back at school learning lots of new things. She really enjoyed baking with Bentley

Georgia has loved the lessons and enjoyed a variety of interesting activities. She has written a lovely letter to her friends

James has been engaged in some interesting lessons in school and has enjoyed seeing his friends again after a long break



Will has been enjoying time with his dad this week.

Suzie has been starring in her own movie as Microscopic Man for Arts Award and as you can see from the photo, she has found a new, ingenious way to recap how to tell the time!

Joe has been working hard at home doing his schoolwork and lots of cooking. He has also completed a fantastic fact sheet on snails - who knew they could live for up to 15 years?!

Annie has been donning her green fingers once again and has recently planted up some more plants including her french beans. She has also been putting out some plants from greenhouse now they're strong enough – I'm sure she will give us an update on their progress soon!

Kallum has been continuing his community clay fish project and has also found the time to research and draw a very artistic impression of an Amur leopard.

Cai has also found his green fingers. He has been helping his dad make a raised vegetable bed and has been growing lots of vegetables ready to put in there. Well done Cai!

Deejai has been working hard at home but has also managed to have a couple of days out visiting the River Wye and then a trip to the coast where he had a swim in the sea!

Lani has been doing lots of reading and has been learning all about photosynthesis as well as how plants grow and learning lots about the human body too. Great work Lani!



4D News

Here is what 4D have been up to over the last couple of weeks.....

Some of 4D have chosen to continue to learn at home, and some have chosen to return to School. Those attending School are based in the Post-16 centre.

It has been busy!

Harry and Courtney have written poems about their experience of lockdown.

Keisha has continued to work on her English and Art.

Ben has been busy joining in with the choir online.

Connor H has been working hard to complete the work set.

Ellie, Connor M and Freddie have been learning about Computer Processors, reading Animal Farm and looking at Career ideas!

Harry at home keeping healthy and playing Basketball.



Connor M busy at School.



Courtney studying at home



Freddie and Connor M - indoor sports.

Isolation

By Courtney

I'm feeling apprehensive about the unknown,

So uneasy about life with Covid 19,

Often I wonder,

Life - what will it be?

Anxious, nervous and concerned,

To know what will happen,

I am frightened - disturbed,

Once this is over...

Normal life - what will it be?

Connor H playing darts in the garden.



We hope everyone had a relaxing half term break and are looking forward to the term.

All the best from Mrs Stanford, Mrs Brown and Mr Degenkolb.

4H/7A

We are SO happy to welcome back some of our 4H students. We are now known as 7A, and we have all settled in amazingly.

Daisy came in excited to see her favourite TAs, so much so she needed a power nap in the afternoon! Whilst Ben G was a little nervous to begin with, but soon relaxed once he was in the classroom.

John was the most excited we have ever seen him, and Connor loved saying hello to his favourite members of staff from a social distance!

We are all SO proud of you coming in, and hope you enjoyed the week as much as we did!



Meanwhile back at home, Sam's been busy completing Maths work books and cooking up a storm.

Lauren has been helping Mum with her baby brother, and even asked to help clean!

Ben C has a brand new laptop – ready for even more school work, and made a speech at his parents wedding anniversary.

Nathan has been soaking up the sunshine in his pool in the garden, whilst Jak R had a visit from Miss Irwin.

Hayley-Mae continues to help Nan around the house, whilst spending lots of time with new dog Poppy – we really miss your smiley face in class.

Talia has been having lots of picnics outside in the sun, and we all love seeing her on our Zooms.

Jack B (and Mum!) show us their AMAZING dance moves during Wednesday Wake and Shake. We cant wait to see it in person once again.

We just want to say how PROUD of you all we are. You have all been BRILLIANT during this strange time, and couldn't have asked for a better class. Keep it up all!



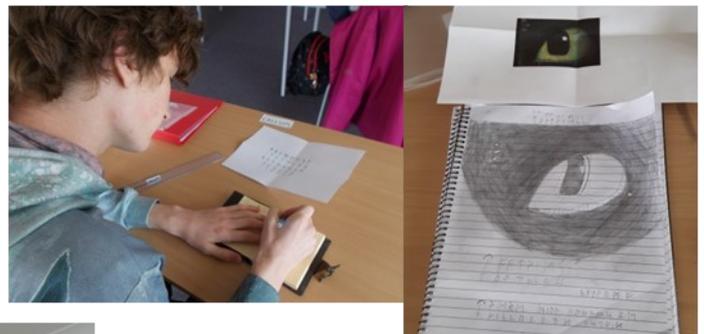
4L News

Some of 4L are back in school part time and some are still at home, but all are working hard and enjoying themselves. Here's a bit of what they have been up to...



4L have been enjoying getting together on Zoom and seeing each other for the 1st time in 10 weeks!

Beth has been busy baking and look at this delicious cake she made! Well done Bethan!



Callum F has been teaching himself to write in Old Norse writing during lockdown. He has also been doing some great drawing of dragons. Here is his dragons' eye!

Callum S has been walking with his family in the Malverns and took this beautiful picture below.



Adam is pleased that some shops are open again and bought himself this fantastic stool for his bedroom!



Millie is enjoying being back at school, but is also finding time to do her PE at home, running with her dog Poppy as well as baking a delicious apple cake!



4S News



Lara was doing the hot air balloon challenge!



Jack was playing party games in Sports Leadership.

Josh was trying to escape from school on Day 3!



Henry was a Birthday Boy last week. Happy Birthday to you!



Annabelle celebrated her 16th birthday! Happy birthday to you!



A lovely view from Archie's walk up the hill and a beautiful evening for cycling.



Raheem baked brownies and cupcakes.

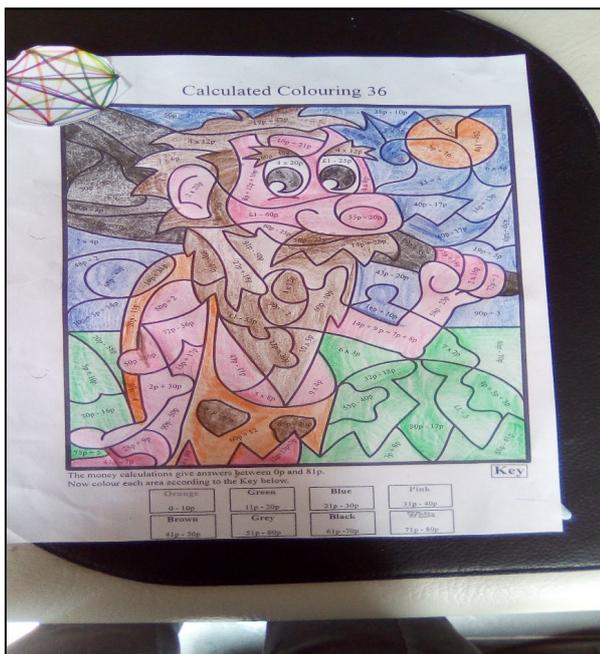


Raheem shows his support for the #BlackLivesMatterFoundation. He is encouraging us all to treat everyone equally and with respect. AKS is in full agreement that racism and discrimination of any kind should not take place in the world. Please take this opportunity to discuss the situation with your children and address any concerns they may have. Please do contact the school if you would like any further support in addressing this subject. #AllLivesMatter

Post 16

We decided to focus on a couple of our talented artists for this edition:

Amber has been creating a collage in the style of Kurt Schwitters around the theme of the Coronavirus. She included some German words and phrases in her collage as a nod to Schwitters. She has also finished some calculated colouring and a mystic rose!



“During lockdown, I have been doing calculated colouring and making mystic roses

Calculated colouring is a colour by number but, you have to work out the sums which are in the picture before working out to colour each section (there is a key at the bottom which tells you to what colour to do each answer once you have worked out the areas). There is a range of topics of calculated colouring, each picture is a different topic.

A mystic rose is a maths problem.

I enjoy doing these because it is not only maths, it is art as well.”

By Amber , Year 14 Post 16

Post 16

Nathan has been busy writing his own version of the Three Little Pigs complete with illustrations. He has used Serif DrawPlus to bring his story to life.



“I have been continuing with creating my art since having to stay at home. I decided to write my own version of the fairytale 'The Three Little Pigs'.

My tale is set in Medieval times and it follows the lives of three pigs called Pignival, Hoggin and Hamselot.

The villain who is a wolf called The Sherrif of Rottingham tries his very best to destroy the lives of the little pigs. I used a software package called Serif DrawPlus to create my artwork.”

By Nathan, Year 14 Post 16



We have welcomed 5 students back in to Post 16 and they have been busy brushing up their Maths, English, IT, Media and Employability skills.

Best wishes to everyone from the Post 16 staff team!

A Page of Poems

Poem About Rosie by Harry C (30)

My name is Rosie but they call me Rosie Posey.

All day long I am very noseey.

I am in and out with my snout.

I can smell any food that's about.

I go for walks in the park.

I like to hear other dogs bark.

I play with some but not all.

I would rather chase a tennis ball.

My favourite owner is Harry.

I'm too heavy for him to carry.

I dream every night.

When Floss and Remmy run just right.

But most of all they never fight.

I have big puppy eyes

Now where are those pies?

A Name Poem by Wilson (3A)

Wilson

It means funny, kind and helpful,

It is the number 265918,

It is like the bottom of the ocean,

It is the memory of my dad,

Who taught me humour,

When he was funny all the time,

My name is Wilson,

It means I believe in not giving up and respecting other people's beliefs.

A Name Poem by Libby (3A)

Libby

It means intelligent, creative and sensitive.

It is the number 707.

It is like a peach.

It is spending time with them.

It is the memory of Amber.

Who taught me patience and understanding

When she helped me through hard times.

My name is Libby

It means I won't live my life afraid and that

I'll never look back, I'm uncontainable.

A Name Poem by Rhianna (3A)

Rhianna,

It means Artistic, kind, creative,

It is the number 270,

It is like sunset over a beach,

It is playing Dobble with my friend on a video call.

It is the memory of Ollie,

Who taught me freedom and Creativity,

When he played Minecraft with me,

My name is Rhianna,

It means I believe in always being creative and Just being me.

Careers News!

by Mrs Dickinson



Everyone has settled back into school so well and are keen to tell us about all the new skills they've learned while at home.

The key stage 4 groups are starting to plan their CV so it has been really helpful for them to have so many skills to add to it.

Sadly work experience cannot go ahead this summer as it usually does for year 10 so I have been on the lookout for some virtual work experience options. My favourite is 'The Nine to Five' presented by Stacey Dooley. It can be found on BBC Iplayer or Bitesize.



A group of 5 teenagers have to decide if they are

ready for work or need to go to college. They get to try out five different work settings in industries that are desperate to recruit young people.



They also have to live together, survive on a budget and cook for themselves. They are all on a very steep learning curve and we experience all their highs and lows in each episode. It is a really good show for our older pupils as it gives a realistic insight into a range of jobs.



Our year 11 pupils haven't been able to do any college links for a while so we're setting up Zoom sessions with college staff to answer all the questions they have. It's really important to keep that connection going and colleges are thinking carefully about how they will get ready for their new intake.

