

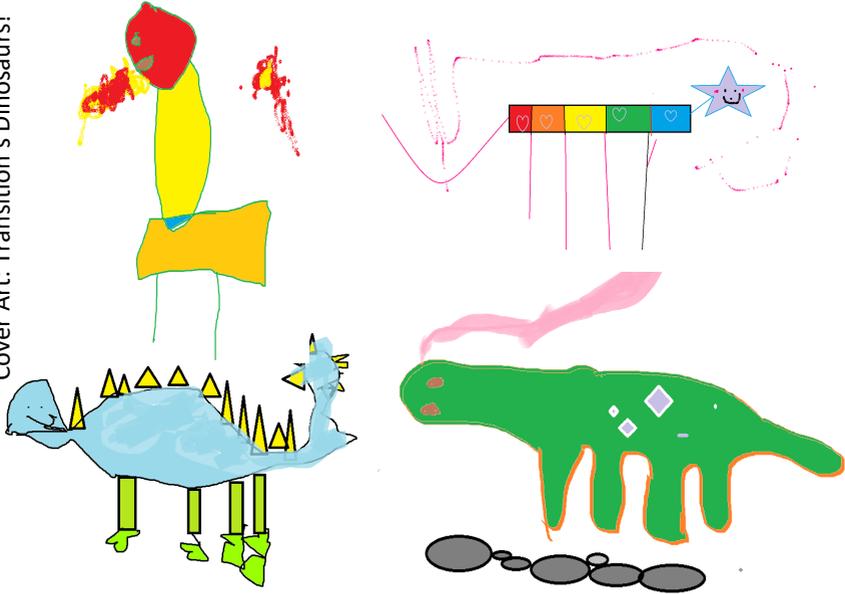
# MAYFIELD MESSENGER



Whitsun 2020



Cover Art: Transition's Dinosaurs!



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# Headmaster's Foreword



## Whitsun Half-Term Round-up

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I hope you, the children and your friends and families are keeping safe and well, particularly those amazing critical workers risking their health on the frontline. Our skeleton staff in school are continuing to care for children of key workers to allow them to continue to do their crucial work for the community, and my utmost thanks go to the brave staff who have put their health, and their families' health, at risk by attending school this half term and who will continue to do so after half term.

We are almost at the end of the first half term of Mayfield as a virtual learning environment. The provision of the remote learning is robust. Our use of Zoom, Teams and Tapestry to set activities, record and present videos and powerpoints, and to have vital face-to-face live lessons in most classes every day has been innovative and highly effective. The staff and pupils have all been on a steep learning curve and what we are all able to do with the technology now would have been unimaginable 6 weeks ago. On behalf of the teachers, I would like to thank all those parents and pupils who have sent us positive and supportive comments, and who have shown appreciation for how hard our staff are working to make the remote learning successful and effective in meeting the children's learning needs. It has also been an amazing boost to our morale to see photographs and videos of work, and of our children engaging in practical or outdoor activities.

I told you I am a positive, glass half-full kind of guy, and that I was optimistic that the school would re-open again sometime in the summer – well, adhering to strict government guidelines, we are preparing to partially re-open the school after the half term break on Monday 8th June, initially to Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Kindergarten and Lower III, and then hopefully to the rest of the school a few weeks later, so that all children can have the opportunity to come back to school before the summer holidays! It all depends on the government's instructions, of course, but the signs from other European countries who have re-opened schools looks positive and reassuring.

Of course, we will follow the strict government guidelines on safety. Classes will be of no more than 15 children, which we will call 'pods', who will not mix with other pods and who will keep their own teacher throughout the day. To avoid unnecessary contact, opening and closing

times will be staggered, break times and lunchtimes will be staggered and there will be no before or after school clubs. A one way system around school premises will be put in place, different pods will enter and exit the school at different doors, and the children will have their temperatures taken on entry to the school. Only one parent may pick up/drop off per family and no parental parking will be available on the school site. Entry will be via the pedestrian gate and exit via the driveway and main gate. Social distancing measures will be taken to try and keep everyone 2 metres apart, but it must be understood and accepted that even in small groups, it is very difficult for young

children to socially distance. Staff, children and parents can opt to wear face masks and full PPE and isolation rooms have been allocated in case a pupil presents symptoms. In this case, the pupil will be immediately sent home and asked to be tested, then medical advice will be taken depending on the results of the test. Further details and risk assessments will be made available and our provision will be constantly reviewed to ensure it is as safe as possible for staff, children and parents.

I am sure most of you will be glad of the news and will agree that we have to come out of lockdown and schools have to re-open sooner or later, and we are taking steps to do it gradually, carefully and safely.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all, I wish you all a wonderful half-term break, take care, stay alert, keep your social distance when you go out, keep positive and be assured that we will get through this, particularly if we stick together, united as a school and as a community, and to be there for each other.

I hope to see some of you on Monday 8th June, and hopefully the rest of you before the end of term.

Mr M. Draper  
Headmaster

## Music

**S**aanvi has been continuing to enjoy her piano lessons by having them online!



# Art



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\* Children throughout the school have been inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. \*  
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## Traditional Tales

Kindergarten have made masks while learning about Traditional Tales. Here we have Suhavi as the Witch from Rapunzel, Aarohi and Simaaya as two of the Three Little Pigs. We also have William and Isobelle as Jack in the Beanstalk and Princess Rapunzel.



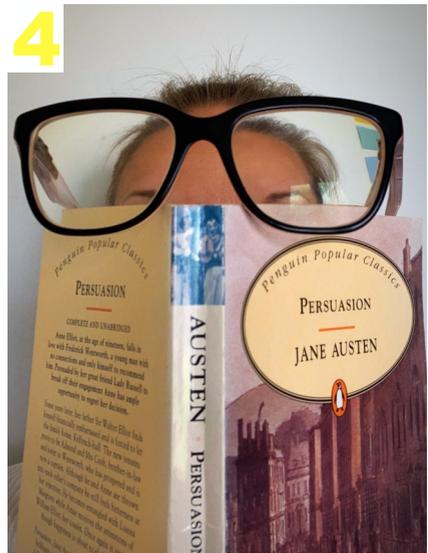
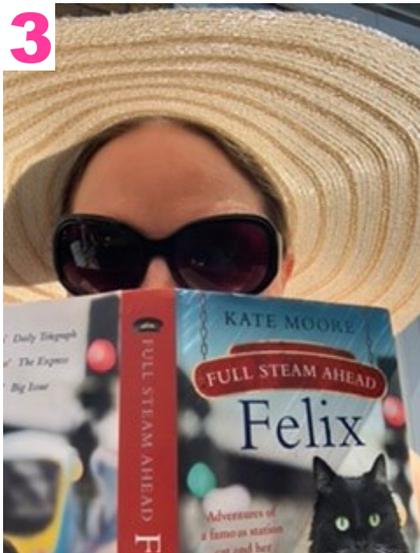
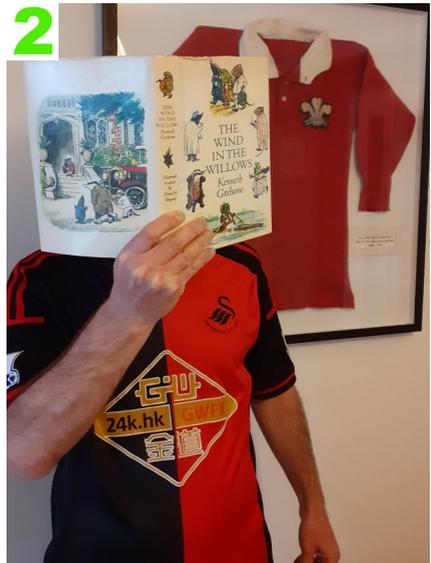
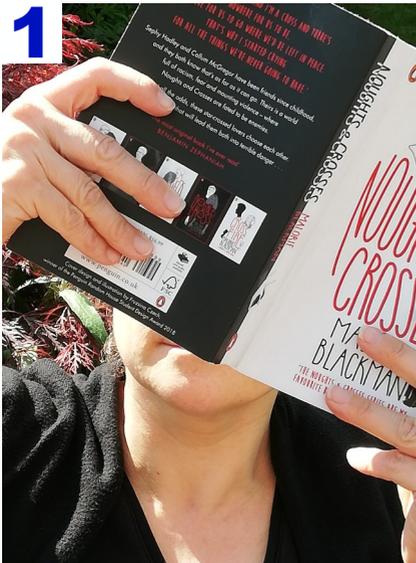
## Transition

The children have enjoyed their mindfulness task as well as showing off their 'Roarsome' dinosaur making skills!



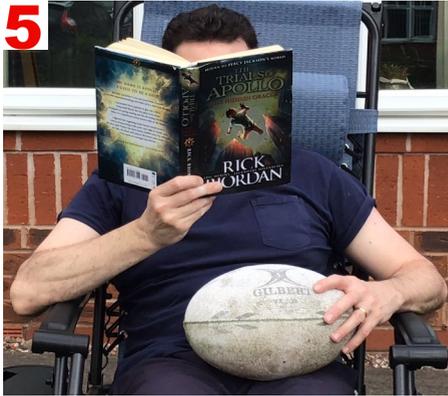
# Guess The Team

Can you guess the staff behind the books? Answers are at the bottom of the page!



Answers: 1. Mrs Marston 2. Mr Watts 3. Mrs Crosby 4. Mrs Flanagan 5. Mr Draper 6. Miss Roberts 7. Mrs Boden 8. Mrs Inkster 9. Mrs D Smith 10. Mrs Higgins

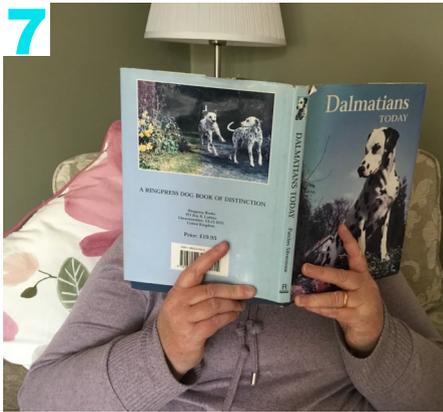
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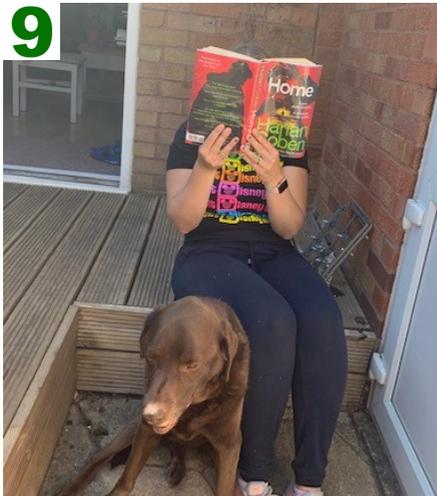
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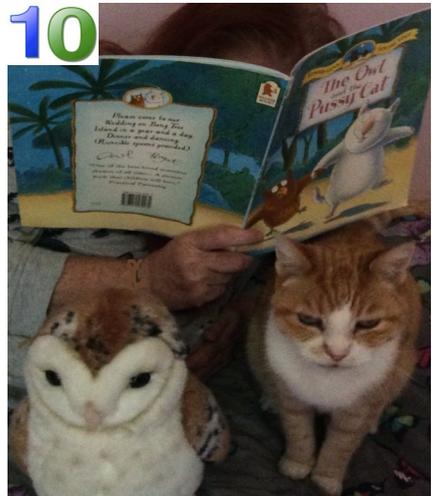
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## VE Day

As it was the 75th anniversary of VE Day many people celebrated whilst still maintaining social distancing rules.

Esha and Reet's family joined in with the other pubs in Telford to sound their bells at 3pm. They then spent the rest of the day in a paddling pool.

Aarav and his brother baked brownies and banana bread. Sitting on their drive they listened to the speech at 3, followed by hotdogs. They enjoyed the VE Day celebrations especially colouring in the bunting and putting it up in front of their house.

Key Worker children made fantastic VE day bunting at school.

Mrs Inkster made scones and had a tea party in the front garden. Many people joined in with a 'virtual' cup of tea, alongside Mr Draper.

Aarush had a tea party in the front garden and made British flags on old branches that he found.



# Word Art

Lower III have been getting creative with Word Art. They've made some fantastic designs.





## Student Spotlight

Under the spotlight this half term is Rajan from Lower II with his impressive mythical story.

### Dralo and the Dragon

Along time ago the people of Turano were suffering at the hands of an evil King called Venom. King Venom has eight snakes that he loves and talks too. The pit of wicked, slimy snakes demanded that he feeds them four humans a week. The cunning King chooses the most frail and weakest of people to feed the snakes. He makes all the people of Turano work without paying them, and only gives them scraps to eat.

Dralo is a strong young boy with a heart of gold. He didn't like seeing the people of Turano working so hard and still having to starve. He was also very brave, he stole some seeds and decided to grow some fruit and vegetables on a deserted part of the Island. He was to share the food with everyone that needed it.

One morning when Dralo and his buddy Larso were on their way to their fruit and veg patch, they heard a strange wailing sound. They followed the sound to the seashore and discovered an enormous blue and green Dragon lying injured on the sand. Without thinking, Dralo ran over to the Dragon and asked him "what's wrong?"

The dragon said "I have hurt my leg" so Dralo bandaged him up and gave him some water. The Dragon said "My name is Cralam, thank you for helping me friend, if you ever need my help just ask."

"You're welcome I'll see you soon" replied Dralo. Who then went on to find Larso. Larso was standing at some distance, he appeared to be shocked and terrified. "What's wrong?" asked Dralo

"Wow! Do you realise you ran close up to a Dragon? You even managed to speak Dragonese (Dragon language) even King Venom can't speak Dragonese!"

"I didn't realise I was speaking Dragonese!" replied Dralo. So they then went on to make a plan on how they can defeat King Venom.

The next morning Dralo found Cralam the Dragon and asked him for help. Cralam was happy to help Dralo. Dralo and his best friend Larso sat on Cralams back and they flew over to King Venoms castle. Cralam blew fire over the King's castle. King Venoms nest of cruel snakes died from the fire.

The trio of now best friends captured King Venom and killed him.

Dralo went on to become the new King of Turano and all the people of Turano were thrilled as this would now end their days of starvation.



## Key Dates - 2020



- ◆ 8th June Online Learning resumes for Form I, Lower II, Form II and Upper II.
- ◆ 8th June School reopens for Pre Nursery, Nursery, Kindergarten, Transition and Lower III.
- ◆ 10th July End of Term.



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