



Mass Testing Underway

This week the Sports Hall has been turned into something that resembles a field hospital as the venue for our mass testing programme. Over 90% of our students attended their first test and for the most part the weather was on our side and although cold, it was mainly dry. All results came back negative and all students were then admitted to school and were able to resume lessons.

By Thursday afternoon we had completed the first round of tests which meant that the school was fully up and running with lessons taking place with staff and students in the same room, being able to see and talk to each other face to face - that was quite a novelty after 2 months of remote teaching.

Following Government guidance we are running 3 lateral flow tests in school over the first two weeks following the reopening of schools. By the end of next week we will have completed our testing in school and focus moves to home testing. This process will enable students to become familiar with how a lateral flow test is taken before we move over to home testing.



The Sports Hall resembling a field hospital

When students attend their third test they will be issued with a home-testing kit so that twice-weekly tests can be taken under parent supervision (if your child is under 16).

It is worth mentioning at this point that the Hands-Face-Space guidance still applies in all areas of the school, even if results are negative. We still need to be vigilant and remember to follow social distancing regulations so that we keep everyone safe.

Please remember that a positive result from a lateral flow test taken in school will require the whole household to isolate. We will, of course, keep you informed of any positive test result.

Finally, this operation could not happen without the support of parents, staff and students all working together. By taking these tests on a regular basis we will all be contributing to keeping the school community safe and ensuring that as many students as possible are able to attend school and benefit from face-to-face lessons.

Library Services and Support during Covid 19

Year 13 students are asked to use the My Cirqa library app to order any books and these will be delivered to your Head of Year office.

If you wish to visit the Library in person to exchange any books, you can do this after school on the following days:

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| • Monday 3.15-4pm | Year 7 |
| • Tuesday 3.15-4pm | Year 8 |
| • Wednesday 3.15-4pm | Year 9 |
| • Thursday 3.15-4pm | Year 10 |
| • Thursday 3.15-4pm | Year 11 |
| • Friday 3.15-4pm | Year 12 |

Home Schooling With a Difference

So, with homeschooling finally at an end and normal external clubs hopefully starting again on the 12th April, Mrs Jones, Mother of Lucy Jones Year 8, wanted to praise all those students that persevered with their various training throughout the lockdown via Zoom.

Lucy, seen here practising her bridge via zoom, has missed so much over the past year. Competitions cancelled, training disrupted, only basic conditioning via Zoom and most importantly, not being able to see her team mates, friends and family: But throughout it all, she's been upbeat, attended every zoom session and is determined to compete again soon.

Together we are getting through this.

Excellent resilience Lucy – well done!



We find ourselves once more asking parents politely to not use the Brian Jackson Carpark on High Street opposite school, for the purpose of picking up and dropping off students. Access is needed during the day by both Pass-it-On and Brian Jackson College, Please respect our neighbours and adhere to this re-



**NO
PARKING**

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Donations can be made
via Parentpay or cash will
be accepted in school

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

**Follow your
nose to the fun**

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

**FUNNY
IS POWER**

FRIDAY 19 MARCH

What?

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

PAY £1.00

**TO WEAR NON-UNIFORM
OR TO DRESS AS A SUPER HERO**



When?

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

FRIDAY 19 MARCH

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Where?

**AROUND SCHOOL,
ALL DAY**

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



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EVENTS

29
APRIL

Year 10
Parents' Evening

7-17 JUNE

Years 10 & 12
Internal
Exams

23 & 24
JUNE

Open
Evenings

25
JUNE

Inset Training
Day - School
Closed to
Students

28 JUNE -
2 JULY

Years 7 & 9
Internal Exams

29 & 30
JUNE

Year 6
Transition
Evenings.

15 JULY

Year 7
Parents'
Evening.

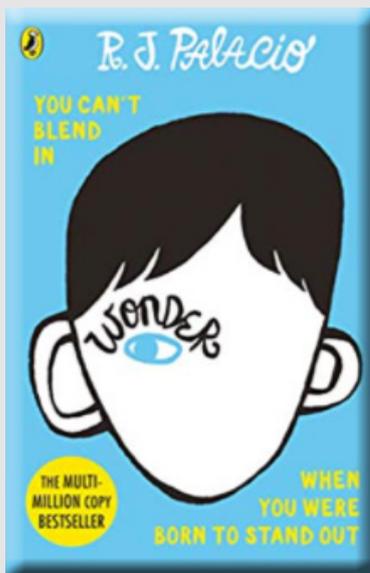
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Book Review

Have you read a good book in lockdown?
Would you like tell
others about it and share your reasonings behind your
recommendation?

Why don't you email a brief book review to
adminofPce@heckgrammar.co.uk and we will share with your fellow students and staff.



Wonder is a bewildering book that was written by the author R. J. Palacio, and I will elaborate why I enjoyed reading Wonder in this book review.

Wonder is a heart-warming book about respect, kindness, appreciation and friendship where a boy named Auggie had a brutal life just because he has facial deformity.

My first impression of the book was that the cover was so plain and simple, that it added an element of mystery into my head and left me feeling inquisitive; and after reading the book, I remembered to never judge a book by its cover.

Another reason why I like this book is because all along the story, it conveys the message that you should always treat each other with respect and to look for the inner personality of another person instead of judging over looks.

Overall, I would highly recommend reading this book.

By Aran Handa 7C2

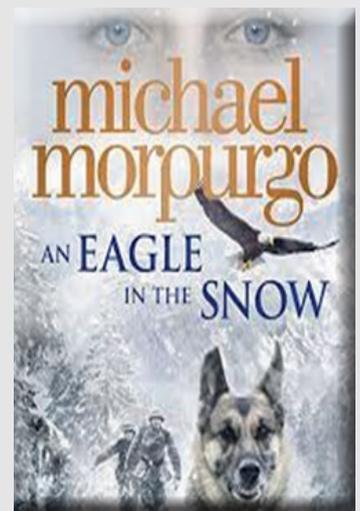
Michael Morpurgo- Eagle in the Snow

This is a based on a true story, historical fiction book for all. Barney and his mother are traveling on a train when it needs to hide in a tunnel to avoid bombing by the German planes overhead. With them in their car is a stranger who proceeds to tell them an amazing story about Private Billy Byron. This character is based upon a real soldier from WWI. The story he tells is of his friend Billy and all the wondrous and amazing things he did in the war that earned him several medals. He also told of the German soldier "Fritz" as they were all called, that the let go at the end of the war. He did not want to kill one more person. Would his decision come back to haunt him?

The Eagle in the Snow is a powerful novel. The tale combines moments of action and excitement with sadness and reflection and raises many ideas and themes to be explored within World War 1

In the story, the decision Billy makes, to spare Hitler's life, is one that he sincerely regrets . Billy wonders if his decision makes him responsible in some way for Hitler's rise to power and WWII itself. Billy suffers from regret of his past decisions and this weakens his personality especially his love and hope for his drawing and his wife- Christine.

This was a quick read and one that I did not want to put down once I got past the first chapter. The character of Billy was so professionally written, it was as if you knew him. This is a remarkable story to read- would definitely recommend.



by Zavva Ali 7C1



MASK WINNERS

Winners of the World book Day Competition are:

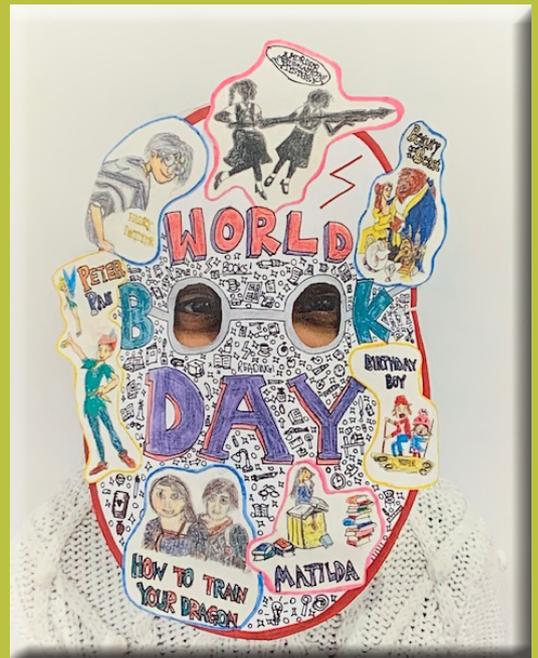
First prize is **Vidhi Raut 7C** for a mask that promoted world book day.

Joint second is **Simran Shakoor** for an amazing Gruffalo mask and Mikayla Pasquel for the Mad Hatter mask.

Joint third is **Aina Ali** for Aslan the Lion and **Miraya Vyas** for a mask inspired by The Rainbow tiger.

We were so overwhelmed by the quality of the entries that we have decided to give the following runner up prizes:

- Aran Handa
- Lily Dillon
- Shivank Tiwari
- Jasmine Jacob
- Devansh Desai
- Hayyan Khan
- Husaina Lokhandwala
- Yusuf Mehmood



The winning entry by Vidhi Raut 7C



Thank you



A parent, Mr Simon Chisdey, father of ex-student Wiliam Chidsey, Class of 2020, very kindly donated 4 visualisers to school this week. We would formally like to thank Mr Chidsey for his very generous donation, the staff and students are very grateful.

Calling all HGS Seniors - Easter Art School



Online Easter Art School 2021 Drawing, Sculpture, Photography and Singing

Creative activities for school/college years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Online workshops and resources will be launched on Friday 26th March 2021



The Online Easter Arts School is a widening participation initiative that is part of Leeds Arts University's Access and Participation Plan, approved by the Office for Students (OfS). The course is very popular and numbers are limited, therefore applications are considered on an individual basis. Applicants from under-represented backgrounds or who live in an area of low participation in higher education will be prioritised.

The Progression team invite you to join us in a free Creative Festival of Arts. Four Creative tutors will lead you through an exciting series of workshops, demonstrations and resources, to develop your creative practice at whatever stage you may be at. You will be able to pick and choose your own participation route through the activities over the Easter break.

The videos and downloadable instructions will guide you through a different creative theme in our four strands of Arts activities:

- **Drawing** - Inventive, playful and practical workshops to communicate ideas and record what we see.
- **Sculpture** - Figurative sculpture workshops that will cover animation, movement, emotion, character and colour.
- **Photography** - Activities that involve structural composition and photographing your work to tell a story.
- **Singing** - Learn correct vocal techniques and sing along to Adele and Elbow in a series of exercises.

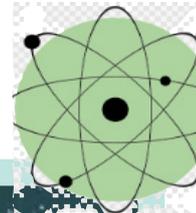
Please email your completed application form to Leeds Arts University
by Monday 22nd March 2021

using the following email: progression@leeds-art.ac.uk

We will email you whether or not you have a place on the course and provide further information.

**Any Student who wishes to enrol please email Student Services at
adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk for an application form**

Physics - Astronomy Photography Competition



Hockmondwike Grammar School Physics Department

Astronomy Photography Competition

The picture on the right is an entry to our Astronomy Photography Competition by **Jasmine Jacob** in 7H1, using an iPhone and a telescope.

With modern smartphones and cameras, it is possible to take produce outstanding images.

For advice on how to capture your own images and enter the competition yourself, join the Astronomy Competition Team by entering the following code into Microsoft Teams:

p7ce5ni

The deadline for entries is Friday 26th March 2021. Contact your Physics teacher for further details.

Do you have a passion for photography?

Do you strive to create and capture the perfect picture, the shot that opens the eyes of others to the wonderful world around them? We would like to invite individuals from all our surrounding schools to get creative with our "Show us Endless Twilight" competition. Capturing images of glowing clouds, eye-catching views, the evening sunset or morning sunrise, its entirely up to you. Our judges will be looking for lots of creativity.

The competition is open to students in years 9 – 11, students should send us 1 image and a short summary of why the picture represents "Endless Twilight" please see guideline and brief. Deadline for entries is 12 noon 16th April 2021

[Competition Guideline](#)

[Competition Brief](#)

[Competition Entry Form](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

COMPETITION BRIEF:
SHOW US ENDLESS TWILIGHT

We are looking for an image inspired by 'dusk or dawn' which captures the true magic and mystery of an endless twilight transitioning from day through to night.

From the magic and allure of a deserted landscape to a bustling street/city scene, get creative at the most spectacular time of day.

The competition is open to students in Years 9-11.

Winners work will be displayed at our end of year show CREATE in June.

DEADLINE DATE
Friday 16th April 2021
12pm

SHORTLISTING DATE
Friday 21st May 2021

Contact school liaison team for brief, guidelines and entry form, email schools@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk

KIRKLEES COLLEGE



My name is Charis and I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say that we have recently opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in hope that they can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

If you could share our casting flyer with the children, parents & staff at your school that would be really appreciated.

Perhaps this email could be forwarded on to the Food Technology teacher, so they can encourage any baking enthusiasts in their class or if you are happy to send it out to all the form classes that would be amazing too!

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but our applications close on Sunday 28 March 2021.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.

I have attached a flyer in case you would like to hand these out or pop these up on your communal notice boards.

Alternatively, if you would like us to send you hard copies of the flyers, I would be more than happy to post some to the school.

Please do feel free to contact us on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Thank you so much for all of your help in advance!

Best wishes,

The Junior Bake Off Team

enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk