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A Message from Mrs Roach

We have been very pleased with how our children have returned to school following the Easter break. They look very smart and we would like to thank you for your support with ensuring all pupils are in the correct uniform. We know that our uniform gives children a sense of belonging and creates an identity within the community.

We have missed seeing our parents and carers in the school at parents' evening this year so we have invited all Year 9 parents in for a meeting with their college leader to talk about the pupils' move into KS4. We have also sent out a proposed schedule for meetings with Year 10 as we prepare the children for their final year in school – and their exams (hopefully).

During the lockdown we had an Ofsted inspection to see how we were managing in the current climate and they were impressed by the staff they met. All staff could talk confidently about how the curriculum meets the needs of all learners from Early Years right through to Year 11. They reported that leaders are taking effective action to educate the children in these difficult times and this is testament to all the good work of the staff.

We are working hard to ensure that our school culture is a place for all to flourish. We are teaching the children about protected characteristics and the importance of tolerance and respect, two of or TUDOR values.

We need your help!

Our designated safeguarding lead (DSL), Miss Tobolkiewicz leads on safeguarding and PSHE in school and works closely with local agencies to ensure we are responding to any local issues that arise so we can support the children. We are looking for volunteers, who have a greater understanding of the needs of our community, to join us in a PACT (Parents and carers taskforce) meeting once a half term to discuss these local issues. Please click this <u>link</u> for further information and to register your interest.

As the lockdown restrictions start to ease we are planning to breathe some life back into the school. PE fixtures, a school show, KS3 awards are all in the planning – but more exciting is the prospect of a Prom for our lovely Year 11s who deserve a great send off. Details will be sent home soon.

P.A.C.T.

Earth Day

For Earth Day this year, each year group in Primary have looked at how important it is to look after our planet. They showed their understanding through a range of activities from wind chimes to seed bombs to experiencing pollution in the ocean. Some year groups even made plant pots using recycled items.









Marathon Kids

On Tuesday 20th April we launched a programme called Marathon Kids. This programme aims to get kids active by running regularly with the target of completing a marathon. Throughout the day, all of the primary students and staff took part in the event which was great fun. Our aim is to continue the programme throughout the term and we will be tracking exactly how far all of the students have run. Well done to everybody involved and keep on RUNNING!









Performing Arts Extra-curricular Clubs

It's been busy few weeks in the Performing Arts department with a host of clubs on offer for all year groups. We are always looking for more pupils to join so please see Mrs Connor for a club letter if you would like to take part.

This half terms	clubs are	as follows:
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Monday		
	Year 7 Drama Club	
Tuesday	Year 8 Musical Theatre Club	
Wednesday	Year 9 Dance Club	
Thursday	Year 10 Performing Arts Club	
(All clubs run 3.05pm-4.05pm)		

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Year 8 Drama club exploring mask work

Music Extra-curricular Clubs

Clubs and extra-curricular activities in music:

Monday	Year 9 Steel Pan Ensemble	
Tuesday	Year 10 Steel Pan Ensemble	
Thursday	Year 11 Band	

Additional instrumental lessons that have started this term also include drum and guitar tuition with our visiting specialist teacher which has had a fantastic sign up from years 7–11.

Creative Arts News



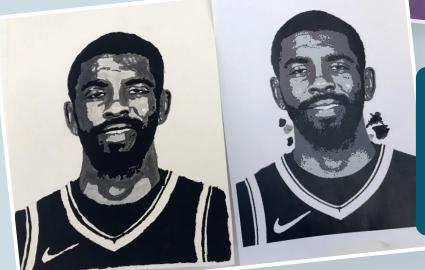
Stunning David Lozeau artist copy by Nicole Szalai.

Fantastic abstract sea life paintings by Cody Watson.





WELL DONE!



Monochromatic painting of Kyrie Irving produced by Mason Thomas using acrylic paint. The accuracy and level of tone in this is brilliant.





A range of exploratory work taking place today. Such a fab variety of media and techniques!