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STUDENT AND PARENT BULLETIN

That Was the Week that Was...!

Mr Yarwood: "Geography - Well done to all students in Years 7-11 on completing your assessments over the past 2 weeks.

Year 7 - UK weather

Year 8 - To what extent is tourism beneficial to Kenya?

Year 9 - Should Mohit move to Dubai?

Year 10 - To what extent is global climate change a result of human activity?

Year 11 - To what extent has economic development improved the quality of people's lives in Nigeria?

There were many excellent pieces of extended writing submitted where you made a judgement after giving opposing views and referring to evidence to back up your points. Great use of writing frames and sentence starters as well. Fantastic!"

Mr Perry: "PAUSE Day POP UP School - **Years 7- 9** took part in a very competitive 'Trading Game'. Students were allocated a country to represent. Each country was given a box of resources. The aim was to make paper shapes which had a monetary value. These were then



sold in order for the country to make money. Each country, however, did not have the same level of initial resources or equipment and had to find a way of trading goods, equipment or personnel. They could opt to take expensive loans from the World Bank in order to compete. The game was lively and action packed with the students' interactions mirroring real world trading

practices. Mr Baker and Mrs Kunchithapatham took on the role of the United Nations to oversee 'fair play' and to adjudicate on any disagreements or violations of international law. Miss Biddiss was the World Bank, whose job was to collect and bank the shapes, count the money and to give loans and calculate interest. The World financial market was represented by Mr Perry. This role enabled the regulation of the prices of the shapes, based on supply and demand, and facilitated the 'discovery' of new resources in certain countries.

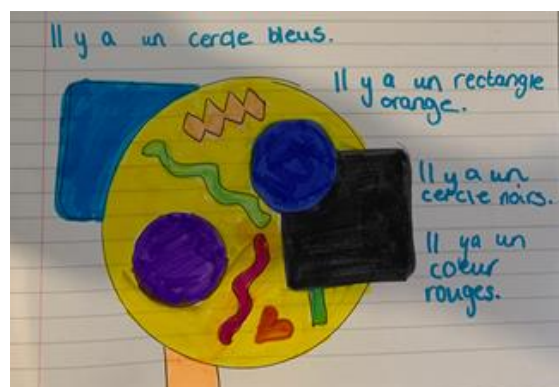
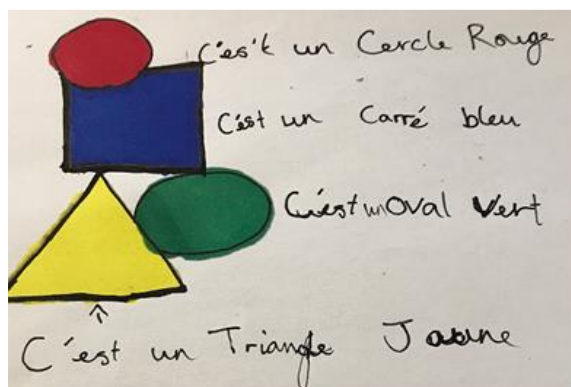
Well done to all taking part for their active engagement and willingness to trade! No screens were used in this activity!!”

Miss Biddiss: “It looks like many of you had fun being creative during Pause Day! I know some of you went out and took photos in order to enter the MFL Photo competition, and a special 'well done' to **Eva S in Year 8**, who sent photos of her amazing pancakes with fresh fruit and chocolate sauce! On Thursday, **Year 11** each had a five-minute slot with me, where they spoke French and described a photo about French cultural life. It was lovely to hear them speak some French; they were very well-prepared and everyone was on time. Keep working on the tenses!!”



Mr Hartley: “**Aaron F** was brilliant in History this week. Strong answers and excellent factual recall. Keep it up Aaron!”

Mrs Foster: “Well done to all the **year 7s** who did great family presentations and improved their work this week. We also had fun describing art this week - students saw works from Miro and Delauney and Matisse and then created their own! Well done to **Aleka H** and **Maddie E** for these:



Well done to all the **year 8s and 9s** with their reading quiz this week and to some year 8s who stayed into break to keep playing blooket today!

In **10A French**, well done to **Mia P and Sophia J** for the great engagement in the lessons, despite various challenges!”

THIS WEEKS' SCIENCE SUPERSTARS!



What a term it's been! We cannot WAIT to see you back in school, especially because National Science Week is coming! You can expect explosions, science career talks, explosions, funny videos and more explosions!

Don't forget the optional homework that is on Google classroom everyone! This month it's all about Love!

We are particularly impressed with Immys' Cushion from Pause day!



Miss Swayne's Stars
Kieran H, Caitlin G, Alfie M, Mael L & Delehn G

Mr Allum's Stars
Immy H, Eshal U, Kitty C, Chloe G, Leo T, Megan G,
Mia P & Louis S

Ms Hardman's Stars
Beni S, Summer C, Toby B, Dillon B, Cibran V, Sophia J, Leah E, Rhian W, Ben R & all of 11 set 1!

Ms. Gopal's Stars
Liana B & Ashton H

Ms. Hills' Stars
Georgina I & Emma T

Plenty to keep you busy over the half term break...

KS3 MFL Photo Competition

All **KS3 students** are invited to enter the photo competition based on 2 categories:

- **Different perspectives on languages**
- **Nature**

Upload a photo (using effects/collage etc) and give a description if they can. Employ the useful language that has already been shared with you on Google Classroom.






Deadline: 22 February (after half-term).

Enjoy getting outside and enjoying nature!



Holocaust Memorial Photography Competition

Get your camera out and get creative over the half term break and enter the “Light in the Darkness” photography competition. The closing date for this competition is Monday 22 February – Mr Yarwood.



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

WEEKLY READING CHALLENGE

100 MINUTES


Every week you must read 100 minutes (15 minutes of this can be from your weekly Tutor reading).






You must complete a reading log to show what you have read and for how long. A link will be sent out for this.

Every week, those that take part are entered into a termly draw and awarded house points.

The winning prize is a reading book of your choice.

For more information, please speak to your English teacher.





Submit your reading here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOJZp1e7KQtQWUvKdDqFXNjBSWafm4wLj47RZRCgs09Ndfw/viewform>

Try some of these ideas out and share the results with your Tutor or in your Tutor Group classroom! Have fun! – Miss Jackson

LOCKDOWN?

what lockdown?
Ideas to keep you occupied this half term



Your challenge over half term is to decorate an egg with the face of a famous person! It could be someone famous from history or a celebrity... it could even be a self portrait or someone we would know from school! Be creative.

You can use paint, pen, you can stick things to it... the choice is yours!
DISCLAIMER: BOIL THE EGG FIRST TO AVOID A YOLKY MESS!!

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Tuesday 16th February is Shrove Tuesday, and traditionally seen as Pancake day! Your challenge to create the most mouth-watering, creative plate of pancakes and send a photo!

Savoury, sweet or just incredibly sickly... what is your dream combination?



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Go for a walk



have a spring clean



take a virtual trip on
google earth



Research your
family tree



Bake a cake



complete an
workout video



Cook dinner



zoom quiz



Write a story



Have a pamper day



Read a book



Practice your language
skills on Duolingo



Produce your own
music on audacity



Play a boardgame



Learn a craft!



Play a distanced sport



Listen to
a podcast



talk to your friends & family



Facetime someone



Practice your
photography skills



Listen to
a podcast



Have an egg decorating competition



Listen to music



Learn origami

Watch a movie



Watch your parent's favourite movie
when they were your age!




Go outside and sketch!

Please note...

Students who have been having online tutoring with MyTutor in Maths or Science during this term – there will be no sessions during the Half Term Break. They will resume from 22nd February.

Coming up....

Monday, 22 February	
	Closing date for “Be the Light” photography competition Last day of MFL Photography Challenge KS3
Wednesday, 24 February	
3:30pm - 4pm Google Classroom Code p7t27os	Media Studies Club – All Years
Friday, 26 February	
11:30am - 12:30pm	Third Space Learning - Selected Year 7 Pupils

ADVANCE NOTICE

1-5 March	National Careers Week
2 March	KS4 Evening
4 March	World Book Day
11 March	Year 7 Parents’ Evening
12 March	Year 7 Henley Festival Workshop
15-19 March	Science Week

Word of the Week  **Perseverance** (Noun).

Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success e.g.
The MECE Community has shown great **perseverance** throughout these challenging times and continue to thrive.

