



Message from the Head

I hope you all have had a restful and screen-free half term holiday. It is highly welcomed news from the government that children can return to school on the 8th March. I know we are all ready for a bit of normality and routine plus, of course, the general social interaction school provides for both students and staff alike. Thankfully we all have time to organise our school wardrobe and equipment ready to come back with our best foot forward. We are working hard to have the lateral flow testing centre expanded to facilitate testing of all students three times in a quick, efficient and safe manner. I urge all students to keep going and persevere with their remote learning, submitting all work and making their best efforts for a smooth transition back into 'traditional' learning.

Take care and stay safe,

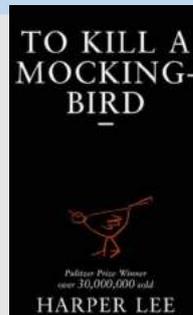
Mr Mitchell.

This week's book recommendation:

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

Lawyer Atticus Finch gives this advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel - a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s.

The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice.



This Week in History

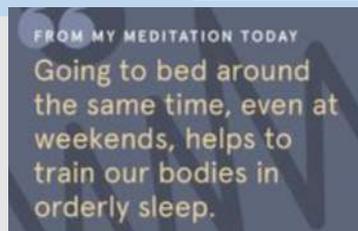
24/02/1920 – Lady Nancy Astor, the first woman to ever hold a seat in the House of Commons, became the first woman to speak in Parliament. She campaigned for welfare reforms, equal voting rights and access to the professions for women.

27/02/1951 – On this day the 22nd amendment to the constitution was passed in America, limiting presidents to only two terms of office. This had a huge effect on politics, some of which are explored in the Cold War GCSE course when students analyse the different approaches of various presidents.

28/02/1953 – On this day in 1953, scientists James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the double-helix structure of DNA and celebrated by walking into the nearby pub and blurting out they had discovered the secret of life! Their discovery revolutionised the study of biology and medicine and forms part of the GCSE course looking at medicine through time.

Give me Five!

1. Start to get back into your school wake-up and bedtime routine.
2. Go for a walk outdoors and see how many spring flowers you can see beginning to grow.
3. Help out at home by doing the Hoovering without being asked.
4. Now the weather is getting warmer, take a book outdoors and read in the sunshine.
5. Check your school equipment and bag in plenty of time before you return to school.



Remote Learning Support

Remember to check your emails by 8.45 each day and to use Support@stjosephs.uk.net for any technical issues and the homestudy-help@stjosephs.uk.net email for any problems with work itself

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Leads in school are: Mr Mark Price Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Lewis-Dale Deputy Headteacher. Also your child's Head of House as first point of contact.

St. Joe's Journal

Ethos Reflection

Lenten Journeys

So as we begin our Lenten journey, how is yours going so far? Have you managed to stay strong and keep your promises? I know I am struggling, but remember Lent is meant to challenge us so stay strong and keep the faith and enjoy the challenge!



To explore the Lenten story further and reflect upon the real meaning for the season, check out this excellent montage called 'Lent in 40 pictures' to the tune of 'How he loves us'. God bless and stay strong in your Lenten journey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5bfxGNMY9c>



Musical Faith Challenge



Lenten Competition:

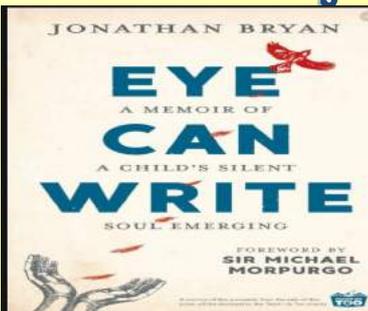
This week, your challenge is to create your own song/rap/poem about why Lent is such an important time for us. There will be a prize for the best one and winners announced in 2 weeks time. Please send entries to

Mr. Young on

YoungA@stjosephs.uk.net

Good luck and God bless.

"Eye can write" - the incredible journey of Jonathan Bryan



How often do we take our ability to speak and communicate for granted? I know I do! Today, I want to introduce you to a spiritual hero and inspiration of mine—meet 14 year old Jonathan Bryan. Jonathan has been 'locked in' due to suffering from severe cerebral palsy since birth following a car crash when he was in the womb. Undeterred and spired on by his incredible faith, Jonathan has learned to read and write and at the age of 9 was able, for the very first time to talk with his family using only his eyes to spell out each word. Aged 12 he even wrote his own book called 'eye can write' telling the story of his journey and how his unwavering faith has kept him going. This half-term I had the pleasure of reading this book and his words truly moved me. When talking about how he overcame such profound challenges he said: "Jesus is both the reason I live and the source of my life. For as long as I can remember Jesus has been there with me, guiding and sustaining me". To find out more about this incredible young man, you can watch his CBBC documentary telling you all about his incredible story on the link below on his website.

<http://www.teachustoo.org.uk/locked-in-boy/>

Puzzle Corner

Each week you will find a new Numeracy puzzle.
The solutions will be provided in the next newsletter.

Clock face

Use two straight lines to split the clock face into 3 parts, so that the sums of the numbers in each of the parts are equal.



Last week's answer

Which one is different?

<p>Multiples of 7:</p> <p>7 77</p> <p>14 21 84</p>	<p>Multiples of 9:</p> <p>81 99</p> <p>63 18</p>	<p>12 16 21</p> <p>31</p> <p>Does not have a 1</p>	<p>15 96 25</p> <p>99 50</p> <p>Does not have a 5</p>
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One hour to madness and joy by Walt Whitman

ONE hour to madness and joy!
O furious! O confine me not!
(What is this that frees me so in storms?
What do my shouts amid lightnings and raging winds mean?)

O to drink the mystic deliria deeper than any other man!
O savage and tender achings!
(I bequeath them to you, my children,
I tell them to you, for reasons, O bridegroom and bride.)

O to be yielded to you, whoever you are, and you to be yielded to me,
in defiance of the world!
O to return to Paradise! O bashful and feminine! 10
O to draw you to me--to plant on you for the first time the lips of a
determin'd man!

O the puzzle--the thrice-tied knot--the deep and dark pool! O all untied and illumina'd!
O to speed where there is space enough and air enough at last!
O to be absolv'd from previous ties and conventions--I from mine, and
you from yours!
O to find a new unthought-of nonchalance with the best of nature!
O to have the gag remov'd from one's mouth!
O to have the feeling, to-day or any day, I am sufficient as I am!

O something unprov'd! something in a trance!
O madness amorous! O trembling!
O to escape utterly from others' anchors and holds! 20
To drive free! to love free! to dash reckless and dangerous!
To court destruction with taunts--with invitations!
To ascend--to leap to the heavens of the love indicated to me!
To rise thither with my inebriate Soul!
To be lost, if it must be so!
To feed the remainder of life with one hour of fulness and freedom!
With one brief hour of madness and joy.

Riddles to Entertain

Last week's answers are: 1. nothing; 2. meat; 3. fire 4. the third—the lions would be dead by now; 5. the number 8.

This week's riddles to tease your brain:

1. What has many keys but can't open a single door?
2. What has six faces but no mouth, has 21 eyes but cannot see?
3. They have not flesh nor feathers, not scales no bones. Yet they have fingers and thumb. What are they?
4. You have me today. Tomorrow you'll have more. As your time passes, I'm not easy to store. I don't take up space, but I'm only in one place. I am what you saw, but not what you see. What am I?
5. What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day £1 book tokens have gone digital. You can download and print your own copy of the token from the Whole School Literacy page on Google Classroom. If your child has not yet joined the page, they can do so using the code wi5sndm.



Well done to the following pupils have been working extremely hard on HegartyMaths in the last week.

Year 11—Emily Bainbridge &

Bethany Whitesmith

Year 10 - Macey Rodgers & Connor Bray

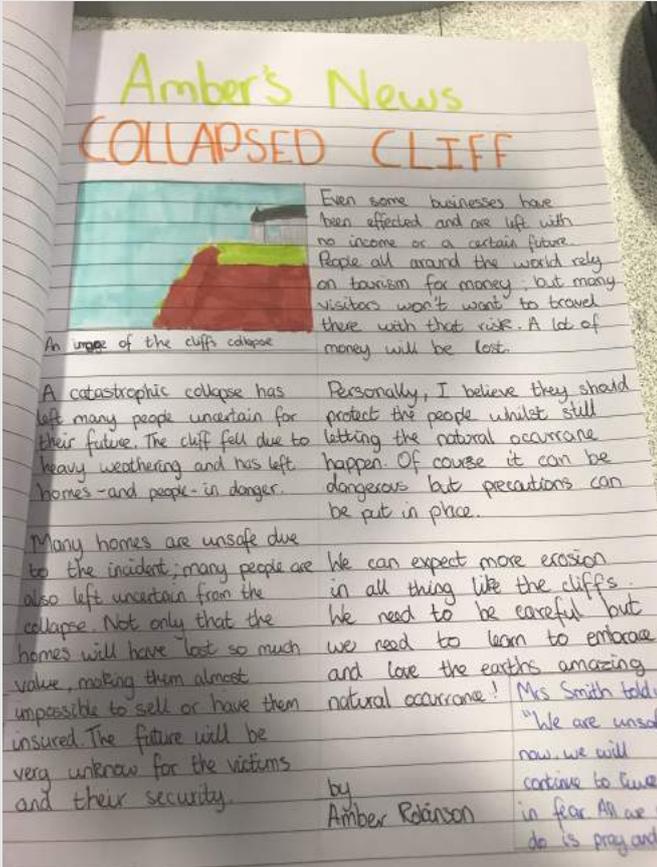
Year 9 - Adam Savage & Freya Maddick

Year 8—Katie Cooper & Nicholas Seymour

Year 7 - Gabriel Egwea & Georgia Shorten

Will you be next week's Hegarty Heroes?

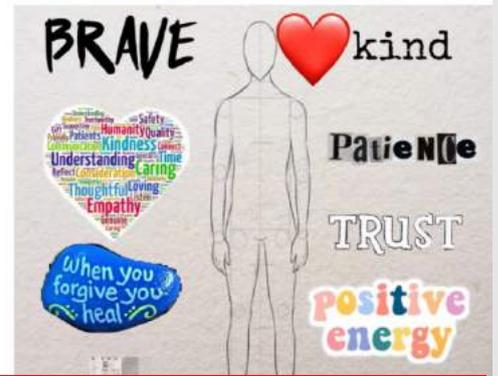
St. Joseph's Shout Outs!



Excellent Geography work by Amber in year 7



- U**nderstanding
- N**obal
- I**ntelligent
- Q**uality
- U**pbeat
- E**qual

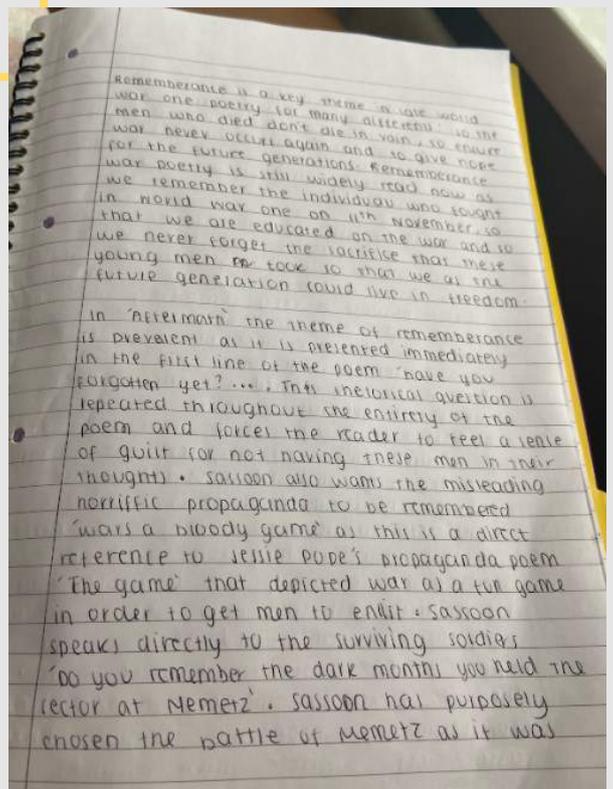


Super tutor-time work by Sophie in year 7



Some very creative art-work by Oliver

Brilliant A Level Literature War Poetry Analysis from Megan

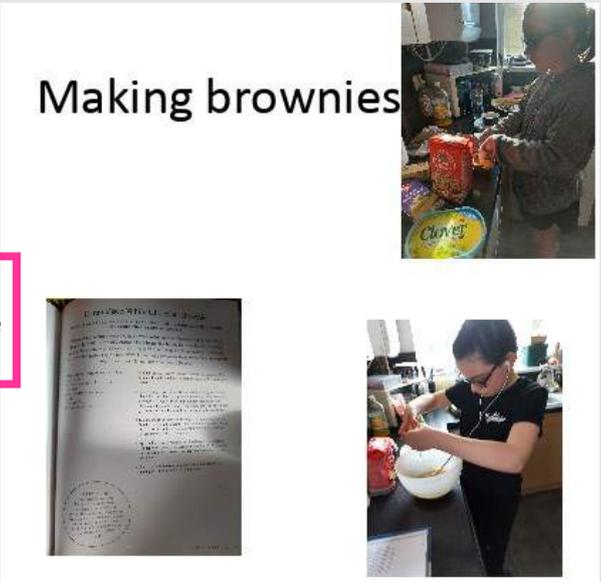


Grace doing her star jumps



Isla completing
 ← her
 practical PE

Kaitlyn making brownies
 on screen- → free



Making brownies

Alyssa baked a gorgeous cake ↓



A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER SESSION
 Examples of Year 11 photography from friday 12th February



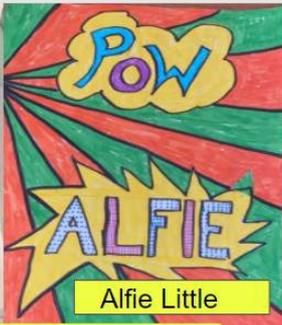
The students were asked to create some portraits in response to the Photographer Bruno Metra. They used their own printouts or drawings of facial features to use in their portrait to change their own identity. Here are some highlights!



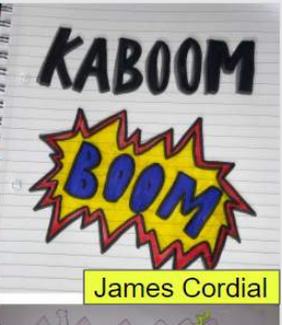
Kate Wold
 Layla Kahnlarpour



Jessica Kane
 Oliver Harwood



Alfie Little



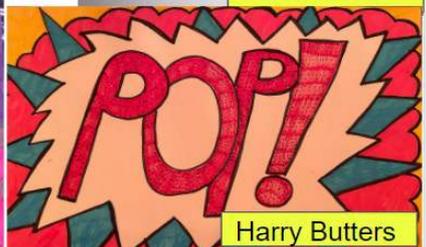
James Cordial
 Ella Ward



Robert Gifford



Molly Greaves



Harry Butters

Year 9 - Characteristics of Pop Art and Word Art
 Artists of the Week



LAW DEPARTMENT COMPETITION TIME!

1-5 MARCH IS JUSTICE WEEK ORGANISED BY LEADING LAW INSTITUTIONS AND MR. MATHER WANTS YOU TO TAKE PART!

LAW IS EVERYWHERE AND IT IS VITAL THAT YOU KNOW HOW THE LAW IMPACTS YOU AND YOUR DAY TO DAY LIVES.

COMPETITION DETAILS - PRIZES FOR THE BEST ENTRIES

KEY STAGE 3

EITHER CREATE A POSTER OR COMPLETE THE WORKSHEET ON HOW A LAW IS MADE USING THE INFORMATION OR DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW A CROWN COURT LOOKS DURING A TRIAL

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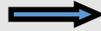
EITHER CREATE A POSTER OR COMPLETE THE WORKSHEET ON HOW CORONAVIRUS HAS IMPACTED HUMAN RIGHTS USING THE INFORMATION OR DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW A CROWN COURT LOOKS DURING A TRIAL

ALL DETAILS ARE ON YOUR YEAR GROUP GOOGLE CLASSROOM PAGE

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 12 MARCH

EMAIL/SHARE ON GOOGLE YOUR ENTRIES TO MATHERS@STJOSEPHS.UK.NET

Jack had a refreshing walk in the snow



Oliver has been practising his football skills



PLAYED CARDS WITH MAM



CLEANED OUT OUR PET HAMSTER AND PLAYED WITH HIM



READING MOTD MAGAZINE



PLAYING CHESS WITH MY SISTER



SNOW SCULPTURE (IT WASN'T STICKY ENOUGH!!)



KEEPY UPPY'S MY RECORD - 48"



TALKING TO GRANDMA ON THE PHONE



PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT



PAINT BY NUMBERS



DECLUTTERED MY DESK



Daniel in year 7 made the most of his screen-free day !



I also made a stop-motion animation. It was very relaxing and fun and I'm happy with the end result! I couldn't get the video in here, but I made some photos

Some very interesting work by Daniel in year 8

