

## Prep School Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Well done Prep School!!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children, parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and family pets for supporting our pupils during this period of lockdown.

We've even had puppies born in one child's home whilst lessons were taking place!

You deserve a huge round of applause and a well earned half term break!!!!

Reminder INSET day is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

John-Paul, Sajeer A, Max S, Alisha S, Hashim O, Olivia L, Refeef Al-N, Jack W, Eva L, Aaron N, Darcey G, Seb W, Marina V-M, Daisy S, Ava B, Mark L, Zara J, Ben P, Harvey L, Dottie U, William H, Ava S, Nate D, Charlie W, Abdul O, Poppy L, Edie G & Christian D.

Well done Prep school on joining the Liverpool live workout session last week! Here are some fantastic photos of Year 4 in action.





**Creative  
Creatures  
Design  
Competition**

I would just like to say a MASSIVE well done to everyone who participated in the Design competition set by George Lucas' special effects company, Industrial Light and Magic. Students were asked to create their own alien; The alien needed to be a predator and needed to be ideally adapted to a life on a planet made almost entirely of water. I received literally hundreds and hundreds of entries. The standard set was absolutely superb. The winners for this competition will be announced when we return after half term. The ILM competition will be judged by **Academy award winner Andrew Whitehurst**, along with an ILM **computer modeller** and a **concept artist** who specialises in creature design. I was so impressed with the standard of the entries, that alongside the ILM competition, I have decided to celebrate the superb achievements of Liverpool College students by honouring students with my own award ceremony- with prized to the best designer in EVERY year group! If you haven't submitted your design yet, but would like to be considered for a Liverpool College Designer Award, please email your design to Mrs Doran [sedoran@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:sedoran@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Good Luck and a Huge CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has submitted entries. The standard is excellent!



We have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week in Year 5. Pupils have learned about the story of Chinese New Year and the traditions followed at this time. They have also completed some excellent Chinese crafts. Kung Hei Fat Choi!



Well done to everyone for working so well on Languagenut. 5Q are now the top scoring class in the school and the top 3 individual scorers in the school are:

Sebastian D 5Q

Lulu F 4R

Elana E 3Q

A wonderful achievement! Well done!



### Year 5 uTalk National Languages Competition

I am seeing some fantastic scores on the uTalk Leaderboard. The top scorers so far are:

Jordan Akinlabi 5R

Ben P 5Q

Evelyn R 5R

Lots of hard work going on in this competition. This round in Spanish will end at the end of February.

Well done for such excellent work!



## Literacy through history videography days

Every child in the Prep School was given the opportunity to participate in a Literacy through History workshop. Led by professional videographer Adam Pepper, pupils were shown clips depicting from significant historical events. Mr Pepper then created bespoke literacy activities, based on the topics they are studying in English this half term.

The workshop for Year 3 focused on Roman Gladiators. They explored the life of famous gladiator Virus, they learnt about gladiator training techniques and explored the history of the Colosseum - including a tour of what it is like today. The session concluded with a letter writing task to enrich the English curriculum, with students assuming the character of Virus and writing home to his family.

Year 6 learnt about Mayan history, writing a travel blog about Chichen itza in Mexico and children wrote a travel blog about their visit and an adventure story about king Ballam and his life in a Mayan fishing Village.

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece so after taking a tour of Crete, they wrote a postcard explaining the history of several key historical buildings. They then watched film clips about Theseus and wrote a non-chronological report about his life.

Finally, they wrote a newspaper report explaining what happened in the labyrinth, to first into the journalism English topic in the Y5 English curriculum.

Finally, Y4 spent a day watching clips to enhance their understanding of Myths. They used the day to explore what is meant by myths and were inspired by the story of gladiator Virus to write their own myths, portraying their gladiators as mythical superheroes.

All the students found the event extremely engaging, challenging and inspiring. Our thanks to Mrs Doran for arranging the events for all four-year groups, and to the Wilton Trust for their financial help that made the event possible.



Art through Lockdown: Professional Art teachers lessons

Year 3 are currently studying L. S. Lowry in Art this term, so who better to teach how to draw in his style but Professional artist from The Lowry Centre - Paul Pickford. Each week, students have been receiving a live workshop by this amazing artist, who delighted students with both his knowledge about Lowry and his exceptional artist talent. Year 3 pupils have been able to follow his step by step live demonstrations to create unbelievable art work.



Initially, they explored 'perspectives landscapes' and looked at how Lowry used line

and shape and shading to add depth of perspective to a street scene. Then they focussed on 'The Portrait of Ann' and learnt how to measure the proportions of a face and add emotion and context. Finally, they used the picture "A Fight" to see how Lowry left visual clues so that his pictures told stories to create a narrative through art. All the students have benefited from his exceptional expertise. Sincere thank you to Paul for sharing his talent with us, to Mrs Doran for organising the events and to the Wilton Trust for supporting the school and making the event possible.



Forest School from  
Liverpool Onsite  
learning

At the time of writing, Y5 and Y4 have yet to have their forest school session, Y3 and Y6 had their usual fun!! Even the cold could not stop us!! I headed down early to light the fire and make us a little more comfortable.

Y3 were very scientific in our woods this week, when we arrived, we could clearly see the effects of the sub-zero temperature around our area.

The tarp over the platform had collected rainwater, as it always does, but the water had frozen within it. There were icicles hanging down which glistened perfectly in the winter sun. Rowan identified these as Stalactites! As a team, Y3 worked out how best to relieve the weight of the ice from our tarpaulin roof. They cleared a safe space and organised themselves to carefully lift the ice "brick" and lay it safely in the ground. They then asked for help to conduct a melting experiment, Pearl placed a smaller, thick piece of ice in a billycan and carefully placed it on the fire. She did this wearing a pair of fire gloves to protect her hands.

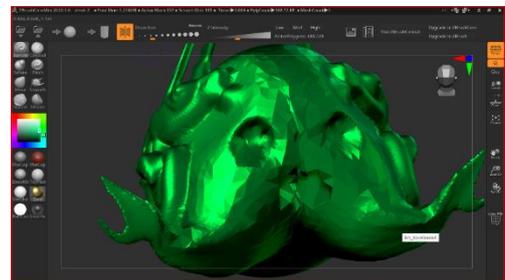
Our results showed that it took 25 minutes to completely defrost the piece of ice, but much longer to actually bring the water to boiling point. Emmie and Mya informed us that our experiment was called "sublimation".

Y6 were equally as scientific as they poured water down the slope to see how fast it would freeze over. At least, that's what they said they were doing until I caught them sliding down the mud!! They set up a target practise game, using a tree and the broken ice. The object of the game was to hit a tree furthest away. In doing this, it was with great admiration of their maturity, that I listened to them discussing the safety procedures required to do this and setting their own rules. In the winter sunshine, Thomas and Daniel found a peaceful spot to sit and chill (literally) and observe their friends.

The cold did not detract from the fun we had, the fire roared and offered some heat for those who needed it, and of course, we toasted our marshmallows.



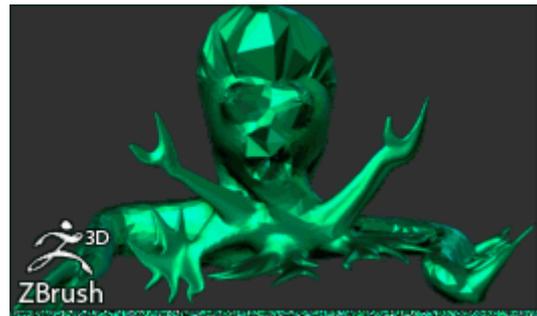
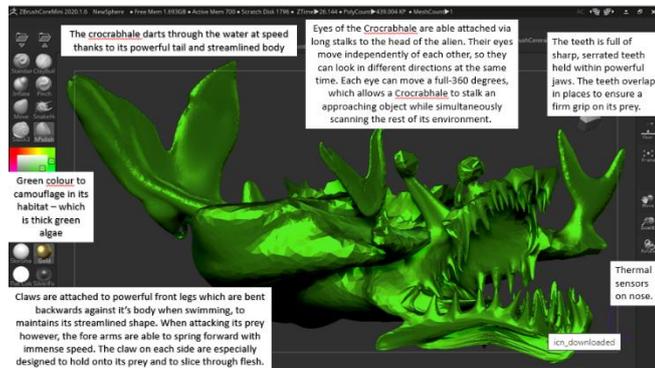
For all our children, I have set a Forest school activity that you can do with your family over half term. It's a mini beast activity which I hope you'll enjoy. Remember to send me your pictures. Have a lovely week off and away from your screens.



### Computer Modelling Workshop

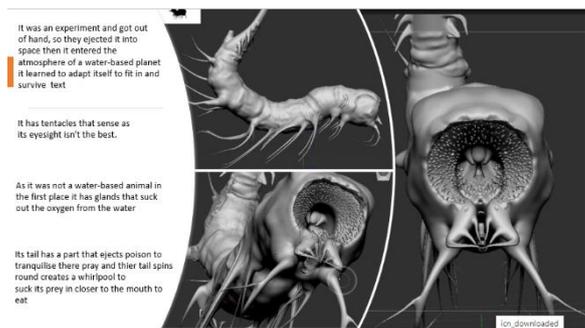
Following on from a webinar led by professional computer modellers, Mrs Doran has been running a series of drop in workshops for students interested in computer modelling. Using the software

packages, ZBrushCore Mini, Mrs Doran has been able to teach students how to manipulate virtual clay with 3D modelling tools within the package to digitally sculpt, stretch, skew, polish, stretch and manipulate virtual polygons.



## Computer Modelling Competition

Students from KS2 and KS3 were invited to enter a computer modelling national competition this half term, judged by Oscar Winner Andrew Whitehurst - a VFX supervisor for Industrial Light and Magic. Using the skills taught by Mrs Doran, or for some, those who have been exploring the craft independently, students were invited to create their own 3D designs and enter their favourite designs into a national 3D modelling competition. Oscar winning Andrew Whitehurst is incredibly impressed by the standard of designs, which had to be a predatory water alien, already entered by Liverpool College. Winners will be announced after half term. Mrs Doran will also be awarding prizes to students within Liverpool College for their superb Computer Modelled designs. Below are some of the entries submitted.



Best wishes to you all for the half term!

**Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep**