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# NEWSLETTER

15th May 2020

## Whole School Update

I hope this week finds you all safe and well. Attached with this newsletter is a letter describing how we will be planning for the phased reopening of Sandhurst Primary School. As always, we have the best interests of pupils and staff in the front of our minds, whilst we try to navigate a path which considers the safety and well-being of everyone in school.

The government has stated that primary schools could open from the 1<sup>st</sup> June for pupils in years R, 1 and 6 as well as continue the existing offer of provision for vulnerable pupils and for those whose parents are key workers. This plan is subject to what happens over the next few weeks. In order for us to plan effectively, we need to gather some information from you. The attached letter will give you some more information and hopefully, help you to make an informed decision.

I have spoken to local headteachers, friends and family with children, as well as members of staff and it is clear that there are many mixed feelings and concerns. As parents, you need to make the difficult decision as to whether you will send your child/ children back to school next month. We know that this is not an easy task. We would love to make it clear and simple as normal for everyone. However, these are not 'normal' times and as such, we feel strongly that the best people to make this unique decision, are the parents of our children.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. I know that things are not easy: many parents are trying to work while teaching children, some children are reluctant to engage in home learning, everyone is frustrated that they cannot see loved ones and friends. We understand and share your concerns. In the meantime, please be patient and try to remain as positive as you can. Everyone is doing a fantastic job and should be proud of all they have achieved.

With best wishes from all the staff at Sandhurst.

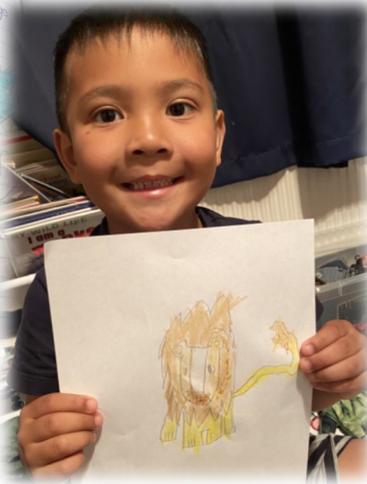
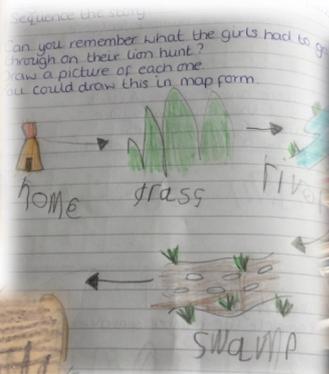


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## Potter Class Update

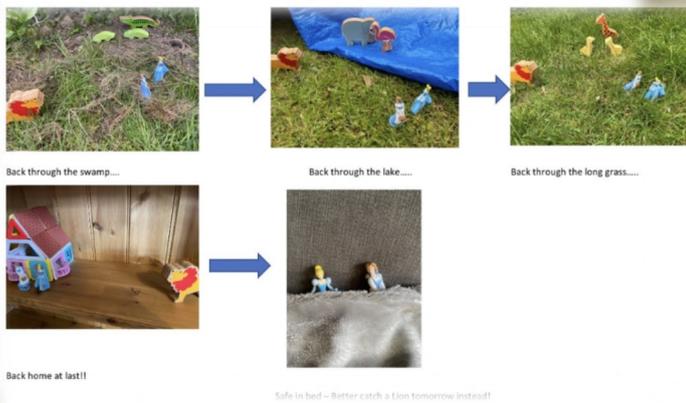


Potter Class has been on a lion hunt this week! I have seen some fabulous home-made lions and story maps telling us the journey of the lion in the story. Some of you have also written interesting facts about a chosen African animal and I loved listening to your own musical interpretations to go with your African animals.



It is lovely to hear about the extra activities that you do alongside your school work, such as baking, clapping for carers and getting fresh air.

Keep up the hard work, Potters - we are very proud of you!

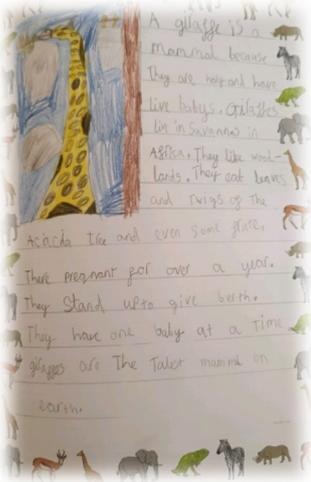


## Nightingale Class Update

Nightingale Class has been extremely busy this week! I have been so impressed by all of the children's hard work and incredible efforts. The theme of 'animals' took us on a lion hunt across the African Savannah. This prompted some wonderful information posters about an animal of their choice.

Inspired by "The Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saens, the children then had a go at creating their own animal music which I absolutely loved listening to. Nightingale, you have been so creative with your ideas!

I have also enjoyed hearing about home science experiments, quad bike riding, baking, pond dipping, exercising and craft activities. What a super week!



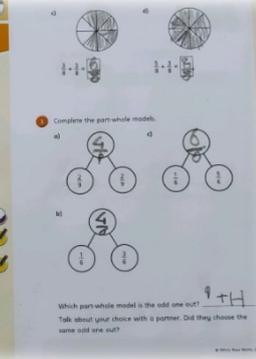
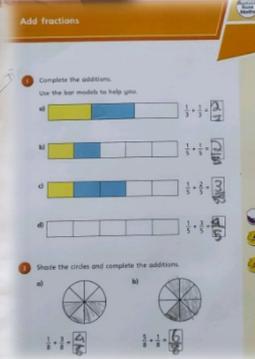
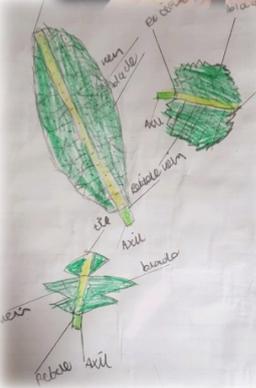
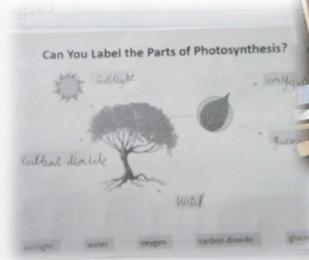
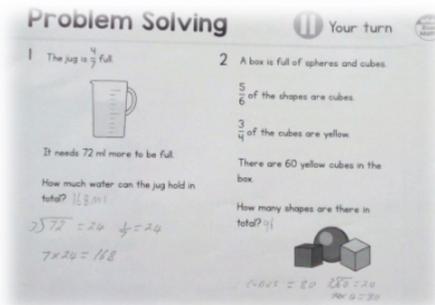
## Darwin Class Update

This week, Darwin Class has continued to complete some fraction work in maths. Some questions were very tricky and I am so happy that the children have been working so hard and persevering with challenging questions.

I have seen a lot of creative topic work, too, over the past two weeks. I can see the class is really engaged in this topic and really enjoying the home learning about the Ancient Greeks! I have seen some theatre, mask and costume designs, as well as the children's own research they have conducted themselves!

In English, the children have enjoyed comprehension and also completing their spellings. Spellings Shed has worked well in Darwin Class and it is good to see so many children participating in the online games!

The children have really engaged with their science learning, too. I have had updates from families who have been on lovely walks to find leaves, ready to complete the science learning.



# Pankhurst Class Update



Well done for another fantastic week of tricky maths, English reports, Ancient Greek theatre and scientific work on plants - you have all done some amazing work! Stay safe - Mr Pickford



Ancient Greek Theatre  
By Maddy



Nadya Hussain

Who is Nadya?  
Nadya is a 5 year old person. Nadya is a very smart person. She is the Great British Baker of 2015. Following this success Nadya became a winner, as well as a baker.

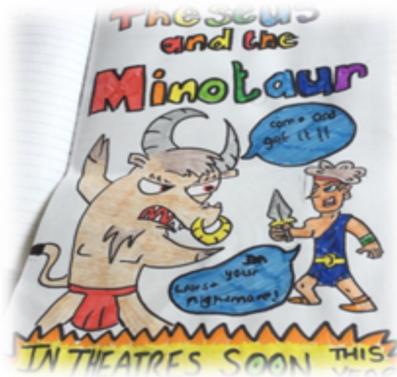
growing up in Luton Nadya came from a large family. Her parents are brilliant and ambitious. Nadya and her husband are they soon discovered they both had a love for cake. Nadya wanted to have 3 children and went on to live in Luton. It was Nadya's husband who encouraged her to apply for GBBO. She never thought she would win GBBO but with her wife and parents she had the support to take the title of GBBO. Following this Nadya has been an inspirational baker and winner to many people who continue to

Here are some words from Nadya herself. I am a firm believer that nothing is impossible. I would believe I will do whatever I want for my family. If I will that, it will be my last wish. I am a firm believer that nothing is impossible. I would believe I will do whatever I want for my family. If I will that, it will be my last wish. I am a firm believer that nothing is impossible. I would believe I will do whatever I want for my family. If I will that, it will be my last wish.

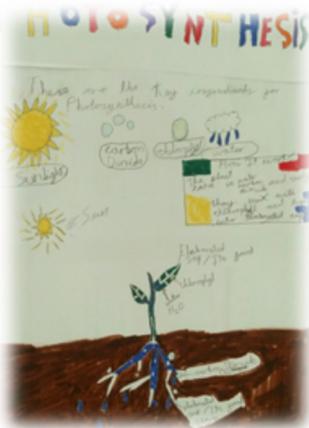
## Shakespeare Class Update

Stage 2

Water from the soil rises up through very thin tubes in the stem and then travels through a network of tiny veins. You can see these veins if you look very closely at a leaf.



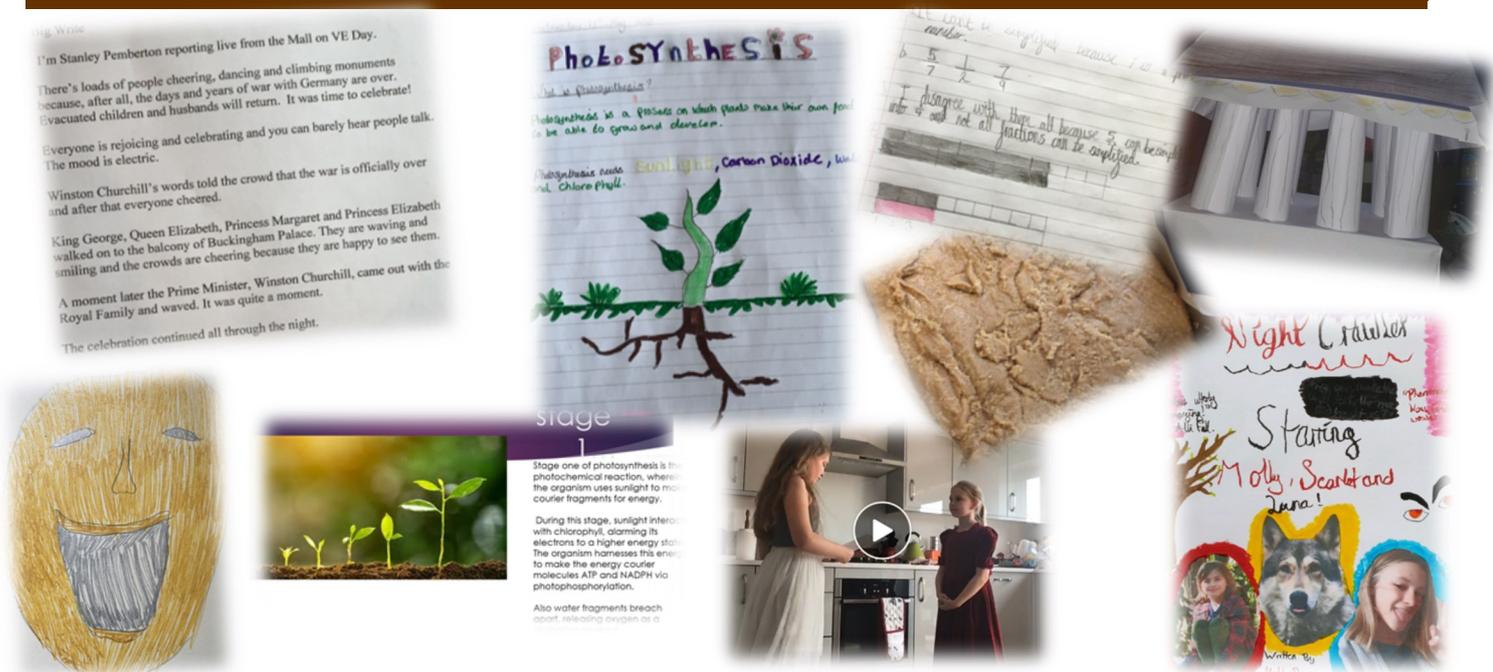
This week, Shakespeare Class has continued to wow me with the incredible home learning the children have been involved with. They have answered comprehension questions on the next chapter of our book and written some amazing persuasive arguments about whether Virgo should have left the other immortals to come to Earth. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting decimals. There has been some fabulous creative work going on, based on Greek theatre, and I have been sent some brilliant drama which I wish I could share. I've also seen a great range of work explaining photosynthesis and some really lovely wellbeing activities.



A final mention to Oscar Baxter who has been collecting rubbish when out on his daily walk—what a lovely thing to do!



## Churchill Class Update



Churchill Class has continued to flourish and sparkle this week. We are very proud of everything the children have achieved – such a wonderful variety of activities! They have produced amazing PowerPoint presentations for science and outstanding videos of Greek theatre productions (with costumes). They have also made Greek theatre masks and beautiful mindfulness posters. The children have also written fantastic newspaper reports and completed comprehension questions about VE Day celebrations. They have been working hard on fractions but not forgetting to take daily exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Another fabulous week – well done, everyone!



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