

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are remaining safe, fit and healthy during this lock down.

I am very pleased to share with you that our community efforts to raise funds for our local foodbank are going great with our total amount raised so far standing at £505 meaning we are halfway to achieving our target of £1000. Many of the staff have completed their challenge and its great to see so many students and friends of our school being nominated too. I am loving the pictures that are being shared when the challenge has been completed so do keep on sending those in.

Spirits across our school community remain high with lots of hard work, creativity, determination and resilience being shown from our staff and students. We are working very well together as one community totally committed to ensuring that we do the best we can in current climate for the students and families of Market Drayton and beyond.

I have no news yet about when schools may reopen but there is some speculation in the press and I want to encourage you ignore such speculation as I will keep you closely informed of any changes that will be taking place at The Grove. If you have any questions, please do email me.

Stay safe, be kind, get active if possible and be grateful for the simple things.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



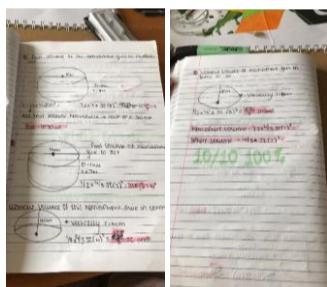
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Home learning roundup

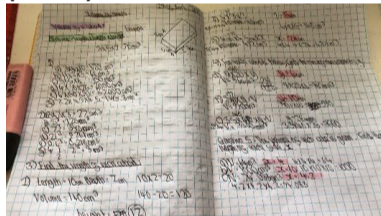
Another week has passed, and the students and families of The Grove School are continuing to excel themselves in embracing lockdown life. Here are this week's recognitions for you to appreciate. Well done all!!

The **maths department** have had some excellent successes with pupils embracing online learning.

Ms Lyth had some fantastic hegarty work from **Cara Bowler (9PBL)**.



Dr Whitehead received a lovely standard of work from **Lottie Frost (9DPO)** and **Caitlin Monaghan (7GCL)**.



Ms Davies would like to recognise **Conrad Muir (10CMC)** for his contribution over this time to her lessons, emailing daily his work that he has completed.

Jack Bozier (10EPR) has completed a 24-hour endurance race online raising funds for NHS charities. They have already raised £225! What an incredible achievement Jack!

Ms Gregory would like to celebrate the successes of **Thomas McCarthy (10JME)** for his resilience and perseverance in science. He has aspirations to complete the higher tier paper, and with his determination he has managed to achieve his first level 6 in science!!

Grove community 5k challenge

We are encouraging our school and local community to take part in our 5k challenge. Many in our community are finding these times challenging, so we wanted to support local people. We have therefore provided the opportunity of making an optional donation to Market Drayton Foodbank, setting ourselves the target of reaching £1000. It is not too late to take part! All you need to do is:

- 1) Run, cycle or walk 5k.
- 2) Share your success on our [Facebook post](#) pinned at the top of the page.
- 3) Nominate 5 other people to do the challenge.
- 4) Give an optional donation to Market Drayton Foodbank, link [here](#).

Let's stand together to make our own community even stronger during these strange times.



Some family collaborations:

The Turner family emailed in to share what Nick Turner (11ABA) has been doing with his time after the shock end to year 11 last month. As he is going on to study engineering in college, it is excellent to see Nick developing his skills in preparation for his next steps.

"Nick has spent the last two weeks stripping down an old laptop that wouldn't work due to 'thermal shutdown' problems. He stripped down the entire laptop, cleaned all the small electronic parts of the laptop, ordered the new parts he needed online, repaired the fan and put it back together. We have to say, that for a laptop, which hadn't worked for over 2 years, Nick was able to repair the laptop, reinstall all the software and improve the clock speed on the laptop too! Engineering work in practice - even though the whole project took him just over 2 weeks."

Student spotlight

Max Tabor was nominated by Miss Hardy to take part in the Grove community 5k challenge. He has excelled himself by achieving a 33k bike ride. We are very proud of him!



Free digital books

As a school we want to encourage reading for pleasure throughout this time and there are over 7000 books available for free through Renaissance, please [click here](#) to view.

Planetarium show

The National Space Station in Leicester has put together a planetarium show 'we are stars', available to view on YouTube [here](#).

Narrated by Andy Serkis, who provides the voice of the Time Master - a Victorian gent with his very own time tent that will whisk audiences back in time 13.8 billion years.

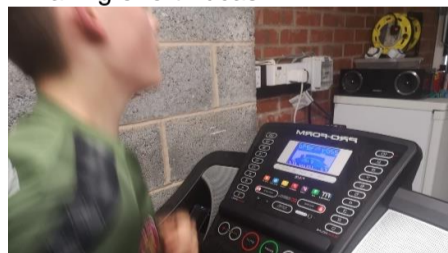


Year 8 Information

Letters have been posted out to all Year 8 parents with the option subject choices that their child has chosen.

Keeping fit

Lucas Alamanos (8LWO) completing 5km most days on his treadmill and focusing on beating his times each time. We now know you can do 5km in 22 minutes, so no excuses for ever being late now! Amazing effort Lucas.



Competitions & Challenges

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18 May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

PE challenge: Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE has set students within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

Geography competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.

STEM competition: Rapid have launched the '6 week challenge' designed to incorporate all areas of STEM. The challenge revolves around using free Arduino hardware to produce a protective measure to help combat coronavirus. Every week students will be presented with a new challenge, with lots of amazing prizes on offer to win. More details found [here](#).

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).



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