

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have seen some exceptional work this week being sent in. Below is a sample of the work which we will continue to share each week. Well done to all of the students for their hard work.

I am so proud of the school community for sticking together. The staff have all been working extremely hard in order to ensure each student's learning journey can continue in the best way possible. All students have embraced this new way of working and shown their true resilience by producing very high quality work.

Whilst the Government has announced a phased return to school, home learning will continue for the majority of our students. I will continue to keep you updated as further information becomes available. Please be advised that the school will be closed for all students over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

You have been asked to complete a survey so that we can see how you are and what we can do to further support our families. Your views are important so please do complete the survey below.

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#).



Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher

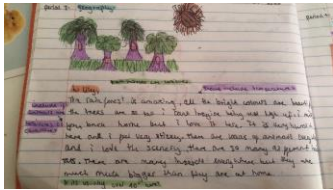
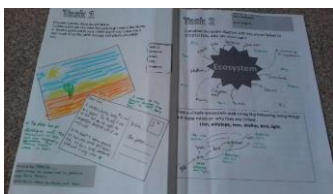
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Home learning roundup

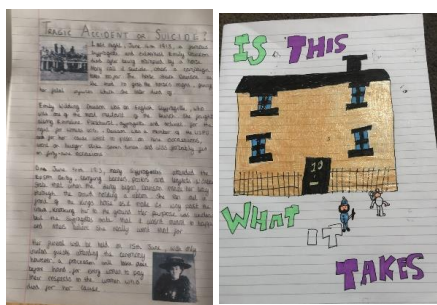
Another week has passed, and the students and families of The Grove School are continuing to excel themselves in embracing lockdown life.

The **humanities department** have been inundating Grove Celebrations with the epic work being submitted from pupils over the past few weeks. Here is a little taster of what the pupils have been up to.

Ms Graff has sent so many wonderful pieces of work. She wanted to commend **Alexandra Gregory (8DHU)** and **Hannah Parton (8LWO)** for their wonderfully presented work and responding to feedback to continue to progress in their learning.



Mr Shone would also like to showcase the work his students have been completing. **Amberleigh Dewey (9ADA)** has been focused on completing all of the work set and engaging in discussions on Teams; **Sadie Harvey (8LWO)** has produced an excellent piece of Suffragettes work; **Lydia Tudor (8LWO)** has shown creative ways of working producing a poster with a very powerful message!



On 21st April, **Beth Griffiths (9ADA)** signed up to do the 'Hurricane 80k Challenge' to raise funds for the RAF museum. She must walk or cycle 80k by July and in her first week she managed 48k!! Good luck Beth for achieving this incredible feat!

Home learning roundup

Ms Warrender wants to celebrate the work of **Niamh Latimer-Hughes (8EOB)** who designed a memorial for the holocaust. The book represents memory, the heart shows survival and the sun rise to represent hope. A very powerful message.



The **McAdie-Kelly family** have embraced some home learning together, doing a lot of home baking together, utilising the time to fulfil their love of reading, and getting out into the local environment to identify the wild flowers that are currently producing a magnificent display at the moment. They have also been researching their family tree and have gone back 200 years!



Jessica Richardson (11CGR) has been busy over the lockdown period, participating in a video singing Queens Bohemian Rhapsody as part of Ashley Community Theatre, and recording daily prayers for Cheswardine Benefice that went out daily on YouTube over Holy Week. She also had some thanks to the staff at The Grove School.

"**Ms Warrender** thank you for being so supportive. **Ms Rouse** thank you for all your encouragement; I enjoyed doing my practical food exam, and appreciated the teachers tasting comments on my food. **Ms Parsons** thank you for all the encouraging text messages you sent to my parents. **Ms Graff** thank you for being so supportive and encouraging, I'm really pleased you were my tutor."

Please email us at celebrations@groveschool.net.

Star Struck

Well...can you actually believe that we secured Hannah Cockcroft to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honoured that she's taken the time to say hi – we can't wait to see her racing again.

Click [here](#) to watch our video.

Wellbeing support

CAMHS Resources contains a collection of downloadable self-help guides relating to wellbeing that you may find useful – click here. Some of the downloadable pdf's are aimed at adults but the ideas and suggestions in them can still be relevant for young people and parents.



Stargazing

Below is a list of astronomical sightings which students may want to keep an eye out for over the next month:

- 27th May – Comet Swan visible to the naked eye.

Trust Update

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020.

Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** across our Primary Schools.

We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity. We will continue to provide information to you as it becomes available.

Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all students over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

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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.

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](#).

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



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