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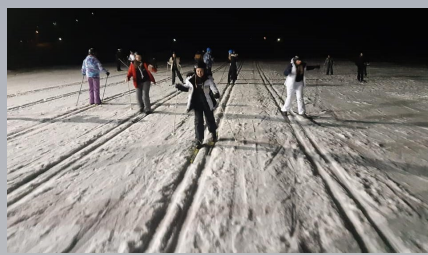
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Italy Ski Trip 2020

In February, we went on the trip of a lifetime: skiing in Champoluc in Italy. From beginners to experienced skiers, everyone learnt something new about skiing or about themselves during this amazing experience - thanks to the brilliant instructors. The fun did not stop in the evening, we even got to have a karaoke and pizza evening and try our hand at cross-country skiing! Thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible. I am sure that everyone can agree, these memories will last forever.

Molly Firth (9G)





FROM THE HEADTEACHER

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members of the Springfield community for pulling together during this extraordinary and unsettling time. In just a few weeks, the nation's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has meant that schools have been asked at very short notice to: close, but remain open to some; cancel GCSE examinations, but award grades justly in due course; ask pupils to stay safely at home, but continue to provide them with a broad and balanced curriculum; not accept visitors on site, but continue to provide free school meals to all who need them ... I could continue! However, the school community has adeptly adapted to meet these challenges and continues to meet, as best as it can, the educational needs of the pupils and the collective needs of the wider community.

While it has inevitably been sad to say goodbye, albeit temporarily, to the majority of our pupils, and to have to cancel trips and other activities to which we were all looking forward, it has also been inspiring to observe the resilience, good humour and positive attitudes demonstrated by Springfield's pupils. From Year 11 pupils sitting mock exams in the knowledge that the formal GCSE exams would no longer go ahead, to pupils working independently at home via Google Classrooms and messaging their teachers with challenging questions, and to the small group of emergency/key workers' children on site who have quickly made new friends in other year groups and adapted to working with different teachers and routines - our pupils have excelled. Well done to each and every pupil; we recognise that the current situation is not easy and commend them for carrying on with their learning and family life as positively and purposefully as they can.

As families will know, the present situation (as required by the Government) is that school is closed to the vast majority of staff and pupils.

For pupils at home, teachers are setting work remotely via the Google Classrooms system; this will continue throughout term-time. While we know that this is far from ideal, this does allow teachers to maintain a curriculum and learning discourse with their classes. We would encourage parents, as far as possible, to require their child/children to stick to normal school lesson timings when accessing and completing their school work each day. If pupils are working either significantly less or more than normal school hours, then they will most likely need some guidance from their parents to adapt their approach. Work is being set for all pupils; Year 11 pupils should continue with their work to support their preparation for college and provide teachers with as much assessment information as possible (Mr Wharton has written to Year 11 families regarding this already). Thank you to parents for supporting their child/children with their home learning; we understand that this is not always straightforward, and that many parents are having to juggle their own work requirements with supporting their child's/children's home learning, as well as managing the household. Perhaps some extra house points for Mums and Dads are in order this year?!

On site we are maintaining a provision for the children of emergency/key workers (and for some vulnerable children who are supported by social care), which will run over the Easter holidays to ensure that the emergency and other critical services continue to be supported. Thank you to the staff who have volunteered to be on site to make sure that this provision is there for our community. We have also temporarily changed our free school meals service to provide a weekly food parcel to eligible families who require them. The Government is in the process of establishing a food voucher system for families, and we hope that we will be able to move to this system after the Easter break. Again, thank you to the school staff who have been

managing this provision, which has included making direct deliveries to families who are having to self-isolate.

At this point we remain uncertain as to how long schools will be required to remain closed. Please be assured that during this time we will be doing our best to keep the school running as effectively as possible – both on and off site – as resources and safe working allow. We know that families have many questions, including those regarding how the GCSE grades will be awarded this year. We will update families with information as we receive it, and I would politely ask that you continue to check the school's website and newsfeed regularly for information. In the meantime, the Government continues to update its general information for the public via: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

With kind regards

Sara Spivey
CEO, Headteacher



HOUSE NEWS

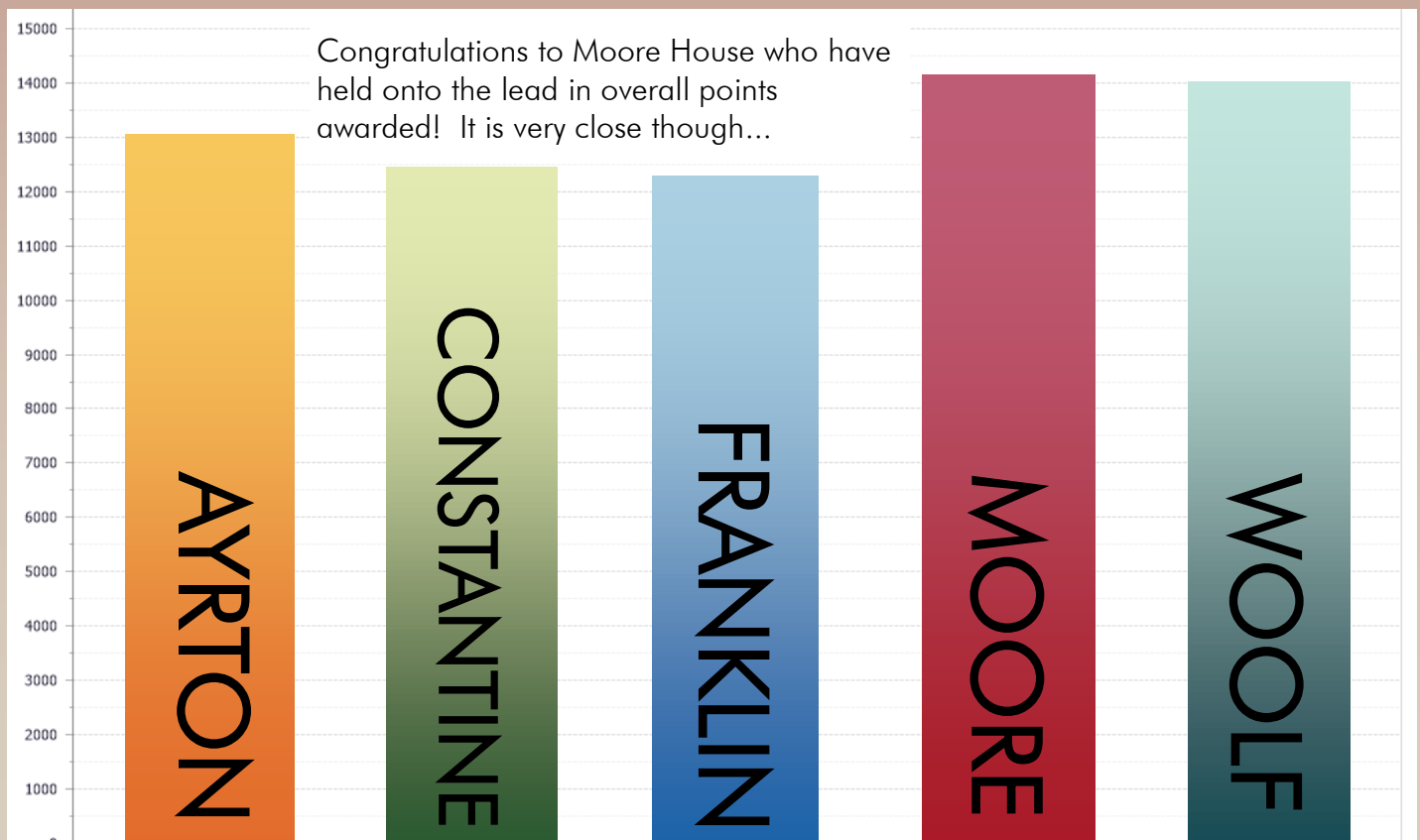
Before our normal school routines were interrupted by the current circumstances we had enjoyed the usual busy array of House activities. The number of House points awarded reached an all time high before we closed and you will see this reflected in the attached totals charts. Well done to everyone for all your hard work in school, at home and in 'pitching in' to school life. As ever it is all the small individual contributions that add up to these eye-popping totals. A particular well done to year 11 who have earned literally thousands of House points as they prepare for exams by completing immense quantities of revision and attending many additional sessions. Year 11 points all go towards their 'prom points' (an event which is currently postponed).

The House World Book Day competition took place on Friday 6th March 2020 and saw many staff dress up in an entertaining variety of book related characters. The 'showdown' took place at break time in the main hall and hundreds of students cheered as Mrs Davè, representing Woolf in her 'Cruella De Vil' replica (see photos on page 5) was crowned the 2020 World Book Day staff winner by the ever impartial 'Judge Spivey'. Other notable representatives were Mrs Brown, Ms Burrows and Mr Dennett. We look forward to more staff getting involved next year. We were well represented in the recent Portsmouth Literature Quiz with many of students receiving awards. House points were awarded with proud students also receiving special 'Headteachers Award' points. Please see the February edition of Springfield News for more detail on this.

As we move through this unprecedented period of closure I hope that whilst students work hard on their 'remote learning' they will be rewarded at home by parents/carers but also by staff continuing to award House points as they read and mark online submissions. Like all of you I look forward to the time when we can resume 'business as usual' and continue with our busy schedule of House activities.

Mr Wilburn, Deputy Headteacher

HOUSE POINT SUMMARY



WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of World Book Day on 5th March 2020 Miss Kelly, Assistant Headteacher spoke to Franklin House during their House Assembly about the importance of reading. All pupils received dedicated reading time in an extended tutor time during one of our regular 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions. Franklin House joined in by reading quietly after the assembly in our Main Hall (pictured below). Please also find below pictures of the competitors (and finalists) of the House World Book Day competition which took place on Friday 6th March.

Mr Wilburn, Deputy Headteacher



ONE CHOICE

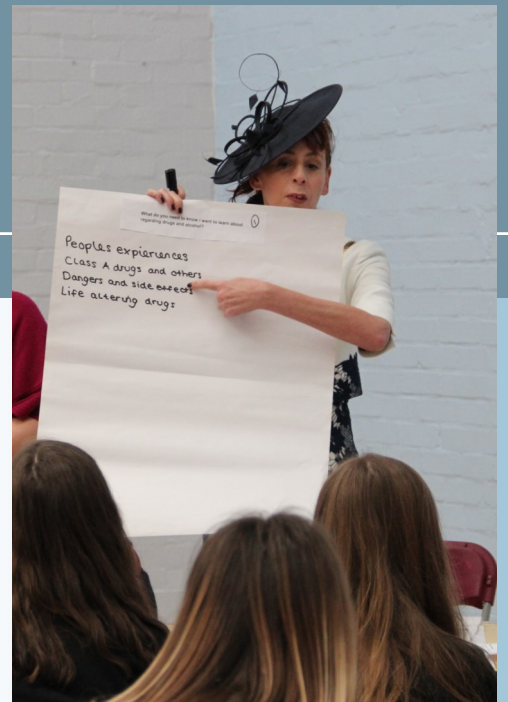
On 24th February, Year 9 pupils were engaged in a day focusing on the consequences of taking illegal drugs. The day, entitled 'One Choice' is a new drug education programme designed by Portsmouth City Council. Pupils listened intently to speakers including two people who have had direct experience with the life changing consequences of taking drugs, staff at the Drug and Alcohol Support Services (DASS) and a member of Hampshire Constabulary. Springfield are the first school to take part and we look forward to continuing the open discussions with pupils to help them to keep safe. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and speak with the Year 9 pupils, we know this has made a real impact on them.

Portsmouth City Council and Portsmouth News have also reported on this event. To view please follow the links to view:

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/news/portsmouth-students-learn-about-the-consequences-of-substance-misuse>

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/health/havant-mum-georgia-jones-who-died-mutiny-festival-helps-launch-new-drug-education-programme-portsmouth-schools-2002310>

Mr Lomas, Head of Enterprise and PDL



DESIGN CHALLENGE

Key Stage 3 pupils have been set an exciting Design Challenge Competition to help motivate them whilst home-working. Please follow the link to view all the details: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fEXyoSlzMUys546z8TLQpelkQU9ul-rPcHEuUGXiiioA/edit?usp=sharing> We will show some of the top designs in the next newsletter/newsfeed.

Mrs Ware, Head of Design and Technology

THE SMASHED PROJECT

On Monday, 2nd March 2020 we were pleased to welcome 'The Smashed Project' to Springfield. Year 8 pupils enjoyed a hard hitting theatre performance showing the impact of alcohol consumption by teenagers. Pupils then participated in an interactive workshop where they completed worksheets about the performance and spoke openly about alcohol and explored the dangers of underage drinking. Pupils were equipped with the confidence to make safe choices about alcohol. Thank you to Collingwood Learning for this engaging afternoon.

Mr Lomas, Head of Enterprise and PDL



YEAR 9 FOCUS DAY

During their 'Enterprise' themed Focus Day on 27th February, pupils were challenged to develop a business idea and then promote and finance it. The day was run by Unloc. Unloc is a non-profit organisation that empowers young people to be innovative change makers who seek to build stronger communities and sustainable businesses. The winning group created a building consisting of an underground car park, a first floor spa and fitness suite, a second floor dining experience, a third floor a casino and a fourth floor nightclub with rooftop bar. The pupils had to decide who they could ask to sponsor the different floors of the building. Pupils decided on Portsmouth Football club to sponsor the first floor and Capital Radio to sponsor the top floor. The pupils then pitched their idea including the design of the building, social media promotions, advertising and costings to Unloc and won! Frankie Scopes-Upton (9N) was outstanding in her presentation and received amazing feedback from Unloc - they said she is an amazing sales woman!

Miss Nash, Pastoral Manager (Year 9)



Pictured above: Leondro Perez-Hiedra (9N)
Frankie Scopes-Upton (9N) and Joshua Bowman

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

On Friday 20th March 2020 during our Year 9 Child Development class pupils were using a balloon and ping pong ball to mimic the effect of contractions on the cervix. As the balloon is squeezed (like a contraction), the neck of the balloon shortens and thins out (like the cervix in labour) until the opening is wide enough for the ping pong ball (baby) to 'pop' out.

Mrs Mandrill, Teacher of Child Development



SOUNDSATIONAL

Well done to all the Springfield pupils who gave brilliant performances in the annual Soundsational concert held at the Portsmouth Guildhall on Wednesday 11th March. This event aims to celebrate the music making happening in secondary schools across the city. Our Year 11 rock band, who also played at the concert last year, treated us to energetic renditions of songs by Childish Gambino and Billie Eilish, which had the audience singing and clapping along. Pupils from Years 8 and 9 joined the massed pupil choir in the concert's finale item, singing three songs 'Electricity' from the musical Billy Elliot, 'Fix You' by Coldplay and 'Why We Sing' by Greg Gilpin. The sound was amazing and our singers certainly looked like they were putting their all into each song, and enjoyed being part of a large, expressive choir. This was a really enjoyable concert and a valuable experience to listen to the music from other Portsmouth schools as well. We are looking forward to the next one already! To view a great selection of photos taken of the evening please follow this link: - <https://www.portsmouthmusicclub.org/soundsational-2020/>

Mrs Latif, Head of Music

GDPR

Due to the GDPR regulations please note that occasionally we do not list all pupils' names/photos in featured articles. This is because we do not have parental permission to do so.

SIS OFSTED RATING

Solent Infant School maintains 'Good' Ofsted rating...



Congratulations to Solent Infant School on maintaining a 'Good' rating following an Ofsted school inspection on 11-12 February 2020. Please see below some of the content of the report:

'Leaders are keen for all pupils to succeed. Staff know the pupils well and mostly provide pupils with the right help to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.'

'Teachers have worked with staff from other trust schools to design a creative and exciting curriculum in all subjects.'

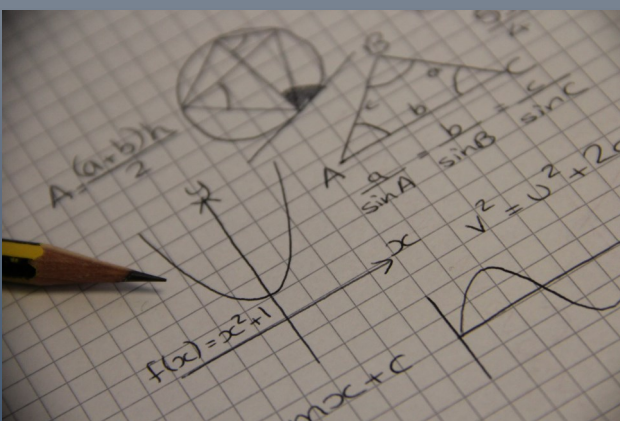
'Leaders provide many opportunities for pupils to experience more than academic success. They want them to become confident and kind young people.'



MATHS CHALLENGE

The Springfield Maths Challenge Team went up to Churchers College on the 4th of March for the UK Team Maths challenge regional finals and achieved 14th place out of 27 teams. Well done!

Mr Kerr, Teacher of Maths



YEAR 11 YEAR BOOKS / HOODIES

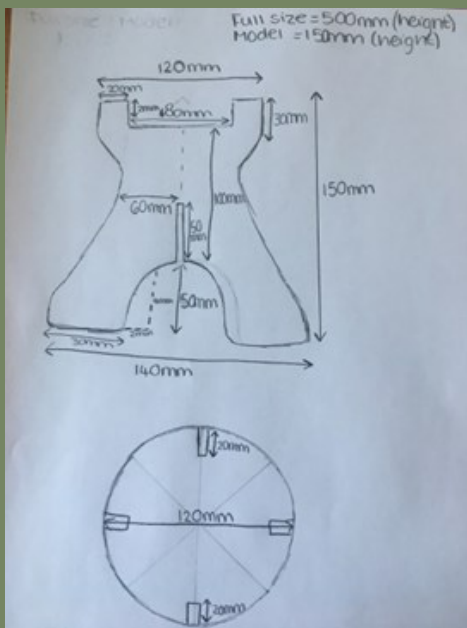
Calling all Year 11 pupils. Year Books and hoodies are also still in production but the delivery/ collection dates may change. We will keep you updated.

Miss Forrest, Pastoral Manager (Year 11)

SLOT FURNITURE

Please find below some great examples of GCSE (Year 9 and 10) 'Slot Furniture' Models (all made at home to a scale of 1:4 or 1:5). This is part of an on-going GCSE style project being undertaken during this period of closure. When we return we will try and realise some of the designs full size!

Jon Wilburn, Deputy Headteacher



Thank you to the Manager and team at The Co-Operative Food in Tregaron Avenue for their assistance and support in providing packaging and goodies for some of our pupils.

Mr Waites, Chief Financial and Operating Officer, The De Curci Trust

TEACHERS STAY FIT

Head of Achievement for Year 10 and Teacher of P.E. Mr Ridley put together a fantastic selection of links to exercise workouts at home for those staff working from home. We asked staff to share photos of how they are keeping fit. Thank you to Mr Ridley for pulling together these great resources!

Mrs Norum, Support - Marketing and Administration



LONDON MUSEUM TRIP

On Thursday 5th March we visited the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum in London. The day was jam-packed with learning activities. We also had a photo competition and learnt lots about natural hazards which will help us with Geography.

Molly Firth (9G)



RUGBY

On Wednesday 4th March the Year 11 rugby team played at the Rugby Sevens Tournament held at Embury School in Romsey. Despite the damp conditions the team worked hard up against some stiff opposition (there was a good field of teams from schools across Hampshire represented at this tournament). Unfortunately the team did not win in their last rugby game in Springfield shirts, many of whom have been playing since Year 7.

Thank you to Mr Legg (who has been volunteering with the team) for this news item.



From left: Lucas Leeman (11F), George Peckham (11R), Emirhan Diler (11G), Joshua Hughes (11G), Cameron Davis (11R), Jacob Boshier (11G), Tom Watson (11P), Will Cabbage (11D), Buddy Vine (11G) and Patrick Churchill (11L)

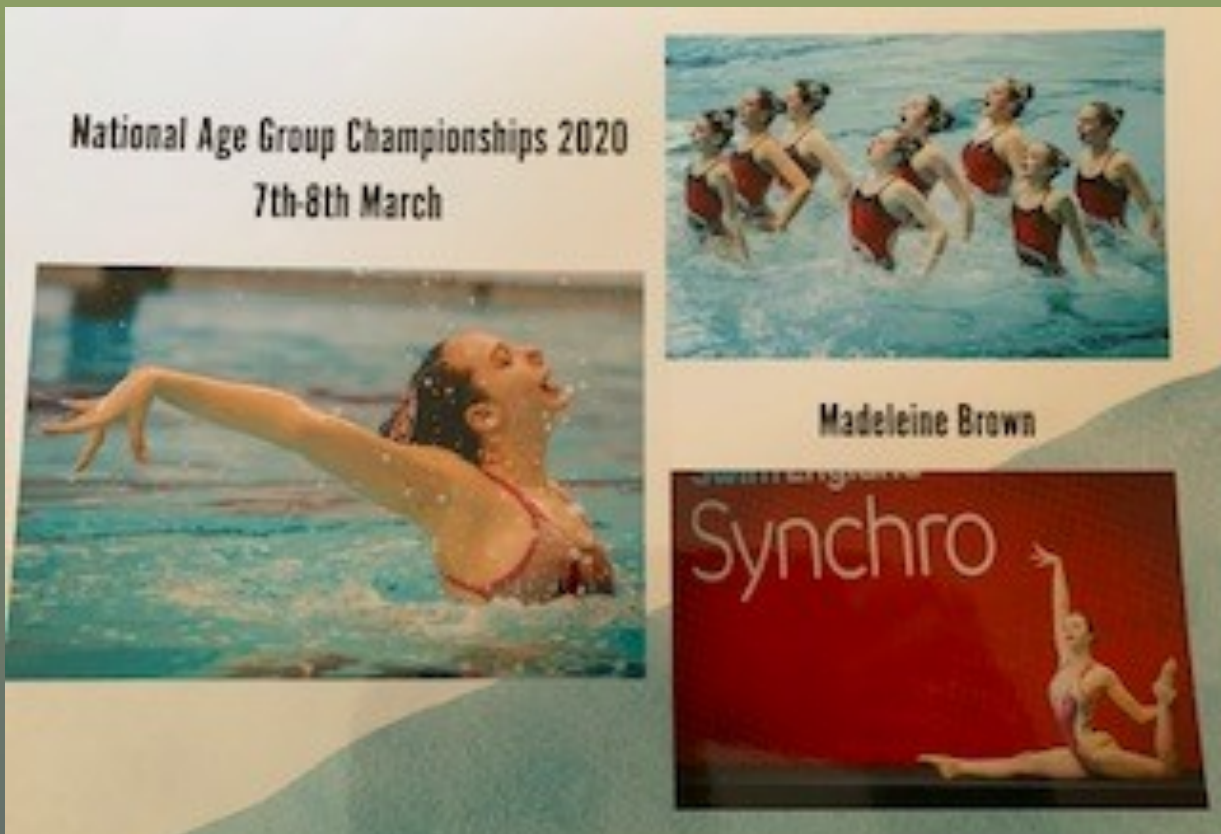
Congratulations to the Under 15 Girls' Indoor Cricket Team who won their semi-finals of the Hampshire Cup. They played excellently all day and thoroughly deserved to get through to the finals at the Ageas Bowl. During the day, the team played three matches winning all of them and beating two very strong private schools in the process.

Mr Snook, Head of P.E.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

After travelling to the World Youth Artistic Swimming Championships in Slovakia in August, Maddy Brown (10P) went to trial in November and was successful in sustaining her place in the England Artistic Swimming Squad. The first major competition this season was the National Age Group competition held in Manchester at the beginning of March - Maddy was competing in her age group against 180 swimmers who also qualified to swim at this national event. Maddy had a very successful competition winning the bronze medal for figures, bronze medal for duet, bronze for solo and her team won the gold team medal. As a result of high scores Maddy won the prestigious Shacklock trophy which is presented to the swimmer at the competition with the highest combined scores. Well done Maddy for this great achievement!

Mr Snook, Head of P.E.



DofE Award

On 5th March our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) pupils completed their day walk.

The starting point for the DofE walk was Springfield School. We used maps and compasses to navigate our way to the Havant Road. We then walked up the hill, enjoying the sunshine whilst everyone in the group took turns in leadership. The view over Portsmouth was stunning. We then found ourselves walking over a muddy landscape and trying not to slip. There were occasionally times where a fellow member stopped me from slipping over, face first into mud. After two hours of walking we stopped to count our steps and have a snack. For the remaining hour we headed back down to Springfield and home. Overall, it was a fun walk and we are looking forward to the practice expedition.

Deja Savidge
and Isabelle Bylett (10G)



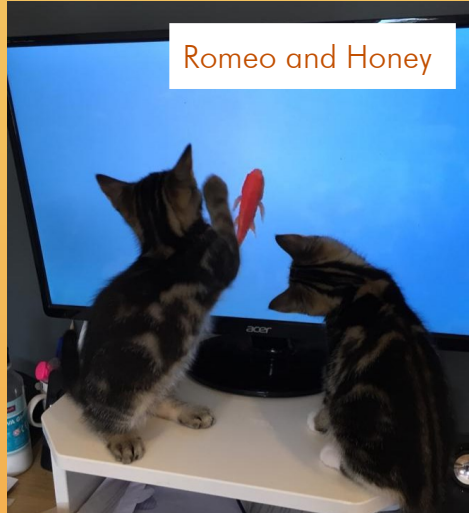
TEACHER'S PET

Some of the younger pupils approached Ms Spivey with an idea for a new regular newsletter item called 'Teacher's Pet' where we publish photos of teachers' pets and readers can guess which pet belongs to which teacher - we thought it was a great idea. See if you can pair up the pet with the teacher/staff member. Thank you to all the staff who contributed. A list of owners is on page 18.

Mrs Norum, Support - Marketing and Administration



Rupert and Coco



Romeo and Honey



Poppy and Daisy



Lottie



Honey



Bobo



Figaro, Ishka, Tia, Minstrel, Twizzle, Alfie and Betsey



Fudge



Jake
Aka: King
Jake, Mr Jakey
Pickles, Three
Legged Jake,
Pickle



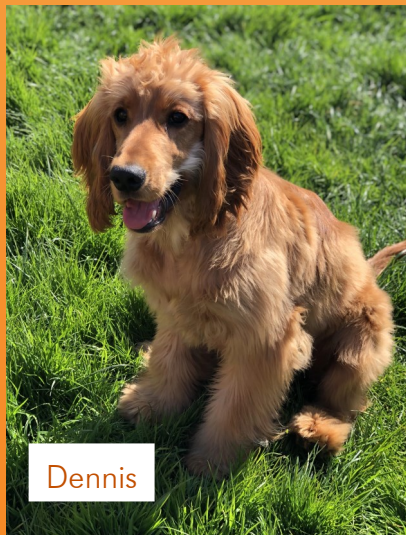
Léon



Lexi



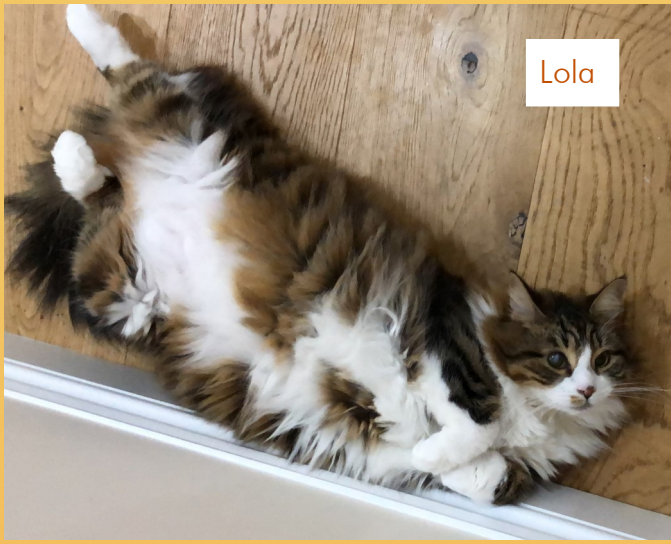
Dexter



Dennis



Figaro and Max



Lola



Cukie and Andre



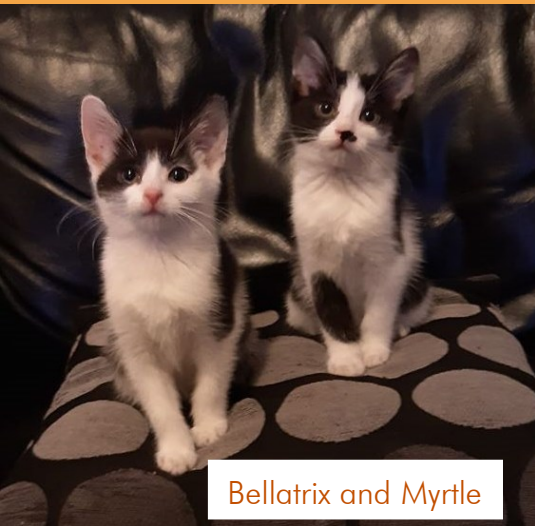
Rosie



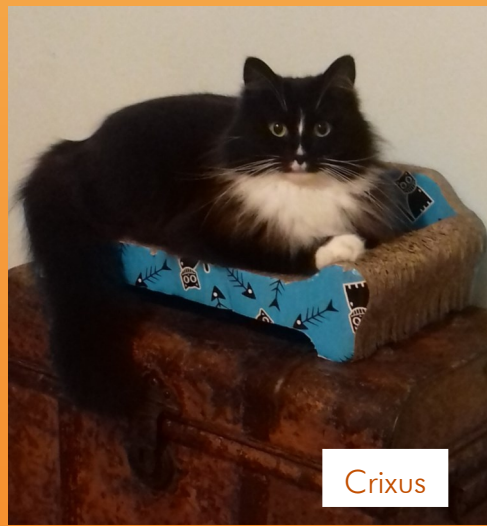
George



Cleo



Bellatrix and Myrtle



Crius



Herbie

Can you match up the pet(s) with their owner? This is a list of the owners:

Mr Bogoje
Miss Burrows
Mrs Hale
Mrs Higson
Mrs Holbrook

Miss Jackson
Mr Kerr
Miss Lawrence
Mrs Mandrill
Mrs Millar

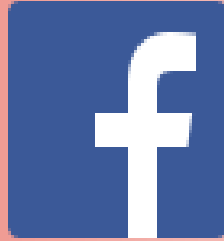
Miss McDowell
Miss McNelis
Mrs Roberts
Mrs Robertson
Miss Rudd

Mr Singleton
Miss Thornhill
Miss Top
Ms Spivey
Mr Waites
Mr Walters

PUZZLES AND CONTACT



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MRS WHITTINGHAM'S RIDDLE

What clothes does a house wear?

The answer to last edition's riddle (What goes up and down the stairs without moving?) is a carpet.

MR DENNETT'S BRAIN TEASER

In a family photo you see: 1 grandfather; 1 grandmother; 2 fathers; 2 mothers; 6 children; 4 grandchildren; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; 3 sons; 3 daughters; 1 father-in-law; 1 mother-in-law; 1 daughter-in-law. What is the fewest number of people possible that are in the photo?

The answer to last edition's brain teaser (How can you add eight 8s to get the number 1,000?) is $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8$



A-BLOCK

As reported in the February edition of Springfield News work has commenced on A Block (Science). During half term work started in earnest - temporary laboratories were delivered and positioned on site (in the car park). This was no mean feat! Please see below a selection of photos documenting the process.

Families may recall that we were pleased to have bid successfully to the DfE for funding (just under a million pounds) for essential works to the exterior of the building that will see the windows and external cladding replaced. We look forward to improved facilities for the community for next year.

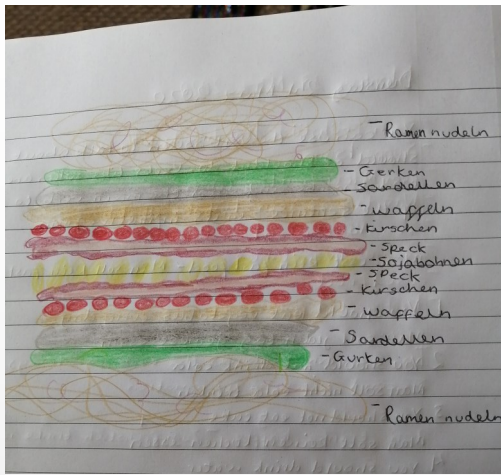
Nathan Waites, Chief Financial and Operating Officer



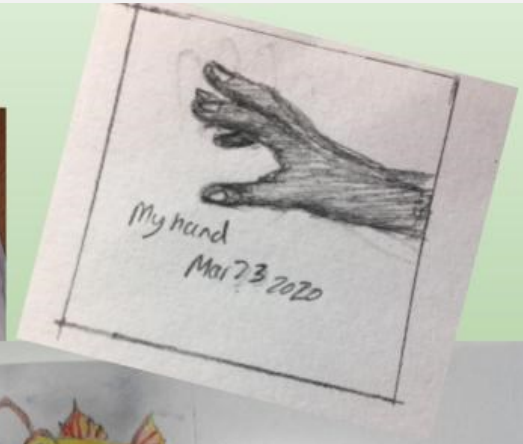
HOME WORKING

We have asked parents/carers/teachers and pupils to share examples of pupils' home work. We have been sent some great examples which we are pleased to share below.





Progress so far... Week 1



POISSON D'AVRIL

Poisson d'avril is happens every April fools day.

When you get les poissons on a grown up's back you shout 'Poisson d'avril!' and run away.

It started when in 1564 when king Charles XIV changed the French calendar, people on the country side didn't get the message, and still celebrated the new year on le 1er avril instead of le 1er janvier, what became a tradition of calling people poisson d'avril... A pils fish

On le 1er en France schoolchildren continue the tradition by making les poissons out of le papier and play jokes on their friends by putting it on their back.

