

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

*Welcome to another issue of our weekly Newsletter where you can get up to date with everything that has been happening, both at school and at home.*

## Safeguarding message from Mr Broad

We have had a couple of incidents this week (as described in an earlier email) where unknown persons have appeared in the waiting room for some of our Zoom lessons. I have been informed today that there is a 'dare' in circulation on TikTok where pupils are asked to share their Zoom codes with friends or older siblings who then do or say something inappropriate in the live lesson. This seems to be mainly a high school thing but I am aware that many of our pupils have TikTok accounts even though this App has an age restriction for those under 13. This may be something that it is worth checking with your child for general safeguarding reasons; TikTok have come in for significant criticism in recent months for their questionable practice in this area. Fortunately, our strict Zoom protocols and risk assessment prevented any unknown persons from entering our lessons.

I would also ask parents to be very careful when posting on social media, that they don't inadvertently share information (such as Zoom codes) which could compromise safety. This is particularly important if posting photos. **Please DO NOT post screen shots (for example) of your child's iPad screen with the images of multiple children.** Many of our parents have not given permission for their child's picture to be used in this domain and, for some families, the sharing of such images could compromise their physical safety.

The school has just completed its Twitter policy, which contains a specific section for parents. This will be published and shared on our website next week.

## Emergency Contacts

Please can all parents and carers ensure that their emergency contact details are up to date. It is essential that school has a current contact phone number, address and email for every parent and carer so we can contact you in the event of an emergency.



Thank you for your co-operation.

## [Sporting Influence – fun packed activities!](#)

Please click on the link to take you to the latest Sporting Influence Boredom Buster.

[Please click here](#)

## Nursery

This week the nursery children have been learning about dinosaurs. They have been making dinosaur eggs to open, dinosaur bones and volcanoes. They have also been enjoying the snow.



## Early Years- Reception

A busy week in Reception at home and school. We have had amazing phonics work this week. There has been lots of learning about dinosaurs and pancakes too! We have even had dinosaur shaped pancakes! Well done everyone for another fab week of learning!

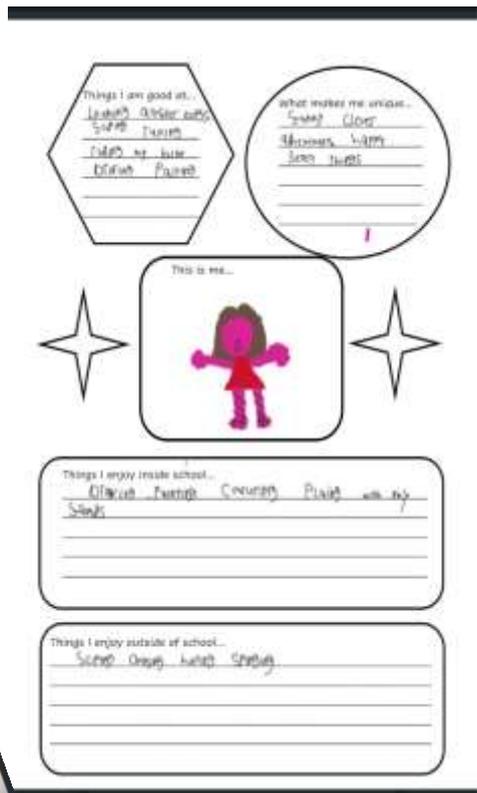
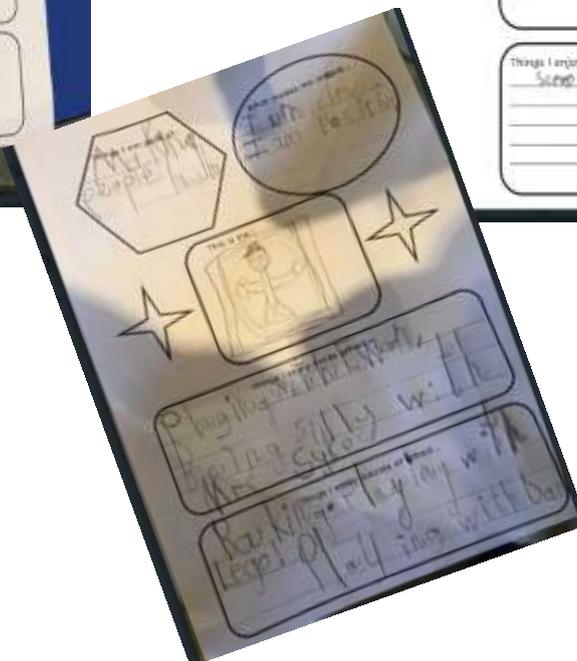


As it is Children's Mental Health Week, we have been focussing on expressing ourselves in line with the theme of this important occasion. We have talked about how important it is to take some time for ourselves but to also share our feelings and opinions with someone that we trust.

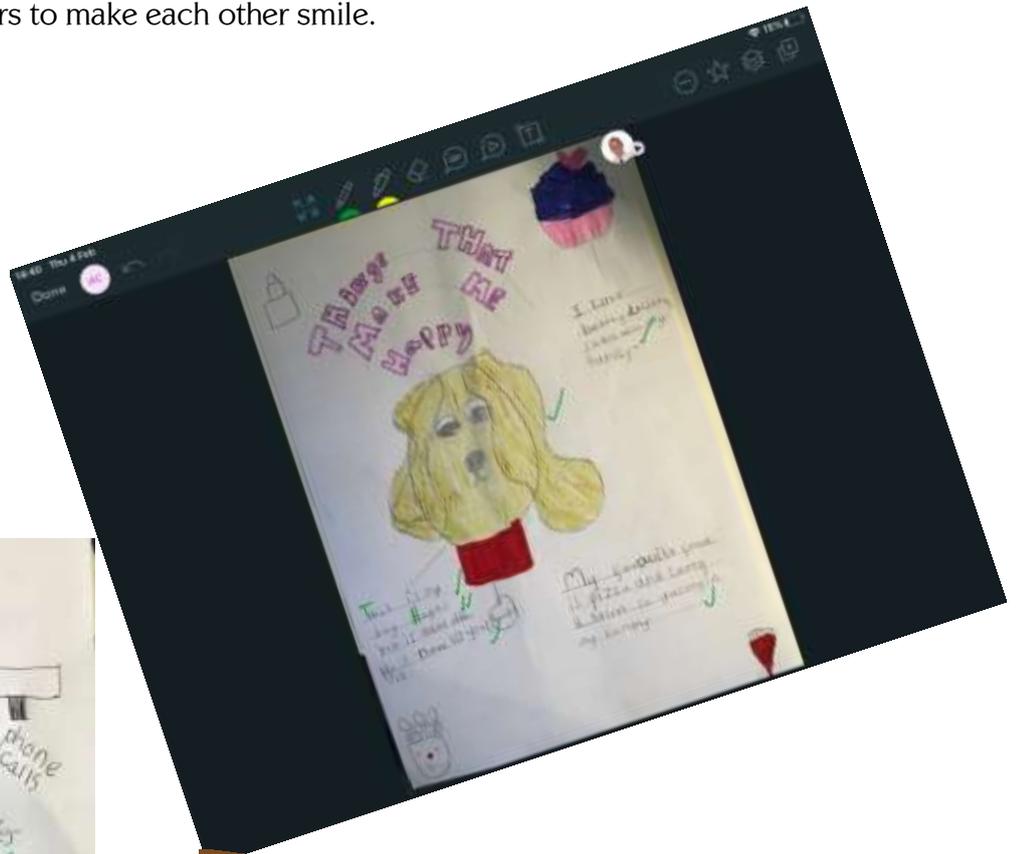
The circumstances of the past year have been nothing short of tiring, worrying and confusing so we felt it was vital for the children to spend some extra time focussing on something positive and uplifting. Y1 have been recognising their strengths and celebrating their successes through a special PSHE lesson. What a wonderful way to champion themselves!

Whilst we continue to encourage the children to talk about their feelings, we extend the same plea to parents. You are not alone in this difficult time and KS1 are always here to offer support and advice. Have a lovely weekend

Here are some pictures of the work they produced:



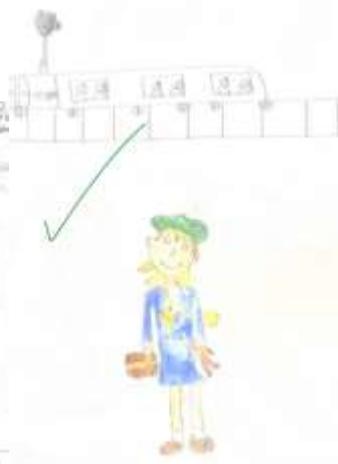
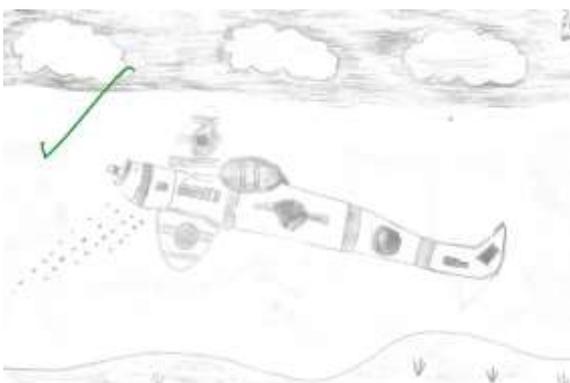
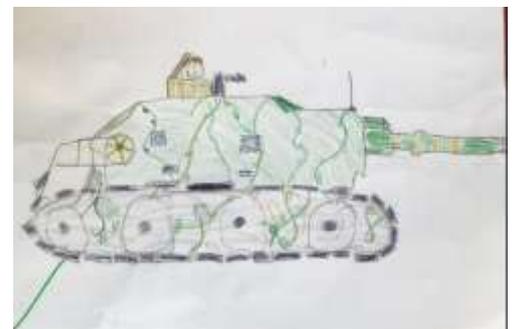
Y2 spent their Friday well-being Zoom sharing their likes/dislikes and sharing facts about themselves. They then had a super-crazy dance party to all the songs they love! They have also been making positivity posters to make each other smile.



Y3/4 have had fun in science, this week, experimenting with light and shadow. These photos show how we investigated how to make shadows bigger and smaller. We also looked at how the length of our shadows change throughout the day.



We also enjoyed doing some Second World War sketches. These are some of our fabulous creations:



This week, we learned about an event in history called 'the Blitz' and we pretended that we were journalists writing about the first night of the bombing raids. Here are some of our super articles:

**LONDON DAILY NEWS!**

**THOUSANDS FLOCKED TO AIRRAID SHELTERS**

Our beloved <sup>London</sup> bombed and in pieces.

Last night, bombing continued in London causing further damage.



Lots of homes were destroyed by German bombers. Several hundred people killed in that one night. Florence Taylor, life long

resident of Battersea and worker at the Ministry of Aircraft production, tells us how she made it to nearby tube stations to reach safety.




Florence's husband James Taylor had only just left London after their wedding to work in bomb disposal.



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**The blitz comes to Yorkshire**

Last night Yorkshire was hit by the Blitz. The air raids sounded loudly and families ran for shelter from the plethora of bombs.

Harrogate theatre was narrowly spared as bombs came shattering down beside it.

Horsforth took a hard hit as it lost the Village Hall and library, frightened villagers said it was the worst raid they had seen yet. George Eastward said, 'This village didn't deserve this

**The Yorkshire Blitz**



Leeds City Centre was battered by bombs last night and many areas have been wiped out. The Town Hall and the bus station were bombed very badly and there were also several people killed in the plethora of bombs. Many families will have woken up to a terrifying view of their villages and towns.

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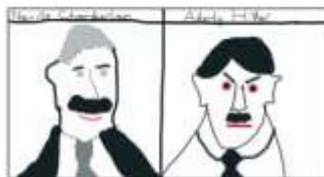


**THE CITIZEN**

**Britain declares war on Germany!!!!**

**By Oda Braithwaite Pearson**

On 3rd of September 1939 Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain sent a message to Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi party to say if he didn't hear from him by 11 o'clock



then Britain would be at war with Germany. Hitler did not answer so the war was declared. Last night German Heinkels bombed London. Donald Mercury, survivor of a bombed house says it was the scariest

thing he has ever seen in his life. We hear from him now. I was just in my house, sleeping in the cellar when I heard a plane above us. Then the ground shook and deadly screams tortured my ears. It was bone chilling.



Everyone, we will get through this together



This week, Y5/6 have written some incredible setting descriptions about Antarctica. They really pulled from all of their knowledge of figurative language and expanded noun phrases to create outstanding work. Next week, we will expand on these descriptions to create narratives about Antarctic explorers.

Roaring winds danced around the vast, desolate landscape. Haunting whistles from the winds and snow sang through the air like galloping horses. Like bubbling sea foam the snow ripples on top of itself moving furiously with the push of the howling wind.

The sky is ice clear with a stillness, the clouds float through gracefully. The lack of human energy left a isolating feeling in the air. It's as if life has stood still. It's like we have found a magical world, like a ghost haven.

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Antarctic- Setting Description.

The brilliant white snow shone brightly in the moonlight. My heavy feet sunk into the deep powder, and it was hard work to make progress. My heart pounded like a drum in my chest, and I could feel my body heating up like an oven! In the moonlight, I could see the dark and distant Trans-Antarctic mountains rising up like jagged teeth on the horizon. They were majestic, but forbidding and formed a barrier between where I was in the East and where the Research Station was located in the West. The wind howled loudly like a wolf, and swirled around me, pushing me backwards as I tried to walk forwards. The cold bit into my already frozen toes. They were so numb that I couldn't feel them any longer, and I wondered whether I would lose them to frostbite.

### The Art Class in a Box

The Art Class in a Box was set up by Western Primary School mum Olivia Graham and her friend Rachel Deniz (both teachers and artists) during “ Lockdown 2”.

Art class in a box is a new venture which aims to provide adults and children alike with educational art projects and all the material required, as well as free video tutorials, all in a box each month. You can purchase a single box to get started or sign up to receive a new box each month. A different medium is introduced each month, so that you can try something new and follow the step by step handouts and tutorials in the comfort of your own home!



Here's what our current young artists boxes offer: (aimed at 8-12 year olds). So much more than an activities box, Art Class in a Box brings both the fun and educational elements of art lessons right to your home. You'll get all the materials needed (yes, high quality oil pastels, tape, step by step instructions and even paper!) plus a video tutorial for your young artist to follow along. Ideal for kids aged 8-12.

<https://theartclassinabox.co.uk/collections/all/products/young-artist-february-oil-pastel-box>

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### Harrogate Ladies College Virtual Open Day – 25<sup>th</sup> February

HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AGED 11 TO 18

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Inspiring girls to be bold, to be determined and to be themselves

<b>What makes us different?</b>	Small size enables all pupils to be known as individuals	Top A level results in Harrogate for the last 4 years*
Mini bus routes to all local areas	Independent School Inspectorate Excellent in All Areas	Scholarships and means tested bursaries up to 100%

COLLEGE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Thursday 25 February, 7:30pm

Our Virtual Open Day is an excellent way of discovering what life at Harrogate Ladies' College holds from the comfort of your home.

- ▶ Featuring live presentations from Mrs Sylvia Brett, Principal of Harrogate Ladies' College and Heads of Department
- ▶ Videos recorded by current Year 7 pupils
- ▶ Virtual Tours of College and a Boarding house
- ▶ Q&A with Senior members of staff

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To register visit

[hlc.org.uk/collegevirtualopenday](http://hlc.org.uk/collegevirtualopenday)

or email [events@hlc.org.uk](mailto:events@hlc.org.uk)



\*Department for Education league tables showing the performance of English secondary schools in A level in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. \* based on average score score per academic entry.