



TGS Together

Dear families of Thetford Grammar School,

I hope this edition of TGS Together finds you all well and in good spirits. From the many positive comments, our first week of remote learning this term seems to have gone well under the revised timetable. Please do keep us informed of your family's needs, we want to keep providing an individualised programme that will work for you.

We have received lots of excellent pictures and reports of the activities that pupils have been undertaking, some of which you will see in the pages below. Please continue to send these in, it is great to be able to share them with the community.

In two week's time, it will be the 8th May VE Day bank holiday. Obviously, many of the events we would have wanted to hold or attend are not currently possible, but it is important to mark this special day as

best we can. Many families will have their own connections to the service and sacrifice of those that brought peace to our country, and Europe, 75 years ago. At TGS, we will upload a range of activities that pupils can undertake if they choose to on that day, there will be no compulsion and it will be a normal bank holiday so school classes as such won't be in session. Further information will be forthcoming soon and we will make sure that you have details in advance of the day itself in case you wish to incorporate any of the activities into your plans.

Speaking of service, Nurse Theobald, an ex-critical care and respiratory medicine nurse, has taken up a vital volunteering role with Ipswich Hospital's critical care unit to support the families of those admitted to this unit. Although we will miss her, I am very grateful to Nurse Theobald for preparing the school so well for the current situation before she returns to the

front line and I look forward to welcoming her back to TGS at the earliest opportunity. I am sure we won't be without her for too long.

We would be very interested to hear of any other ways in which our community is contributing to the national effort at this time. I know that several are critical workers, as well as there being a tremendous number of good samaritans, and sewing enthusiasts to list just a few. If you know somebody that we can say a huge 'thank you!' to, tell us who and why and we will celebrate these often unsung heroes.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr M Brewer,
Head

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Eightfold Path

A couple of weeks ago students were tasked with recreating the Eightfold Path using whatever means they wanted to - we had a wonderful collection of work, including a mobile, leaflets, colourful posters, a booklet of dingbats, an actual path with folding cutouts, and then Harrison's board game!

Harrison said he wanted to create something fun that helped people to learn about each of the paths, fantastic work Year 9!



Easter Fun

This is Jack and he's made the most fabulous Easter Bonnet for his Design Technology project.



Face Visor Donation

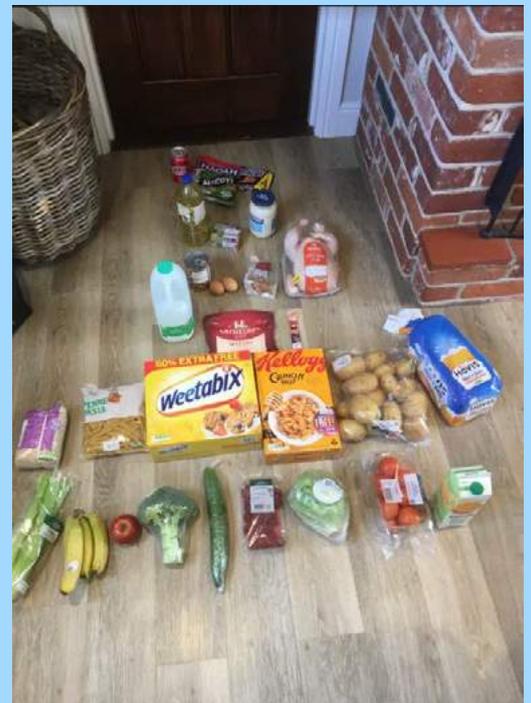
The TGS Science department has donated 8 full face visors to The West Suffolk Hospital this week.

This is Miss Parlane, our Science Technician whose daughter works on the front line at the hospital and has kindly passed them on for us.



Food Pyramids

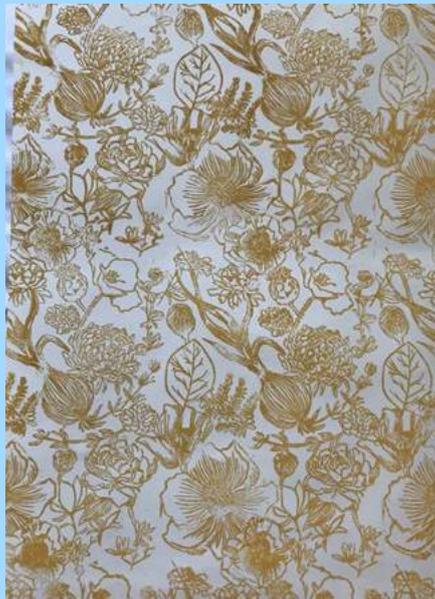
The Badgers' class were tasked at looking at Food Pyramids during their PSHE lesson last week. They were asked to make a Food Pyramid using actual food that they had at home, this was to help the children remember what things they should be eating to keep them healthy. Great work Badgers!



A Level Graphic Design

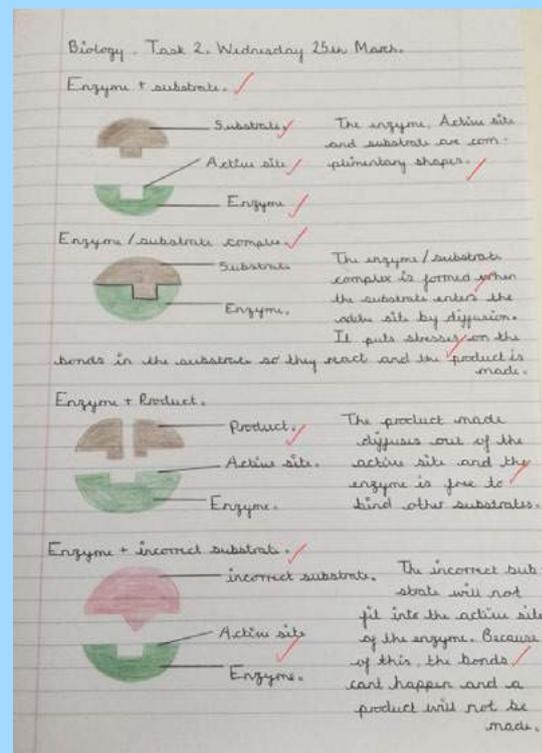
Sophie in Year 12 has been working on a surface design project, as part of her A Level in Graphic Design. She has created a repeat pattern using lino print, and printed some wallpaper samples. Sophie has looked at the meanings of flowers in Pre-Raphaelite art and has designed her wallpaper to go in to a 'reflection room' for war veterans. Each of the plants carries a different meaning to fit their intended setting. Her next designs will be printed on to fabric.

Well done Sophie!



School Meme

A message from James, one of our School Captains.



The Science Department

This is just a sample of the fantastic work being produced in our Science Department, from enzymes to looking at the development of new drugs. Great work Y9 and Y11!

This means any problems with the drugs are discovered before actual testing happens ✓

Cruel on animals and animals could react differently but will find problem before testing on humans ✓

Proves humans can actual take it but could end badly ✓

More vulnerable ✓

Drug is tested using computer models which simulate a human response ✓
Drug is tested on human cell cultures or tissues ✓
Drug is tested on 2 different live mammals ✓
Drug is patented at this point. This means the drug company have 20 years as sole providers of the drug but clinical trials can use up 10 of those years ✓
Drug is tested on a small group of healthy volunteers ✓
Drug is tested on a small number of volunteer patients who have the illness ✓
Drug is tested on large numbers of volunteer patients who have the illness ✓

Can't use human tissue to test drug that affect multiple body systems ✓

Can't allow drug to be stolen but if they find problems after this, this will slow production ✓

Doing it on a smaller group means they are less vulnerable ✓

Cookery Challenge

A big well done to Ailish who has already completed Mrs Foreman's cookery challenge. The menu consisted of homemade leek and potato soup followed by homemade beef burgers and then the most delicious homemade chocolate fudge brownies, ice cream and marshmallow sharing mountain!

Doesn't that just sound amazing! All of the family dressed for dinner including Jacob who wore a bowtie. Jacob is due to cook this week so watch this space!



Lower Prep

As part of our new topic this week, Alessandra has beautifully drawn her own castle and written labels for each of the different parts of the castle. Super work Alessandra!

Freddie has worked really hard to find five things beginning with the letter 's', including the snake on his t-shirt! Well done Freddie! He also practised forming his letter 's' correctly too!



At the start of the Summer Term it is hard not to be together, in the sunshine on Bridge Street, but let's take Mary Shelley's view that 'The beginning is always today.' Life can be full of fresh starts and we have a unique ability to begin, and begin again.

Have a great week,

Mr Brewer

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