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...everyday is a learning day!

Such a lot of wonderful learning has taken place over the last two weeks – but not just from the children. We have had sessions supporting parents with aspects of home learning and how they can help their child at home with virtual school. Yesterday the Prime Minister stated that schools will not be coming back straight after half term and, whilst this is disappointing for many, we have an opportunity to keep trying our best – an opportunity to ensure that your child's learning journey continues. It was lovely to receive feedback from you all regarding our Remote Learning provision. Whilst the survey may be closed, please do let us know if we can help further. However, I am delighted to share with you some of the findings:

94.3% of parents are positive about the level of communication

97% of the parental body believe that we have the right level of Pastoral Care in place

3/4 of our parents believe that we have a good balance between live and non-live lessons

94.3% of parents find our Remote Learning Pack useful

97% of the parental body believe that we are meeting the academic needs of their children

94.1% of parents are positive about the level of co-curricular opportunities available

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Bravo and thank you to all the staff for the brilliant job they are doing.

I would say the co-curricular and pastoral care provision is exceptional

I am incredibly impressed by the learning provision on offer and the teachers are always very supportive and patient. I am sure they are all exhausted but they don't let it show! Thank you.

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Today you would have received the Remote Learning Pack for the next two weeks; in it you will read about some exciting opportunities, including a screen free day on Friday 5th February. Thank you again for your feedback and for your suggestions about what we can do to support your child in these times. However, we are also here for you and are available for you to chat to us about ideas, not just to support your child, but also to support you. I am acutely aware of the plates we are all trying to spin and about being okay for our child. Please do be kind to yourselves. It's okay not to be okay. The situation we find ourselves in can, for us parents, be challenging. If you need to talk to anyone, please do call us. My amazing staff team are dedicated to providing the very best provision they can to your child and are real believers in the relationship between home and school. Whilst we have no magic wand to get all children back into school, I believe that communication can be magic-like and, as such, can be transformative. So if you need to talk to us, please do. I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr De Silva

Mr De Silva
Head of the Junior School



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Congratulations!

Bronze Star certificates:

Filip P, Cora R-M, Cassius P, Sofia D-L, Poppy D, Joe G, Charlotte H, Jessica R, Lola S, Gilbert S, Amber W, Angel N, Matthew W, George G, Marshall C, Gretel M, James S, Xiomara HC, Jake BW, Oscar C, Holly B, Lydia K

Bronze & Silver star certificates:

Cesar Ntamushobora, George W

Silver Star certificates:

Juliette M, Elizabeth O, Omna A, Isla A, Peter S, Tabatha W, Olivia W, Isabella P, Hamish A, Xiaocan L.

Silver & Gold star certificates:

Aine R-M, Jamie J

Gold Star Certificates:

Riley C, Monty W, Violet V, Logan W, Lucy S, Seamus C, Clemmie A, Thomas H-W, Sonny M, Naomi P

Platinum star certificate:

Alex SB, Masha D, Logan W, Alice F, Josh R

2nd time around Bronze star certificate:

Benjamin C

Certificates of Excellence

Sophie K, Poppy D, Ben B, Bea A, Clara T, Stella R, Jodi H, Camilla BP, Ruairaidh A, Laila O'S, Percy M, Kimberly S, Xiomara HC, Cora R-M, Louis G, Sonny M, Jake R, Filip P, Natalia BW, Olivia W, Tabatha W, Peter S, Gretel M, Ben C, Cora R-M.

Congratulations for making the final selection for the East Kent Schools Together Art project this term:

George B, Isla B, Sophie K, Clara T, Joe G, Lola S

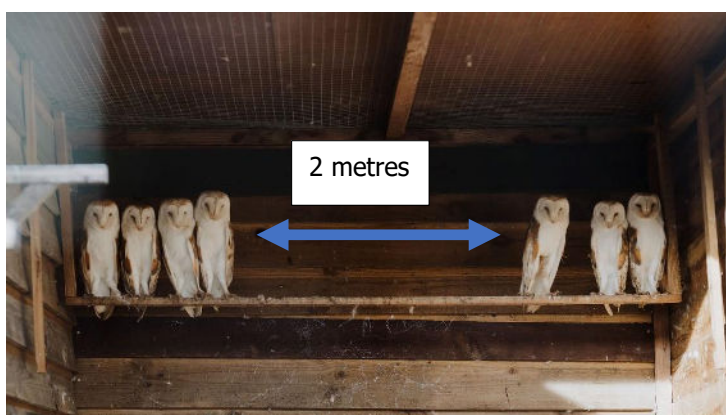


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Roper House Inter-House Competition

If animals could talk...



Patiently and safely waiting for the results.....

It was really hard to choose two winners as all the entries were fantastic. After long deliberation we have chosen.....

Looking at all the entries to the above competition, animals do have a lot to say ! I was very impressed with how funny and creative all the pictures were. Absolutely amazing!



Lower School: Seamus C



Upper School: Bea A

Well done and once more thank you everybody ! Mme Dieppedalle (Head of Roper House)



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Programmers are wizards of the future: a message from Mrs Barnes

This term has seen the start of our programming scheme of work for all Forms in Junior School, and it's evident that not even another national lockdown will hold our pupils back from accomplishing their wizardry skills of the future.

In Form 7 Evan and Violet have made a fantastic start to their dance animations for the intended audience of adults in their household. Please click on the links below to view the fantastic effort made:

- [Evan's dance animation](#)
- [Violet's dance animation](#)

Form 8 have been considering the whole process of game design, from inception to market, where first they have to plan and design before embarking on programming and promotion. Sophie fully encapsulates the creativity that can be applied and also demonstrated independence and resilience in her learning by teaching herself how to use new software. To view Sophie's text adventure plan, and give it a shot, please download the separate HTML that came with this newsletter. Pupils also developed a basic understanding of copyright and fair use. The following photos are Sophie's own, which will go on to be used for the promotion of the game.





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Virtual learning @ SES JS

Examples of online learning

Please do send in photos of your child's learning to Mrs King.

