

Lockyer's Middle School

Student Newsletter: Third Edition

We're still here! Lockyer's will be welcoming back some more of its students from next week, but until we can gather again as a whole school community, it is important we stay in touch.

With May turning out to be the sunniest on record, our students have been up to all sorts of interesting activities which we were delighted to hear about and share with you.

Want to submit some content? Find the Student Newsletter on Google Classroom!

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Year 5 have been writing 'Thank You' letters to Key Workers in our local area.

The Garden

The leaves are dancing on the tremendously tall trees,

The green grass growing
and the busy buzzy bees.

It's a beautiful morning in the garden today,
with a gentle breeze in the month of May.

The flowers are waking up from their winters' sleep
coming into bloom.

The rewards we will reap!

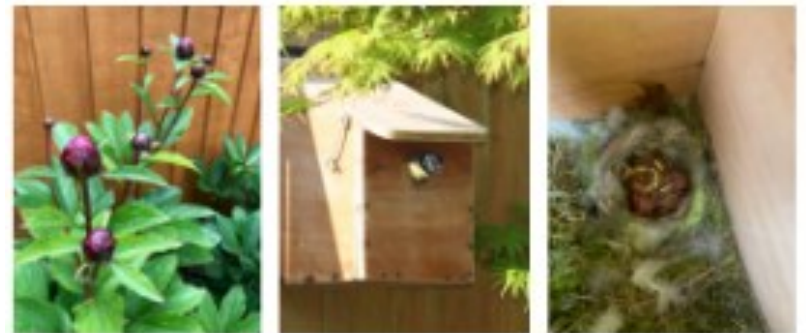
It's a beautiful day in the garden today,
as the sun shines down in the month of May.

The birds are busy nesting,

The baby birds are resting
as snug as a bug in a rug.

It's been a beautiful day in the garden today,
as the sun sets in the month of May.

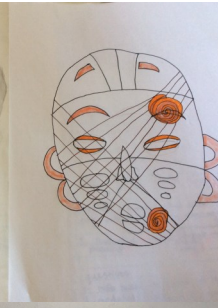
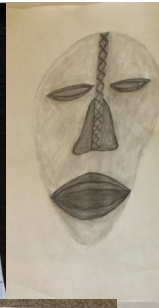
By Harry (Year 5)



Art!

Some more wonderful art being sent in by our students. Thank you for your contributions.

Abigail (Year 6), Harley (Year 8), Matilda (Year 7) Kai (Year 6) and Max (Year 5), Alex (Year 6), Theodore (Year 6), Georgie (Year 5), Frank (Year 5) and Sid (Year 5).



Remote Interview with Mr Miller

You voted, we listened! Everyone's favourite PE teacher, Mr Miller was your choice this week and has answered a selection of the questions you asked. Remember to vote for which teacher we interview in the next edition on Google Classroom.

How have you been coping with lockdown?

At first I found the change of routine quite strange but after a while I settled into a new routine and have kept myself busy. It has been really nice to spend more time with the family and great to have older children who can help my youngest daughter with her home learning!

What things are you keeping busy with, apart from school work?

I have tried to keep busy by learning new things or improving my skills in others. I have started to learn Spanish! And although I am in no way fluent I have progressed and really enjoyed it, I have found that if I stick to my schedule and keep practicing then many of the words are embedded in my memory. Another hobby I had before lockdown which I have continued is my love of cooking! This started because of my love of eating! I have tried to increase my recipe repertoire (with fluctuating success according to my family) but I am now a dab hand at making fresh pasta using my pasta machine!

What do you miss most about school life?

I miss the interaction with staff and pupils! I also miss working with the students in lessons and clubs, I miss taking teams to competitions and seeing pupils flourish in their activities. I have also missed watching the pupils discover talents that they may not have known they have and engaging and progressing in topics they might not have thought they would!

What inspired you to become a PE teacher?

Although I had a favourite sport, I was really interested in lots of them and I found that as I got older I had as much enjoyment in participating in them as I did trying to get others as interested in them as I was. I find it really rewarding when you can help someone do something that they couldn't do before or didn't think they could do before and then watch them have the confidence to attempt more and more. I have always believed that PE, sport and exercise can have a massive impact on all areas of your life and I passionately believe that there is an activity for everyone, so I will continue to work hard until I find it for all of the students!

What P.E. activities have you been getting up to at home?

At home my day usually starts with the Joe Wicks workout which we do as a family. Then after my school work is done and I have helped my children with theirs it will either be an 'insanity' work out, a family bike ride, a run or a swim in the sea. On some days we have combined the swim, bike and run. Living near the sea is brilliant and it would be a massive shame not to take advantage of the area you live in (although the sea is still a little chilly for me, it's a great way to start your day with a fresh dip at 7.30!)

How many packets of custard creams have you eaten during lockdown?

I have always thought that hard work deserves a reward so if I have done my school work and I have done some exercise then I will give myself a treat, usually custard creams but I have now discovered a love for frangipane tarts! I won't reveal how many packets of custard creams I've eaten or frangipane tarts I have consumed just in case my dentist ever sees this!

What will be the first thing you do when lockdown is over?

Have a BBQ with my friends and family and try to get my weekly football back up and running!



Baking Bonanza!

Here are some more of the phenomenal feasts you've been busy preparing at home.

Abi (Year 7), Emily-May (Year 7), George (Year 8), Luka (Year 8), Max E (Year 7) and Max H (Year 7).



Pizza Cheesecake
by Nyla (Year 5)

Food Illusions Daily Challenge



Sandwich Cake
by Cody (Year 7)

Crazily Good Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

Cake:

300g soft brown sugar
3 eggs
100g of walnuts or raisins
300ml sunflower oil
300g plain flour
1tsp bicarbonate of soda
1tbs baking powder

1tbs cinnamon
1/2 tbs ginger
1/2 tbs salt
1/2 vanilla extract
300g carrot

Cream cheese frosting:

300g icing sugar
50g unsalted butter
125g cream cheese

Cake:

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 170 Degrees Celsius (325 Fahrenheit).

Step 2: Mix up sugar, eggs and oil and beat until mixture is fully incorporated.

Step 3: Slowly add flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, salt and vanilla and continue to beat.

Step 4: Stir walnuts (or raisins) and carrot together.

Step 5: Pour mixture into cake tins and put them in the oven to bake for 20-25 minutes.

Step 6: Test by inserting a skewer and if it is clean it is done and if there is raw cake mixture it is not done.

Frosting:

Step 1: Beat icing sugar and butter until well mixed.

Step 2: Mix cream cheese to the mixture. do not over beat as it goes runny.

Construction:

Step 1: Make sure the cakes are cool.

Step 2: Spread frosting onto cake.

Step 3: Enjoy!



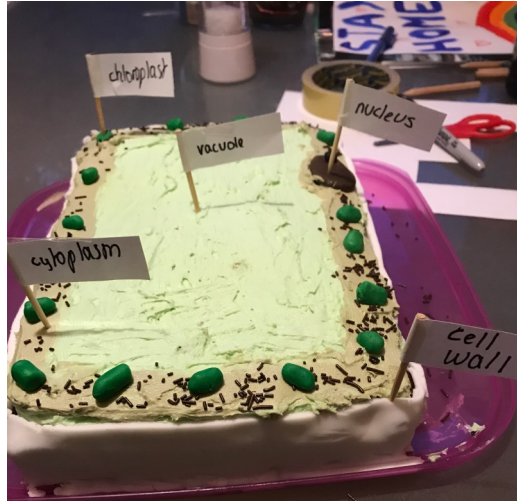


Muffins

I love this Nadia Bake me a story book because I love to cook and I also love to read. The book is written by Nadia Hussain who is a brilliant baker and famous for winning The Great British Bake Off. Each of her stories is followed by recipe based on whatever the story was about. I have baked the recipes over and over again because they are all so delicious.
Sophie (Year)

Cell Model Cakes

Jess (Year 7) and Eva (Year 7)



Food Animals

Katie (Year 7), Darcey (Year 8) and Bailey (Year 7)

Ben (Year 7) Lockdown Look

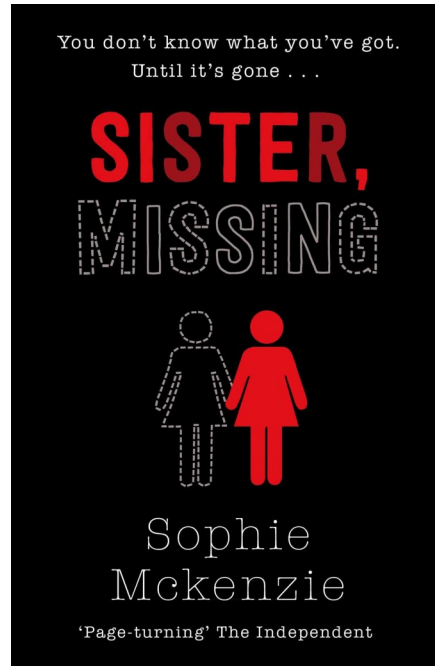


What are you getting up to at home?

Sister Missing

Sister Missing is a book written by Sophie McKenzie in 2011. It is a sequel to Girl Missing (2006). It is about a girl who travelled to America to find her birth parents but takes a nasty turn after a series of unfortunate events. However, this time it's her little sister Madison who is missing. She does everything in her power to get her back, but the kidnapper wants one thing and one thing only.

Emily (Year 8)



Jumani

During lockdown I've been playing lots of board games with my family. One of my favourites is Jumani.

Jumani is a board game where the aim is to follow a pathway and be the first to get to the centre of the map. Along the way you have challenges to solve and have to help others in their quest. There is a secret decoder which unlocks a message. It usually sends you backwards unless the other players help you. Watch out for the rhino who might barricade your way!

I would give this game 9/10 and suitable for ages 7 and up.
Jacob (Year 6)

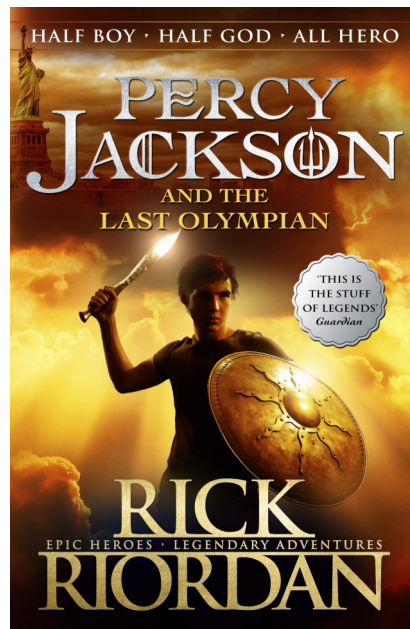


Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian

Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian was first published in 2009 and is written by Rick Riordan.

The final book in the series, it is very action packed and the final showdown with Luke and his evil army led by Kronos the titan king. This book ends the franchise with such a bang and every book in the series is great. The Percy Jackson series is by far my favourite book franchise of all time.

Adam (Year 6)



The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air is an American comedy series. It is suitable for children aged 11+. The show features Will Smith, James Avery and Janet Hubert. When Will (Will Smith) gets in a fight in his hometown of Philadelphia, his mum sends him to live with his Uncle and Aunt in Bel Air. When Will arrives, he is surprised to find that his relatives are very wealthy and live in a mansion with a butler! With six series, 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' is a great program.

Edward (Year 5)



During one day in half term I took part in *Julia's House sponsored Gameathon*. There were lots of other gamers taking part. To take part I was gaming for a total of 12 hours. During that time I built the Millennium Falcon, X-Wing and a TIE fighter from Star Wars. During the day people sponsored me and I managed to raise £280 for the charity. Here is a picture of what I created - *Will* (Year 7)



Painted Rocks
by *Peter* (Year 6)

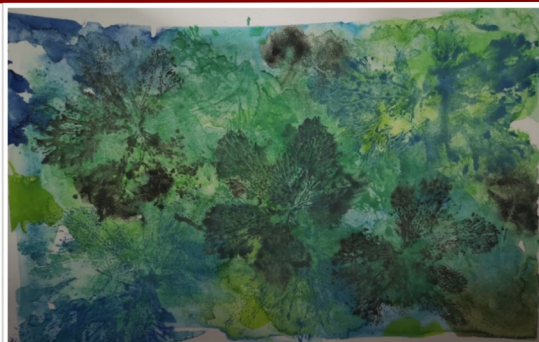
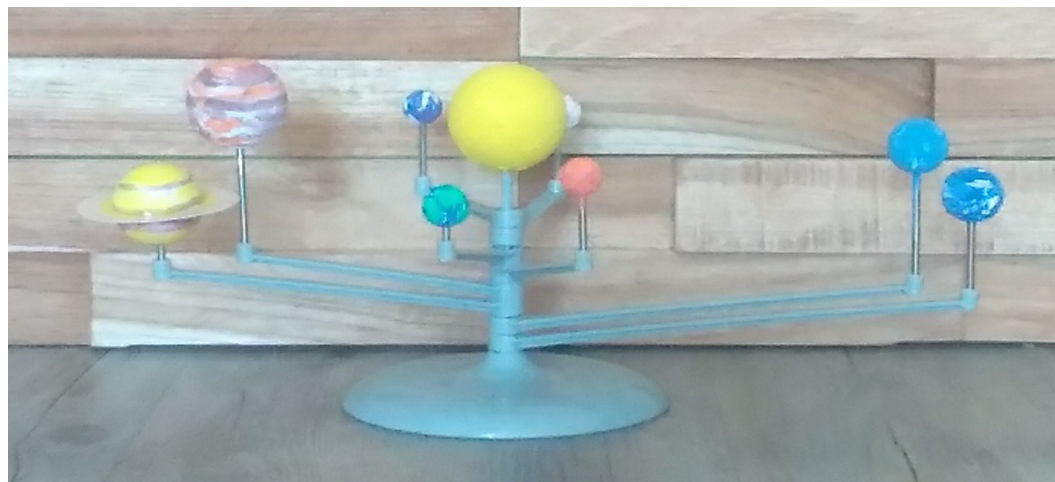
My sister and I used acrylic to paint on rocks and varnished them to add to the rock snake in Corfe Mullen.



Solar System

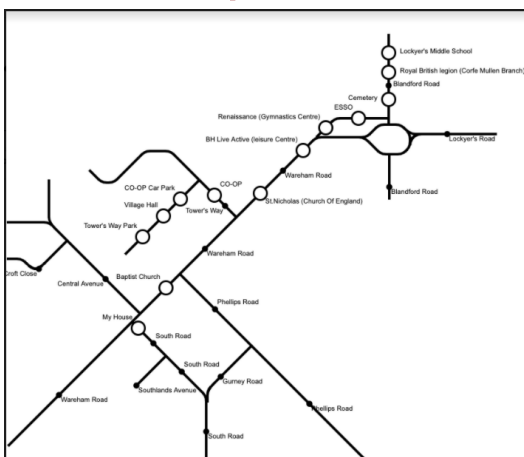
This model was built to represent our solar system.

Bailey
(Year 7)



Art Willow
(Year 6)

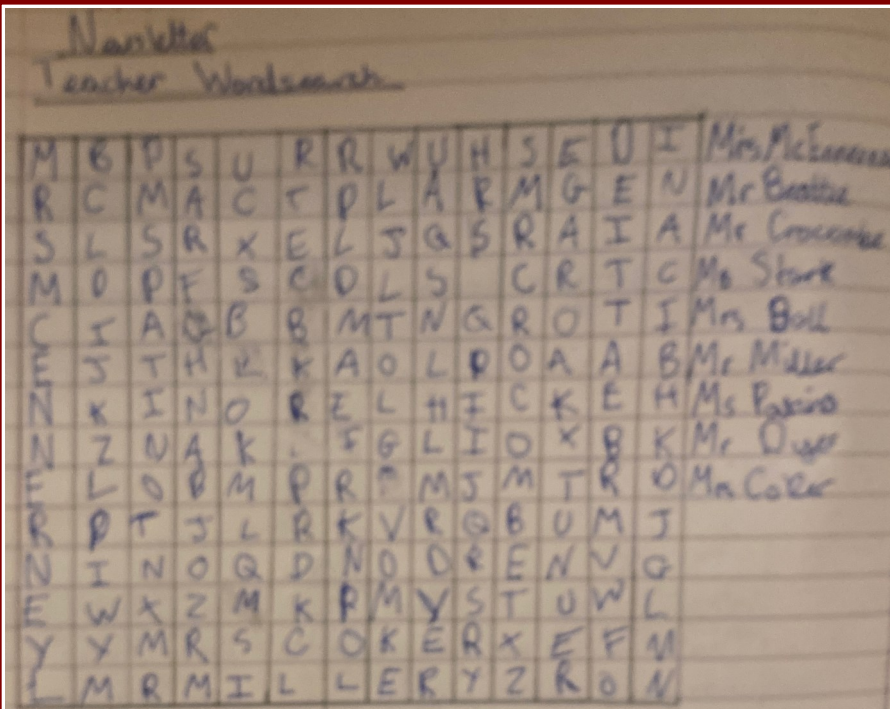
Harry Beck Style Map, *Ben* (Year 8)



Half Term Fun

Recycled Easter egg box Matisse inspired leaf collage
Ruby (Year 6)





Teacher Word search
Luca (Year 6)

Horse-riding, Illyria (Year 6)



Enjoying the Great Outdoors

Isabelle (Year 6)



The work that I am most proud of is when I am helping my grandparents by watering their garden, cutting up the logs for their fire and cutting the grass. My sister, my dad and I go over to the house everyday and deliver her food as she is recovering from illness.

Ben (Year 8)

Making scarecrows for a local competition, Jae (Year 7)



Colour Wheel by Isa (Year 5)



Colour Wheel Birthday Cake
by Ella (Year 5)