

Lockyer's Middle School

Student Newsletter: Fifth Edition

Those of us at school have settled into a routine now: working hard and having fun too. As this strangest of school years draws to a close, we are looking forward to seeing some of Year 8 one last time in the last week of term and, beyond that, the start of a fresh academic year in September.

Congratulations to **Georgie** (Year 5) on winning a competition run by AECC University College.
Read all about it on page 8 of the newsletter.

Georgie
(Year 5)

Everyone knows we love to read at Lockyer's! If you want to read a story along with your teacher, go to the Class Novel on Google Classroom, where - thanks to the generosity of the publishers - you can listen to either Fizzlebert Stump, the Boy Who Ran Away From the Circus (to Join the Library), or Artemis Fowl. Ms Bryant is soon going to be uploading chapters of The Explorers, and for our older children, Ms Locke is going to be reading Terry Pratchett's Wee Free Men. Come and join us!



Joke Corner

Why can't male ants sink?

Because they're buoy-ant.

What do you call a detective crocodile?

An investi-gator.

Why do bicycles always fall over?

Because they are two-tired.



I always give 100% at school. 30% on Mondays, 25% on Tuesdays, 20% on Wednesdays, 15% on Thursdays and 10% on Fridays!

Freddie and Frank (Year 5)

Jacob and Kai (Year 6)

Why can you never trust a maths teacher holding graph paper?

They must be plotting something.

Miss Stark



For our art home learning last week we were learning about Andy Goldsworthy. I really liked his sculptures and as part of our homework we had to make our own land art. Here is mine which I designed at Studland beach over the weekend! Hope you like it!

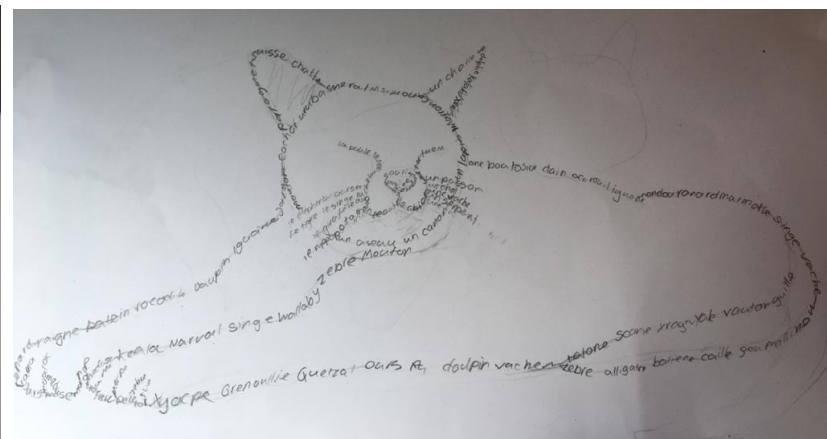
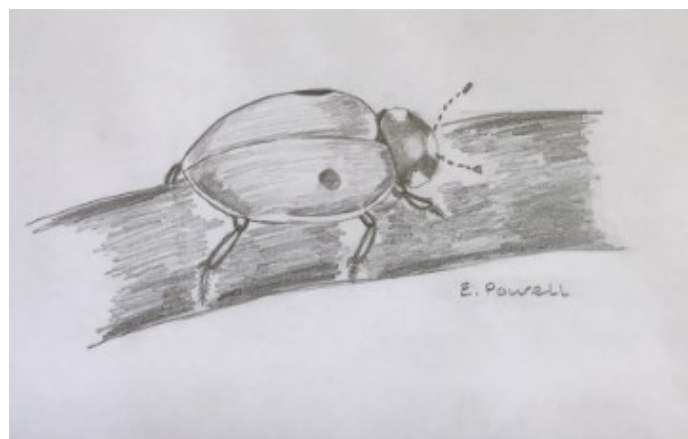
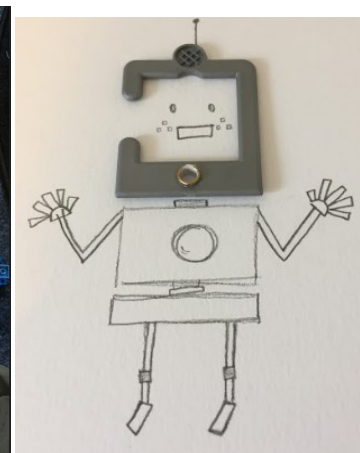
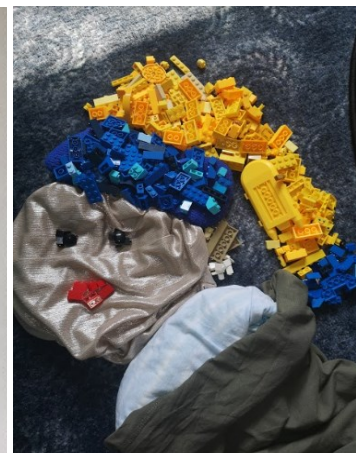
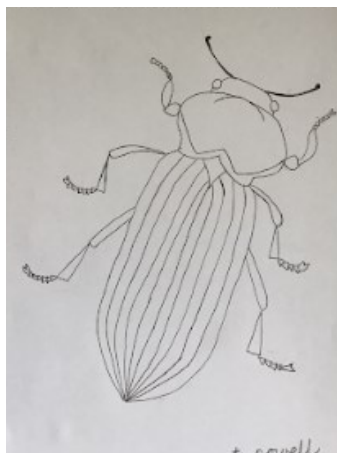


Art

It's been fun to see all of the art that has been created at home, particularly using items found around the house and other created using items from nature. Some excellent pencil sketches too.



Luca, Evan, Kai, Josh, Theodore (Year 6) Edward, Emmeline, (Year 5), India (Year 7), Harley (Year 8)



Remote Interview with Mr Legge

In this edition we're lucky enough to hear from everyone's favourite Head Teacher, Mr Legge. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to answer your questions about life during lockdown and looking forward to a return to normality.

How are you coping during these strange times?

I try to be organised and to talk with people who I know will give me good advice and support me when I am finding something tough or getting a little muddled. You will not be surprised to know that I find talking really helps. I think I am quite good at this.

How did life change for you during lockdown?

In some ways it has not changed as much as it has for others. My role at LMS always keeps me busy and this has definitely not changed. I have learnt many new skills about working in different ways. I have also realised that it is important to slow down and spend time with family.

What are you doing to relax (when you have time)?

Running is not very relaxing but I enjoy going out to have some time to think after a busy day. We have also worked hard in the garden and enjoyed BBQs and eating outside whenever possible. We have been so very lucky to have such wonderful weather.



How much have you been in school during the partial school closure?

I have been in school nearly every day during the lockdown period. When school was only open to key workers I would try to work from home for a day each week. I have all of the tools to work from home but it is not quite the same as a normal day in school.

What is a normal lockdown day like as head teacher? Are you in school every day?

It is really unusual and I really miss the regular contact with children, staff and visitors to our school. My days are now filled with even more e-mails and time spent in many meetings using Google Meet.

What have you been doing for your daily exercise?

I am not sure I could say that I have been sticking to daily exercise. At the start of lockdown I was being really disciplined about running regularly and was really enjoying it. I always find it hard to fit this in as term ends but am still running regularly. We also walk Harvey our dog every day which means we get to spend time together as a family.

What do you miss most about normal life?

I think I am missing special events and days out with my family. We had lots of wonderful plans for 2020 that can now not take place such as watching cricket at the Ageas Bowl, going to CarFest and our Summer holiday to Florida.

What will be the first thing you do when life goes back to normal?

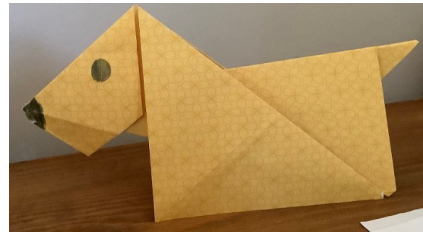
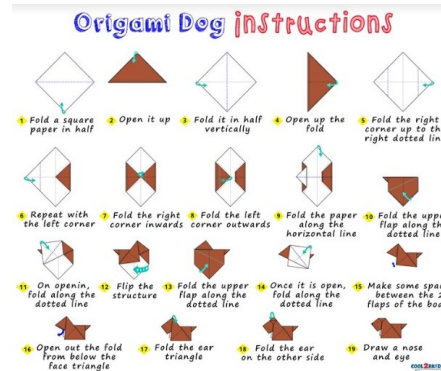
I am guessing that one of the first things I will do is to welcome you all back to Lockyer's Middle School. I am very excited to see you all and to have the opportunity to work alongside colleagues and families.

What are you getting up to at home?



Yesterday I went to the beach and found lots of fossils in the rocks.

Elena (Year 6)



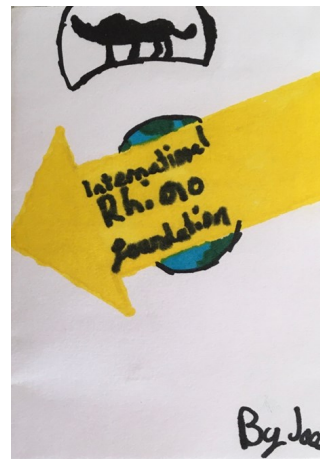
Ella (Year 5)



Emily (Year 8)



Sophie (Year 5)



My Rhino Book

This week in science we created a zine. This is a mini book or magazine. My zine is all about rhinos and the International Rhino Foundation. They help look after rhinos and make sure they don't become extinct. Did you know:

There are 5 species of rhino today.

There used to be 6 species, but the woolly rhino became extinct.

4 of the 5 remaining species are endangered.

Most rhinos are hunted for their horns.

Most rhino habitats are destroyed through deforestation

Jacob (Year 6)

During lockdown, I have been playing with Lego. I really like it because you can do so much with it and you can let your imagination go wild. My favourite things to make are spaceships because I really like Star Wars. I also like making speeders (they are also from Star Wars) and pretend Stormtroopers are chasing me. I like making big sets that take ages to build. Here are some:

Edward (Year 5)





Can you work out the name of this left-handed Year 7?

Riddles

What is full of holes but still holds water?
 What goes up but never comes down?
 What goes up and down but doesn't move?
 What has one eye but can't see?
 What has legs but can't walk?

Frank (Year 5)



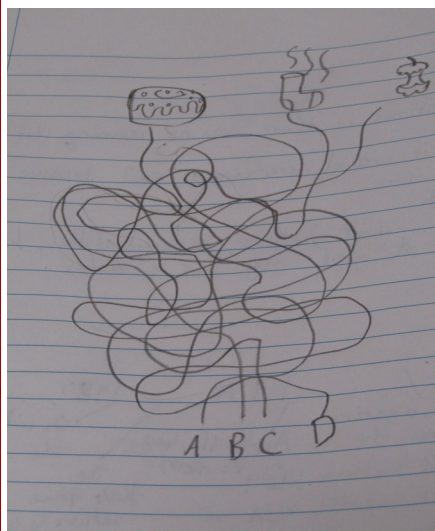
Flags Hidden in Flags

How many flags of other countries can you find within the flags of Norway and South Africa?

Hint: I've found 5 in each.

Mr Dyer

Which path leads to the doughnut? **Honor** (Year 6)

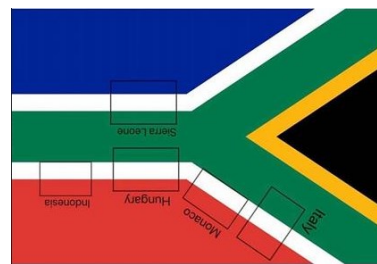
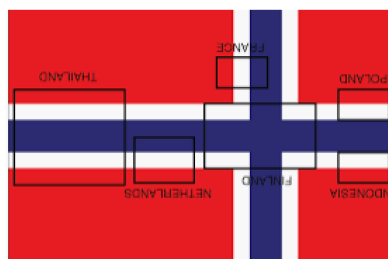


Can you solve these riddles and challenges? Answers are in the box beside this one, but they are upside down!

What do you call this?

BAN ANA

Frank (Year 5)



Brain Teasers!

When I was 6 my brother was half my age.
 Now I am 70.
 How old is my brother?

Olivia (Year 7)

67 years old
 Norway: Thailand, France, Poland, Indonesia, Finland and Netherlands
 South Africa: Italy, Monaco, Sierra Leone, Hungary, Indonesia

A banana split
 Path D leads to the doughnut

Frank's Riddles
 A sponge
 Your age
 Stairs
 A needle
 A table

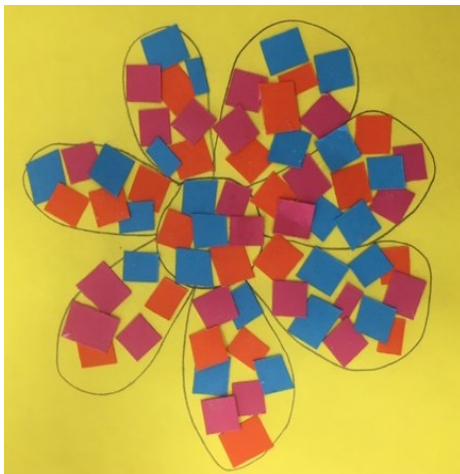
Answers
 Sign Language - Benjamin



Some afternoons at school we do arts and crafts such as making friendship bracelets, mosaic pictures and cross stitch bookmarks.



We have had a go at lots of different crafts and activities. After we have finished our work, we do different activities. My favourite so far has been making friendship bracelets and bookmarks.



Willow (Year 6)

I love being back at school. Even though I can't do lots of things that I like doing, we still have loads of fun. We wash our hands about 10 times a day and our desks have to be cleaned 3 times a day. Our desks are 2 metres away so it feels like we are doing a test! But it is truly wonderful and we do loads of fun things. I can't wait for more pupils to join my class!

Chloe (Year 6)



Life in School

This is just a little of what the Key Worker and Year 6 students in school have been getting up to.

Create a Nation

Last week we created our own nation, including good things, bad things and even made our own language. We made numbers, a flag, and even a national anthem. We designed and created the island on a large A3 sheet of paper and made landmarks and places to visit. Some of us made the island have no cars to stop the spread of pollution. We also made many other laws like you can only use hot air balloons to travel.



Will (Year 6)

Some of the Year 6s in school have been creating posters about hand washing using water colours.



I entered one of the AECC University College Primary Science competitions that Mr Miller put up on Google Classroom.

I entered the Sports Star Challenge because I could choose footballer as my star, I chose the topic 'what athletes do to avoid injury'.

You had to choose a sports star. I started with making a questionnaire and looking on the Internet I found some agents of some players I really liked and sent my questions to them with a letter. I was so pleased when I got an email from Beth Meads agent saying she loved what I was doing and that she had made me a video answering all my questions.

I used Beth's video answers and the answers to the same questions from another player who is semi-professional who was also happy to help. I compared them and did more research about all the details they told me about and what they were. I made a project about it all. I learnt a lot including all the, exercises, muscle testing and treatments professionals have and how they can be different from lower league players. What clubs, and managers do to help players avoid injury and what injuries are most common and some you can't avoid.

I was a winner of the KS2 Sport Star Challenge. I have already used my Amazon Vouchers prize!

Georgie (Year 5)



Raising Dion Review

Raising Dion is a NETFLIX original series and is very good. Its about a kid named Dion who has superpowers. He has to find out how to control them and find the past of his dad. He also has to take down the lightning man (a supernatural figure made of lightning). Dion is next on the list and if he doesn't stop him it could be the end for them all. There is also a team called Biona who tracks the lightning man and also tracks Dion and other people with powers. SPOILER ALERT it turns out that pat Dion's best friend is the lightning man. Season two has also be confirmed but due to the coronavirus it wont be out until next year. I would rate this 10/10 and recommend it to any people who have NETFLIX. This is rated PG.



Theo (Year 8)

Super-Soaker Review

Super soakers are tons of fun but when it comes to getting wet it really isn't. This super soaker sprays water 1 metre away from the position you're standing. It's also a pump action water gun and has loads of water storage.

I rate this super soaker 9/10. I really advise you get one.

Jacob (Year 6)

