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Congratulations to ...

Sarah-Jane Butler (8RJE) and **Guy Miller (8CLT)** who both passed their Grade 5 Theory of Music Examinations.

Happy Birthday

Freddie Andrews 7
Ben Cantelo 7
Robin Hawksley 13
Lucas Jackson-Rose 11
Arthur Jones 8
Kayan Sachdev 9



Daily Messages and Other Videos on YouTube and Vimeo

Do not forget to watch the Headmaster's daily message which he records for the children. They can be viewed on our [YouTube](#) or [Vimeo channels](#) and are also posted onto our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#). These messages are a great way to start each school day.

While you are on the YouTube Channel do not forget to check out the Yateley Manor 'Six Words of Hope' video which was put together over the Christmas holidays. We are sure that it will inspire hope in you.

There are several help videos on our YouTube Channel which will help guide children through [joining a live lesson](#), [using Chat](#), [handing in assignments](#) and [logging into Office 365](#).

This term, assemblies will take place live twice a week. On Tuesdays there will be year group based assemblies and on Thursdays the Headmaster will lead a whole school assembly. These will be available to the children via TEAMS.

Happy New Year & Welcome to Spring 2021

A Happy New Year to all our children, parents and staff and a very warm welcome to the spring term. A particular welcome to our new children and their families and to our new staff members.

We are delighted that the children have again been tackling their remote learning with enthusiasm and commitment. Staff have been working hard to replan their lessons and have been really pleased with the children's response and their attitude to their learning.

We are aware that remote learning is very different from learning in school and that it can be a challenge. It is important that children do not worry and feel that they are welcome to contact their teachers with any concerns.

We know that the children are incredibly supportive of each other and it is lovely to see and hear that the Yateley Manor Community is, as always, working together. We look forward to when we can all be together again.

Living with Hope

Robert Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

We are all experiencing challenging times and are desperately looking for hope. When we think of needing hope we often do so from a position of weakness. For example we indulge in hope when we run out of ideas or alternatives to improve our situation. Hope therefore becomes a means to an end that just might help us get what we want.



For lots of people, hope is about digging deep with the intention of pulling off a miracle. For these people, hope is a fleeting thought that allows them to temporarily feel better about themselves when everything is falling apart. But there is so much more to living a hopeful life than this.

[To read the rest of this article click here.](#)

[To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school](#)

Headmaster's Commendations

English - Poetry Anthology: **Ted Bailey, Ollie Lalondrelle, Dexter Edwards, Jessica Fussey, Anya Sachdev, Archie Sables, Devansh Panda, Thea MacDougall**

Geography - River Project: **Lucas Irwin, George Jacobs, Isabel Arnold, Eloise Macoraghty-Mines**

History - Snow Globe Competition: **Lily Norbury, James Norbury, Eloise Macoraghty-Mines, Joseph Bailey**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Although we are not currently able to have rehearsals for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, we would ask that the cast continue to learn their lines.

As it is likely that we will not be in school until after February half term we may have to move the show to the summer term to make sure that there is adequate rehearsal time.

LAMDA

With the move to remote learning LAMDA is currently on hold. Mrs Brundle, however, would encourage all LAMDA children to keep learning their pieces and to keep practising. When we return to school, she will do all she can to get the LAMDA exams completed by the end of the summer term subject to availability of a LAMDA examiner.

Maths Workshop for Parents of Children in Years 1 and 2

The Maths Workshop for Parents of Children in Years 1 and 2 that was scheduled for the evening of 14th January has been postponed. We will email parents to let them know when we have a new date for this workshop.

YouTube Chess Channel

Andrew Martin, our Director of Chess, FIDE Senior Trainer and International Master has created a [YouTube Channel](#).

It features a number of videos aimed at children and also, from time to time, topical chess videos on a variety of subjects designed for advanced players.

A Look at Life in Years 7 and 8 Meeting and Virtual Teas for Parents of Girls and Boys in Year 5

A repeat of our very popular 'A Look at Life in Years 7 and 8' meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 18th January, and on 21st and 26th January we were due to hold Virtual Teas for parents of children in Year 5.

As these meetings usually offer parents the opportunity to speak with some of our senior pupils we are currently looking into how we will be able to run them during lockdown. We have therefore decided to postpone all three events and we will let parents know when we have been able to reschedule them.

Wellbeing Wednesday

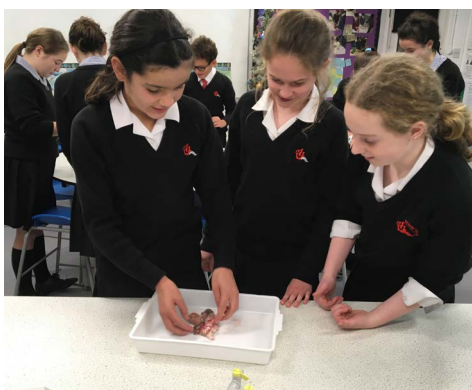
During the first Wellbeing Wednesday of term, Mrs Hayter, gave her first live cookery demonstration on Teams in which she baked Sunshine Muffins. The session was one of several activities on offer to the children during the afternoon and was very well attended by pupils from Pre-Prep upwards.

It is a shame that we could not smell or taste the muffins but they look delicious! For next week's Wellbeing Wednesday Mrs Hayter will be making Green Pea Picnic Time Tarts.



Years 7 & 8 STEM

In their final after school STEM club children from Years 7 and 8 discovered what the different areas of the brain do and how the skull is shaped to protect it. They also carried out a dissection of a lamb's brain during which they were able to identify several different structures.



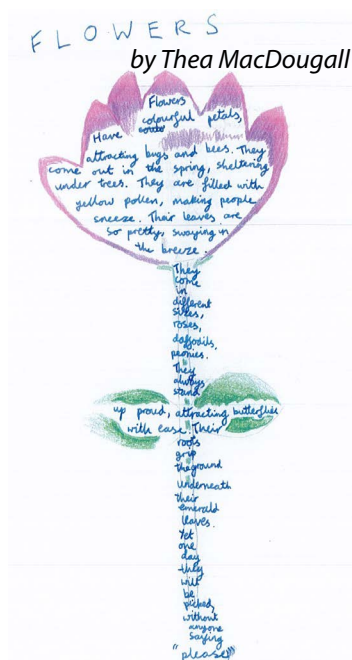
Nursery

The Nursery children have been coming into school as usual. As their specialist Music and French teachers are at home providing lessons for the older children remotely, the Nursery children had their first ever remote learning sessions for these subjects. They loved watching their teachers on the screen and interacting with them and are looking forward to next week.



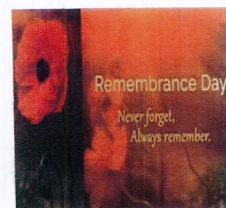
Year 6 Poetry Anthologies

Last term Year 6 investigated different forms of poetry including Haiku, Acrostic, Riddles, Sonnet and Shape poems. They then created their own anthologies with poems of each type in them. Here are some examples of what they created.



Acrostic Poems by Devansh Panda

Remember the soldiers who fought in the war,
Equipped with weapons to fight for us all.
Many souls sacrificed their lives,
Ending the happiness their poor, helpless wives.
Mobs of Nazis stomped around with guns in hand,
Ball of fire crashed on to the land,
Eliminating cities along with their civilians.
Roaring guns that were blazing bullets,
Atrocities unspeakable cut limbs and opened gullets.
No one could forget that memorable speech,
Churchill raised our hopes and dreams.
Ending the war, what a treat, it taught the enemy a lesson.



Seasons by Archie Sables

Seasons are stories, every last one.
Winter of evergreen trees and
Presents stacked under,
Spring comes round with reincarnation,
Summer's full of daisies and dreams,
But Autumn is when the colors come out
Red, orange, brown and yellow.

Seasons are stories, every last one.
Winter comes with Santa and his elves,
Spring comes round and brings some friends,
Rabbits and chicks and all of them come,
Summer is here everyone cheer!

Fun sun,
Slippery slides,
Autumn comes trees go,
Don't worry though,
they'll come home.

Seasons are stories, every last one.
Winter of mammoths and snowball fights,
Spring of life and chocolate eggs,
Summer tells the story of beaches and heat,
Autumn of end of life,
But they'll come back,
Don't worry about that.



Yateley Manor in Winter

Despite it being the middle of winter the school grounds look great in Tristan Morris' latest drone photo which he took on a frosty morning during the recent school holiday.

A huge thank you to the Maintenance team for all their hard work in keeping the buildings and grounds looking so neat and tidy whatever the season.

We are so looking forward to being able to retake this photograph with the fields full of children playing!



Historic Snow Globe Competition

At the end of term, Mr Davis invited children from Year 3 upwards to take part in an historic snow globe competition. They were asked to research an historic event that happened on one of the twelve days of Christmas (25th December - 5th January) and design a snow globe to represent it including no more than five details. They were also asked to explain why they had chosen this event. These four children have all been awarded a Headmaster's Commendation for their snow globe.

December 25th AD 336

The first recorded Christmas celebration was in Rome.

It was in the family home and they had lots of nice food, gave each other lots of presents like dolls, caged birds, and candles.

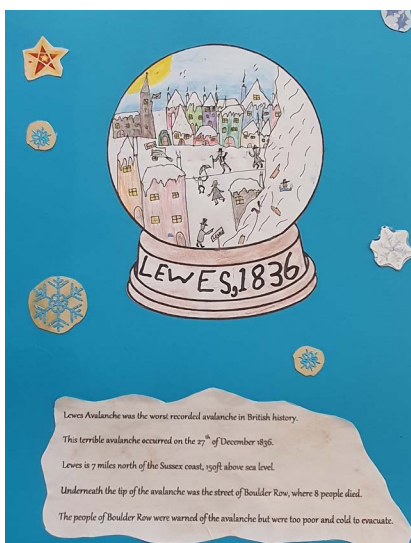
They even decorated trees.



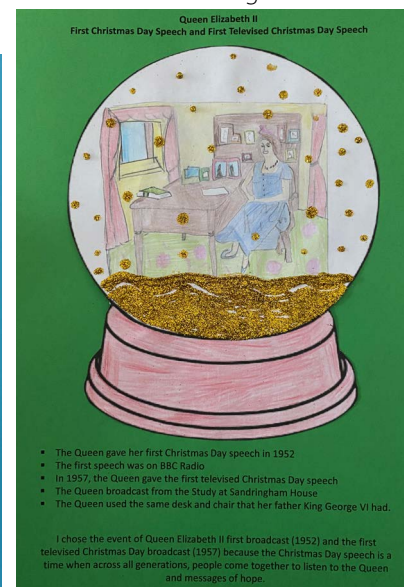
I chose this because:

- I learned about the Romans in year 3.
- They gave to the poor on Christmas Day.
- 1,000s of years later we did the same on Christmas day!

Lily Norbury 4PT



Joseph Bailey



Eloise Macoraghty-Mines

Christmas Day 1914

The area between the two sides' trenches known as 'no mans land', was a grim, ghostly place, pitted with holes from artillery shells and littered with dead bodies.

But, on Christmas Day, 1914 a strange thing happened on the western front...

In some places the fighting stopped, and British and German soldiers met in no man's land. They shook hands and even played football. Then they returned to their trenches and the fighting continued.



I chose this because:

- I like learning about the war, and I love history.
- I also like football.
- They were friends for 1 single day and laughed. They even gave gifts and buried the dead soldiers.
- They took photos so we know it happened.

(Although the Germans won 2-1! ☹)

James Norbury 4SS

Year 7 Textiles

By the end of last term, in Textiles, Year 7 had almost finished their sensory toys for a visually impaired child. Their brief was to use a mixture of hand and sewing machine stitching and to incorporate elements such as texture, smell and sound into their finished products. When we return to school we hope that Laura Ball, Head of Learning Support, will assess the toys while wearing a blindfold and give verbal feedback to the children.

