

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

I spend a fair amount of time during the week talking to teachers and I know that they are as keen to return to school as you are. What we took for granted is no longer available to us. I know that the teachers and assistant teachers are missing the children, or in the case of the Senior School, the students. I know that the children (students) are missing the teachers and assistant teachers.

I seem to remember reading Dodie Smith's 101 Dalmatians many years ago and Pongo, the story's narrator, was, in the opening pages, simply counting his blessings! Perhaps this experience that we are going through will put our problems in a different kind of perspective. Perhaps we will take more time to "smell the roses". Perhaps.

The "Newsletter" as always, provides a range of amazing activities and is a splendid way to finish the week. I hope that you enjoy reading about them.

Investigating Yeast (LIVE!) in Year 6H

On Monday, Year 6 students enjoyed an investigation, carried out online, to see and explore the effects of sugar when mixed with yeast. The students started by having a discussion into Micro-Organisms which led to a question and answer session to see how much they have learnt from the past few weeks away from the normal classroom environment.

Students then suggested ideas of how to set up an investigation to see if adding more sugar to yeast will help yeast to grow faster and then placed plastic gloves, to act like balloons, over jars to watch the process.

They also managed to try out an instantaneous investigation to complete their work with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and enjoyed seeing the action as it unfolded.



(Just look at that reaction!)



Some managed to find all of the ingredients in time for carrying out the investigation whilst others observed and will therefore carry out their own investigations independently later this week.

(Receiving some assistance from a Year 1G Student)

(Carrying out his investigation from Spain!)



(Checking that all of those variables were correct)



This is **Giacomo from 6H** who made this impromptu infomercial this week.

Please click on this link to view video: [please click here...](#)

Mr Richard Hough

4A Being Online: Safety Comes First!

As we come to the end of our third week using Google Classroom, we are finding more and more ways to combat the gloom!

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Lavinia Year 5

Poetry Week in Year 5

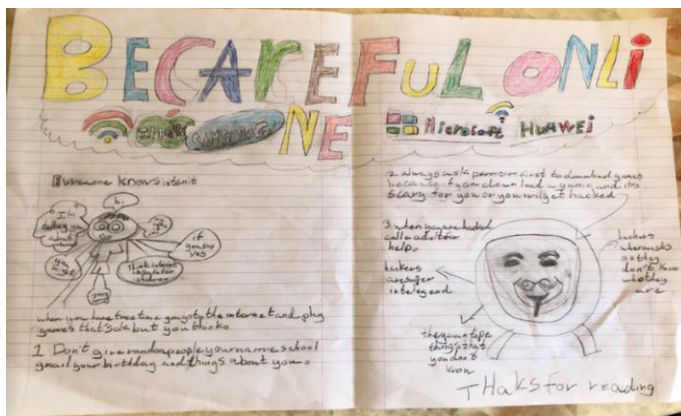
As it has been poetry week in Year 5, we have written poems about how it is to be in these new routines.

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Year 8 French

In the last few lessons, Year 8 students have been learning about special occasions and how to describe them in their French lessons. This has involved reading French texts about special occasions, listening to French people speak about special occasions and learning how to give their opinions about special occasions in French. I am really pleased with the work that they have produced on this topic, a few examples of which are included in this newsletter.

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William

RÉVEILLON DE NOUVEL AN

La Nouvel an est une fête nationale célébrée le premier janvier, le premier jour de la nouvelle année. Le Nouvel An est souvent célébré avec des feux d'artifice, des défilés et les gens réfléchissent à l'année dernière. Les gens regardant vers l'année avenir et à les possibilités. Beaucoup de gens célèbrent le Nouvel An en compagnie de leurs proches.



J'aime cette célébration parce que vous fermez un vieux chapitre de la vie et commencez un nouveau
Habituellement vous comptez
pour le nouvel an.
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-Bonne année!!!



Online P.E. Lesson

Tancredi Lancia Year 3W is keeping fit with the online lesson workout. Well done Tancredi!

Mrs Lucy Delle Fratte, Primary P.E. teacher

Nursery F has begun "Google Meetings"

Miss Luisa Jane and Mrs Sara really enjoyed their meetings, with the 'Fish' Class on Google Meet this week. We've talked to mummies and daddies, been shown rooms and special toys and heard stories in English.

Thank you 'Fishes'. We can't wait till next week. **Mrs Luisa Jane & Mrs Sara**

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Nursery D's Busy Week

The Dolphins have had another busy week. They have been planting beans, making patterns, exercising to 'Just Dance' videos and drawing pictures. Here a few examples of their work.

Mrs Shirley Mrs Tina

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Reception Lions

As usual, this week we have had some fantastic work coming through on the Seesaw platform. Aurora completed the graph and wrote the numbers on her work.

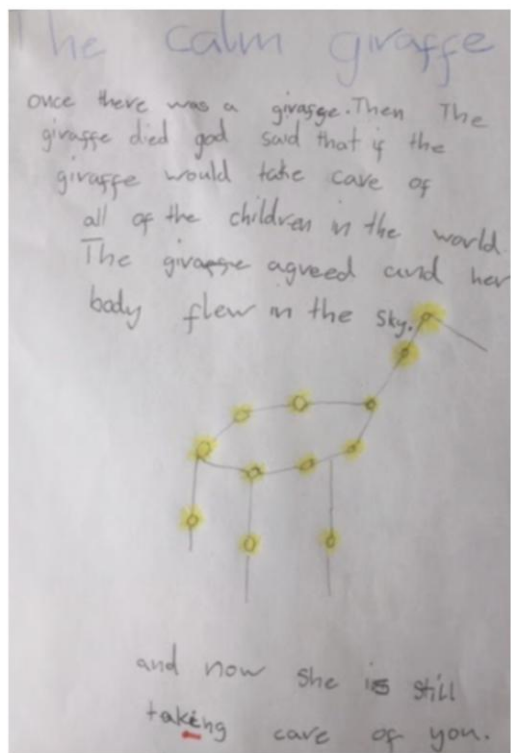
Christian practiced his letter formation skills. Emma is showing her number formation work. Lisa drew a lovely picture about our story video - The Tadpole's Promise, and also sent us a heart. Shuhan did a picture of her week-end news and wrote about it.

Well done to ALL of our Lovely Lions for working so hard, and it was lovely seeing you on Google Meet. See you all next week! **Mrs Lisa and Ms Michela**

[To see all the wonderful work, please click here...](#)



Christian – Letter Formation Skill



Year 2P Science

The Penguins have been looking to the stars this week and learning about constellations in their Science topic of Space. They have shown a real enthusiasm and curiosity throughout this topic and in fact have been going above and beyond to research and learn more. Here you can see how they learned about constellations by shining light through holes they made in constellation templates. Some of the children enjoyed creating their own imaginary constellation and writing a short myth about it! Super work again from all the Penguins who make their teacher proud every day. A continued thanks to the parents who support them during their learning from home.

[To see all of the wonderful work please click here...](#)

Mrs Pierfederici

Lezione di Geografia 3 Elementare

"Nel proseguimento del nostro programma, sono incluse le lezioni di storia e geografia, scienze, ed anche in un momento così difficile, troviamo il modo per confrontarci ed interrogare gli studenti. I ragazzi trovano modi fantasiosi per dimostrare la loro preparazione. Ecco Cesare Romanelli, Year3 3 elementare che ripete la lezione di geografia assegnata. Bravo Cesare!"

Giovanna Atturi, Head of the Italian Elementari & Media Programmes

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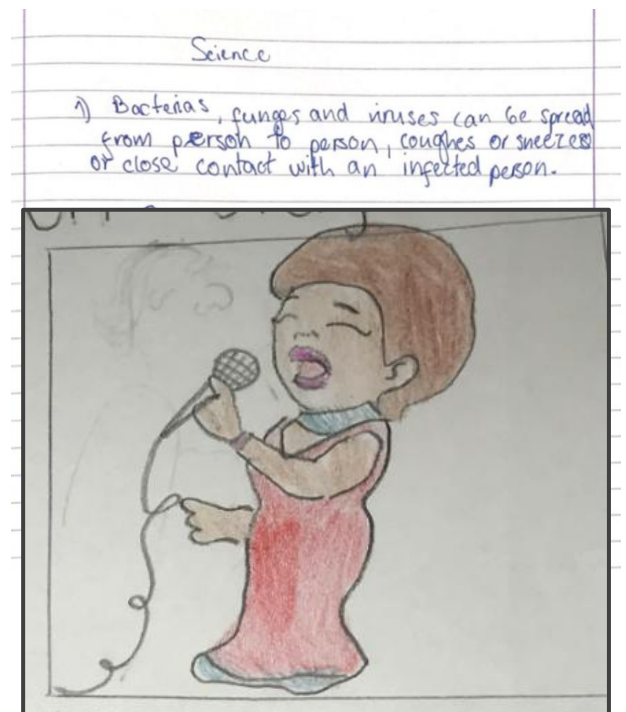


Investigating Microorganisms at Home!

This term, strangely enough, our Year 6 topic has centred around microorganisms, including learning about germs, viruses and bacteria.

Students in Year 6H have been bagging up items from their homes and investigating mould and bacteria growth over the last week.

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Southlands' Live Music Reviews

Recently, senior school students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been competing in a music journalism competition. The aim: Write a review about live performances at the Kennedy Centre by two of soul music's pioneers – Aretha Franklin and Mavis Staples. Congratulations to the three competition winners and two runners up below.

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Making the most out of remote learning

In the run up to the Internal Assessments, Year 13 engaged with thorough revision to ensure things will stick in their head.

During this forced remote teaching, we looked for powerful ways to reach and motivate students to continue working.

The three activities below are just some examples of the students' hard and enthusiastic work, with which they expressed creativity, continued learning and, why not, had fun!



[Emma's presentation click here....](#)

[Angelica's presentation click here...](#)

[Tommaso's presentation click here...](#)

[Ellie's presentation click here...](#)

[Mathilda's presentation click here...](#)

[Nicole's presentation click here...](#)

[Sophia's presentation click here](#)



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Year 13 Modern Foreign Language individual orals

Due to the evolving nature of the situation for schools, the IBDP Language B and ab initio speaking examinations will take place and will be conducted on line from 6th to 9th April this year.

All the Year 13 students will be involved and will follow the instructions given for the individual oral. The IB has created a policy around

conducting remote activities without the need for physical invigilation and all the students have been trained by their teachers in order to follow the assessment procedures.

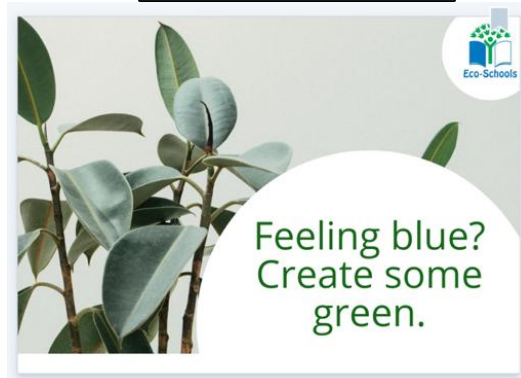
Well done for all the good work done this year and Good luck to the Year 13 students!

Take care! **Florence Mattei, Head of MFL**



Feeling blue? Create some green

Since activity globally has slowed down and fewer people are moving around, the earth has started to thank us. Pollution levels have dropped over Italy, China and the USA and nature and wildlife is starting to craft a new path in what are usually busy cities. There have been reports of clear water in Venice, Dolphins in Cagliari and ducks in the fountains in Rome.



In 5T, we have been using some of our time at home to plant, grow and propagate new life. We had a Google Meet all about plant adaptations and set about germinating and planting our own seeds or allowing for roots to form from cuttings.

If you would like to do the same, please post your examples of plants and nature you have encouraged to our Instagram page:

@southlandsinternationalschool #turnthebluesgreen #southlandsecocouncil

Or send your pictures to our school email address: infor@southlands.it.

Let's see how much new life we can create!

Naomi Taylor

Year 5 Teacher, Eco Schools Coordinator.



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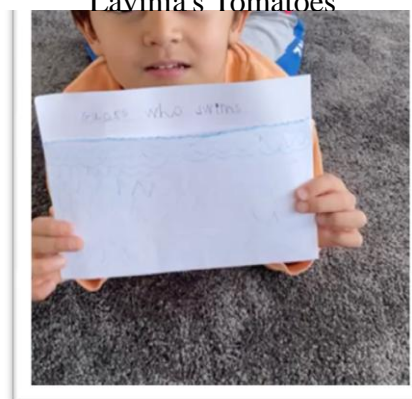


Lavinia's Tomatoes

EAL Primary

"Using English keeps us motivated and entertained".

To view Lourenco's video please click on the link



Mrs Simona Marturano

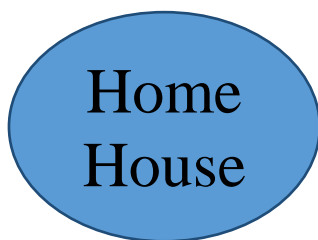
EAL – Try this fun exercise.

How many compound nouns and compound adjectives can you make by combining the words in the middle with the words around them?

work made

wife proud

coming planet



town warming

bound page

sick less grown

Which are nouns and which are adjectives? Use a dictionary to help with the meaning and spelling.

Mrs Sonia Gray, EAL Coordinator

Stuck for things to do?

Over the past few weeks, students and their teachers have been getting to grips with online learning using platforms like Seesaw, Google Classroom and Google Meet, to name just a few, but what about the weekends?

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Juan Year 6H

Dear Parents,

We encourage everyone to stay safe at this challenging time.

Please stay up to date on the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 response and prevention recommendations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> :



Know How it Spreads



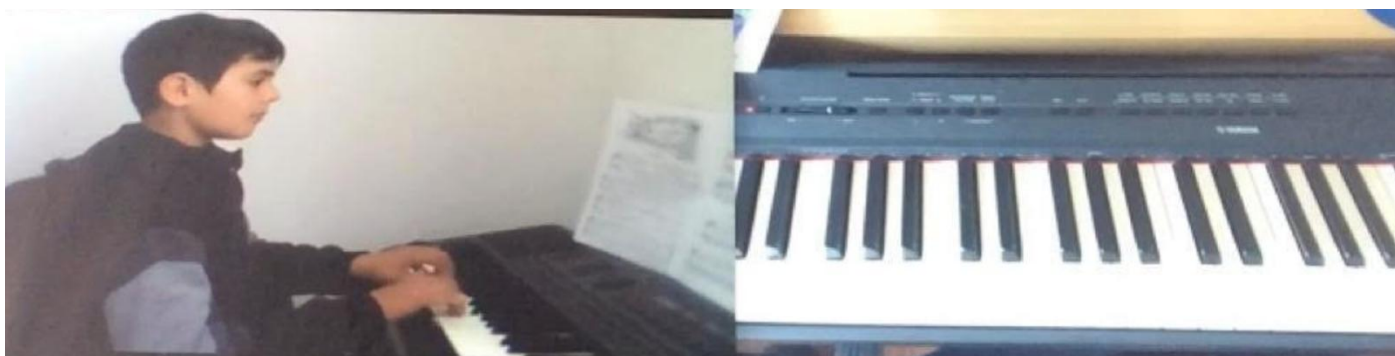
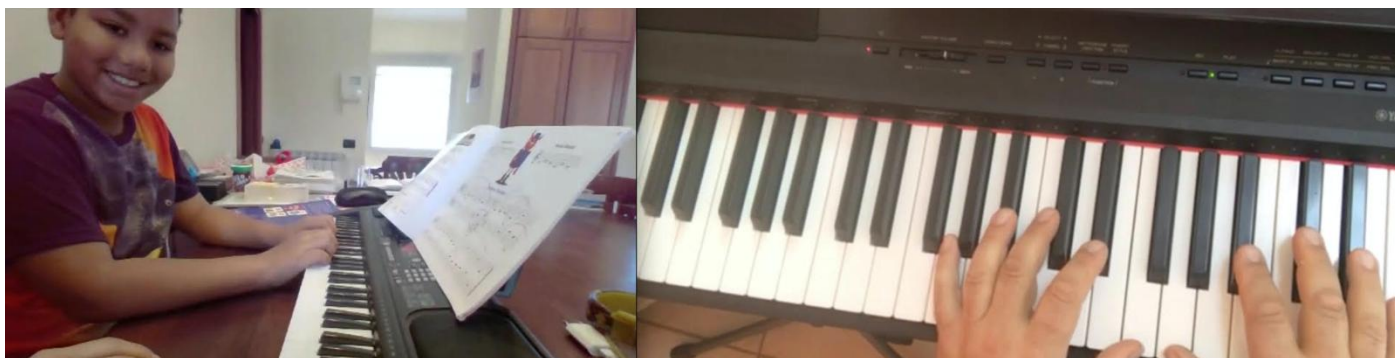
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Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny

Message from Administration

Extra Activities online...

Our online 'Piano Lessons' with Mr Riccardo Manenti have taken off to a great start. Shortly we hope to extend the online extra activities to other courses as well.



Listening Centre via Skype

It is with great pleasure that we would like to inform you that our Listening Centre will continue during school closure. We would like to offer all students and parents the possibility to book a Skype session with the school's psychologist, Dr Anfuso.

The sessions are free of charge and it is possible to book your slot by visiting <https://www.schoolbookings.net/> and using the event code: **sswz5**.

The 20 minutes sessions will be held every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00. Please note that the Skype Address for the session will be provided once your slot has been booked. If you wish to use this service, please contact the School Office and we will follow up with further details.

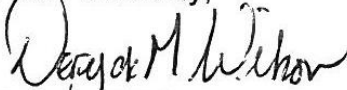
Dates for your Diary

Easter Break Holiday

Friday 10th April – Friday 17th April

Every good wish

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deryck M Wilson', written over the printed name.

Deryck M Wilson
Principal