



Moving the Goalposts

29th January 2021

So, this week we heard that schools would remain closed until March 8th at the earliest. I considered writing the title 'two steps forward, three steps back' – but that might imply that progress is not being made.

It most certainly is and we should all continue to feel collective pride in how we are coping in such difficult circumstances.

In some ways, although the 'goalposts have been moved' – at least we can reset our horizons and replenish our determination with a little more certainty.

Of course, the stretching timescale means that our wellbeing is brought firmly into focus, especially the amount of time spent looking at a screen. With this in mind – our newly titled 'Pause Day' next Thursday will be a welcome respite and hopefully allow that mentioned recharge. More details will follow regarding any materials / resources the boys might need – rest assured we will keep these to a minimum.

We fully expect there to be numerous photos generated by next Thursday's events – so expect a bumper edition newsletter next Friday.

In the meantime please keep on sending us images / messages from home on all sorts of topics – we especially liked this one of a snowman last Sunday wearing his THS colours.





JUNIOR SCHOOL





SENIOR SCHOOL

We enter the second year of the annual 'Build a Favela' in Geography! Devised as an activity to do during lockdown and now part of the Geography curriculum permanently! Who said nothing good ever comes from lockdown? Some fantastic efforts here from the boys in Year 4.





Reviews of the week

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

I really enjoyed this book as it was really exciting and thrilling. I love the bit where Jim Hawkins takes over a boat guarded by a mutinous pirate called Israel Hands. When I got a few pages in my head was sucked into the story, not literally! Some of the speech was quite old fashioned but that made it really interesting. If you like Pirates of the Caribbean (film) and other books about pirates adventures, this is the book for you!

Submitted by Freddie Taylor in Year 5

Time Train to the Blitz by Sophie McKenzie

Definitely deserves 5 stars - best book I've ever read! This shouldn't just be the winner of one award - it should win loads! I recommend this book for ages 7-10. Story...this story is about Scarlett and Joe (brother and sister) finding a time train which sends them to the blitz in world war 2. Their mission is to save a boy from dying trying to save his grandma from a bomb along with their dog Pippy. They travelled through a lot of adventures and there was loads of tension and drama. If you're going to read this book I hope you enjoy it. It is a personal favourite of mine - it is really fantastic.

Submitted by Daniel Earl in Year 4

TYPING'S COOL – SPRING HALF TERM TOUCH TYPING COURSE

Typing's Cool will be running a half term course for 7-16 year olds from Monday 15th – Thursday 18th February 2021.

The course will run at St Luke's Church Hall, 62 Gibbon Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6AB from 10.00am-12.15pm daily. Beginners, improvers and advanced learners are all welcome. The course is OFSTED registered and child care vouchers are accepted. All Government guidelines will be followed to ensure a COVID secure environment. The cost is £160.00 with a 10% sibling/bring a friend/returner discount. Please apply at www.typingscool.co.uk

This week's overall house point winners are .. **Shackleton**
Congratulations!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

