



Back for Good

5th March 2021

The Barlow penned classic proclaims the wishes of all of us – in that we hope our full return next Monday is a permanent arrangement this time!

Including holidays, the time away from school will have been twelve weeks and our collective achievements have been remarkable.

A common theme in Monday assemblies has been the recognition of independence developed in the boys – surely this is the most precious 'commodity' in any young person's life and our enforced closure has promoted truly impressive autonomy in all students.

The teachers have also learnt new skills – in many cases 'on the hoof' – but their commitment to the curriculum has been awe inspiring. Events over the last several weeks should leave no one in any doubt that teaching is vocational!

Lastly, we would like to extend our thanks to parents – not least for your patience. In many cases you have been literally side by side with your sons facilitating the curriculum and hopefully learning some new skills too.

In many ways we should feel closer as a community – the transparency of the online classroom has given some insight into school life that was not possible before. I am sure parents have appreciated the opportunity to have a window into and perhaps glean some of the excitement of what goes on in 'normal' times.

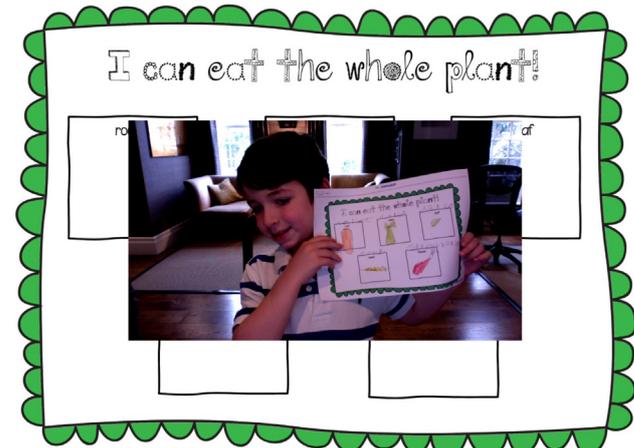
All this said – there is no substitute for the real life experience of a noisy, vibrant and social school. We cannot wait for Monday (we are sure parents and boys can't too) – let's hope we are back for good this time!



Seated figures - art work by Year 7

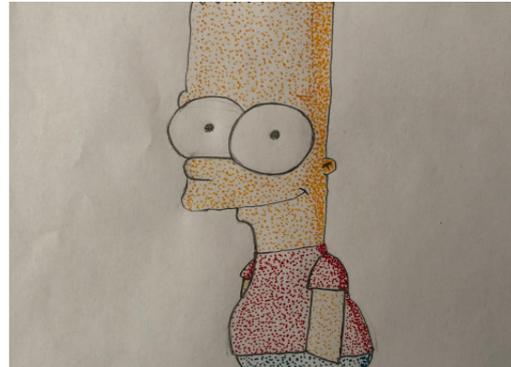


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Year 6 artwork inspired by the artist, George Seurat





Review of the week

The Time Traveller and the Tiger by Tania Unsworth

This book is about a young girl called Elsie who goes to stay with her Uncle John. There she sees a rug made of a dead tiger and this begins a story of how Uncle shot a tiger as a young boy growing up in India and regretted ever since. One day Elsie goes out into his greenhouse and sees The Plant that catches time. This only flowers once in its lifetime. Elsie witnesses the flowering and it magically transports her back in time by 70 years to meet Uncle John in India. Elsie goes on an adventure with John and John's servant Mandeep which results in them protecting many tigers and changing John's future life.

I enjoyed most the part where Elsie and John think they are tracking a tiger but then they realise that the tiger is actually following their footsteps!

I learned about the importance of protecting tigers and wildlife conservation from reading this book. I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventure stories, especially involving animals.

Submitted by Rory in Year 5

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

Have a lovely weekend!