



Ever strengthening bonds

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Princess Diana is rarely quoted but her expression 'Family is the most important thing in the world' should resonate with us all more than ever following the last twelve months in our lives.

Having had the lads back for three weeks we have been canvassing their views and checking on how they are doing mentally. The common answer to the question 'What have you enjoyed most about lockdown?' - has been, rather surprisingly, 'spending more time with my family (and my pets ...)'. Adversity can be empowering. Also, family bonds, although undoubtedly tested at times recently, have been fortified in recent times - without question. The same can be said of the THS staff - changes to the norm and stepping out of our comfort zone has resulted in a tangible camaraderie.

The common theme shared by boys and adults is one of exhaustion - it is fair to say we are 'running on vapours'. Christmas seems like an awfully long time ago and as we approach the second major celebration of the Christian calendar we should all look forward to spending quality time with our families and refuelling ready for the summer term.

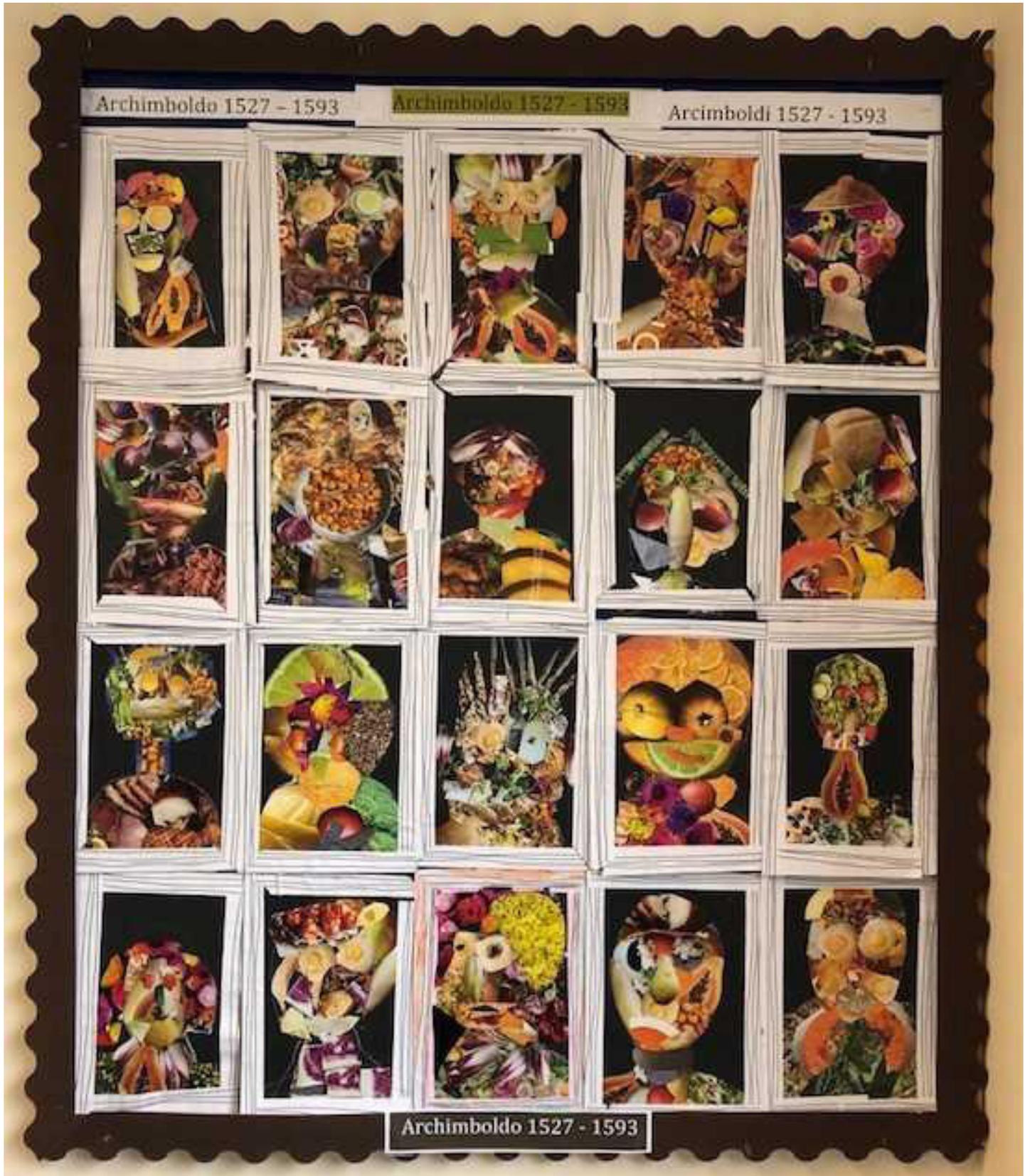
You should have received, by now, letters from Mr Peyton and Mrs Hogan signposting everyone to some

key dates next term - let's keep our fingers firmly crossed that the 'roadmap' allows - we certainly look forward to seeing you all!

In the meantime all at HQ wish everyone a peaceful, recuperative and fun filled break.



Here is an Archimboldo inspired collage produced by Year 3.





Tower House School

Here you can see some cushions which have been created by Year 6 using lino prints. On the right are some elephants which have been made by Year 5 after being inspired by the Elephant Parade project which raises awareness of elephant conservation.



YEAR 2 SCIENCE

In science this term the boys have been learning about materials. We have looked at different materials, where they come from or how they are made, their properties and suitability. Last week, Year 2 experimented with different materials to see which one was best for making a parachute for their Lego men. The boys were given a variety of materials to make their parachutes, made sure all other variables stayed the same and predictions were made before each parachute was tested. It was a fairly windy day but at least the sun was shining. No Lego men were harmed during the experiment!





YEAR 1 SCIENCE

In Y1, we made this really sweet video we would like to share. We made 'stop motion' videos all about how plants grow. This is our science topic this term. The boys had a wonderful time making these, worked really well as a team, and learnt a lot!

Please click [here](#) to see the video



YEAR 5 ENGLISH

Year 5 have just finished their non-fiction writing unit where they covered various types of writing. This is an example of a non-chronological expert report written by Rory.

Hummingbirds

By Rory Wouters

Introduction

No birds are quite as frantic as the Hummingbird. They are so good and skilled at flying that they can hover over one particular place. They can also fly backwards and their wings beat so fast that they are a blur. Their busy body requires a heart that can beat ten times faster than ours and a diet that is completely energy-rich nectar.



How do hummingbirds hover?



Strong muscles and a rapid wing beat plus flexible joints are the reason hummingbirds fly like they do. Unlike other birds, which mainly use the down stroke of their wings to keep them in the air, they also have a powerful upstroke. The down stroke provides lift which keeps the bird in the air and thrust which causes them to go forward. On the downstroke the wings are brought rapidly up and down. As the wings sweep back the upstroke provides an equal push to that of the downstroke. These forces cancel each other out causing the bird to hover.

What do hummingbirds eat?

Hummingbirds eat the sugar in nectar. This supplies them with energy. They need to hover in front of flowers so they can stay still to drink the sweet nectar inside. Hummingbirds' bills vary in length to feed from different kinds of flower. The rest of their diet which is not nectar is made up of small insects. This provides protein that the birds need for growth.





Reception Easter egg hunt!



Well done to the junior school progress and effort winners for this term pictured on the left!

Congratulations also go to this week's WOW and Merit awards who go to:

Y1

WOW: Lockie Robbie

Merit: Archie Cook

Y2

WOW: Wilfred Pitchford

Merit: Peter Elkington



Y3

WOW: Wilfie Hogarth

Merit: Rory Killingley



Junior swimming

We are really excited that our Junior boys will be able to use the new pool at the local Home Guard site for their swimming lessons from now on. We are extremely lucky to have secured this amazing new facility exclusively as no other schools will be able to use it.

The picture shows the fantastic new THS swimming hats that will need to be worn by all boys. They have been sponsored by the amazing new swimming instruction team at SwimWay and all boys will be gifted one at their first swimming lesson next term.

Full details of arrangements to JS parents are in Mrs Hogan's end of term letter.

In the meantime why not make the most of this amazing and very local facility and book your son in for private lessons. info@swimway.co.uk or homeguard@swimway.co.uk



Red Nose Day

Thanks to all your support we managed to raise a fantastic £1039.39 for Comic Relief!



CONTACT DETAILS

Can you please ensure you give any change of address, telephone numbers or contact details to Mrs Markwell in the school office via secretary@thsboys.org.uk Thank you.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Bookings for our summer term clubs will open on Monday morning via our usual website, www.schoolinterviews.co.uk The code required is **rfzq2**



Review of the week:

Young Bond: Shoot to Kill by Steve Cole

I enjoyed that this book had drama, action and surprise all rolled into one. James Bond is caught entwined with a plot that goes way beyond any Hollywood movie. His life is thrown into peril on many occasions. But which one will be his last?

Submitted by Alf B-P in Year 7

Keep reading over the holiday boys!

Congratulations to this term's overall house point champions who are ...

NELSON!



Have a wonderful holiday!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster