



Animal Quackers

During a week when fruitless cricket innings were few and far between (thankfully) - we encountered some different types of duck!

Reception boys (and teachers) have been charmed and mesmerised as they watched part of the life cycles topic being acted out literally in front of their eyes.

On Monday morning we took delivery of five bluish eggs - inside each of which we hoped would be a developing duckling.

Precautionary preambles were given about 'sometimes nature does not always work out' - just in case.....but, by Wednesday all five had hatched and little fluffy characters were waddling around making us all laugh.

The boys have learned all about nurture this week. Life's basic needs such as warmth, food and water have been given and monitored.

Our new guests get to stay with us for another week before they depart for their permanent home - meanwhile a naming competition is already underway!



SUPER SCOOTERS

On Thursday, Year 2 went out onto the freezing cold playground for a Scooter Workshop. All boys had a helmet on to be safe and learnt how to weave in and out of cones, imagining the cones were tree stumps, uneven pavements and dog mess. Another fun activity was gliding as far as they could get with one push and all the boys really enjoyed that. Very importantly, the boys learnt how to do an emergency stop. The boys learnt to be aware of their soundings and not crash into each other by slowing down and they had loads of fun with games to help teach them this. All the boys said the workshop was great and they learnt a lot of useful skills. Miss Hagger said that it was important for the boys to learn these skills to keep everyone safe. They all knew how to scoot but the workshop was important because it taught the boys to think about what they were doing and take that extra bit of time to avoid accidents.

Many thanks to William Howard-Vyse in Year 7 who interviewed Year 2 and Miss Hagger before penning this fantastic write up!



Year 6 is currently working on their pre-1914 poetry unit. We have been looking at form and structure and the boys have been composing their own 'Blackout Poetry'. Here are some examples from Louis Warrillow, Finn Beaumont and Seb Cowley

Louis

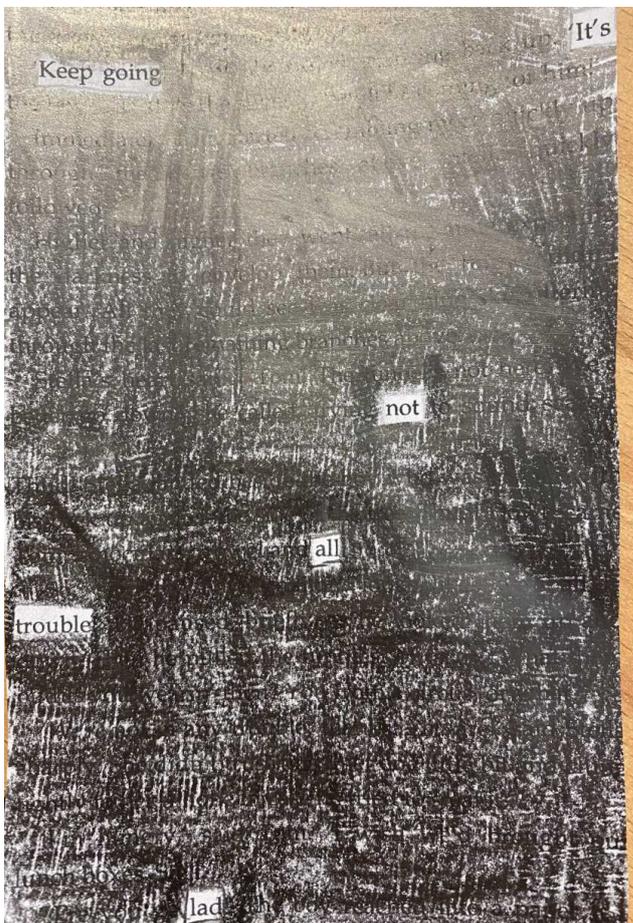
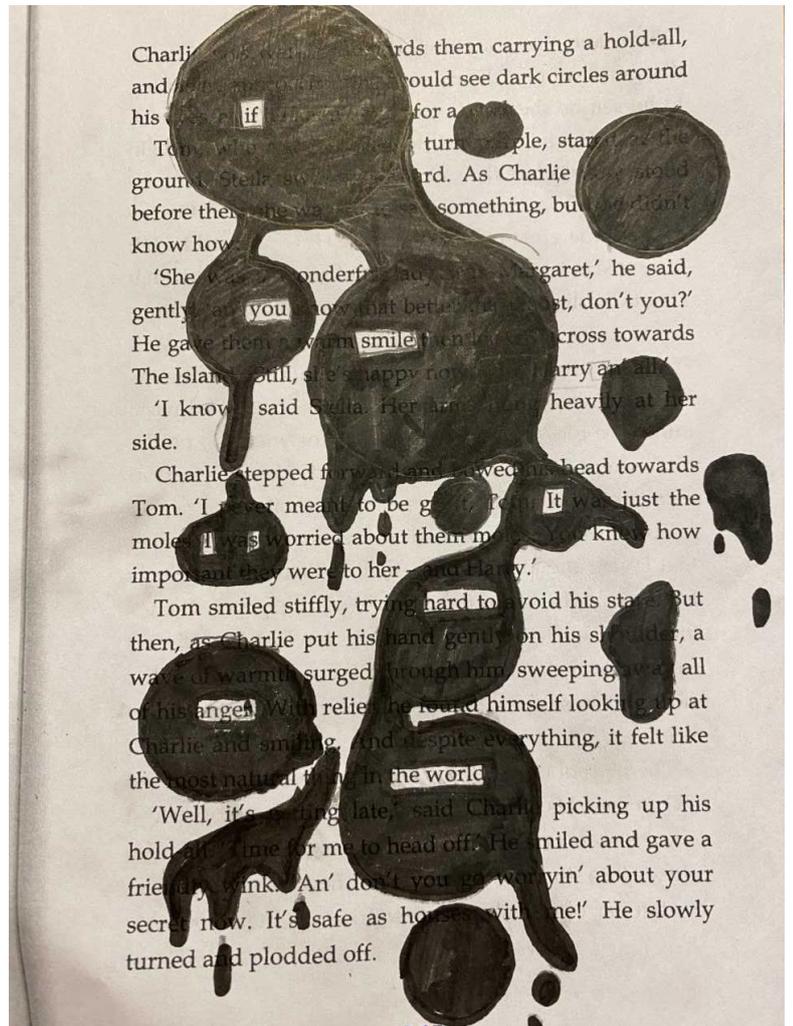
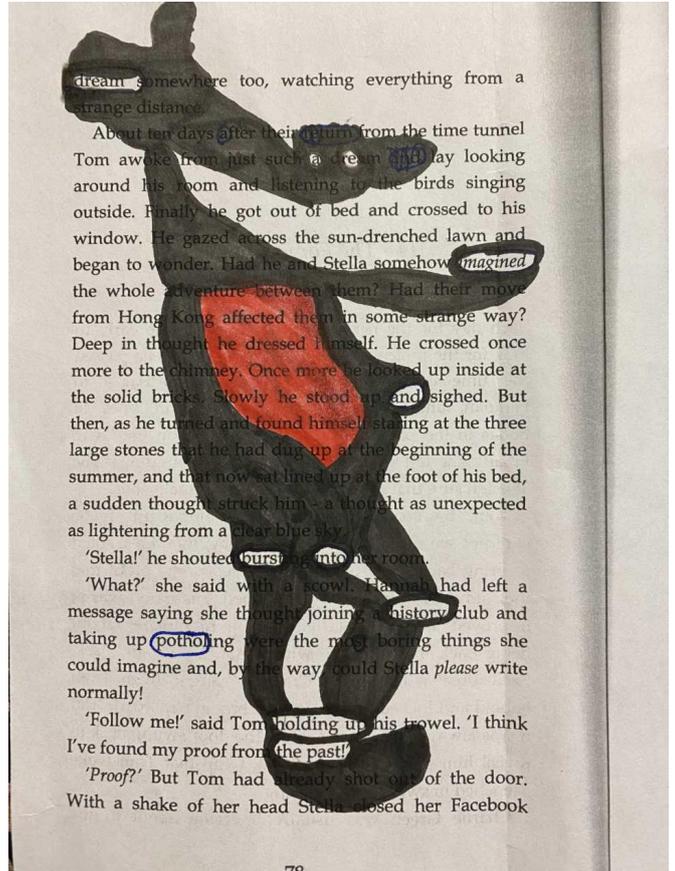
If you smile
It is hard to anger the world.

Finn

Dreams are imagined
and burst into history,
holding up the past.

Seb

It's not all trouble, lad.





ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Grassroots sport continues to get back to some semblance of normality and THS lads are keen to be as active as they possibly can at weekends.

Brothers Wouters and Berry competed in the Crystal Palace duathlon last weekend and gained some fantastic success and experience.

They train with the junior section of Optima Racing Team, one of London's leading triathlon clubs. Hopefully the full triathlon (including the swimming element) will happen soon if restrictions continue to be lifted.





Dear parents,

Showings of last year's intended 2020 school production of 'Space Race' are taking place in half term.

For those of you who don't know, we made it into a film. So if you would like to come to one of the screenings below, please email Mr Geary at geary@thsboys.org.uk with how many tickets you would like and which screening you wish to attend.

The story centres around the race to get into space between the United States and the Soviet Union. There are 79 boys from the 2020 senior school involved in the production.

It might be exciting for boys in the current Year 3 and 4 who may want to take part in the senior school production next year. However, the film is well over two hours long (we will be having two intervals) so we are advising that Year 3 are the youngest children that attend the screenings.

SCREENINGS WITH TICKETS AVAILABLE:

Wednesday 2nd June Evening screening (6.30 - 9.30pm) doors open 6.00pm

Saturday 5th June Matinee screening (1.30 - 4.30pm) doors open 1.00pm

Thank you.

Mr Geary

NOTICES

Cricket results this week.

I am delighted to say we managed to dodge the showers/monsoon rains this week to play all of our scheduled fixtures. Some more really super performances across the school with more wins for the U9s v Surbiton, U10s v St Philips, U11s v Willington and then 1st/2nd/3rd teams v St Philips as well. This really is a fantastic achievement as most boys missed a whole year of cricket last season. Two special mentions this week for two boys who achieved half centuries. Oliver Ross for the 2nd XI and Gabriel El-Guindi for the 1st team had the pleasure of lifting the bat. Very well done gentlemen.

Final week of fixtures next week and we look forward to some more great performances. It has been fantastic to have spectators back this week - thank you for your support - and hope to see plenty more parents on the boundaries for the upcoming games.

Mr Peyton





Fantasy Football - The final chapter 2021

For those keen premiership followers and fantasy football lovers you will know that this Sunday (Super Sunday) is the climax of the 2020-2021 season - far more important and exciting than the fact that Man City have topped the premiership table with plenty in hand - is the epic battle that's been happening at the top of the THS Fantasy Football league. With more teams entering this year than ever, a whopping 55, it's been great to see so many boys and their families getting involved.

On the staff front it is just Mr Orme carrying the hopes of the common room. But the real contest has been between last year's champion Mr Tsang (Charlie Y1 & Jack Y3) and the contender for the crown Mr Yang (William Y1 & Wilson Y4). Well done to both for making it such a fantastically exciting season I'm sure their proud sons have been part of the weekly discussion around who to substitute, captain and sell.

Good luck to all and we look forward to publishing the final results in next week's newsletter.

Mr Peyton

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1	Escape Rooms Kevin Yang	47	2355
2	funkybunch Mark Tsang	61	2353
3	Red Row Rovers * Noel Pollock	41	2289
4	Ziyech's Zappers William Bryan	36	2282
5	RBCool FC Rohan Bhandal	52	2232



Review of the Week

The Recruit : Cherub by Robert Muchamore

I enjoyed that I was privileged enough for my hands to find their way to this spectacular book. I was able to relish all of Robert Muchamore's delightful details in this fantastic read. All 325 pages in this read enraptured me, making me long for more of this thrilling adventure. Luckily there are more books in this series to make me feel dazed by the beauty of this stunning creation.

Submitted by Alf B-P in Year 7

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 24th	-	1st/2nd/3rd v Ibstock (A) Please see team sheet for venue and pick-up	2:30pm
	-	U11 A/B v The Mall (H) Pick up from Sheen Common at 4:30pm or THS at 4:45pm	2:30pm
Tues 25th	-	U9 A/B v The Mall (A) Pick up from THS at 4:45pm	2:30pm
	-	U10 A/B v Ibstock (A) Pick up from Ibstock (Clarence Lane) at 5pm or THS at 5:30pm	3:30pm
Wed 26th	-	1st and 2nd combined XI v The Hall (A) Pick up from THS at 5:15pm	2:15pm
Thur 27th	-	Year 5 York trip parent briefing via WebEx Link for meeting to be sent out next week	5:00pm
	-	Year 6 York trip parent briefing via WebEx Link for meeting to be sent out next week	6:00pm
Fri 28th	-	Seaside themed lunch	

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster