



# THE *Wolfhound* 2021



Making Connections - Shaping Futures



LIMAVADY HIGH SCHOOL



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## Editorial



This time last year when I asked Mr Mornin to write the opening for the Wolfhound 2020, we believed the 2019-2020 school year would be unique. Little did we realise then that we would go through another national lockdown and period of in-home learning in 2020-2021!

Understandably, Covid mitigations made this school year very different from usual. Baserooms, face coverings and copious amounts of sanitising became the norm. Teachers and other staff clocked up many more steps on their Fitbits and we were unable to host many of our traditional school events such as Prize Giving. Nevertheless, the spirit of LHS and our motto of 'Word hard, be kind' continued to permeate throughout the school. Our pupils adapted brilliantly to the many changes asked of them and staff persevered to teach to the very best of their ability.

In-home learning this year allowed us to gain many new skills, some of which we will continue to employ in the years ahead. Suffice to say, it has been a learning curve, but we have all come through it better equipped to deal with the future.

We are eagerly awaiting getting back to normal in September. In the meantime, this is a short overview of what went on in 2020-21. Thanks, as always, go to staff who contributed- and especially to Chris, Dee and Mrs Craig for their assistance with photos. I look forward to cataloguing a full range of activities for the 2021-22 school year.

*S Jack*  
Editor





***'We are all in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat'***

## ***Reflection of the 2020/21 Academic Year***

***Mr D.N. Mornin***

Principal



I remember vividly the 18 March 2020 sitting in a Board of Governors meeting when the First and Deputy First Ministers announced that schools would close from 20 March 2020. None of us would have believed that, over 15 months later, we would all still be in the middle of what has turned out to be such a devastating pandemic. Many of us are now well accustomed to virtual meetings via Zoom or other digital solutions. I attended one recently with the Department of Education when a leading academic said, "We are all in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat." This really struck a chord with me and challenged me about how we all have or indeed haven't been impacted directly by COVID-19. Many families within the local community have been devastated by losing loved ones, others are still struggling with the after effects of having COVID-19 and some have been fortunate to escape any direct impact at all. We have all had to adjust our daily routines to include one-way systems, regular handwashing/sanitising, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. We have also missed seeing our family and friends and travelling to foreign countries.

This academic year has been very tough for everyone. The expectations being placed on teachers, pupils and indeed parents to support learning in the midst of this pandemic, with their own personal concerns, difficulties and complications, have inevitably taken their toll. What has this pandemic really taught us about the community, indeed the world, we live in? On reflection, I feel it has highlighted the importance of science and how when people work together in a collaborative way things can get done a lot faster. The importance of public health and the realisation of the lack of investment in our Health and Social Care system has been brought to the forefront. The COVID-19 pandemic has unveiled a community of unsung heroes who put themselves forward to support the most vulnerable in our community and it has made apparent how quickly people, and indeed our children, can adapt to change.

I have to say I have been so proud of the efforts of everyone in the school community to ensure that the impact on our pupils' education during this academic year has been very limited. The staff at Limavady High School, in my view, have been second to none. They have shown that they are flexible, adaptable and always looking to find ways to make the best out of a bad situation or make a great situation even better. The speed in which they embraced the challenge, learnt how to effectively use the technology available, adapted their pedagogy, managed their own home responsibilities and supported their pupils and colleagues, is nothing short of amazing. They have also had to adjust to allocating Teachers Professional Judgements and Centre Determined Grades for our Year 12, 13 and 14 pupils. I want to thank each and every one of the teaching staff for their diligence, professionalism and integrity when it came to awarding grades which were reflective of our pupils ability. This pandemic has also highlighted the important role the school plays in supporting the young people in our community. As well as providing stability, routine and consistency to many young people, school supports their mental health by providing a positive connection with trusted adults such as their teachers and pastoral leaders.

I continue to be so impressed by the resilience and determination shown by our pupils during the pandemic. This has been the most difficult time for them and their school experience with 'class bubbles', zones etc has not been what we would have hoped for. They have shown how they can adapt to the new practices and procedures along with the challenge of in-home learning. They have shown the ability to be independent and motivated learners. The pupils in key examination years have been outstanding in their patience whilst waiting on the examining bodies to announce how grades would be awarded. It was very disappointing that we didn't get to have our annual Year 12 and Sixth Form formals and the end of year celebration with our Year 12 pupils. Whilst many of our Year 12s are returning to Sixth Form, some, along



with our Year 14s, will be moving onto further/higher education, gap years or into the world of work. As a school, we wish them every success in the future and reassure them that their school will always be there for them if and when required.

This pandemic put in sharp focus the very important and central role that parents and families have in supporting their child's learning. The ability and commitment of our parents and how quickly they were able to adapt to the expectations of in-home learning was outstanding. The staff also appreciated the kind messages received on a daily basis and indeed the gifts received. These acts of kindness really did lift our spirits.

Amidst all of challenges during the year we, as a school, were celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Limavady County Secondary Intermediate School, as it was then known, first opened its doors to pupils in September 1961 although the official opening ceremony, which was performed by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Brookeborough, who was then the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, did not take place until Thursday, 3 May 1962. Some three hundred pupils enrolled in the first year and in 2021 we are now close to eight hundred pupils. The school funded a 60th Anniversary film which will be launched at the start of the new academic year. There was also a trip down memory lane with a special exhibition at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre. We unveiled our new 'leap of the dog' statue by local artist Mr David Rosborough and also buried a time capsule. We also had the pleasure to welcome the Mayor of the Causeway Coast and Glens who presented a gift on behalf of the council. Whilst some events had to be postponed due to the pandemic, we will be holding these in the new academic year. I would like to put on record my thanks to JKC BMW, Coleraine who were our main sponsor throughout the year.

As a school we are very fortunate to have the unwavering support of our PTA who continued to meet via Zoom and secured funding from the Causeway Coast and Glens to deliver food hampers to families, Facebook portals to local care homes and family fitness classes.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our annual prize day due to restrictions. This was very disappointing for us all especially in a year when our pupils excelled once again. 95% of our pupils achieved five or more GCSE passes at A\*-C grades, this is 17% above the Northern Ireland Average for like schools. We also had a further 8% increase on the previous year with 60% of pupils achieving 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics. This again is 8% above the Northern Ireland Average for like schools. Some notable results included Miriam Whyte who achieved 4A\*s, 4As and 1B, Emma Cochrane who gained 3A\*s, 5As and 1B and Robyn McNerlin who was awarded 2A\*s, 3As, 4Bs and 1C\*.

At 'A' level, the cohort excelled themselves with the best set of results achieved in a long time with 85.7% achieving 3A\*-C grades which is 28.5% above the Northern Ireland Average for like schools. Some notable results included Clarissa Bell who achieved 2A\*s and 1A. Shannon Conn achieved 2 Distinction\* and 1 Distinction and Chloe Martin who achieved 2 Distinction\* and 1B.

This academic year saw the start of the new multi-million-pound Shared Campus with Woodvale Construction. This has been a long journey for everyone involved. Back in July 2014 the Minister of Education announced the Shared Education Campuses Programme. The Limavady Partnership (SERV) Sharing Education in the Roe Valley applied for Shared Facilities with the aim of building a new STEM centre, Sixth Form centre and Careers Hub which both schools and the wider community could utilise. The Shared Campus affords the opportunity for building on the success of previous collaborative work with teachers, students, parents and the wider community. The SERV programme has been in existence for over 40 years with its origins dating back to the 1970s. The partnership has been working extremely hard over the past number of years across a number of different workstreams from Project Team meetings, Project Board meetings and Shared Education strategic meetings with the Education Authority, CCMS and the Department. The buildings should be completed by April 2023 with all pupils enjoying state of the art facilities.

At the end of each academic year we get the opportunity to thank staff for their many years of service. This year is no exception and I want to wish Mrs Loughery health and happiness in the future and thank her for the many years of service and dedication to the school and its pupils. I also want to thank Mr Quinn for his dedication in the Mathematics department whilst covering for Mrs Doak.

Duncan Muguku, a businessman from the United States of America is quoted as saying, "Challenges make you stronger and strengthen your ability to face and conquer more adversity in the future; you become more confident from overcoming more difficulties". There is no doubt that the 2020/21 academic year will go down as one of the most challenging years in our history. I do believe, however, that we should be proud of what we have achieved this year. The Limavady High School family has shown how we care, nurture, encourage and support one another which has helped us to face the adversity and deal with the challenges together.

Let's hope that the 2021/22 academic year will permit us to learn from our experience and return to some resemblance of normality.





# hello

**Ms Allen** English

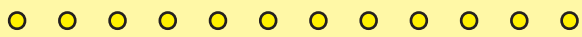


Limavady High School is renowned for its family ethos and, since my appointment as English teacher, I have felt privileged to be included in this; family is at the heart of everything I do and every decision I make. This is one of the reasons I was delighted to be appointed at LHS when my family and I made the decision to relocate back to Northern Ireland, after I taught in England for over ten years.

This academic year has been unlike any other we have ever experienced; nevertheless, I have been so impressed by our students' ability to adapt and I have been proud to observe how resilient they have been despite the disruption to their day-to-day education. LHS students have faced every challenge with inimitable humour and determination, and I feel blessed to be part of this unique period of our shared history.

We all hope that the 2021-2022 academic year provides us with the opportunity to reset and re-establish the high expectations we have for our students. In particular, I am excited to support my fantastic form class through to their Key Stage 4 studies and take on the role of Head of Key Stage 3 English.

In between these times I will enjoy spending time and going on adventures with my family: my two children and our crazy cockapoo 'Teddy.'



## Miss Stewart HE

Hi, my name is Miss Stewart and I was given the fantastic opportunity of joining the Home Economics team at Limavady High School in February 2020. Fresh out of my PGCE, which I completed at Liverpool Hope University, I feel very privileged to have been giving this opportunity.

The H.E department have been wonderful, and it has been a pleasure to teach the subject. Staff and students alike at Limavady High School have been so welcoming and coming to work here has been a real pleasure.

Outside of school, I also bake bespoke cakes and cupcakes for special occasions. Then, although it can be limited, in my free time, I love going for walks, going out for coffee and exploring new places. I am also very partial to a holiday but unfortunately Covid has put an end to that... for now!

A bit more about me:  
My favourite food is chocolate.  
My favourite hobby is baking.  
My favourite colour is blue.



## Mr Quinn Maths



As a recently qualified teacher, I spent my first year teaching in Strabane. After a year there, I wanted to explore new opportunities in different schools and meet new people. The idea of moving to a whole new school, not knowing anyone, or the local area, was quite daunting. Nonetheless, those fears and worries were soon put to rest when I arrived at Limavady High School in August 2020. The staff were so friendly, welcoming and showed a strong willingness to support me throughout my time here. The pupils were very inviting and accepted me into the Limavady High School family as their new Maths teacher.

Over the past year, I have gained so many memories with the lovely staff and pupils which I'll never forget. I hope to be invited back to the Limavady High School family next year to rekindle those great relationships I have developed with so many people here.

## Mr Linton Learning Support and RE

Hi, my name is Mr Linton and I had the privilege of joining Limavady High School in August 2020, teaching Learning Support, Religious Studies and Learning for Life & Work. Starting a new job in the midst of a global pandemic for most is probably a difficult task, but the staff and students made me feel extremely welcome despite difficult circumstances - for this I will be forever grateful. This school is truly at the heart of the local community; personally I have had the pleasure of delivering hampers with Mr Dallas, seeing my form class raise £1000 for Marie Curie and watching how the school secured funds to loan a large number of Chromebooks to students during the lockdown. It is safe to say I have enjoyed every single day since joining the team!

During my free time, I enjoy playing football and golf, walking my dog Benny and spending valuable time with my family. Since lockdown, I have missed the trips to the cinema and going out for the odd bite to eat. I promised to my family I won't be as tight when they re-open and I will go out more often for food!

I am a passionate teacher who thrives on challenge and seeing students excel in and outside of the classroom. I get a great sense of satisfaction when I see young people achieve their goals, and sometimes realise they can do things they initially deemed impossible. I hope I give the students energy and confidence to aim high, and always pursue their goals. Your attitude determines your direction - I hope all students who pass through my class remember this quote.







# goodbyes

## Mrs Loughery

This year we are saying Farewell to Mrs Loughery, who is closing her teaching planner after more than twenty years in the classroom. Mrs Loughery moved to Limavady High School when it amalgamated with Dungiven High School in 2002. Soon after, she assumed the role of Head of the Drama department and it is in this role that she directed a large number of very popular High school productions. Mrs Loughery also took on the task of introducing Moving Image to the school in 2006. She also became Head of Year

before moving to Head of Sixth Form. Having had the privilege of working with Mrs Loughery over the past 16 years, I know her to be dedicated and energetic, with a great passion for her subject areas. Although Mrs Loughery is saying Goodbye to teaching, she has exciting plans for the years to come. She will be sorely missed by her departmental colleagues and friends across the staff and we wish her every good health and happiness for the future.

Mrs Jack



## LEAVING LHS

I'm a bit surprised this day has, actually, arrived! Time to put finger to keyboard and say my farewells...I'll keep it brief!

I really have loved working in this school and will consider myself forever blessed that I was given the opportunity to be Head of Drama/Moving Image, even though I started out teaching English! That was at Dungiven High School, where I also taught PE and Music! Still not quite sure how I got away with the latter! Couldn't play an instrument but I had rhythm! (I actually said that in my interview!)

After the amalgamation with LHS, I found myself part of the English Dept. I remember the first departmental meeting, looking round the table...Miss Miller, Mrs Cartwright, Miss Morrison! Terrifying! Thankfully, for them, my time there was brief, as I moved on to run the Drama Dept. I was the sole drama teacher and taught every pupil at KS3! The minute I started, I knew I'd found what I was supposed to be doing. I loved it, most of the pupils loved it and GCSE and A level thrived!

With the Specialism, new challenges came and with it many great memories. Moving Image Arts was

introduced – a brand new A level film studies course that I was lucky enough to be a part of from the beginning. Although a steep learning curve, it was and still is, brilliant to teach and is offered to our partner schools, St Mary's and Limavady Grammar. That, alongside A level Performing Arts, and Art saw LHS flourishing in the visual and creative arts. I owe past principals Glenn Reilly and David Dunlop a huge thank you for allowing me to be a part of such an important part of our school's history. Several of our pupils continue to go on to complete Arts subjects at University/college and work in the Arts industry.

Head of Year and then, specifically, Sixth Year came my way. Somebody advised me, "Don't do it!" but I'm so glad I did! It gave me the opportunity to come alongside pupils in a different capacity and to work with, and hopefully support them, in a pastoral role.



I can honestly say that some of the conversations I had with individuals will stay with me. They allowed me much more insight into the privileged role that a teacher has. I learned a lot from my pupils!

The pupils are what school is all about. Without you, it would be VERY quiet (not always a bad thing!). There are too many for me to mention individually, but you know who you are. From the Year 8s who came to Drama Club and went right on to A level, every GCSE and A level class...thank you for the many laughs and sleepless nights you gave me!

To those who were on the school trips – France, Barcelona and New York – you were brilliant, except in the middle of the night! Mr Dallas, you were very bad, sometimes!

The school shows! I still can't believe I was allowed to produce so many without getting found out! Talk about blagging it, in the beginning. I think they were just grateful I didn't go running for the hills after the first show, like most of my predecessors! Seriously, they remain the absolute highlight of my time at LHS. So many brilliant, committed (mostly!) hard working and funny pupils that I am SO proud of. The staff that had

their arms twisted to take part weren't bad either. The comedy duo of Mr Dallas and Miss McVea will remain legendary! Thanks to you all!

To any pupil reading this, whatever you want to do, go for it. I started off working in a shirt factory, knowing it wasn't for me (I can't sew!) and ended up working with the best pupils and staff in the best role EVER! Don't stop until you find your thing!

I can't sign off without thanking the staff, who are second to none in terms of enthusiasm, professionalism and sheer work ethic. Ian and his team, canteen staff (love that cracknell!), the office staff, the classroom assistants, Dee and Chris, the teaching staff, Mr Mornin and the Senior Management Team.

A special mention to Mrs Ruth Hylands and Mrs Susan Jack for your many years of friendship and support. I couldn't have asked for a better team!

Finally, thank you to my three special girls, Mrs Michelle Watkin, Miss Karen Morrison and Mrs Rosie Allison... you're simply the best!

Break a leg, everyone!

Mrs Loughery

## Miss Knipe



In December we said a sad farewell to a member of our Classroom Assistant Team. We will miss Miss Knipe's enthusiasm and happy outlook. We wish her all the best in her future.

## Mrs Morrow



At the start of September Mr. Mornin and Mrs Kingston presented a gift to mark the retirement of one of our longest serving classroom assistants, Mrs Ruth Morrow. The entire school community wish Ruth many years of health and happiness as she enters this new exciting chapter of her life.



**Mrs S Armstrong****Miss L Winton****Mrs M Doherty****Miss E Angus**

We would also like to thank Mrs S Armstrong, Miss L Winton, Mrs M Doherty and Miss E Angus for their contributions to the Classroom Assistant team this year. Their hard work and dedication to our pupils is much appreciated.

## Mrs Connell



At the end of March we said goodbye to a valued member of our Classroom Assistant team, Emma Connell, who has been with us since 2015. We wish her every success in her future

## Jacqueline Hamilton



Limavady High School recently said farewell to Lunchtime Supervisor, Jacqueline Hamilton, after 30 years of service. We would like to thank Jacqueline for her years of service to Limavady High School and we wish her health and happiness on her retirement.

## Vanessa

Before Christmas Mr Mornin, Lynne and Hilda said goodbye to Vanessa.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us working at reception and wish her well for the future.



## A farewell message from our Head Girl

Looking back at the last 7 years, it's hard to believe that my time at Limavady High is coming to end. It feels like yesterday when I walked through the doors as a shy girl and now I am now leaving a confident young lady. The last 7 years are filled with many memories that I will never forget. I never in a million years expected to get the role as Head Girl, it was such a privilege to be selected.

When I think back on the past 7 years I instantly remember my sporting achievements from Year 8 to Year 12; from getting the Junior champion and Swimmer of the Year in Year 8 to receiving the Fair Play award in Year 11 and Netball Player of the Year 3 times!! Another achievement that I will never forget is completing my Bronze and Silver Duke of Ed. It taught me personal responsibility, teamwork and confidence and much more that I can use in everyday life. When life returns to normal, I hope to complete my Gold Duke of Edinburgh which I am really looking forward to.

Although my duties as Head Girl were very limited this year due to the pandemic, I really enjoyed those that I was given. My first and favourite duty was laying the wreath on Remembrance Sunday with Head Boy Jacob, Mr Mornin and Mrs Rosborough. It was extremely special as I was wearing a badge that represented my Great Uncle Sam who served in World War Two.

It's hard to believe that after so many years of hearing about the Shared Campus, it's finally being created. To mark this special occasion, the Education Minister Peter Weir and BBC reporter Robbie Meredith came to the school and I was interviewed with another pupil from St.Mary's. This interview was televised and I got my five minutes of fame!

To mark the 60th year of Limavady High School, the town hall put on an exhibition to celebrate. I had the privilege at this time to meet the Mayor of the Causeway Coast and Glens, Alderman Mark Fielding.

I also took part in School Council and, although we couldn't meet in person, it took place over zoom. It was great to see pupils from all years being able to voice their opinions and ideas that can be implemented into the school in the years to come.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff at Limavady High for making my time at school so memorable. I would especially like to thank my GCSE and A level subject teachers for all their help over the



last 4 years. Without their help I don't think I could have achieved such good results that I am proud of. I would like to thank my A level teachers for all their support over the past 2 years, especially during the periods of online schooling. A special thanks goes to Mrs McCartney who, through this very difficult year, was always checking up and asking how we were getting on with our school work and also making sure that we knew that she was there to help. Most importantly, for making me laugh during these strange times especially in the mornings (which isn't easy to do!) I know I speak on behalf of all the Year 14 when I say, Thank you so much for your help over the past year, we really appreciate it.

Although the past two years is not what anyone expected, Year 14 really appreciate all the help we have received. We are so thankful that we got to celebrate Leavers together with a fantastic barbeque and waterfight. Not only a waterfight but eggs and flour were thrown... most of which seemed to end up on me!

My time as Head Girl has been one of the most memorable and incredible experiences, one which I will never forget. I am so thankful to Mr Mornin and his Leadership Team for the opportunity to be Head Girl. A massive thankyou to Jacob, our Head Boy, and our deputies, Morgan, Laura, Jacob and Conor, for their help over the past year. Finally, I would like to wish the incoming Head Girl Emily and the incoming Head Boy Steven, as well as their deputies Megan and Joshua, all the best for the next year and hope that they will enjoy their time just as much as I did. The last piece of advice that I would like to give as Head Girl to the new Head Boy/ Girl and their deputies is to remember our school motto - "Work hard and be Kind."

**Leah Craig**





## A farewell message from our Head Boy

It's strange to think that I've now reached the end of the road in regard to my time at Limavady High school. The past 7 years, although some days it feels like 70, have taught me a lot, not only about myself, but about what it means to "grow up" - though some might say I'm still struggling with that last part. My time at the High has definitely shaped me into a more self-assured person and has given me experiences that I could get nowhere else. It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child, but a school in the enigmatic town of Limavady has hopefully done the trick in my case. Henceforth, I write this hopefully as a positive reflection of a place that has done right by me.

The thing I'm most thankful for during in my time at school is the cast of characters and personalities I've met along my way. From pupils to teachers to cleaners and everyone in between that forms the backbone of the school I thank you - Limavady High School would not be what it is without you and I would not have so many memories of laughing rigorously at your antics. After over half a decade I know the school like the back of my hand and every corridor or staircase, or classroom holds fond memories. The sights and smells (though not always good ones!) of the building will forever be ingrained in my mind as they have been the catalyst to many positive experiences in my life. If those walls could talk, they'd probably say something Limavady like such as, "Would youns weans stop carrying on!" and I'd not have it any other way!

During my time at LHS I've been there, done that and got the t-shirt (or yellow stripe in my case.) From being a part of Mr Dallas' illustrious Male choir that stole the show at Drenagh on several occasions, to playing rugby under the guidance of the rural Rory Best in Mr McConnell, I've had my fair share of experiences. I have fond memories of doing Duke of Ed and touring sunny Berlin, as well as a variety of other things such as helping out on Open Nights.

Academically my success is not my own, as the devotion of several members of staff helped achieve success I never thought possible. My GCSE years were probably my favourite at school as they were pre-pandemic times when wearing a face mask was something only a bank robber did. Particularly, I'd like to thank my form teacher at GCSE, Mrs Keown, who went above and beyond for me during those years, though it seemed China was more appealing than the cultural melting pot that is Limavady! At A level I studied History, Geography and English literature. Mr Young's sarcastic sayings formed the soundtrack to my historical endeavours but guess who has two



thumbs and is actually quite a good teacher! David Attenborough's number 1 fan, Mr McCarry helped make Geography an enjoyable subject and I'll always thank the English department for making the Wife of Bath and Shakespeare understandable.

My time as Head Boy, while lacking in duties due to Covid-19, has been enjoyable. I've never really felt like I was the right man for the job, although I do make the blazer look good! However, the reassurance of the school helped me to see that I could rise to the occasion. My Sixth Form years have been not as full as I would have liked because of Covid, however I'd like to say thank you to my Head of Year, Mrs McCartney, for always being there to help and question my dodgy sleep schedule! Most people, when they write this, tend to say they dreaded giving the infamous prize day speech. Obviously we missed out on the chance to do it, however I would've liked to as talking continuously is a favourite past time of mine, if I did it it would probably be the best in the world. However, the few duties that I did do I'm thankful for.

Before I finish, I'd like to thank the deputy heads, especially Jacob Meenagh who has been my stunt double on occasion and the whole Senior Prefect team as well as Mr Mornin and the Senior Leadership Team in school. I know I've not been easy to deal with at times but thank you for the opportunity, I really appreciate it. Our Head girl Leah also deserves a thank you as, admittedly, you've been better in this role than me and I appreciate your hard work. Also, to next year's yellow stripe enthusiasts Steven and Emily and their team, hopefully you get to achieve all you want in the role and that your tenure is not marred by Covid-19. Good luck! Finally to everyone in my year group, if you're reading this, I wish you every success in the future, no matter what path you walk. Remember, "Success isn't the result of arrogance, it's the result of belief."-Conor McGregor.

**Jacob Coyle**



**Jacob Coyle & Leah Craig 2020/2021**



**Steven Patterson & Emily Carton 2021/2022**



2021/2022

At the beginning of May we held interviews for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl for 2021/2022.

The pupils had to complete a presentation on why they were suitable for the role and suggest a new initiative that we could run to improve Limavady High school. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils that were interviewed and they should all be very proud of themselves. We are pleased to announce:

**Head Boy 2021/22:** Steven Paterson  
**Deputy Head Boy 2021/22:** Joshua McKeever  
**Head Girl 2021/22:** Emily Carton  
**Deputy Head Girl 2021/22:** Megan Milligan  
**Senior Prefects 2021/22:** Bo Anderson, Robyn McNerlin, Charlyze Wilson Cartwright





**Head Girl**  
Leah Craig  
**Head Boy**  
Jacob Coyle



**YEAR 8**  
Annie Corner  
Tyler Brown



**YEAR 9**  
Alex McMichael  
Fiona Alsevska



**YEAR 10**  
Nicholas Millar  
Olivia Harper



**YEAR 11**  
Amella Sinclair  
Dylan Jackson



**YEAR 12**  
Kori Donaghy  
Owen McClenaghan



**YEAR 13**  
Jack Mahoney  
**YEAR 14**  
Charleigh Carrig







Mr D N Mornin  
Principal



Mrs S Rosborough  
VP - Curriculum



Miss L Fisher  
VP - Pastoral



Mrs H Kingston  
Learning Support  
Co-ordinator



Mrs J Calvin  
CAREERS

# SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



# MATHS

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Miss K McDowell  
Head of Department



Miss H Kennedy  
Head of Year 12



Mrs S Rosborough  
VP - Curriculum



Mrs J Kelly  
Head of Year 9



Mr K O'Neill



Mrs L Sharpe



Mrs C Doak



Mr D Quinn



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Miss K Morrison  
Head of Key Stage 4



Mrs S Jack



Miss A McConaghy



Ms J Allen



Mrs M Kelly



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Mrs J Calvin  
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Mrs J Craig



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Mr J Kissack



Mrs L Clarke



Miss E Bowerman





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Acting Head of  
Department



Miss A Richardson



**HISTORY** DEPARTMENT



Mr G Dallas  
Head of Department



Mr S Young  
Head of Year 10



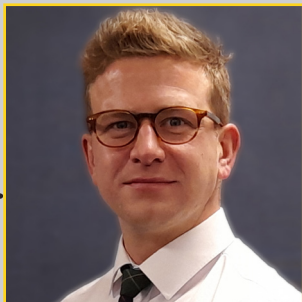
Mrs C McLaughlin



**TECHNOLOGY** DEPARTMENT



Mr A McFarland  
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Mr R Caskey  
Head of Key Stage 3



Mr D Young



**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES** DEPARTMENT



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Head of Department



Mrs C McLaughlin



Mrs K Maguire



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Mr A O'Doherty  
Head of Department



Mr P Elliker  
Head of Year 11



Mr S Quigley



**DRAMA** DEPARTMENT



Mrs R Hylands  
Head of Department



Miss L Fisher  
VP Pastoral



Mrs J Loughery





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Head of Department



Miss N Hardman



Mrs L O'Neill



Miss L Stewart



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Mr S McConnell  
Head of Department



Mrs J McCartney  
Head of Sixth Year



Mr N Doherty  
Head of Year 8



Miss S McCook



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LHS pupils kickstarted their year by making a presentation to the charity Foyle Search and Rescue in September.

Anyone who put their hands into their pocket for 9T, THANKYOU!  
Not only have they raised £720 for Foyle Search and Rescue but they have achieved something even greater by learning how to fundraise and think of others.

During their first lesson back at school they set out to raise £100 from the thirteen £5 notes Mr Young invested in them.

They came up with a variety of ideas and set about purchasing baking materials for buns, soap and sponges to wash cars and even organising a 30 Minute skipping challenge.

Riley Morrow raised a staggering £436 alone by raffling a giant teddy bear, which clearly shows how much he was supported by friends, family and the community.

This money will help save lives and we also want to highlight the memories of those we have lost.

## Interschools Show Jumping

On a Saturday morning in September, three of our pupils competed in Interschools Show Jumping. The girls did the school proud and jumped to a high standard, with two of them completing two flawless rounds! Well done to Ellie Hudson, Lily Craig and Bo Anderson. Thanks to Mrs McBeth for accompanying them at the event.



**L.i.p.s.**  
Limavady Initiative for the  
Prevention of Suicide

At the start of September, we were delighted to welcome back some of our former Year 14 pupils for a very special occasion. The LHS Charity Committee were very proud to make a presentation to L.I.P.S - this was a result of efforts over the 2019-2020 school year.

Jack Turner (Secretary of the Charity Committee 2019/20) explains more:

'Last year, the charity committee got together and thought long and hard about which charity to dedicate their efforts to. While many different organisations and names popped up, we ultimately decided to go local, and support a charity known as L.I.P.S.

Their full name being The Limavady Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide, Lips are a non-profit organisation that do a lot of work within the community spreading awareness and helping those

who struggle with mental health. Being formed by the family of a past pupil, we felt particularly inspired by Lips and their message. It felt only right that we set our attention onto them in an attempt to help as much as we could.

After we had decided on our charity, we immediately got to work, planning various fundraising events for throughout the rest of the school year. We set up a confectionary stand for our junior school's Christmas party, bun sales filled with various freshly baked good from our very own students and even a valentines rolo service, all of which helping us to raise a total of £630. Unfortunately, with news of a pandemic-induced lockdown being implemented back in March, we were unable to continue with our efforts. Despite this, however, we are very proud of what we have raised and we are more than glad to be able to contribute to a fantastic and well-deserved cause.'





# CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS ART COMPETITION

At the start of October we were delighted to celebrate the successes of several of our pupils in a Causeway Coast and Glens Art competition. Key Stage 3 pupils Matthew Sproule and Abbi Bredin, along with a group of Year 11 GCSE Art pupils, had their creations turned into advertising materials to promote Limavady. Great

work! Well done to all pupils involved as well as Mr Elliker and Mr Quigley from the Art department.



## Year 8 first day at school







# AWARE

OVERCOMING DEPRESSION.  
CHANGING LIVES.



On 9th October Year 13 pupils had a visit from Catherine McColgan from Aware NI, also marking World Mental Health Day. Pupils completed the Mood Matters course and looked at what mental health is, things that affect mental health, how lockdown impacted mental health, signs and symptoms of stress/depression, and how to look after your mental health. This was a very beneficial course - thank you again Catherine for coming to deliver it.



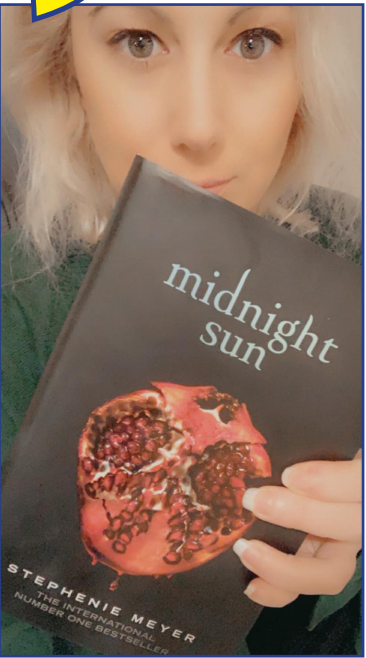
A special badge  
to mark a  
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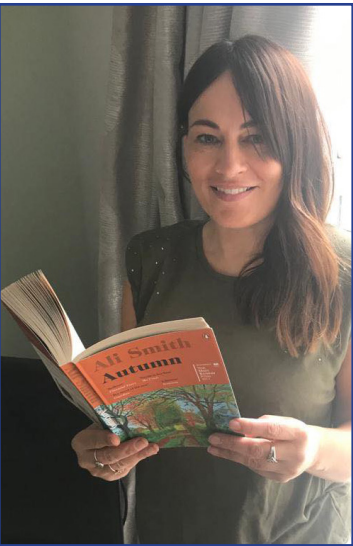
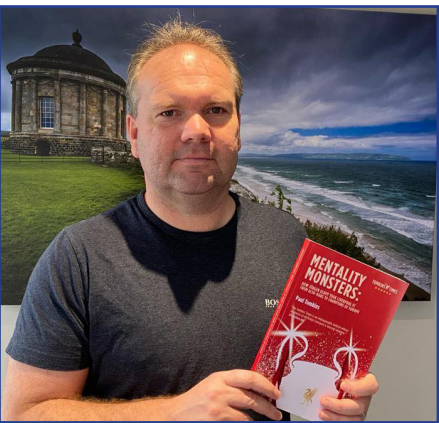
In October we were delighted to launch our anniversary badge, celebrating 60 years of Limavady High School educating young people in our town. Year 11 pupil, Poppy Miller, was the winner of the online competition to design the badge. Poppy told us "the colours represent the colours of our school and our uniform, and the six people represent six decades."



# BOOK WEEK NI



Book Week Ni was held between 19-25 October. To promote reading for pleasure, some of our staff shared their favourite/ current reads. It's great to see our staff showing their love for reading and helping to promote it as a lifelong pleasure.







# Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our Anti-Bullying Week events in November, each form class was asked to nominate one pupil to be their Kindness Ambassador.

These pupils are kind to others, they are helpful and they uphold our core value of Respect. Pupils who were nominated received a special badge for their blazer - very well deserved!

## SERV - Sharing Education in the Roe Valley

Shared Classes are a large part of pupil life at Limavady High School and St Mary's Limavady. In years 8-10 pupils are taught in shared Learning for Life and Work classes. In years 11-14 large numbers of pupils continue their shared classes in a variety of GCSE and A-level subjects. In November we were delighted to present all our pupils who attend a shared class with a **SERV** badge to wear on their uniform.



SERV



On the afternoon of 8th November, our Head Boy Jacob and Head Girl Leah, along with Mr Mornin and Mrs Rosborough, attended the cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of the school in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We were so pleased that this event was able to go ahead, especially as we were unable to have our usual annual service of Remembrance in school. Instead, every form class was shown a special video of remembrance during their Personal Development period. This 30 minute long production featured

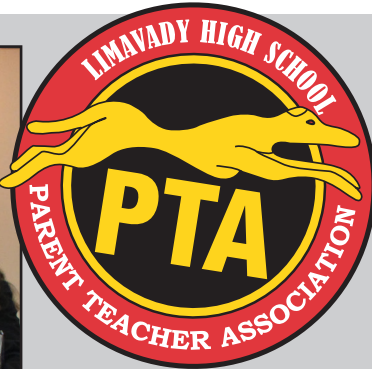
many of our pupils. Emily Carton gave a beautiful rendition of 'The White Cliffs of Dover,' there were montages of photos of local men who had fought and died during WWI, the boys choir sang on location at war graves in Garvagh, Miss Kerr played her harp and sang a solo which often features during our usual Remembrance service. There was also input from our cadets, accordion group and bag piper Rhys, before the Last Post and a minute of silence was held. We would like to thank Mr Dallas, Miss Kerr and all of the pupils involved in making this very special commemoration.





# FOOD BANK

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Food Bank efforts in December. As you can see the response was brilliant! A big thank you to 8I for carrying all those boxes out to the front foyer and all our trusty staff who safely transported the items to the LCDI - teamwork! Hopefully these items will go a long way in helping families this Christmas time



Just before Christmas Mr Mornin, on behalf of the PTA, was delighted to present Lily, Cara and Ellie-May with hampers to reward them for demonstrating the school's Core Values in their Key Stage 3 Art classes. Well done girls!

## Christmas Truce of 1914



Pictured are students from 10I, who have been learning about the Christmas Truce of 1914. On Christmas Eve, 1914, many British and German troops started to sing Christmas Carols to each other across the trenches. On Christmas morning, 1914, it has been well documented that some German soldiers even left their trench to stand in no-man's land to wish the British troops a 'Merry Christmas'. British Troops were hesitant at first, fearing this was a trick, but once they realised it was a genuine gesture, they then got out of their trenches and shook hands with their mortal enemies. This happened 5 months after the beginning of the war and was not repeated.

Students from 10I also experienced a modern rendition of rations which British soldiers would have ate in 1914, including corn beef and Pâté.





FUNDRAISING FOR ‘LIPS’

Students from Form Class 11A1 came together to engage in raising money for a charitable cause in the midst of this difficult year. They wanted to raise money, and boost morale for both students and teachers alike. They ran a quiz, ‘Guess the member of staff’, gathering images of staff members from childhood/as babies. All form classes had to guess who was who! Together, they raised £190.00! Daniel, Jessica, Elisa, Ellie, Luke and Jake presented a cheque to LIPS for £190.00. Mr Linton (form tutor) is pictured with them. A great effort from all involved - well done!



In December the Parent Teacher Association in Limavady High School presented two cheques of £1000 to Limavady Initiative for Prevention of Suicide (L.I.P.S) and Friends of Rossmar. This money was raised back in March 2020 at the Blue Lamp Disco held at Limavady United Football Club



Year 11 Praise Heroes!  
Congratulations to Poppy Miller (£25 voucher), Amelia Sinclair (£15 voucher), and Millie Thompson (£10 voucher) for winning the December Year 11 ‘Praise Hero’ raffle prizes. Students received Causeway Coast and Glens gift cards to spend in the local community.

A special mention must also go to the following students for being in the Top 10 of all Year 11 students receiving ‘Praises’ this term: Poppy Miller, Reece Doherty, Dylan Jackson, Ally Millar, Ellie Pedan, Emma-Kate Risby, Marissa Sloan, Jakub Cieslik, Rebecca Hutton, May McAleese, Beth McCallum, and Andrew Wright.

Top work, keep it up!  
Many thanks to the PTA for funding this reward scheme.



YEAR11 PRAISE HEROES







## COUNSELLING GRANT

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to The Honourable Irish Society who gave us a grant of £1,250 to assist with additional counselling and mentoring in school following the 2021 period of lockdown. Supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils is at the forefront of everything we do and this grant helped us to continue to support our pupils during what has been a very difficult year for them.

## INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

### SCHOOLS' PLATFORM Limavady High School Marks Holocaust Memorial Day

PUPILS from Limavady High School decided to 'Light Up The Darkness' this year, marking Holocaust Memorial Day with a thoughtful demonstration of togetherness.

This academic year has again been a difficult one, with most pupils learning from home during another lockdown. Through these times the staff members and pupils have adjusted to the 'new normal', engaging with online classes and activities in order to continue their progression academically.

Mr Dallas and Mr Linton believed that despite these times, we could still use our spirit of togetherness to mark a very special occasion, and show the local community that as a school family we will continue to adapt, and we can still achieve. Nothing will stop us continuing to learn. They wanted to 'Light Up The Darkness'. Pupils from Limavady High School participated in their masses, sending in over 100 images of themselves and their families 'Lighting Up The Darkness' from their homes.

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

The History Department in Limavady High School decided to combine remembering the despicable genocides that have happened throughout the world, by remembering what we have done in Northern Ireland in the past to save people from this persecution.

They began by travelling to Broughshane, just

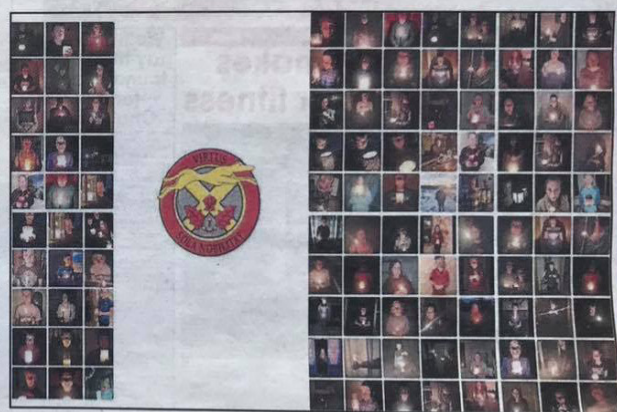
outside Ballymena. Along the Bucks Road, lies the ruins of a refugee camp, which was set up to house evacuees from Gibraltar in 1944.

During WWII, Thousands of evacuees left Gibraltar as the British Government took over The Rock as a military base. Many of them made their way to Northern Ireland in the summer of 1944. Dunard camp, which was camp 8, consisted of large Nissen huts making up a school, a kitchen, and a community centre. Families lived in smaller Nissen huts split into male and female bedrooms. The school had two teachers. One teacher was sent from the Ministry of Education and the other was a resident of Gibraltar, who taught there until June 1946.

Mr Dallas and Mr Linton filmed a short film here in order for the History Students to grasp what it is really like, to stand at a piece of History. Their travels saw them drive to Millisle, County Down, for their next study.

Many Jewish refugees were sent on Kindertransport, travelling away from dangerous areas to places of safety. This was a large mission during WWII, helping 10,000 children travel to safety.

Ballyrolly farm in Millisle became a home for many Jewish Refugees during WWII. Mr Dallas and Mr Linton located the farm, which still stands to this day. Unfortunately, it is now private property. But, they were able to capture what it would have been like for a Jewish Refugee to live in Millisle. Only a short walk away from the farm is one of the many beaches at Millisle. It is a small town on the coast, whereby you can see mountains in the Lake District in England, as well as the Isle of Man on a clear day. Refugees



Pupils and staff from Limavady High School who took part in the memorial initiative.

spent their days working at the farm, learning many new skills. When they were not working, they enjoyed recreational fun around the local area, including playing on the beach.

Northern Ireland was home to many refugees during WWII, playing a pivotal role in saving many lives. This being the Centenary of

Northern Ireland, it is important to remember the good we have done and continue to do as a Nation. Limavady High School wants you to know that during the most difficult times, there is always hope. Our pupils have proved that there is hope and they will always Light Up The Darkness.

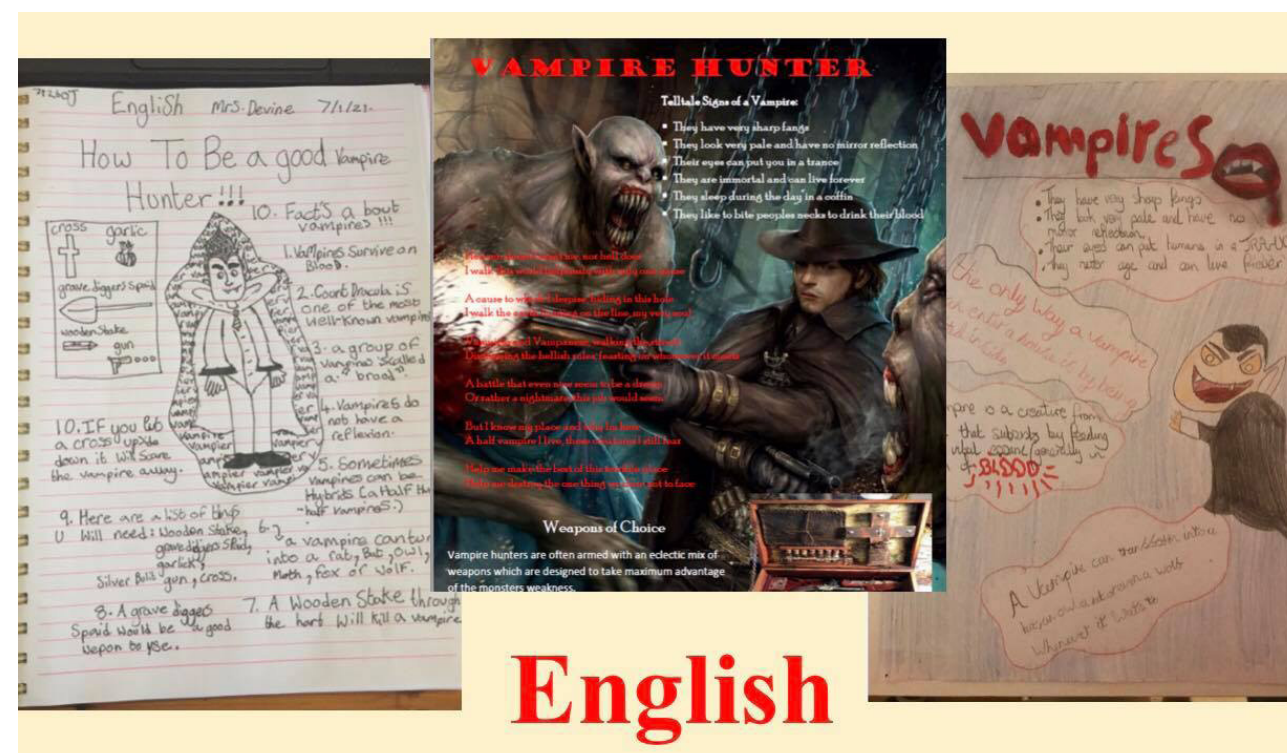
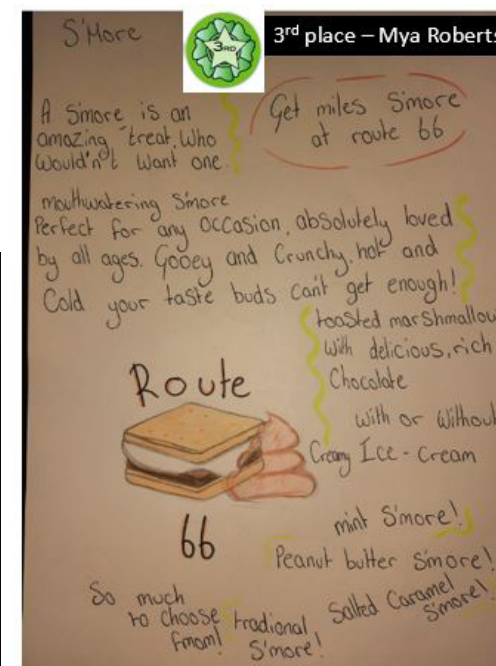
International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on 27th January. This date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27 January 1945. Although we were learning at home at this time, we felt it was an important occasion in which to partake. Therefore, we asked our school community to pause and reflect on the many lives lost during the Nazi persecution of the Jews in World War II. Staff and pupils were encouraged to light and display a candle as a symbol of remembrance and hope that the same atrocity will never be repeated.

## Advertising Competition

Before February half-term the English Department ran a competition in conjunction with Route 66 Ice-cream Parlour. Pupils in Year 9 were asked to create their own ice-cream dessert and design a poster to sell it.

Competition was tough but in the end the winners were announced as follows:

1st place: Matthew Sproule - £30 voucher for the shop and his 'Brighter Gold' ice-cream will be on the menu at Route 66, with a percentage of profits going to school funds.  
2nd place: Daniel Laverty - £15 ice-cream voucher  
3rd place: Mya Roberts - £10 ice-cream voucher  
Congratulations to our winners and well done to everyone who took part.



## English





# KEEP READING



## GEOGRAPHY

### Extreme Weather

Tornadoes



Tornado – a type of storm in which powerful rotating winds form a column, which reaches from the clouds to the ground. They can reach speeds of up to 300 miles per hour. Tornadoes may be transparent at first. They get their dark colour from dust and debris they pick up. They can flatten buildings and lift heavy objects such as cars into the air. They can happen anywhere in the world but the USA has the most reported tornadoes per year, especially in areas of flat dry land, like Kansas – think of Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz and what happened to her. In 1989 in Bangladesh, the Daulatpur–Saturia Tornado, travelled 50 miles and killed an estimated 1,300 people and left 80,000 homeless.

Sandstorms



Sandstorms – are created when very strong gusts of wind lift the sand, it can be carried for miles and the sand clouds can be miles long as well. They are most common in dry, hot regions like the Sahara desert or dry flat regions like Kansas, USA (poor Dorothy's home state again). Australia has stated that medical bills alone cost the country £20m a year due to asthma and respiratory disease which is thought to be caused by sandstorms. On 14<sup>th</sup> April 1935 the worst sand/dust storm to hit America happened and was named Black Sunday America and displaced more than 300,000 tons of soil.

Camels have long eyelashes to protect their eyes from sandstorms.

Flooding



Flooding – is when land that is usually dry is submerged by an overflow of water, for example heavy and constant rain for a prolonged period of time. Around 90% of all natural disasters declared in America are related to some sort of flood (oh no Kansas again). Floods can happen in any part of the world. The deadliest flood on record was in 1931 in China – the death toll had been estimated as high as 4 million. There are now measures put in place to cope with flooding.

In 2017 in Northern Ireland was hit by massive flooding practically everywhere. It costs nearly £30m to repair all the damage and took nearly 2 years for some bridges and roads to be repaired.

Hurricanes



Hurricanes – are powerful tropical storms that with heavy rainfall. The storms are considered a hurricane when they reach or exceed 74 miles per hour. At sea they can be harmless but once they approach and hit land they can be lethal. They rotate around a circular centre called an 'eye' where it is generally calm with no clouds. They are also known as cyclones and typhoons. The largest hurricane on record is Typhoon Tip, which occurred in 1979 in the northwest Pacific – it was nearly half the size of the USA. They tend to form in tropical areas of the world.



Drought – is a continuous period of dry weather when an area gets less than its normal amount of rain. They can last up to months or even years. As animals, crops and plants need water to live, droughts can be dangerous, as they can lead to a famine. Droughts occur mainly in areas where normal levels of rainfall are already low. Scientists expect that because of global climate change droughts will be triggered. Recurring droughts in East Africa have caused desert areas to grow. Governments are putting new practices in place to reduce risks of drought. There was a 12 year drought in Southwestern Australia.



Thunderstorms – are small intense weather systems that make strong winds, heavy rain, lightning and thunder. They can happen anywhere. About 1,800 thunderstorms happen every year around the world. They are rare in winter mostly because it is cold. Thunderstorms are very active with electricity. Lightning is a large electrical discharge that happens between two opposite charged surfaces. Thunder is slower than lightning as light is faster than sound. They can also help man and all living creatures. They can provide lots of water during the summer for the plant and animal life.



Hail – is defined as frozen water that has a diameter greater than 5 mm. It is produced during thunderstorms in cumulonimbus clouds. Hail can fall at speeds between 9 and 110 miles per hour. The larger the hailstone the faster it falls. Large hail sometimes comes before a tornado. There is an area in USA known as 'Hail Alley' as it is where most hailstorms are: Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. A hailstorm that hit St Louis Missouri (USA) on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 caused \$1.6 billion in damages.



Blizzards – a snow storm is considered a blizzard when it has sustained winds of at least 35 miles per hour and considered a severe blizzard when winds are greater than 45 miles per hour. A ground blizzard occurs after snow has fallen and strong winds blow around loose snow on the ground, creating snowdrifts. Any area that has snowfall can have blizzards but most occur in the upper Midwest of the USA. Snowmageddon was a major blizzard that affected the majority of the Northeastern USA between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February in 2010 – people were able to ski in the streets.





EXTREME WEATHER

### Extreme WEATHER

#### Hurricane

- A hurricane is a rapidly moving storm.
- Hurricanes drop more than a trillion litres of rain a day.
- Hurricanes are VERY rare in the UK.

#### Tornado

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air.
- It can go up to 30m per hour.
- Small tornado in the UK.

#### lightning

- It is a storm characterized by the presence of lightning and its associated effects on the earth's atmosphere.
- The odds to be struck is 1-3,000.
- It is VERY rare in the UK.

#### Sand storm

- A sandstorm is when a big gust of wind blows the sand.
- It is also called a dust storm.
- There do not occur in the UK.

#### Hail

- Hail is a form of solid precipitation.
- It can become as big as a golf ball.
- It can happen in the UK but nothing serious.

#### Flooding

- A flood is an overflow of water.
- Floods can be as deep as 10-20 feet.
- You can get floods in the UK.

#### Blizzard

- A blizzard is a severe snow storm.
- Blizzards only happen in cold front.
- Blizzards don't happen in the UK.

#### drought

- A drought is a shortage of water.
- A drought can last a day, week, month, year or more.
- Only small drought in the UK.



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## It's In Your hand



# EDITOR





# Life Without Friction

It was 3am on the first day of my high school. I can't believe it, today is the day. I can hardly sleep!!! I keep packing my bag because the books keep popping out. It was so weird and there was no hole. I am so excited that I keep falling from my bed actually slipping like something is pulling me out. I think I am hallucinating because I can see my clothes on the roof and some books were slipping from the desk. I think I should sleep. Maybe I am just worried, you know teen stuff. Just sleep, Stacy, you don't want mum to wake you up on your big day.

I opened my eyes slowly and I found myself face down on the ground. My body hurts badly. I couldn't get myself to stand properly. I walked slowly but my foot didn't reach the floor. Again, I tripped over but this time I slipped down the stairs shouting. No one is in the house. I can't believe my eyes. Why are the things falling and sort of floating? I notice my favourite cylinder cup and found water in it. I was just about to take a drink but it just slipped through my hands and fell on the ground. It ended up in tiny pieces. There was nothing greasy in my hands to make it slip. To my left I found windows open. Maybe a fresh view will be a good start. OH MY GOD!!!!!!!

Wake up, Stacy!! There is no way that the cars can slide down the road without a driver. Hundreds of cars sliding down with incredible speed. Isn't there a word called grip in the world? One of the cars ended up hitting a wall but the terrifying thing was, why didn't the wheels stop spinning? I opened the door and I slipped down the road. On the way I saw a pole. I tried holding it but my hands couldn't grip it. I tried very hard not to slip. Ahead of me was my friend's house and luckily the door was open. I knock my head on the desk. The slightest air blew the laptop off the table easily. I heard my friend shout behind me. I ask her, "Cassy, what's happening! Why is all this stuff happening to us?" Then I remember my science teacher telling me something important- what was it? Something to do with Friction, That's it! We are in the world without Friction. NOOOOOOO!!! That can't be happening.

Stacy, relax, this isn't the end of the world! I have to do something before that I have to eat something. I am so hungry! I set my plate down in front of me. But, as usual, it flies across the table and lands face down, of course, on the floor. I get another plate and get some new eggs and pancakes. After quickly eating whatever hadn't slid off my fork, I carefully stood up... and promptly fell down. Cassy and I slide to my house and amazingly we reach the house extremely fast.

"Dad!"  
"Stacy, shouldn't your dad be at work?" said Cassy quickly.  
"Oh yeah, maybe this part of earth is changing, not the others hopefully."  
Later in the afternoon, I sit in the chair holding both sides really hard. I was taking my hands off the chair slowly but my dad burst through the door making me dizzy and I crashed on the polished floor. I noticed the smooth surface is hard. Dad says it was very frustrating. All of his workers kept on falling over. He thinks that someone coated the floor with grease or oil.

"Dad we have no friction. Have a rest while Cassy and I look for mum."  
My house is a disaster. The photos frames on the walls are no longer hanging beautifully but are crunched up together in the floor, microwave and fridge on top of the table. It looks like it is just about to fall off. I was about to go to Dad when I saw mum sliding through the door with takeaway food in her hands. Mum stopped and looked at me with pity eyes. "I am so sorry I left you alone," said mum sadly. I saw a photo frame about to fall from the wall on mum's head. "MUMMMMMMMMM!!!!!! Watch out!" It was too late my mum lying in the ground with closed eyes and blood spilling rapidly.

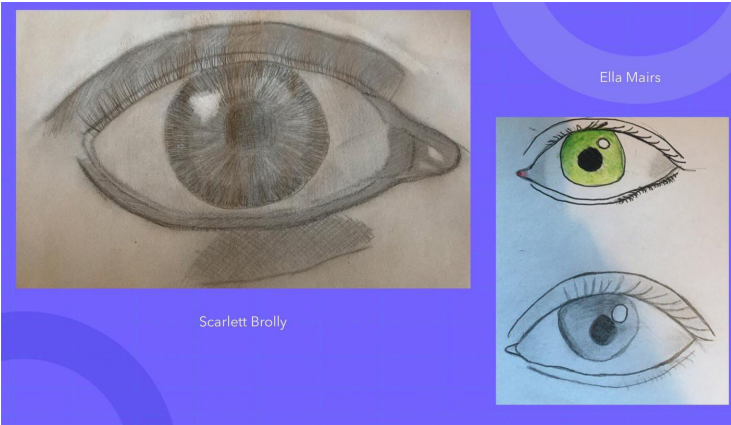
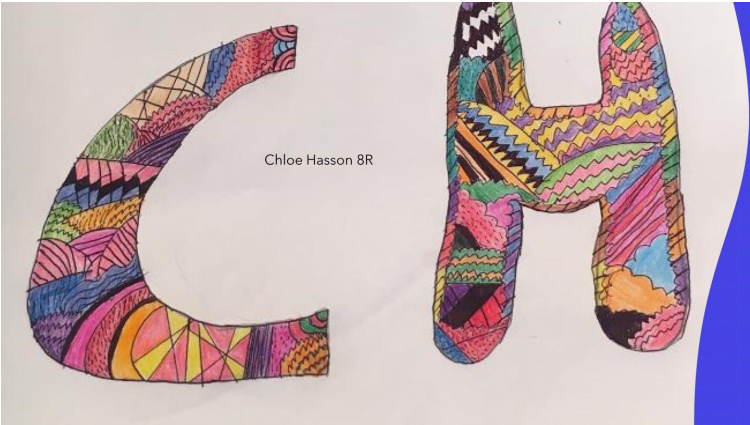
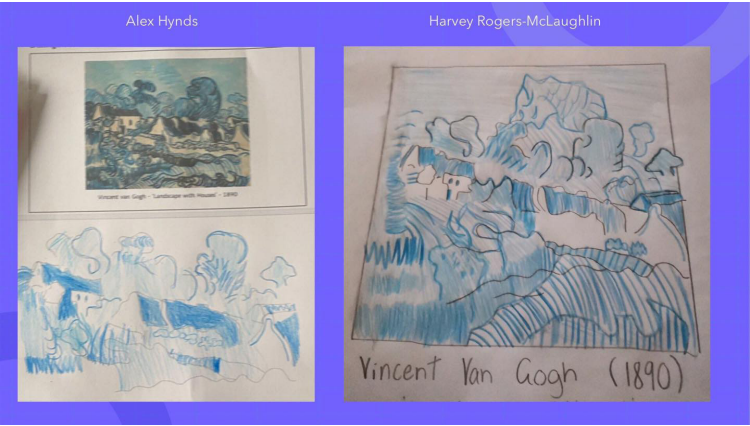
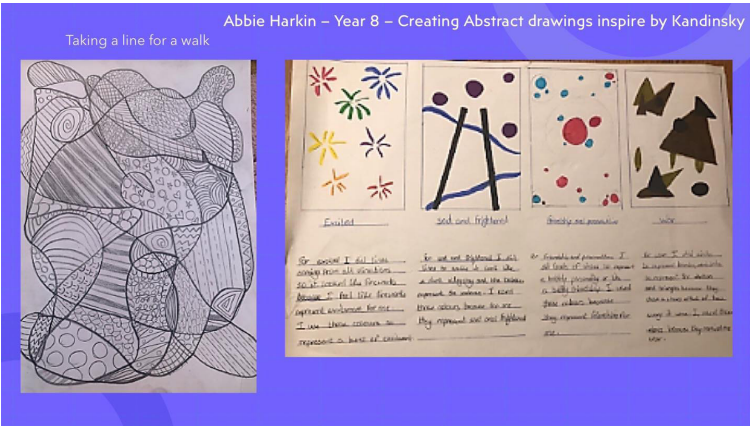
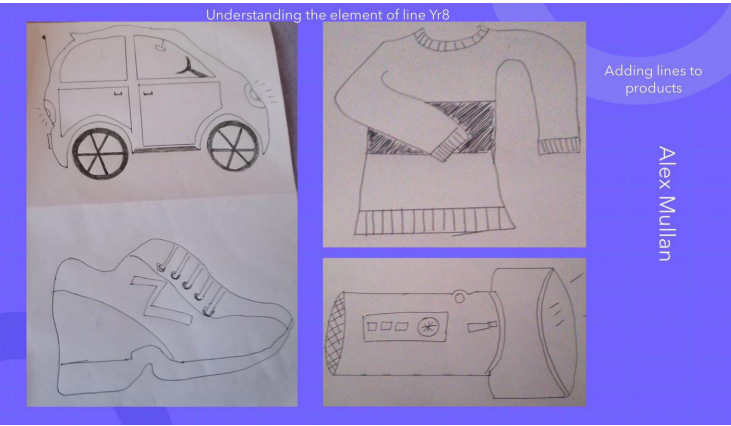
I was crying. In no time I was in my bed with opened eyes. Oh great, it was a dream. I was all sweaty and crying. I ran all the way to mum and hugged her. It is good to be running and not slipping and able to drink water with no broken cups to clean. I wanted to tell everything, if I could only stop crying. I took a shower and caught the bus with Cassy to school. My first lesson was science and guess what? We talked about friction. I was the one answering all the questions. I was the top of the class. Finally, it is not the worst day of my life!!!

Life without friction is kind of fun at first, but after a while, you get tired of all the falling and crashing, and you wish that you could just go for five minutes without slipping or falling over. It will be funny if people can't line up for the canteen properly because they keep falling down. We are very lucky!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

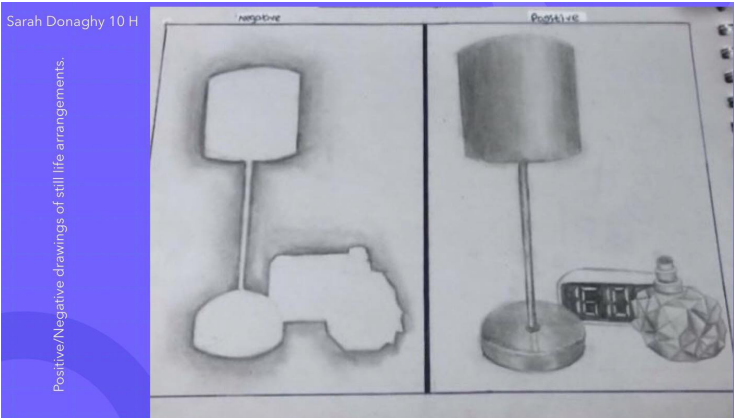
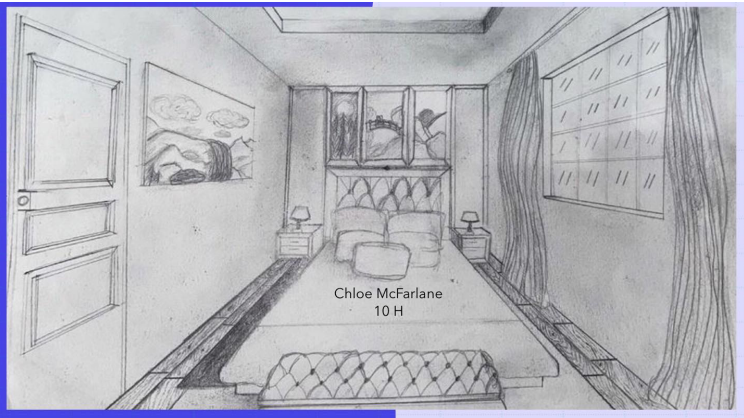
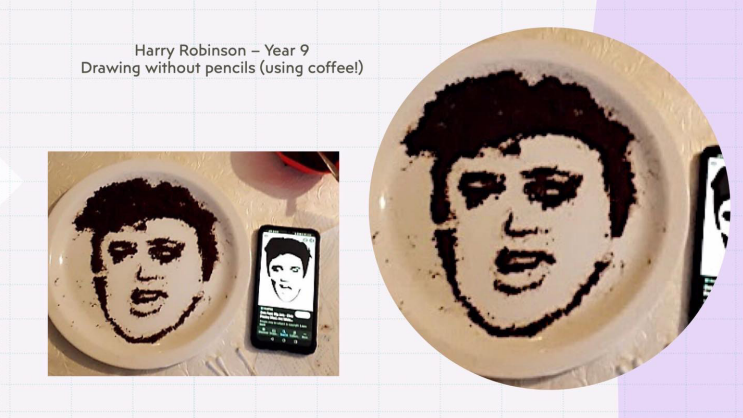
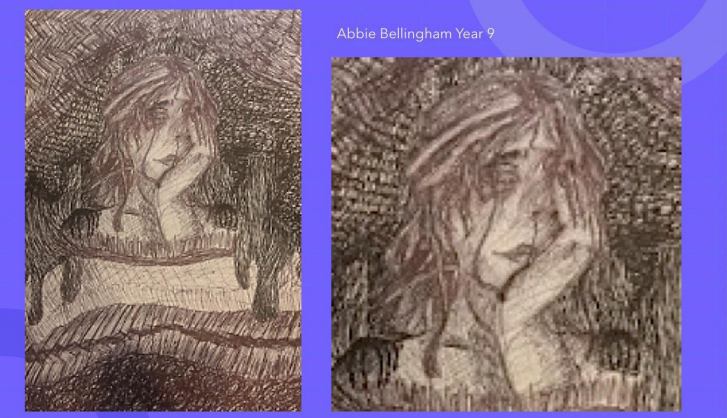
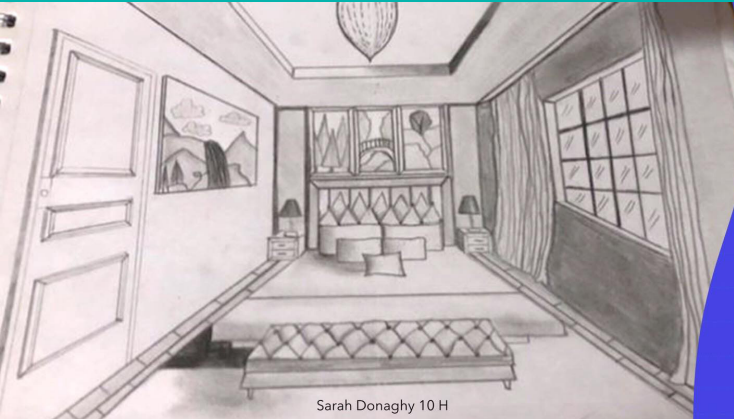
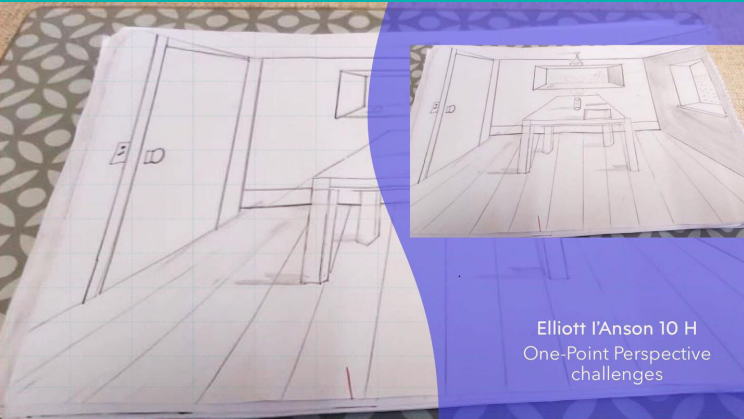
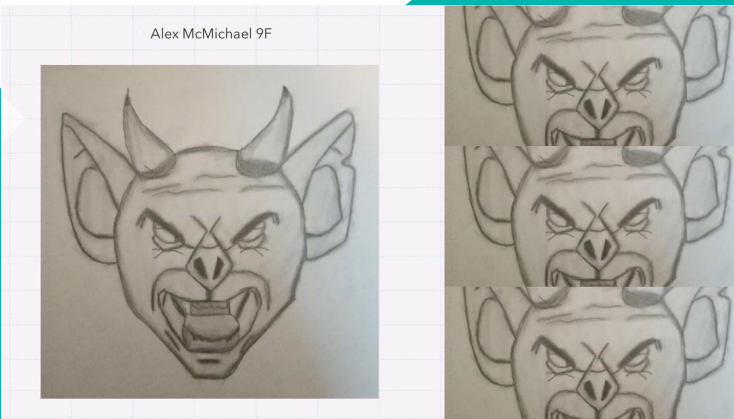
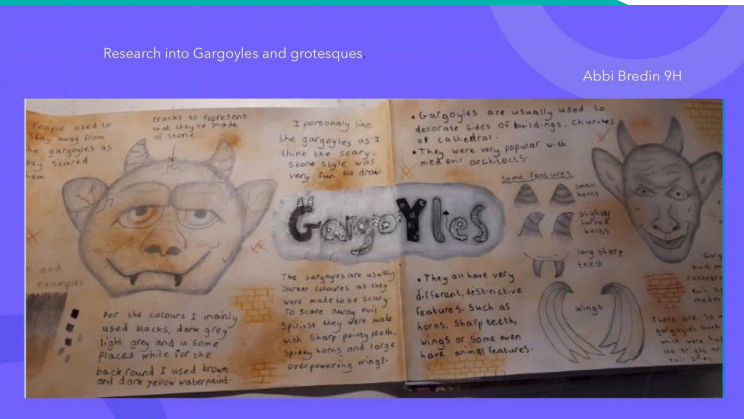
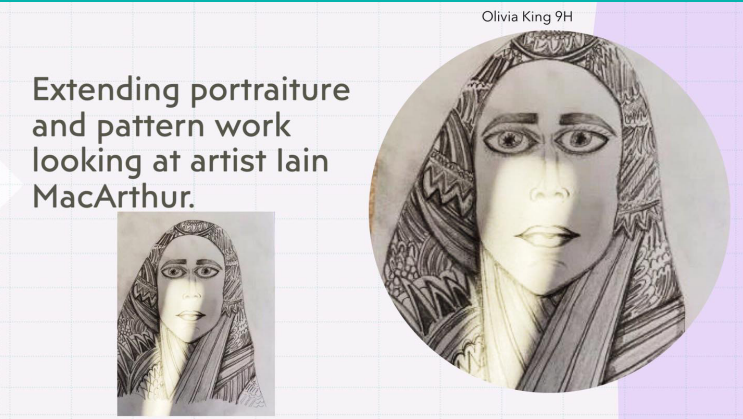
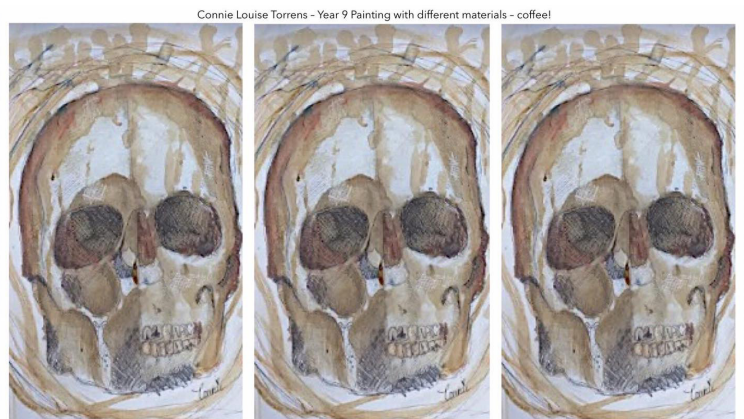
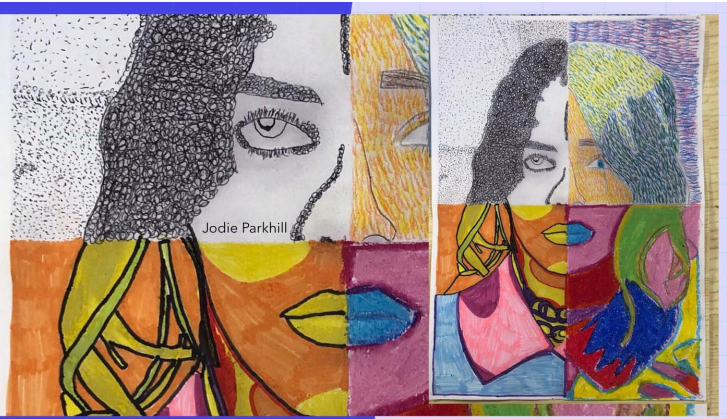
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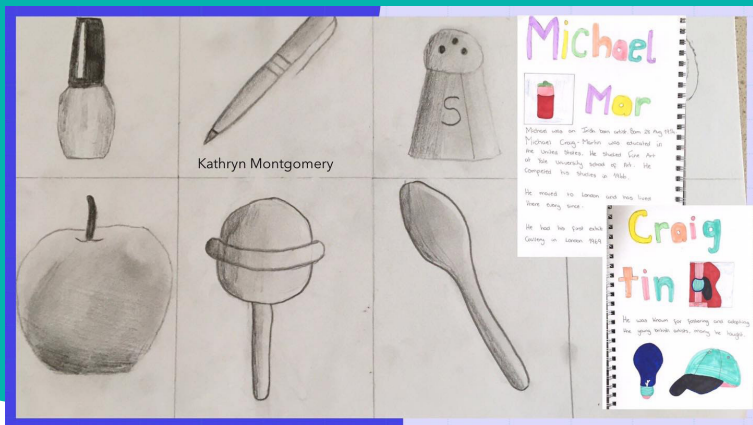
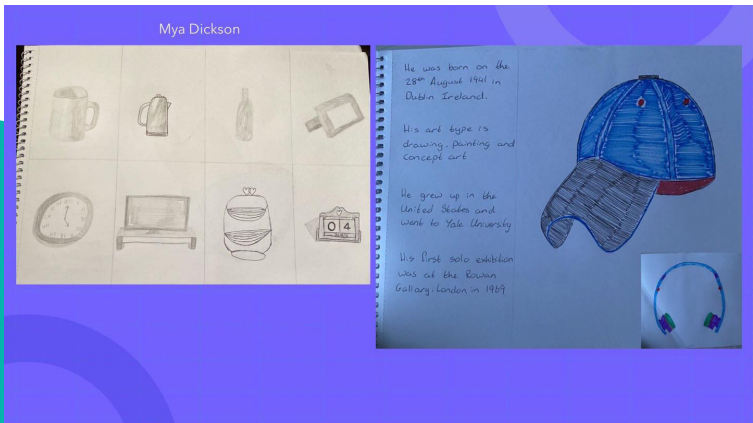
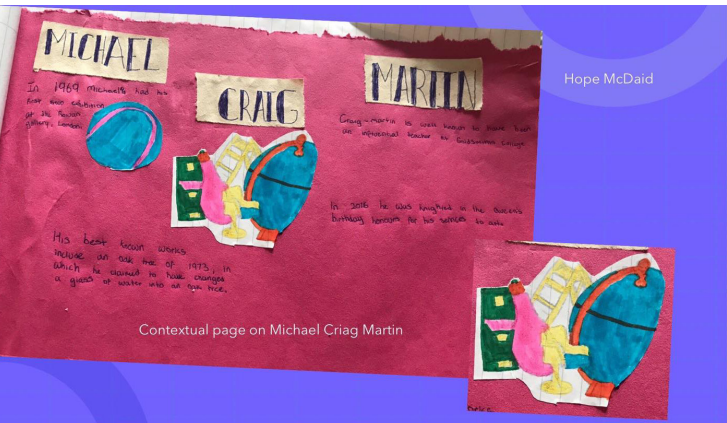
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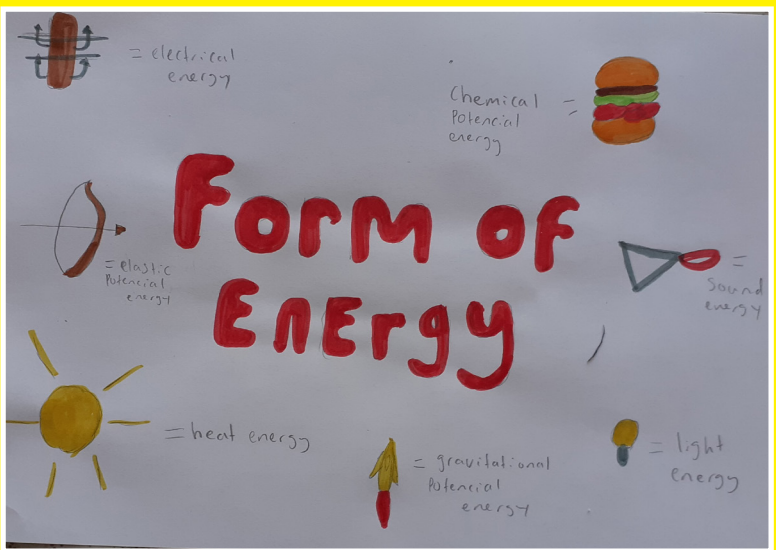
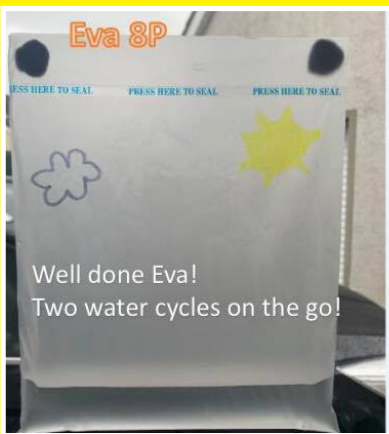




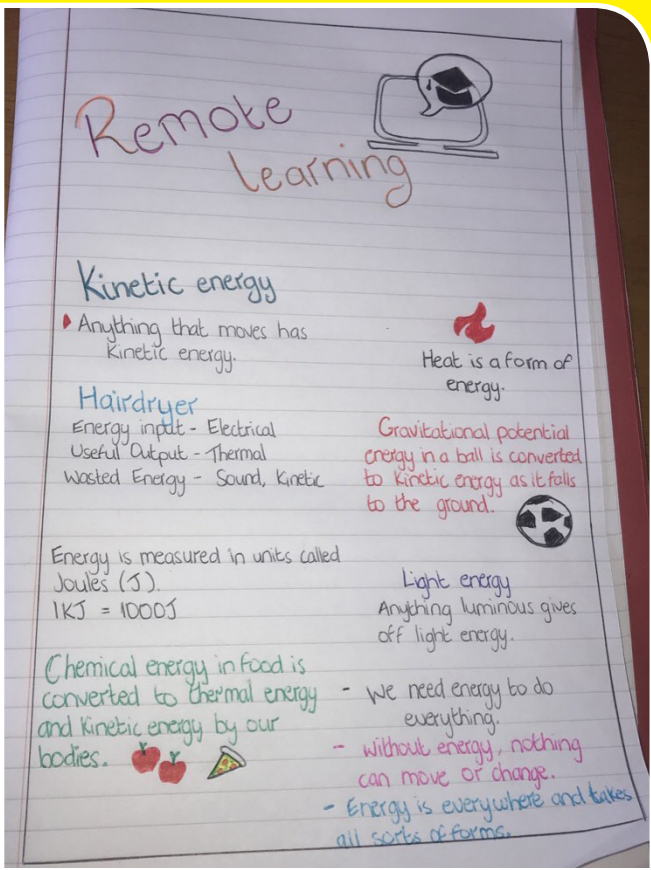




In March we are delighted to have been chosen as one of this year's 'Sport for Good' winners from the 'Lidl Community Works Sport for Good' programme. We are 1 of 40 secondary schools in Northern Ireland to be awarded £3000 worth of vouchers to secure essential brand-new sports equipment.



# SCIENCE



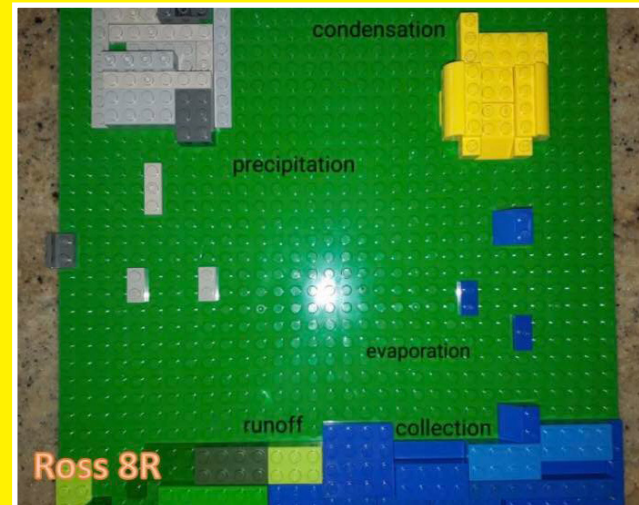




Kaytee – 8 R

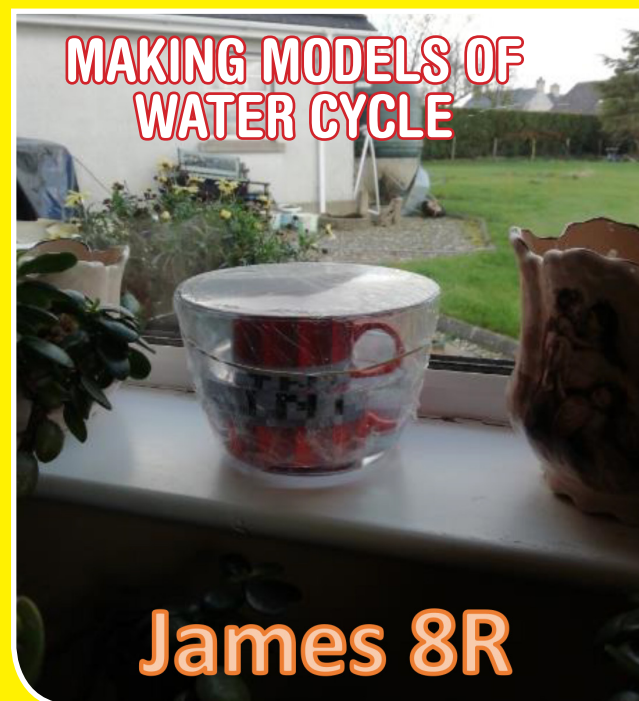


Kaytee then decided to try out this fun trick by piercing pencils through a bag of water without any leaks! Well done Kaytee!

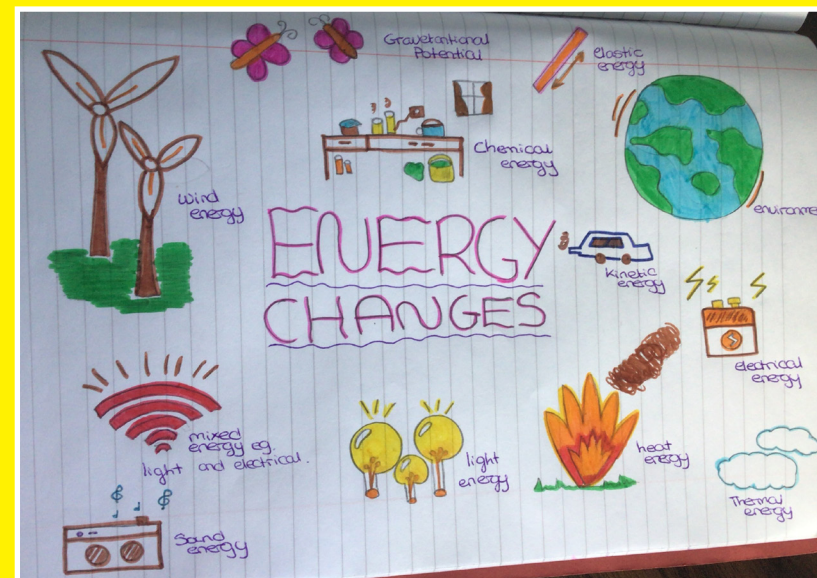


Ross 8R

### MAKING MODELS OF WATER CYCLE



James 8R



## WHY IS THERE NO GRIP?

I went to bed early that night, I had been revising all evening for the science exam the next day, but then it happened.

How is it that the cars can slide down the road without a driver? There were hundreds of cars sliding down with incredible speed. Why are their brakes not holding them? Some of the cars ended up hitting each other, but the weird thing was, why do the wheels keep spinning?

I opened the door and I began to slide down the footpath. On the way I tried to grab a light pole. I tried holding onto it, but my hands couldn't grip it. I tried my hardest to get a grip. I could see my friend's house and luckily his front door was open. I glided through his front door, unable to stop. I heard Jack shout behind me, "Alex, what is happening?! Why is this stuff all moving about uncontrollably?"

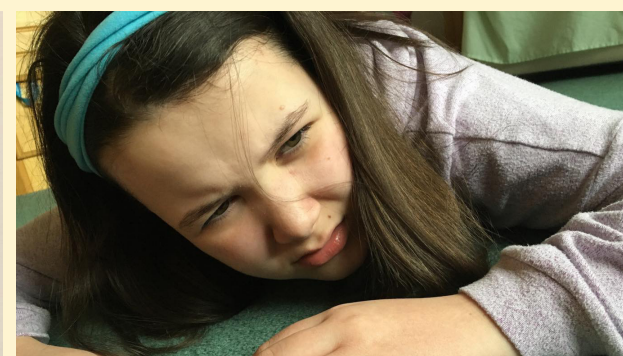
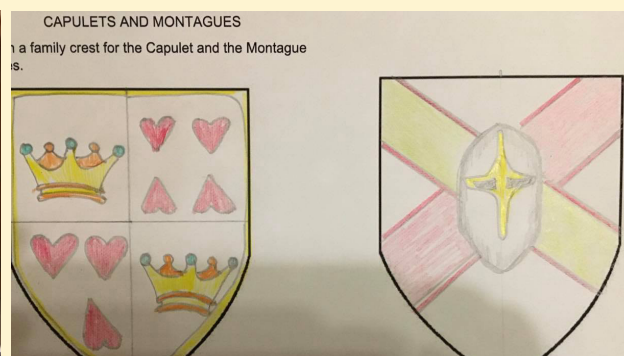
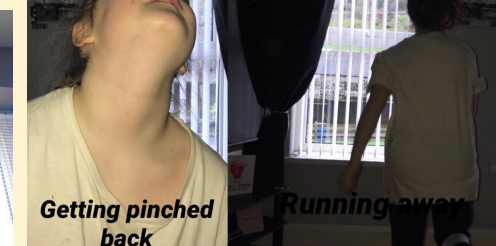
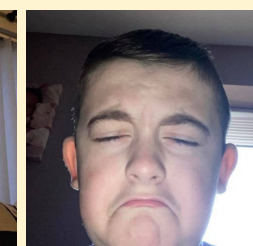
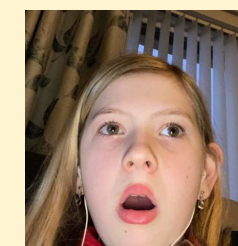
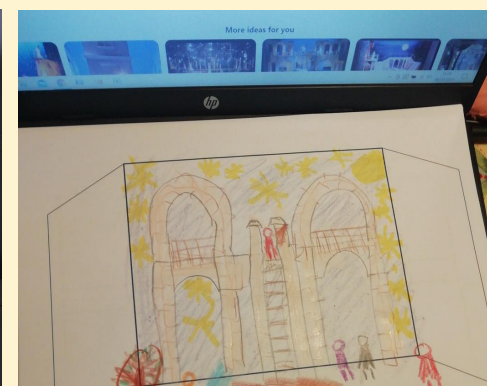
My schoolteacher had taught me something important, what was it? It was something to do with Friction, That's it!!!!!! We are now living without Friction. NOOOOOOO!!! Why is this happening?????

Alex Lafferty 10F



## YEAR 8 DRAMA

During in-home learning 8R explored some of Shakespeare's plays, including 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'The Tempest'. They worked on Shakespearean insults, stage fighting, costume and set design as well as using their expert acting skills to create tableau scenes at home – here is a sample of their fantastic work!







# WORLD BOOK DAY

## Butterfly Club Selma

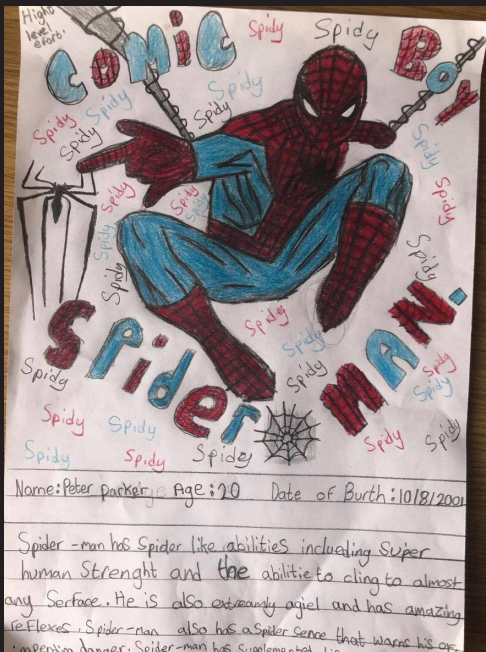
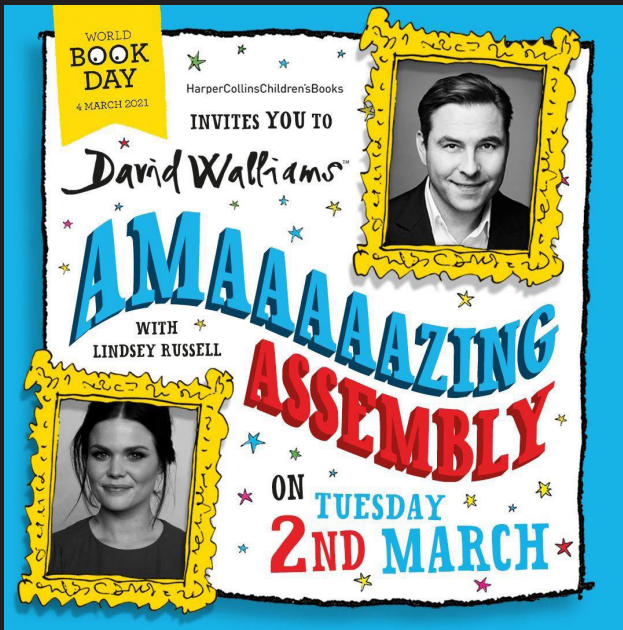
Selma Johnson is a loud, unkind and rude girl, she frequently bullies the Maynard triplets particularly Tina, hiding her baby doll and pretending to flush it down the toilet. Selma is quite an unhappy person due to her loud and controlling stepfather and uncaring Mother.



### Things you need to know about Selma:

- Selma is a bully towards certain people.
- Selma has very strict parents, so she brings her anger out by bullying others.
- Selma can be kind but refuses to be.
- Selma has a younger brother who spoiled all her dolls, which is why she stole Tina's doll.

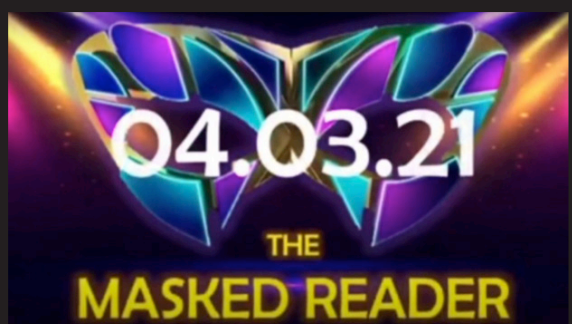
Book Review: Butterfly Club by Jacqueline Wilson.



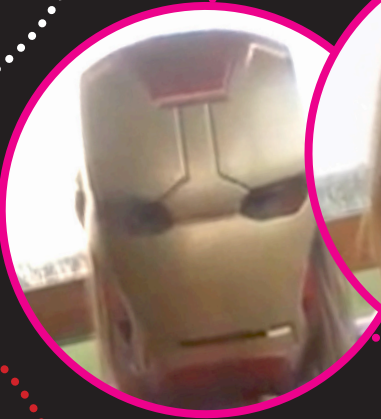
Darren Shan was a normal boy who's friend got bit by a spider. To rescue his friend Darren had to sacrifice his normal life and become a vampire.

**Need to know**

- Darren is a vampire with a difference. He's half vampire and half human.
- He had a friend called Steve who wanted to be a vampire but couldn't because of his bad blood.
- Darren was picked over Steve because Mr Crepsley said he had better blood.
- Darren misses his family and wishes he hadn't went to the Cirque Du Freak show.
- Since Darren became a vampire his hearing became so good he could hear through walls.
- Darren developed a great strength and could do push ups and run for miles without getting tired.



To celebrate World Book Day at the start of March we thought we'd have a bit of fun. Six teachers volunteered to read in disguise and each day we posted a video for everyone to guess who was 'behind the mask.' First up was Mr. McConnell with a brilliant Skeletor costume at the stunning location of White Rocks Beach. On Tuesday the costume was a full-sized ice-cream cone. Mrs McCartney kept everyone guessing as she read an extract from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Wednesday saw Mrs. McLaughlin dress as a furball to read from The BFG whilst Mr. Doherty became Rocky to read from Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Thursday saw Mrs Hylands in disguise as Ironman and our final teacher in disguise was Mr Linton as a Highway man. We had great fun guessing and encouraging everyone to keep reading.







# Exciting times ahead!

We are so pleased to be able to share these progress photos from our Shared STEM build. After many years of hard work and perseverance from senior teachers in both Limavady High School and St.Mary's, it was fantastic to see the work actually begin on the 11 million pound scheme .

The Limavady High School area of our shared facilities will house a new high-tech building for science, technology, engineering and mathematics students. Existing school office accommodation, staff rooms, science & technology rooms and planning/manufacturing rooms will also be upgraded. Cutting the first sod on the site, Education Minister Peter Weir said the campus was a "significant milestone" for both schools.



*"It was fantastic to see the work actually begin on the 11 million pound scheme"*







11A1 have raised an amazing £1000 for Marie Curie! Shortly before they presented their cheque, a donation came in to bring the total to £1000! Mr Linton is extremely proud of all the students who tried their very best to get outside and step 10,000 steps a day. All students in 11A1 have been a positive influence to so many in our school community, and without realising it, have truly inspired others to get outside and stay healthy, while doing good along the way. Captain Sir Tom Moore inspired a nation, we hope to motivate a community.



# SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Members of our PTA were able to distribute Facebook Portals to local care homes in April. These were funded by The Causeway Coast and Glen's COVID-19 Community Support Fund. Care homes were delighted with these presentations and thanked Limavady High School very much for this great resource which will benefit residents. PTA members Alex Moore and Karen Oldcroft visited Edenvale Care Home, Thackeray Place Residential Home, Rush Hall Care Home, Cornfield Care Centre and Mullagh House.







# Vocational Studies - Horticulture

Our Year 11V1 and 11V2 pupils continue to impress us in their allotments as part of their Vocational Studies course. Pupils spent time this week preparing to put potatoes in and tidying up their own allotments. We are pleased to see that the recent rainfall has enhanced the growth of their vegetables. Can you spot the new additions keeping an eye on things?!



# DRAGON'S DEN

making CONNECTIONS shaping FUTURES

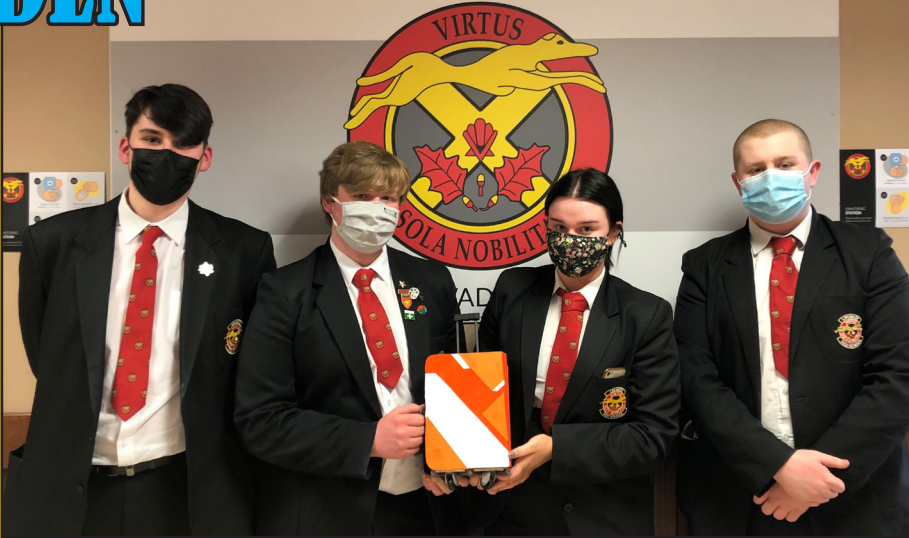
## Congratulations

### Dragon's Den winners!

The sixth form Business pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the LHS Dragon's Den competition as part of their Introduction to Marketing unit. Pupils worked in teams to design and pitch a new product to Mrs Montgomery and Mrs McGregor otherwise known as the LHS dragons! The groups presented their pitch to the panel of judges – some with prototypes – before answering questions about their products and negotiating financial investment.

Products included:

- Starbucks ice cream
- Lindt chocolate chip cookies
- Nike earphones



The winning team of Ryan, Dinika, Steven and Matthew designed an eco-friendly cabin case with built in solar powered USB charging ports. The cabin case transforms from a case to a rucksack to meet the needs of travellers. Well done and we hope your idea really takes off!



# VOLUNTEERS





# NWRC TILING



Here our Year 11 Occupational Studies pupils during their last day at NWRC. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning the new skill of tiling and displayed great talent - we are impressed!



# LIMAVADY HIGH SCHOOL *Sixtieth Anniversary*



What a fantastic event we had at school on 14th May as we continued to celebrate our 60th anniversary by unveiling the amazing new Wolfhound statue created by Mr David Rosborough.

Along with current members of staff who were pupils at the school and current pupils, Mr Mornin welcomed back former headmasters, Mr Reilly, Mr Dunlop and Mr Lavery to celebrate with us.








Mr Dallas also buried a time capsule with the help from two of our Year 8 pupils, Alycia Sinclair and William Riley.



We were privileged to have Alderman Mark Fielding, Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, visit school in May to present a plaque on behalf of the council to mark the 60th Anniversary of Limavady High School. Mr Mornin and Mr Dallas are pictured here receiving the plaque with the help of outgoing Head Boy Jacob Coyle, and outgoing Head Girl Leah Craig; alongside our incoming Head Boy Steven Paterson and incoming Head Girl Emily Carton - a great team!



**LIMAVADY - meaning "Leap of the Dog" takes its name from an O'Cahan legend when a faithful dog leapt across the River Roe to warn of approaching enemies.**



**The leaping dog forms the centre part of the school crest.**

**Celebrating 60 Years of Service in the Roe Valley and surrounding areas 2021.**





# OUR NEW WOLFHOUND

*We gave some of our youngest pupils the opportunity to take a close look at the new wolfhound sculpture and to ask its creator, Mr David Rosborough, a few questions.*

## 1 How did you feel when you were asked to recreate the iconic dog statue for LHS?

I felt extremely privileged to have the opportunity to recreate the leap of the dog statue. Over the years I have often studied the original statue as it was a very impressive sculpture. I wanted to design a new sculpture that would be in keeping with the previous artist's work.

## 2 Please tell us what the dog is made from.

The dog is made from marine grade stainless steel which is the best grade of stainless steel available to purchase. It will never rust or change colour due to the elements, it will last forever! The base is made of granite which provides a solid base for the sculpture.

## 3 Explain the process of making the statue (including how long it took)

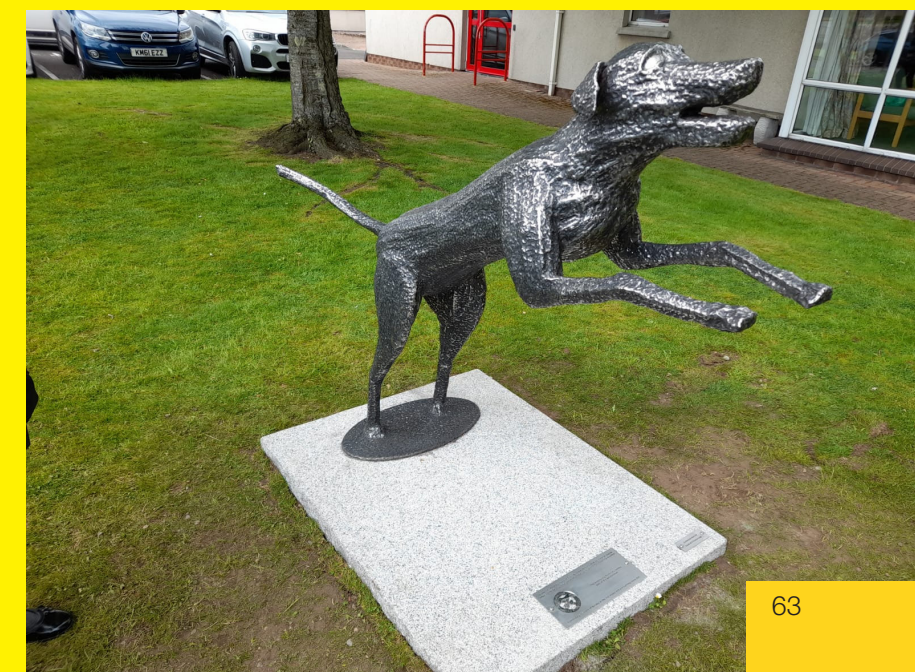
I began by researching images of Irish Wolfhounds to get an understanding of the size, scale, features and characteristics of the dog. I created a collage of full size images focusing on different angles. Next I made an outline of the body by using a frame of metal rods. I hand shaped the rods to create the structure base of the body. I used the same process to create the head, legs and tail. I hand welded bars to create the outer texture. I descaled the metal using a wire brush and completed 3 stages of polishing to create the final finish. Initial planning to installation on the Limavady High School site took 400 hours and the dog weighs in excess of 350kg!

## 4 What was the most difficult bit to get right?

The head was very difficult in particular the shape of the eyes, ears and snout. This was due to the large size of the head and the ears of an Irish Wolfhound are quite small compared to the body.

## 5 How did you feel when you saw the dog in place at the front of the school for the first time?

I was very proud when I saw the dog in place at the 60th anniversary launch event. After months of design and fabrication in my workshop it was very rewarding to see the sculpture in the front grounds of Limavady High School. I hope the sculpture is enjoyed by the local community for many years to come!







HERE'S TO OUR YEAR 14s!





# LIMAVADY HIGH SCHOOL

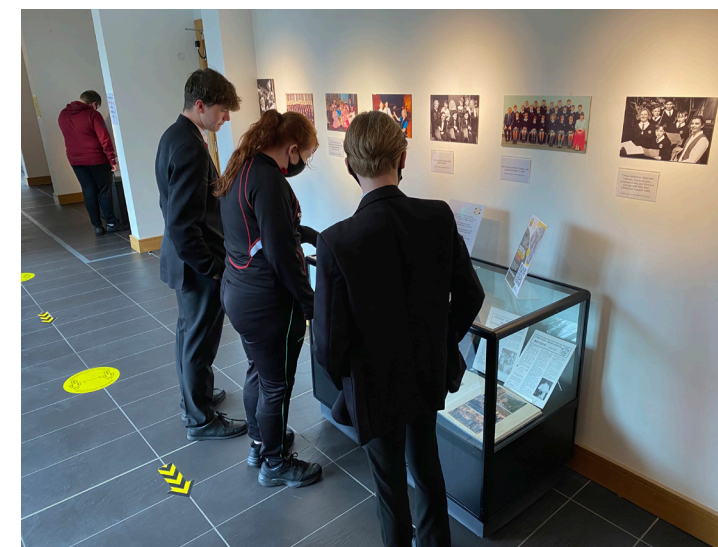
## *Sixtieth Anniversary*

### EXHIBITION

As part of the celebration of the school's 60th Anniversary, pupils from all year groups got the opportunity to visit the photographic exhibition at the Arts and Culture Centre, Limavady. The exhibition itself chronicles in photographs and pop up posters the history of the last 60 years of the school.

Pupils in Years 8-10 took part in an information treasure hunt through which they learned something of the school's history and the many different characters who have attended as teachers and pupils through the last 6 decades. Following this, pupils went to Route 66 on Main Street for ice creams, milk shakes and waffles.

This was a fantastic way to end our school year. Thanks to Mr Dallas and Mr Linton for organising.







# ARMY ACTIVITY DAYS

Year 10 and Year 11 pupils enjoyed Army Activity Days at the end of June, getting the chance to learn about and sample different activities linked to Army careers.

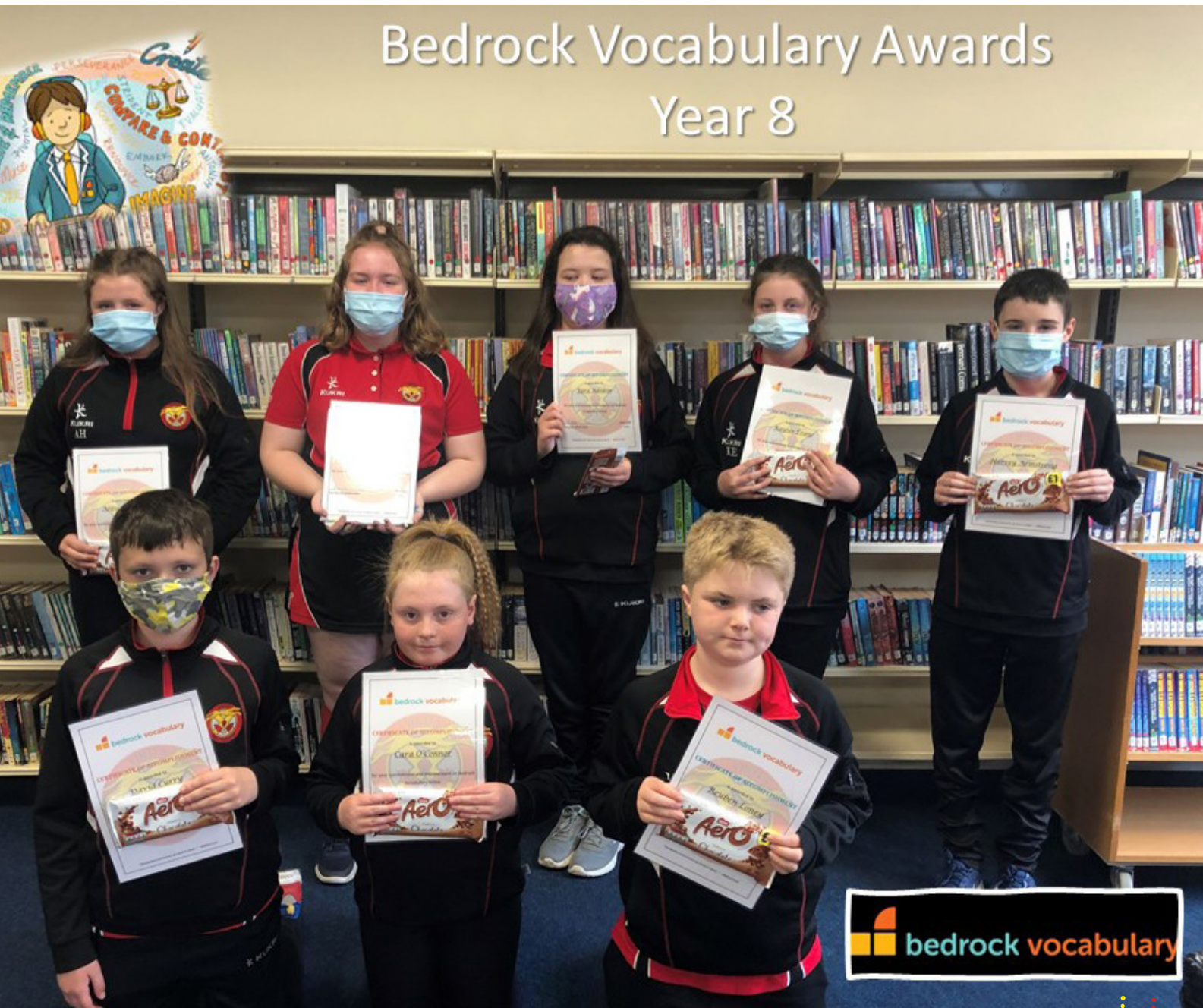


They learned how to take and analyse fingerprints as well as learning fieldcraft skills, including how to apply camouflage paint, basic first aid and field cookery skills. The PT and Elite Skills Academy sessions allowed them to demonstrate their leadership skills, team working and problem solving skills to complete a series of challenges.



Finally, they saw how it all fitted in during a careers talk about the different roles and opportunities in the Army. Pupils got stuck in and really enjoyed the days. Thanks to the team of Army personnel who delivered all the sessions so well and to Mrs Calvin for organising.





Bedrock Vocabulary Awards – Year 8  
This term some pupils in Year 8 have been extremely lucky to be involved in a pilot programme introduced to the English Department called ‘Bedrock Vocabulary’.

This innovative online vocabulary programme, quizzes and introduces pupils to new and relevant vocabulary, whilst developing their literacy and oracy skills. The programme also creates lessons and reports for teachers and parents on vocabulary achievement.

A group of pupils in Year 8 received the first awards for ‘Outstanding Achievement’ on Bedrock Vocabulary and ‘Commitment and improvement’ On Bedrock Vocabulary.

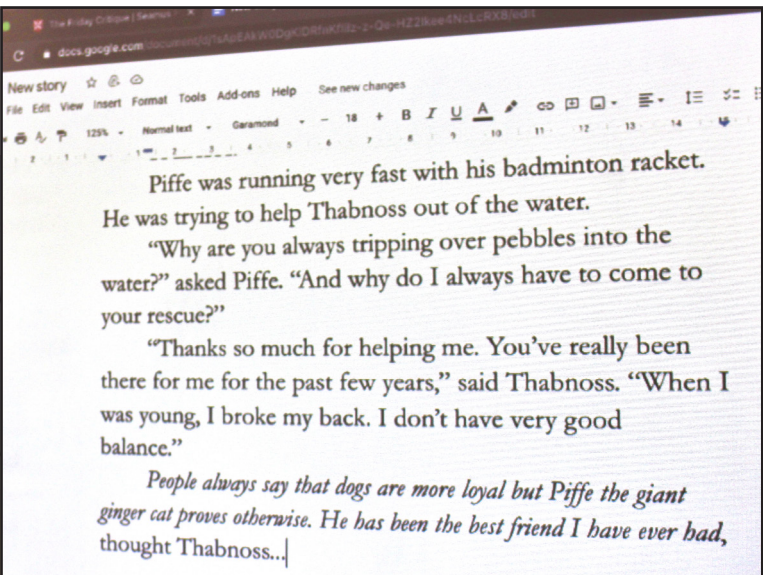
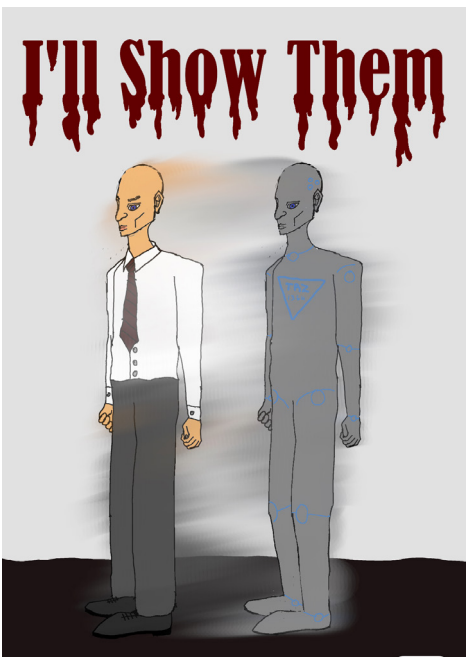
Limavady High School is extremely fortunate to be one of the first schools in Northern Ireland to be working with ‘Bedrock Vocabulary’ from September ...so watch out for more awards in KS3 in next academic year!

## Year 9 classes are published writers!

In June 9H and 9I had a great time working with the mentors from ‘Fighting Words NI’. The pupils had the opportunity to work with a team of published writers and an artist who illustrated the cover for their stories. This was a great opportunity to be mentored over zoom and to develop both writing and oracy skills. Pupils read aloud their contributions and discussed plot and character development with the Fighting Words team.

The mentors really enjoyed working with our LHS pupils and we are looking forward to more workshops next year.

9H and 9I’s short stories can be read on the Fighting words NI website under ‘Stories’.







June Charity fundraising

We started our year with fundraising and ended it that way too. Well done to the pupils of 10I who took part in a business project at the end of June where they raised £132.02 for LIPS. Ryan and Jay are pictured here on behalf of the class. Well done 10I!



The School's council also ended their year with some fundraising.

They held a cookie sale at the end of term and raised a fantastic total of £134.42 for Action Mental Health.

Thanks go to Mrs. McGregor and the members of the School's Council for organising.

Another exciting presentation at the end of June.

Niall MacFlynn, Head of Business, and Jordan Holmes, Marketing Executive, of JKC Coleraine presented Mr Mornin with staff tops as part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations. The school would like to thank JKC Coleraine for their continued support throughout the year.



Rewarding KINDNESS

Thank you to Route 66 Limavegas who donated vouchers to the school to be awarded to pupils who have demonstrated kindness during such a difficult year.

The winners were:

Kaytee - Year 8 - for kindness and friendship

Cain - Year 8 - for kindness and friendship

Lucy - Year 9 - for manners and respect towards staff

Erin - Year 9 - for supporting her family during lockdown

Bradley - Year 10 - for kindness and friendship

Demi - Year 11 - for kindness towards staff

Nicole - Year 11 - for supporting other pupils with their learning during lockdown

Abi - Year 11 - for supporting vulnerable members of the community and volunteering during lockdown



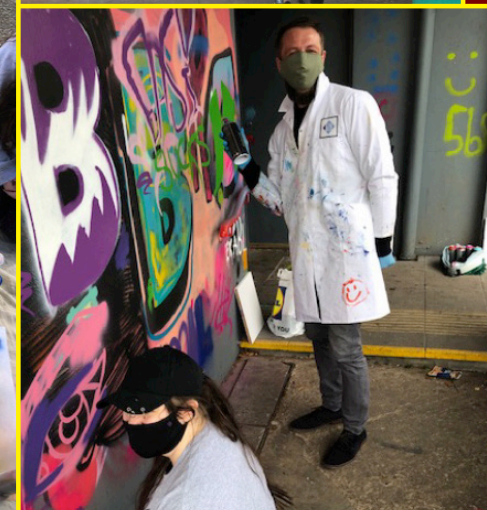




# Year 10 Street Art



Over this year, Mr Quigley and a group of Year 10 students got to work with Karl Porter from UV Arts, a Street Art company based locally. They learned a range of stencil techniques and got to practice their new skills with spray painting on a section of playground wall. Everyone, including all the staff involved enjoyed the freedom to explore ideas on such a large scale!



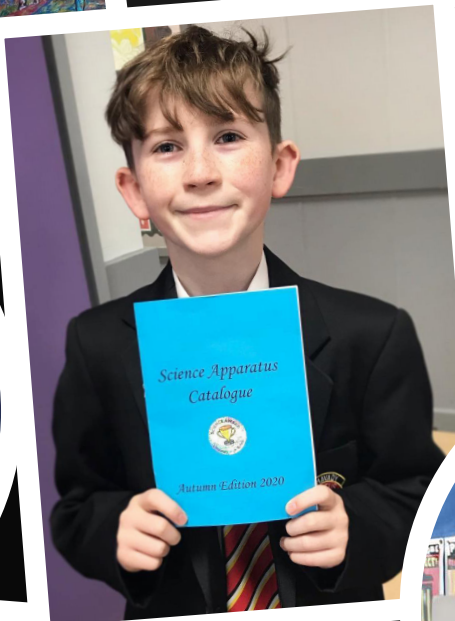
Students created ideas to contribute to the renovation of the playground happening June/July. We've only just started the wall area and look at the difference already. Can't wait to see the final outcome at the end of summer!



6th Formers helping with the harder to reach sections!



## SNAPSHOTS







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# SPORTS DAY 2021

Sport managed to return to some form of normality mid-June as we were able to run our annual athletics competitions. Events were run for each of the KS3 year groups. Pupils had the opportunity to score points for themselves and their House teams, and at the end of the competition the Minor, Junior, Intermediate and House Champions were all decided. Thankfully the weather was excellent.

## Minor Boys

Zach Maguire became Minor Boys Champion after winning the 100m, 800m and the long jump as well as placing 3rd in the shot putt. Harry Smyth performed well scoring points in the 100m, 200m, 800m, cricketball throw and the long jump. Corey Campbell won the cricketball and the shot to finish 3rd overall.

In the Minor Girls Section Lucy Donaghy was crowned champion after winning the 100m, 200m and 800m, she was second in the long jump, 3rd in the cricketball and 4th in the shot putt. Charlotte Conn placed 2nd overall after winning the long jump and scoring points in the 100m, 200m and the 800m. Autumn Murray finished 3rd after winning the shot and the cricketball.

The Junior Boys competition was dominated by Bobby Baird who won the 100m, 200m, 800m and the long jump as well as placing in the shot and the cricketball. Bobby also set two new records in the 100m and the 200m, running 11.49 sec and 25.66 seconds respectively. The previous records had stood since the 1980's. Daniel Smyth provided stern competition finishing 2nd in the 100m, 200m and 800m to finish 2nd overall while Samuel Haslett placed 3rd overall.

Lillyanna Stewart won the 100m and the 200m, was 2nd in the 800m and long jump, was 3rd in the shot putt and was 4th in the cricketball to become the Junior Girls Champion. Lucy McClelland came second after scoring points in the 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump and the shot putt. Lily Thompson won the shot and placed in the cricketball and the 800m to finish 3rd overall.

The competition in the Intermediate Boys Section was brilliant. Luke Dennison and Sam Brown battled fiercely throughout the morning. Luke dominated on the track winning the 100m, 200m and the 800m while Sam dominated in the field events winning the discus, javelin, long jump and shot putt. It came down to a single point at the end with Sam taking the honours and Luke finishing as runner up. Ewan Guy performed well in both the track and the field to take 3rd place.

Jodie McGinnis dominated the Intermediate Girls competition with wins in the 200m and the discus, she placed 2nd in the 100m and the shot, came 3rd in the 800m and placed 4th in the long jump. Rebecca Mason performed strongly in the shot, discus and the 100m to finish 2nd overall. While Casey O'Neill and Lily Craig tied for 3rd place. Casey won the 100m and the long jump, Lily placed 2nd in the 800m and the long jump and came 3rd in the 200m.

In the House Competition was a very close affair with the top 3 teams separated by 3 points. Massey finished 1st on 98 points, Ross were 2nd, Alexander were 3rd and Phillips finished 4th.



## House Points

	Alexander	Massey	Phillips	Ross
Minor	17	32	38	33
Junior	16	23	34	47
Intermediate	62	43	8	17
Total	95	98	80	97
Position	3rd	1st	4th	2nd

**HOUSE CHAMPIONS - MASSEY**





# CHAMPIONS

## Minor Boys

1st Zach Maguire  
2nd Harry Smyth  
3rd Corey Campbell



Minor Boys

## Minor Girls

1st Lucy Donaghy  
2nd Charlotte Conn  
3rd Autumn Murray



Minor Girls

## Junior Boys

1st Bobby Baird  
2nd Daniel Smyth  
3rd Samuel Haslett



Junior Boys

## Junior Girls

1st Lillyanna Stewart  
2nd Lucy McClelland  
3rd Lily Thompson



Junior Girls

## Intermediate Boys

1st Sam Brown  
2nd Luke Dennison  
3rd Ewan Guy

## Intermediate Girls

1st Jodie McGinnis  
2nd Rebecca Mason  
3rd Lily Craig  
3rd Casey O'Neill



Intermediate Boys



Intermediate Girls

# TENNIS TASTER SESSIONS



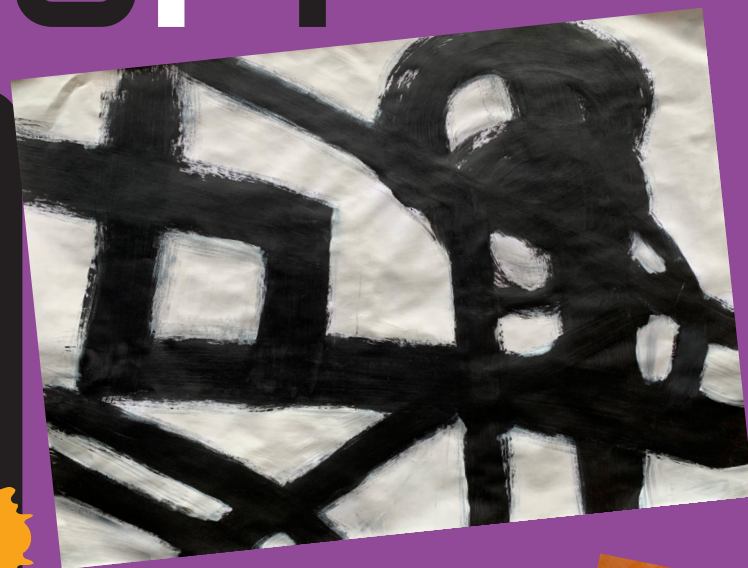
In June all our Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a tennis coaching session. These taster sessions were provided David Craig and his team at Limavady Recreation Club as part of the 'Connect, Play, Stay' project to improve well-being and mental health through Sport. Held at the Recreation Club in Limavady, the emphasis was on fun. Many of our pupils had never played tennis before so it was an opportunity for them to try out a new sport. The pupils were introduced to some basic tennis skills and then progressed into playing some fun games. Watch out for future Wimbledon stars!

The staff also had the opportunity to take part in a session, a few of the staff hadn't played for a few years and it was a chance to familiarise themselves with a few skills before playing a few games. In the end Mr McConnell was crowned as the tennis champion after beating Mr Doherty 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 in the final. A great way to relax after a long term at school for all who took part, thanks to Mrs Rosborough and David Craig from Limavady Tennis Club for organising the sessions.





# art







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*Do you need to talk to someone?  
We are here to help.*

1. Teacher/Form Tutor
2. Vice Principal
3. Anti-Bullying Buddy
4. School Counsellor
5. Lifeline/Childline/Gateway

**Lifeline**  
0808 808 8000

**ChildLine**  
0800 1111

**Gateway Team**  
02871314090



LIMAVADY HIGH SCHOOL



## OUR CORE VALUES

1. Respect
2. Integrity
3. Personal Responsibility
4. Fairness
5. Teamwork
6. High Expectations



# THE WOLFHOUND



## LIMAVADY HIGH SCHOOL

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