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Farewell Millie...

This edition of Focus is dedicated to Millie, our very special Farmor's dog who so very sadly is no longer with us after a short illness. She was a much loved member of Mrs Robinson's family and will be missed by all of us.

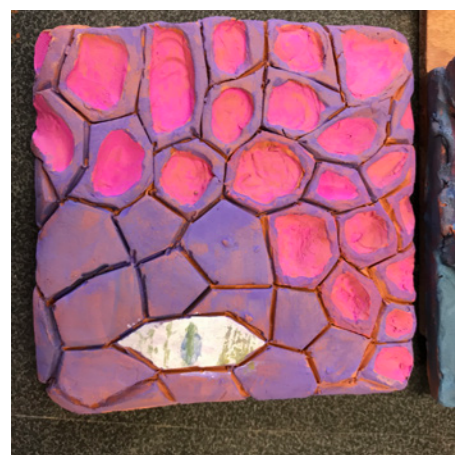


Year 7 Clay cells

The Cell project for Year 7 concluded with all students making a clay tile, inspired by the cells they studied in Science and in Art in the Autumn term.

They learnt how to prepare clay, roll it out, MOULD, SCULPT, IMPRINT, CARVE, SLIP and SCORE it to join pieces together.

I think most of these students will remember all about cells when sitting their GCSE science exams in year 1!! Here are a few examples of the final pieces...



Farmor's School students hunt for the Higgs boson at CERN

Students from the Y12 A Level Physics class were inspired by a visit to CERN, Geneva, home of the Large Hadron Collider.

During the visit on 28th February the students discovered how CERN is helping to answer some of the most fundamental questions; How did the Universe begin? What are the basic building blocks of matter?

Scientific breakthroughs such as the discovery of the Higgs boson require experimental machines on a large scale, and the students gained an appreciation of the technical and engineering challenges that the multinational experimental collaborations at CERN face.

The trip has been running for a number of years at Farmor's. This year we had a tour of a brand-new facility open to the public: The 600-MeV Synchrotron (SC). It was absolutely fascinating.

The Synchrotron which came into operation in 1957, was CERN's first accelerator. It provided beams for CERN's first experiments in particle and nuclear physics. In 1964, this machine started to concentrate on nuclear physics alone, leaving particle physics to the newer and more powerful Proton Synchrotron. The SC became a remarkably long-lived machine. In 1967, it started supplying beams for a dedicated radioactive-ion-beam facility called ISOLDE, which still carries out research ranging from pure nuclear physics to astrophysics and medical physics. In 1990, ISOLDE was transferred to the Proton Synchrotron Booster, and the SC closed down after 33 years of service.

The UK has been a member of CERN since the organisation was founded in 1954. Membership allows British researchers to take a wide variety of roles that contribute to CERN's on-going success; from recently qualified technicians and university undergraduates gaining their first taste of working in an international environment to PhD students analysing experimental data and experienced engineers and physicists leading

projects or representing their experimental collaborations. The Farmor's students' visit was led by a member of the CERN community who talked from personal experience about their contribution to CERN's research programme. STFC's Executive Chair, Professor Mark Thomson, said "The scale of the science and technology at CERN is awe-inspiring. There is no doubt that seeing it at first hand, and meeting

the people who work on the experiments, can influence young people's future education and career choices."

Whilst in and around Geneva, our students also had the opportunity to experience a spectacular cable car ride which turned out to be a one way journey because of high winds in the area at the time!

Mr Tatlow & Mr Colonna



Yr 10 Clay tiles

Year 10 Art students spent the day off timetable on Thursday January 30th creating their final clay tiles, based on the theme of Natural Forms.

The students were inspired by the Land Artist Andy Goldsworthy, The illustrator Mark Hearld and the Arts and Crafts designer William Morris.

They spent time researching all artists and then designed their final pieces. The day started with all students making small clay samples, recapping on how to IMPRINT, CARVE, MODEL, SCULPT, MOULD and create TEXTURE AND RELIEF. They also needed to remind themselves how to join the clay using the score and slip method.

They then spent the rest of the day making and refining their tiles. The pieces were then dried, fired in the kiln and finally painted with watercolour and varnished.

As you can see, the resulting work was really successful and a tribute to the students' focus and effort.



Year 7 Castles - History Project

Over 4 weeks, Y7s had to design and construct a castle and these stood out as particularly impressive. Well done girls!



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Poem

Ahmad Makinde (Y7)

*We were warned of war but not what we saw
A sea of anti-semitism dissolving like a chromatograph.
I was a normal boy, normal friends
The next day not.
They reached us, they rounded us
We died and were sent to hell.
I'd never been on a train
But I knew this wasn't what it was like.
The ride was like judgement day, many spluttered more than
the engine
I went into hell and the gates were sealed.
That was the last I saw of him, we were ignorant to the flames.
It would never be the same.
Hell was not a game.
If you were Jewish even as much as a name
It was over.
I knew Santa lived in the North Pole
But now I knew where death lived
It was a game of tag
But not in a playground
We hid from him but he found us
Systematically
He was merciless
We worked or we died
We fought for life helplessly
We hid in behind anywhere really
Death had its acquaintances, gas and disease
The fire roared endlessly
The dark room, notoriously had his name
He was death's most trusted friend
The dark was the last we saw
The gas was the last we smelled
The gas was the last we breathed
Death cackled and pointed at us
He was notorious, he should never be forgotten
His name was the Holocaust.*

Review by Jack Cook, Y7

The Red Lion Pub

After hearing that a local village pub in Castle Eaton had re-opened after a complete refurbishment and transformation, we new immediately where we would be going for a family members birthday treat. We booked easily - a party of nine people, 4 adults, 3 teenagers and 2 children and were looking forward to our evening meal out.

The Red Lion pub, which is part of the Donnington Brewery group, is located in the village of Castle Eaton just off the A419 and easy to access from Swindon or Cirencester. It sits in the centre of the village in a very tranquil, peaceful location, nestled on the banks of the River Thames. The pub is an old, traditional red-bricked building blending in nicely with other houses in the village. The large garden wraps around the back of the pub and on a hot summers day would be ideal for sitting and enjoying a meal outside. You could arrive by foot along the Thames path or even stop off by boat !!!

As we step inside, we are welcomed by a staff member behind the bar, immediately the quiet from outside changes to a buzz of chatter from the locals gathered around catching up with local village gossip. The owners have kept all the character of the old building - beamed ceilings, wooden floors, log fires and quirky little rooms lead you through to another bar area which suddenly opens up into a huge conservatory. This is obviously the new addition and where the main restaurant is located. In this room, chunky, old wooden tables and chairs have been mixed with some modern, stylish touches such as, comfy leather sofas and spotlighting. This part of the pub is bright and open with plenty of space to sit, eat and relax.

We were greeted by the restaurant manager, who is cheerful and friendly, which immediately made us all feel comfortable. He provided us

with menus and talked us through the specials of the day and some of his own favourite dishes - he had obviously tasted nearly everything on the menu!!! The menu had a mixture of small and large plates, including seafood, steaks (using local beef), pizzas, pasta, sharing boards and a good selection of vegetarian dishes. This is a great idea as it allowed you to maybe pick one or two smaller plates if you found it hard to decide. The prices were also reasonable with starters and smaller plates between £5-£7 and the main courses starting at £14, going up to £20+ for some of the more expensive steaks. I chose the spicy sausages to start, followed by pizza as my main course.

When my starter arrived, I immediately wished I had ordered two!! Eight homemade, succulent sausages were still quietly sizzling in the miniature sized saucepan, they were covered in a sticky, spicy sauce and vanished within a few minutes. We didn't have to wait too long before our main courses arrived, everyone looked really pleased with what they had ordered but I was suddenly a bit jealous that I hadn't ordered something a bit more exciting than a pizza. The cheese was tasty and gooey and the top was loaded with pepperoni, however it was let down by the base, which was like eating a dry, crispy cracker, every time I bit into it pieces escaped onto other people's plates - my friends and family needed the base to use as a shield for protection against the flying debris!

We had a really enjoyable evening at The Red Lion pub and would recommend going there to other people. We will definitely return and next time try out their roast dinners on a lazy, Sunday lunchtime, where we will hopefully be able to sit and enjoy the garden.



Overall, I would give this 4 out of 5 stars, as there is always room for a little improvement.



We're going to miss you.
Goodbye and good luck!



Farewell Y11
Textiles students...



Marvellous Mud - The Tweed Estuary

Oliver Cook, Y7

When low tides uncover the bare mud of an estuary, it can seem a bleak and unpromising place. But the mud is home to countless worms and crustaceans, making estuaries a valuable place for wildlife. Wading birds feed here during the winter months and rest on the high grassy banks on the far side at high tide. The Tweed Estuary is one of the best places in Europe for these birds.

The Tweed's clear water gives migrating Atlantic salmon a clear route between the sea and the gravelly streams inland, where they breed. A clear route that is apart from the fishermen trying to catch them. Today most of them fish for sport, but this wasn't always the case. Commercial fishing was once a major industry and a source of revenue - Berwick has been famous for its salmon since the early 1300s.

My first bird I stumbled across was a wading curlew. Though an estuary bird, it is common on mudflats and shallow waters along the coast, which you would falsely presume would make the Tweed an ideal habitat.

They are common further up the river in the Northumberland National Park where they are the park's mascot. They usually travel in flocks up to the thousands, though these numbers mask a serious conservation issue.

My second bird was further down the river, the typical seabird of British seaside resorts: the herring gull, a large gull similar to the common gull but sporting a distinctive red spot on its bill. It breeds during the winter months here and, as I was here during a break from the torrential wind and rain of Storm Dennis, the flocks were out and thriving.

A pair of dabbling mallards came next - found across the UK as it is the common British duck and is incredibly tame. Males sport a shiny green head, a maroon-brown chest, a yellow bill and curly black feathers while a female is brown and mottled in comparison. They fought against the current and came right up close to us, as if inspecting an unexpected visitor. Our encounter was briefly interrupted by a charm of finches zipping by, in the woodland behind us, scaring off the curious ducks.

Our next encounter - a squadron of sparrows, their streaky brown feathers ruffled in the wind, males bear a grey cap and black bib, the size of which indicates their status. A large, noisy flock of chocolate-brown, black-headed gulls squawking their way down the river, followed in tow.

And by the time we had reached the castle ruins, the wind and the rain had returned and caused us to seek refuge in the remains that overlook the estuary. And the birds had disappeared into the woodland or town.



Nature Blog

Layla Norman Y7

My friend, Boro, and I went bird watching together for the first time. We went to our local field that wasn't built on because there are Roman ruins under it. It is a beautiful field - there is a wooded area and a hilly area. It always amazes me how many people walk their dogs on this field because the terrain is really difficult to walk on. It really is amazing, but, as amazing as it is, we don't get that many animals living around the area. That is the reason Boro and I didn't see any birds except a crow. I saw a rabbit but I'm not sure Boro saw it as it ran quickly past us.

After about 15 minutes of bird watching on the field, we decided to go wandering around our estate to try and find different birds but all we were successful with was a pigeon! Even though we barely saw anything, it was really fun just hanging out with Boro because I never really go out.

We heard the wind crashing through the trees and the trees rattling. We heard the slight pitter patter of the rain on the floor. I felt inspired, inspired to go out more.

After we were finished, I went home and when I went home I saw loads more birds.

It was a very eye-opening experience because I never go out. I'm usually in my room, on my phone, and I never take notice of the outside world. Now that I've gone out, I will definitely go out more often. I could possibly walk my dog on the same field or I could ride my bike on the path at the bottom of it.

Overall, I loved going bird-watching and I would definitely do it again.



The alarm sounded at 0230 and up I sprang. After a quiet early morning drive, we met up at Birmingham Airport in the long queue to check in.

We boarded the plane and off we went. As we left the aircraft the cold hit us; -1°C with a windchill so felt like -4. An hour long bus journey to the pretty town of Oswiecim followed. We saw the Market Square and were told of the bustling multi cultural society pre-war. The Jews had owned much of the property in the Market Square and prayed at the huge Synagogue. Unfortunately, we couldn't see the Synagogue any more as the Nazis had burned it to the ground in 1939.

Then a short drive onto Auschwitz. I didn't know but the camp was originally a barracks for the Polish Army in the town of Oswiecim, the Nazis having renamed it when they took over the town. Exiting the coach we were shortly in front of the iconic "Arbeit Macht Frei" sign, meaning "work sets you free". Our guide was called Marta and she was amazing; so much knowledge and understandable passion for her subject.

Entering into old blocks that the prisoners were

held in, we noted that there was heating in them; however, it wasn't used. In one room sat a huge book that looked like a solid block in the middle of room; it literally filled the room. It hung vertically and was made by a Jewish Holocaust society over time to list the names of the many who died. It lists over 4 million killed, in with at least 2 million unidentifiable people 'missing'.

Just 4km away and a short coach ride and we arrived at the entrance, and the now infamous image of the front gates of the purpose built extermination camp; Birkenau, or 'Auschwitz II', where train tracks took these innocent prisoners directly into the camp.

Our first visit was to a brick built bathroom, with two troughs running the length of the huge room. It had soap holder tiles at regular intervals. Ironically, they were never given soap; it was simply that the tiles came in a set and were not to be wasted. The water was always cold, never heated. The block next door was the toilets block. Prisoners were given a choice: toilet or washroom; there was not time for both.

We started to walk towards the railway line and for as far as the eye can see there are brick

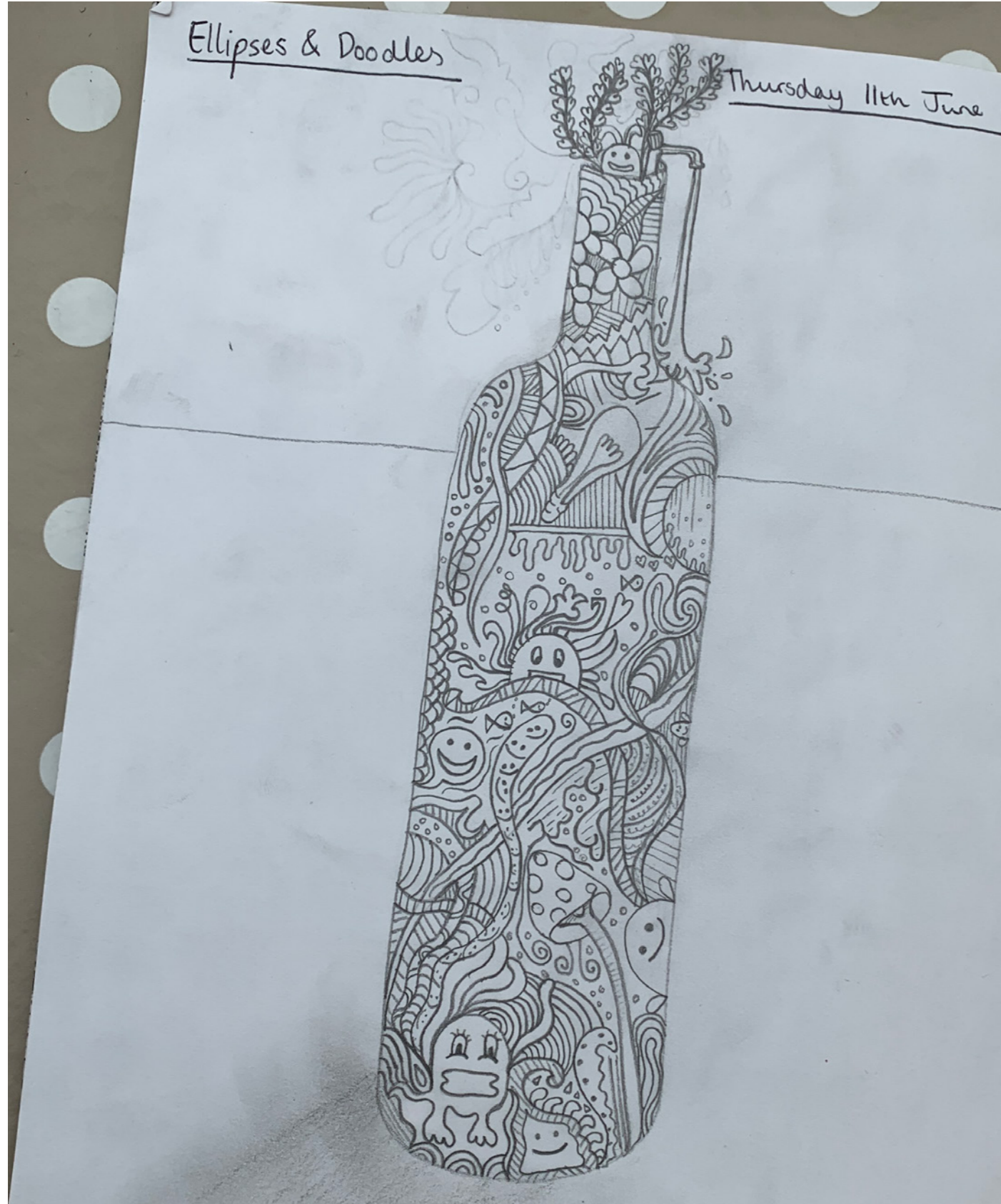
chimneys. There had been over 300 barrack blocks, only a handful of which remain. As we were there at the going down of the sun it looked kind of beautiful, seeing the light through the chimneys, looking like trees. Also present were the ominous guard towers where the Nazi guards would watch and shoot from. We were then taken to a large Jewish Memorial with plaques in many languages telling of the murders of so many and a warning to all humanity.

On leaving these buildings the sun was very nearly set - just the last bit of orange glow through the trees. It would be beautiful if not for the guard house in the eyeline too. We were then taken back to the memorial, where all 160 of us sat down and listened to readings and poems - in silence. In pitch black now apart from the light on the Rabbi we listened to his talk and then he said a prayer in Hebrew (which is sung). In this dark, desolate place it felt very eerie. We'd all been given a candle and now all 160 were lit and we were told to place it anywhere on the memorial.

Please remember it didn't start with gas chambers, it started with hatred and intolerance. In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

Doodle Art by Year 8

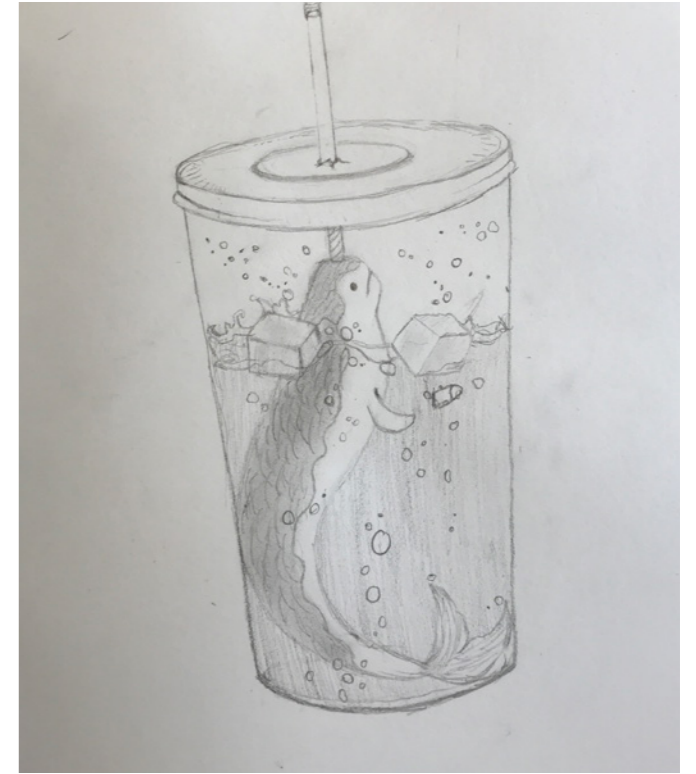
Students were asked to look at ellipses and then had to include a doodle into the object. Here are some wonderful efforts!



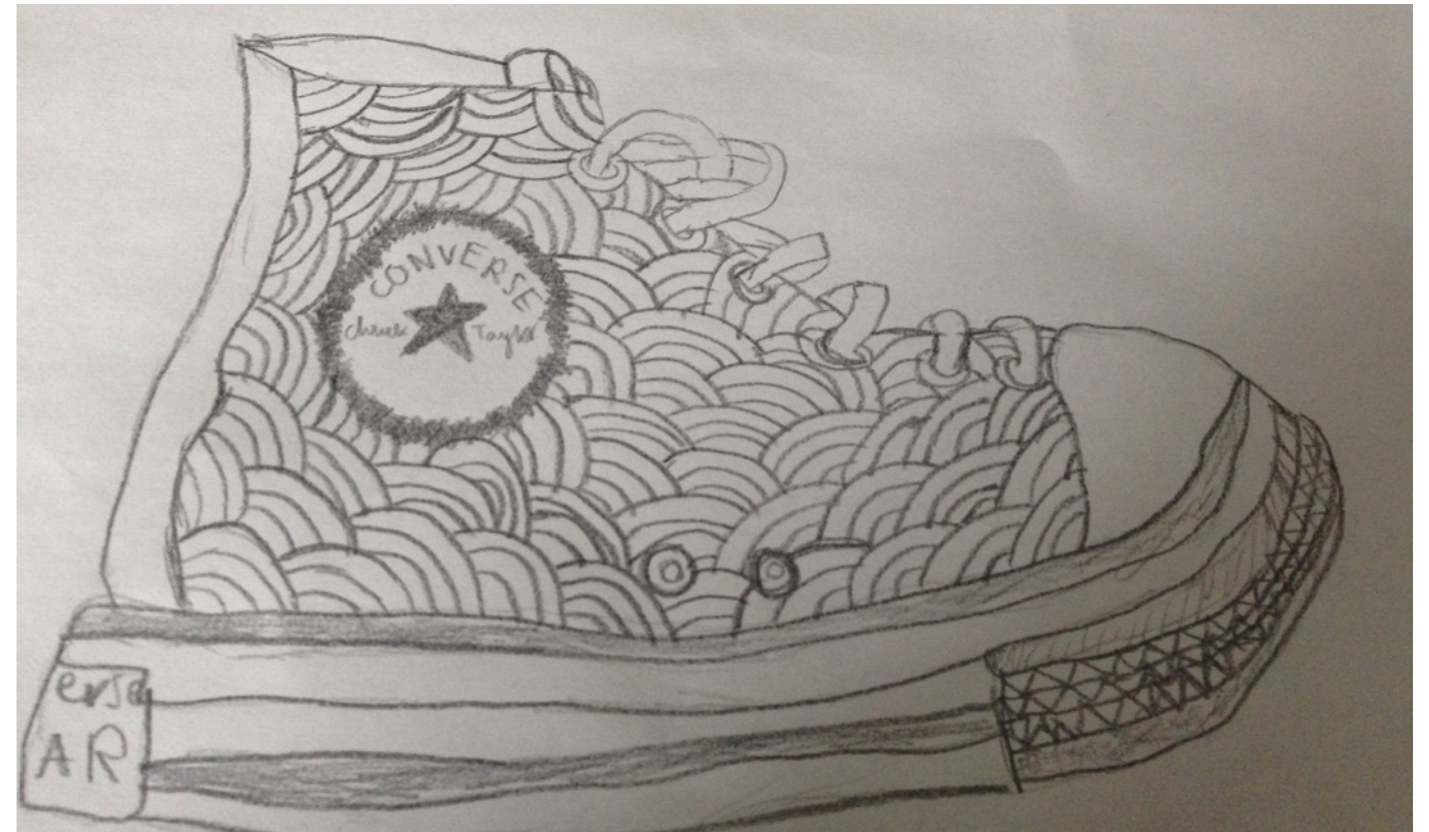
Y8 Bethany Kirk_Doodle Art ▲



Y8 Freda_Lumborg_Doodle Art ▲



Y8 Ciara O'Brien-Jones Doodle Art ▲



Y8 Alec_Joyce_Doodle Art ▲



Y8 Molly_Pounder_Doodle Art ▲

Beautiful Textiles work by Geny Cooke, Y12



Artwork - Year 9.

Response to Andy Goldsworthy

Y9 - Bliss Chapmany ▼



Y9 Katie Freebury ▶



Y9 - Millie Godwin ▶





Artwork - Year 9 Continued

Observations of an onion

▼ Y9 - Lois Heeley



▲ Y9 Freya Carroll

▼ Y9 Olivia Gill



▲ Y9 - Fletcher Hart

Fine Art - Year 11 & 12

Take a look at some of the amazing work produced by our Years 12 and 13 Art students... congratulations to Isabella Beattie, Tom Brown, Lewis Kirk, Jessie Paton, Maia Killian and Jack Chambers.



Jessie Paton - head on pillow ▲



Lewis Kirk - still life - pepper and tomato ▲



Tom Brown - lighthouse ▲



Maia Killian - girl with red headband ▲



Isabella Beattie - spider ▲



Jack Chambers - show ▲



Cookery in lockdown!

It's good to see our students keeping busy during lockdown - here's Abbie Jackson Y9, making Naan bread and pizza.



Sports Awards 2020

The PE department are very disappointed to have missed our chance to celebrate the success of Team Farmor's this year in our formal Sports Awards evening. We are always proud of those who go out and represent us and continue to reinforce our reputation of having competitive, well-mannered and respectful students. We are also sadly aware of how acutely many students are missing their sport at the moment and we would like to share how proud we are of all those who have managed to keep active and maintain some training during challenging times. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PE staff on behalf of the students for their continued outstanding commitment to clubs and fixtures, giving our students the very best opportunity to shine.

We have decided that we must still acknowledge all the performances that happened before lockdown so here are our awards:



Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year

Lucy Clarke - Lucy has shown real commitment to improving her performance across all sports. An outstanding team player. Lucy's conduct in lessons is exemplary and she is a natural leader.

Holly Floyd - Holly is a tenacious performer who has really improved her skills and developed confidence across the year. Her athleticism and enthusiasm have been wonderful to work with!

Ella Spencer - Ella has excelled in her cross country running and has shown real potential as a Hockey player as well. An ability to perform on an individual basis as well as in teams is a strength of Ella's.

The winner 'Year 7 Sportswoman' is:
Lucy Clarke



Year 7 Sportsman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 7 Sportsman':

Archie Parkinson - It has been an absolute pleasure having Archie in the sports teams this year, shining in both the Rugby and Football seasons.

Rory Bird - Rory has been really reliable and never misses a club or training session. He had an excellent rugby season and is an asset to all of our teams.

Harrison Walker - Harrison's natural ability across all sports is unquestionable. His maturity and coachability have also made for an impressive season and the obvious choice for captain.

The winner 'Year 7 Sportsman' is:
Harrison Walker



Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 8 Sportswoman':

Zoe Thomas - Zoe is a true all round sports woman who continues to be a key member in all our teams, setting high standards of both play and conduct

Hollie Clarke - the most reliable, enthusiastic sportswoman in the year who keeps everyone organised, including me.

Erica Valpeters - the most improved performer this year who has grown into a very influential and versatile team member across the sports.

The winner 'Year 8 Sportswoman' is:
Hollie Clarke



Year 8 Sportsman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 8 Sportsman':

Alex Kent - Alex has had another fantastic year in PE. He regularly attends many of our clubs and his contribution and standards in lessons is an example to others.

Billy Dickinson - Billy is a leader in lessons and in teams and his commitment to school sport has been outstanding. He is a regular in the Rugby and Football team and often a pivotal player in both.

Hugo Cooper - Hugo has raised the bar in this year. Rugby is his real passion but his willingness to target weaker areas and commit to other clubs to facilitate this has been impressive.

The winner 'Year 8 Sportsman' is:
Billy Dickinson



Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 9 Sportswoman':

Amelia Gardner - Amelia is the most determined, competitive performer in this cohort who should be commended for her commitment to improve.

Annie Griffiths - a very influential team player who has committed this year and become a valuable team member as a result.

Rebecca Cornell - a consistent representative of all teams who does whatever is asked of her, proving her versatility as a games player and athlete.

The winner 'Year 9 Sportswoman' is:

Amelia Gardner



Year 9 Sportsman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 9 Sportsman':

Zac Slade - A highly committed student who is passionate about sport. He particularly stood out this year in Rugby, however, he commits fully to all sports at school and shows a fantastic attitude.

Dan Howard - He is a brilliant all-round sportsman with his strength undoubtedly being football. Dan's attitude and conduct is exemplary and we are proud to have him in our teams.

Will Merrett - Is a pleasure to teach and coach. He remains, one of our outstanding sportsmen at Farmor's, playing multiple sports to a high standard.

The winner 'Year 9 Sportsman' is:

Dan Howard



Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 10 Sportsman':

Izzy Gray-Evans - Izzy is such a deserving nominee this year, striving to improve all the time. In Netball she has developed considerably as GS adding so much value to our team.

Lauren Pawson - Lauren is an incredible sportswoman. She is a brilliant all-rounder and there is nothing she will shy away from. Lauren has achieved so much across multiple sports and always turns up willing and eager to push herself more.

Elizabeth Payne - Elizabeth is our little pocket rocket! Her energy and enthusiasm continue to astound us. She commits herself to every sport in school but excels in Hockey.

The winner 'Year 10 Sportswoman' is:

Lauren Pawson



Year 10 Sportsman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 10 Sportsman':

Dan Hunt - Dan sets himself high standards and is a key player in our sports teams in this cohort. He is an example to others and a real asset in teams and also in lessons

Oscar Clarke - Oscar has continued to show fantastic commitment to the school Rugby team despite this year. He has a mature and consistent approach in lessons and continues to improve. Others could certainly learn from his excellent attitude.

James Conlan - James has continued to develop as an outstanding athlete and Rugby Player. He is empathetic with his peers and is a fantastic leader on the pitch.

The winner 'Year 10 Sportsman' is:

James Conlan



Year 11 Sportswoman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 11 Sportsman':

Maudie Orgill - Has had a brilliant year, putting in some of the best performances I have ever seen her play for school. She really is an awesome team player and keeps team morale high with her light hearted, positive attitude

Grace Orgill - An exceptionally strong sports person who has grown in both stature and experience this year, showing maturity, resilience and a real drive to win.

Annie Lloyd - Annie is an ever present energetic influence in all school teams - she can be relied upon in any situation and is fearless in her approach to it all

The winner 'Year 11 Sportswoman' is:

Grace Orgill



Year 11 Sportsman of the Year

The nominees for the 'Year 12 Sportsman':

Joe Sims - Joe has been one of the outstanding sportsmen in this year group since year 7. He has been a key figure in a number of the sports teams and a past winner of this award

Bengy Dodds - Bengy is a strong all-round sportsman who excels in cricket. His attitude, focus and conducts towards his PE lessons and extra-curricular sport has been second to none throughout the last 5 years.

Saahen Shetty - Saahen is on this list this year in recognition of his outstanding achievements within the sport of Badminton. He plays at National standard and led the school team to victory in the county finals this year.

The winner 'Year 11 Sportsman' is:

Bengy Dodds



6th Form Sportswoman of the Year

This is always a tough decision particularly with the strength of the 6th form Netball squad this year. The winner earns this award for her dedication and commitment but particularly for her steely determination and strength under extreme pressure.

The winner is:

Kate Roberts



6th Form Sportsman of the Year

This year, with no 6th form Rugby to refer to, we have looked to one of our footballers to award the 6th form prize. Our vote has gone to our Captain. His schooldays have been centred around sport and in particular Football. He has been a pleasure to teach and a wonderful ambassador for our school. His leadership and communication skills have been invaluable in helping the 1st XI run as well as it has.

The winner is:

Tom Brown



Sports Person of the Year (Beyond School)

This year it goes to a performer who has competed in the Nationals in his sport, against the best swimmers this country has to offer and since faced the real challenge of not being able to access a pool at this crucial stage of his swimming career.

The winner is:

Alex Cohoon



Outstanding Contribution to Team Farmor's Award

We would like to acknowledge the following as having been truly committed to sport during their time at Farmor's and would like to wish them the very best of luck for their future.

The nominees for the 'Team of the Year'

KS3 Commitment Award – Girl

This award goes to someone who has been a key team member across the sports. She is always reliable and committed to Team Farmor's and can be relied upon to give her best and always bring a smile.

The winner is:

Isabel Landa-Font

KS3 Commitment Award – Boy

This award also goes to someone with outstanding commitment and dedication across all sports, although he excels as an Athlete. He always represents the school with great pride and impeccable conduct.

The winner is:

Fletcher Hart

KS4 Commitment Award – Girl

This goes to someone who has remained committed to teams and training across the sports. She is becoming an excellent rope model and this year has also committed to support us by helping to train younger year groups.

The winner is:

Beth Tuke-Hastings

KS4 Commitment Award – Boy

This goes to someone who has always been proud to represent Team Farmor's. He is always prepared to step up when needed, never failing to give 100% and making himself an asset to any team.

The winner is:

Tom Fleay



Year 11 Netball Team

This Netball team have been one of the strongest teams to pass through Farmor's School. They have all been committed throughout their time here, and as a result have accrued an impressive number of accolades. This year, unfortunately the County tournament was thwarted by weather and we didn't achieve what we set out to do. However, after an emotional time I was so proud of the performances the girls gave in their National Cup run and feel they finished their time at Farmor's on a high. I am so looking forward to having them back in school and working with many of them again next season.

The nominees for the 'Team of the Year' Continued:



Year 9 Rugby Team

The Y9 boys' rugby team began to really take shape this year. They started off the season well, with a weekend tour to Cardiff, playing two really competitive matches and take a win against a strong club side. The highlight of the season, however, was the run they had in the EDF Energy Cup competition reaching the semi-final. The boys showed tremendous commitment to their training throughout this campaign, really bonding as a team.



U16 Badminton Team

It was clear from the outset that these boys were a talented group of racket sport players who had the right work ethic and skills to do something special. Many of them are outstanding Tennis and squash players aside from the Badminton. The boys have worked hard throughout the 3 years and have shown what can be done with diligence and commitment to a sport. I was incredibly proud of their achievements – particularly at the Regional stage of the competition where they met some seriously high level players. A really unique achievement and credit to them for working so hard to get there.

The winner is:

U16 Boys Badminton

Congratulations to everyone. Trophies and certificate will be given out when we all return to school. We look forward to seeing you all next year and continue to hope that sport can return to normal sometime soon. Keep safe and active. Mrs Johnson



other Sport News:

Football

Y9 - Boys

Our football season started with a 5-0 win against Thomas Keble with a good all-round performance from all the boys.

Our next game wasn't as successful with a big 9-0 loss against a very strong Kingshill side. Next, we had Deer Park. We dominated most of the game with the game ending only 2-1 to us, but it could have been more. Our last game against Marling finished at 2-0. All the boys put in a great performance for all the games.

Due to our solid performance in the East District league, we now face Rednock in the semi-final which will be away to them, which will be a tough ask but a challenge we will relish.

Dan Howard is the Year 9 Football team Captain.

Rugby

Y7 - Boys



Y9 - Boys

The Year 9 rugby team made it to the semi-final of the EDF Plate tournament in February after beating Castle School in the quarter finals. Castle School were a good opposition team, but we battled through to win 12 points to 7. Tries were scored by William Lloyd and Zachary Slade, and converted by Alex Ponting.

The semi-finals were played away against Church Down School in Gloucester - a win there would mean a trip to Kingsholm to play in the finals.

Going in to the match, we knew that they must have been a half decent team to have made it this far so we were expecting quality players and they didn't disappoint. They were a strong team, physically, but also had the skill. On the day they had more numbers in their squad, so they were able to field more replacements. But the Farmor's team gritted their teeth and we tried our best. Everyone put in a big shift, putting their bodies on the line to get us there but in the end the opposition numbers out gunned our determination and they won the match 24 points to nothing. We were all disappointed by the loss and not getting the opportunity to play at Kingsholm.

However, we have had another strong season which is great.

Zac Slade is the Year 9 Rugby Team Captain.



Sport Poem

Cain McGarrell Y7

*I think of sports in the morning before the sun rises,
when I go in the open field*

my heart feels the presence,

*roughness of the rugby ball, the fast but rhythmic
game as its played, and I am at peace. I think of it
when the first ball is caught*

I reach my hand, my foot, any body part I will

*Tackle you and breathe you in. It feeds my heart, to
strive forward.*





Sporting look back this year





Who has won the 'Team of the Year'?



Our annual Sports Awards has been held - congratulations to all the very worthy winners and here's to even greater sporting success next year! **See pages 24 & 30. Plus much more.**