



Sandprint- Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin with a short story. I heard through the grape-vine that one evening this week a group of students decided to have a video call in the evening dressed in their school uniforms. I think they must have been missing their friends and school so much that this helped. What a great story and I am glad that the uniform is still coming in handy!

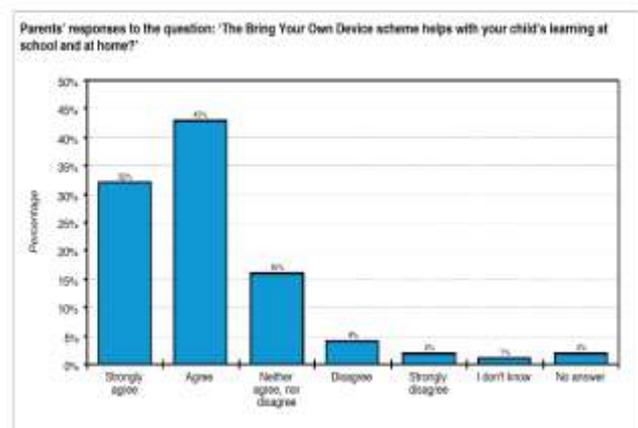
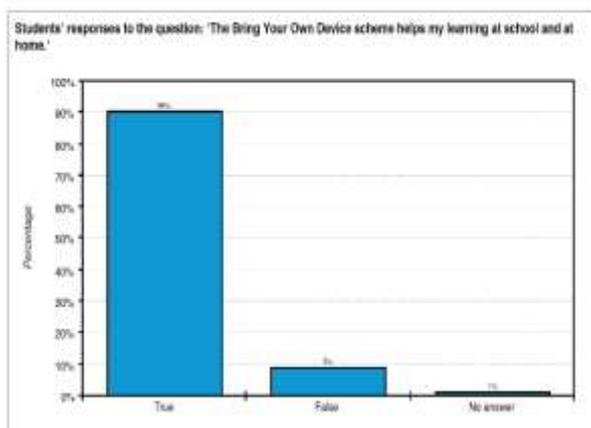
Yesterday, a number of you came in to pick up much-needed replacement exercise books from the school. Our lovely Sally in Student Services was on hand to help you and we hope that this means you can continue with your note-taking studies. It will be really important to maintain high-quality notes so please do come in if you need more stationery.

We are currently finalising plans for our Virtual Learning Curriculum after half term and I will be in a position to outline this to you next week. This will build on the latest advice from the government about how we approach relaxation of lock-down restrictions whilst ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

I would like to thank you for responding to our survey about the VLC. It seems that overall, the quantity and quality of work is about right which was what we were hoping to hear from you. The adjustments made early on seem to have worked so we will probably leave things as they are for the near future. The separate attachment shows your feedback.

Kirkland-Rowell Survey – 2020 – part 2

For today, I thought I would share with you the students and parents response to the question about Bring your Own Device. This is pertinent with our current situation, and I wonder how you would respond to this question now!



Herts Chalk Walk



Finally, it is great to see more and more Chalk Walk drawings appearing around the school. A number of students have been doing these and I would like to thank you for brightening the place up. I know that everyone really appreciates the art work.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend together.

With best wishes,
Mr Gray

THE GIFT OF TIME: SANDRINGHAM IN THE COMMUNITY



Lauren P from 8A wanted to do something for Wood Green Animal Shelter after she completed a project on them during E week. At this difficult time, she wanted to help the charity as it was not one that had been in focus. With this in mind, she arranged a massive collection as she knew people had plenty of things that they had sorted out during lockdown. Everyone delivered donations to their



house and Wood Green came to collect it. The Shelter was so pleased with the amount that the family managed to collect and said that it will make a huge difference. Amazing work Lauren- what a lovely thing to do for a cause close to your heart.

SANDRINGHAM STUDENT A FINALIST IN YOUNG SONGWRITER COMPETITION

Rowena Atkins, Founder and CEO of the Song Academy contacted us to say that Leona T in Year 11 (stage name Leona Mae) has had her song 'Deserve My Love' chosen as a top 10 finalist entry in The Young Songwriter 2020 competition. The top 3 songs will be judged on the 2nd June by a panel including award winning artists such as Tom Odell. We wish Leona lots of luck and know that hers is a name that we will be hearing more of in the future! For more information please head to <https://www.songacademy.co.uk/says20/>



SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS: FREE VIRTUAL TALKS



Students are encouraged to take advantage from free online talks from Speakers for Schools. Impressive individuals from organisations like Facebook, the FA, ITV are speaking live in the coming week and can be accessed here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

A back catalogue of talks including ones from the BBC, Spotify and Leeds University is here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>

DRAMA NEWS: WIND IN THE WILLOWS REVIEWS



Well done to the following students who received 5*s for their Theatre reviews on Wind in the Willows this week. **Year 7:** Jazmin A, Charlie B, Jack D, Khadija K, Rehan R, Ratul U, Toby Y . **Year 8:** Dillon B, Nico C, Josephine L, Sam M, Ellie N, Jessica P.

“ While watching it you will lose yourself within the storyline’ said Henry D in Yr9 . Whilst Elizabeth S in Y7 commented “one of the most significant parts of the production was the way each character used their voice differently. For example, Toad’s voice was very loud and dramatic to emphasise his personality.’ Keep up the good work Drama students!

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS ON 23rd and 24th MAY



The local St Albans Foodbank has seen a spike in demand due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and reserves are running low. As such, The Charity Officer for the local Round Table (who run the annual Santa's Sleigh collection around St Albans) has contacted Sandringham School to ask for our help. They have partnered with the Foodbank to run a special one-off doorstep collection on the **23rd May around Marshalswick and the 24th May around Townsend** (applying safe social distancing rules.) They will start at

around 10:30am and details of the full route can be found here <https://www.stalbansroundtable.org.uk/christmas-float/santa-float-food-collection-2020/>

Donations of pasta, rice, tins, long life products, tea bags and toiletries are all welcome and they would be incredibly grateful if you are able to support some of the less fortunate members of our community during these challenging times.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS FROM THE OLLIE FOUNDATION: Tues 19th MAY



Next week, on Tuesday 19th May, the OLLIE Foundation are running two FREE online sessions aimed specifically at teenagers

*PoetsIN Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop (13-18yrs) - 10.30-11.30am to learn tools for managing stress and anxiety.

-Book on <https://10to8.com/book/dklwkngnhakrzkmwoz/1081130/> select Paul Chambers as the lead, then the correct date/time.

* Keeping Safe & Carrying On for Teens - 4-5.30pm: to learn simple tips for managing overwhelm, stress, sleeplessness and loneliness. Email contactus@theolliefoundation.org to book.

WORLDS BIGGEST ART CLASS WITH ROB BIDDULPH

Rob Biddulph, children's author and illustrator, is trying to break the record for THE WORLD'S LARGEST ART LESSON. In order to do this, he would like students to register at <https://www.artworldrecords.com/>

And join in on **Thursday the 21st of May at 4pm** to help him get to a record 10,000 people at once.



Schools across the country are joining in to make history from home and the project is also raising money to support the fight against COVID-19 (there are several companies pledging £10 per employee who attends.) Why not join in next week and be part of a world record?

EVENTS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18th MAY



- Tues 19th May: 10:30-11:30 Ollie Foundation w/shop
1.25pm Virtual Choir (every week)
5-6.30pm - SYCD & Contemp Seniors.
- Weds 20th May: 315-4pm Striding Out, Junior Dance
315-4pm Boys Dance Club
- Thurs 21st May: **9-11am SCHOOL OPEN FOR RESOURCES**
1:30pm Virtual Drama Club (every week)
315-430pm Triple Edge and JuniorDance
4pm Rob Biddulph's WORLD RECORD
- Fri 22nd May: 1.20-1.55pm Contemporary Dance club
- Sat 23rd/: Foodbank collections (see p3)
- Sun 24th May