

A Message from Our Vice Principal

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

As we complete another full week of this remote learning period, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the girls on their exceptional engagement and commitment. Once again, we have been overwhelmed by the outstanding examples of work and creative activities they have been involved in, some of which you will see in this issue of our newsletter. The feedback from teachers has been extremely positive and we are very proud of the diligence, motivation and resilience of our students.

Girls last week we also observed and lived a true moment in history and watched many glass ceilings shatter. We were reminded that girls with dreams become women with vision. So, don't forget that with hard work and determination you too can achieve your heart's desire. Let us be inspired by the words of Amanda Gorman in her inaugural poem *The Hill We Climb* when she reminded us not only of what we are but what we can be and you the girls of Thornhill College can be whatever you want to be!

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Orla Donnelly (Vice Principal)



Congratulations!

Our heartfelt congratulations go to Holly in Year 14, who has been shortlisted for the heats stage of the BBC Northern Ireland School Soloist of the Year 2021! Given the remarkable number of entries, to be shortlisted is a testament to the talent of Holly.

Well done Holly on your wonderful achievement and the very best of luck!



Catholic Schools Week 2021

Catholic Schools Week will take place this year from **24th-30th January 2021**. This event was launched with a mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown on Thursday 21st January 2021 which was streamed live from St Eugene's Cathedral.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2021 is:

**"Catholic Schools:
Communities of Faith and
Resilience."**



Each day of Catholic Schools Week there is a particular area of focus which ties directly in with the overarching theme of the week with daily assemblies led by Bishop Mc Keown. As well as reflections by a variety of guest speakers including our former Principal, Miss Marguerite Hamilton. You can watch these assemblies and reflections using the following links:

Monday – Faith

Assembly by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/8QzGbwJ4ZVk>

Reflection by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/coxY1XIQTP4>

Tuesday – Community

Assembly by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/hSyoUaMKW0I>

Reflection by Rita Moore <https://youtu.be/it9vW9rtPx8>

Wednesday – Love

Assembly by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/w8EWhuFWqIA>

Reflection by Fr Paul Farren <https://youtu.be/eFzfttKUov0>

Thursday – Challenges

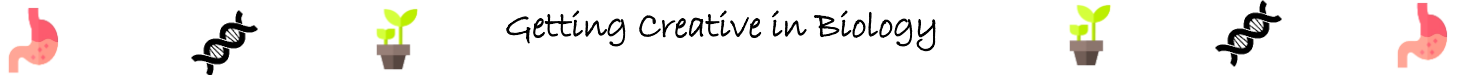
Assembly by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/EDVME25647Y>

Reflection by Michael O’Kane <https://youtu.be/zAm4Fgijtf8>

Friday – Hope

Assembly by Bishop McKeown <https://youtu.be/k8ykeGKLTy0>

Reflection by Marguerite Hamilton <https://youtu.be/WdRBnApRdqq>

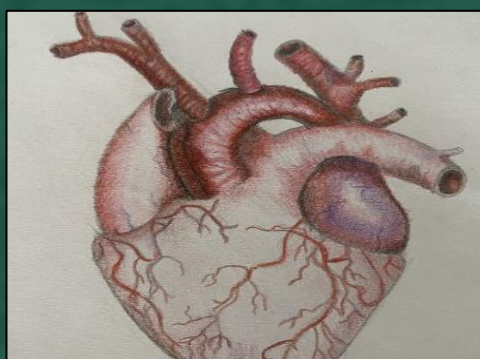


Getting Creative in Biology

Last week Mrs L. Giesen set her Year 13 AS Biology class the task of presenting the heart in a creative way, using only what they had at home. Here are some of the wonderful piece of work produced by the very talented girls.



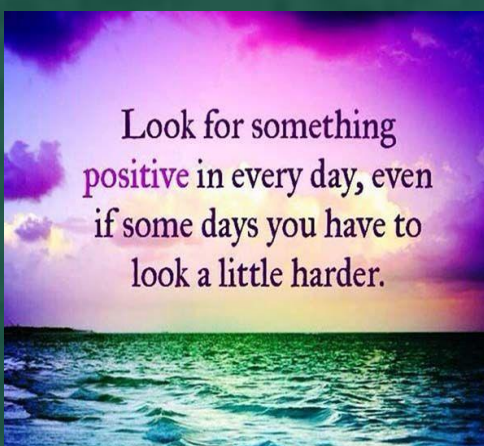
Heart 'Snakes & Ladders' by Ava



Heart Drawing by Ella



Embroidered Heart by Safia



Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.



Chocolate Cake Heart by Aoibheann



YOU WILL NEVER HAVE THIS DAY AGAIN
 so make IT COUNT



We continue to be amazed by the creative talents of our girls during lockdown. Just take a look at this selection of fantastic pieces of art work from the last week. Well done girls and keep the great work up!!!



Anna 10F



Orla 10E



Robyn 10F

DV8 ART COMPETITION

We understand the challenges the outbreak of COVID-19 has brought upon families. Between working from home and keeping children occupied indoors, we would like to do what we can to help.

We have recreated the DV8 Art Competition for children 15 years old and younger. To enter please follow the steps below...

- STEP 1:** Upload a picture of your drawing or painting of your favourite fashion outfit to FACEBOOK or INSTAGRAM with the hashtag #DV8ArtComp
- STEP 2:** Please state the name & age of entrant in the caption.

We will pick **THREE WINNERS**. A £100/€100 euro gift card will be awarded to the following age categories: **UNDER 7 YEARS, 8-11 YEARS & 12-15 YEARS.**

Most importantly, get creative & enjoy!
WINNER ANNOUNCED FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY



Bethany 10E



Orla 10F



Beth 10D



Sinead 10D



Aoibheann 10E



Grace Yr11



Lucy Yr11



Dearbhla Yr11



Anneliese Yr11



Tasty Treats in Home Economics

Well done to the KS3 girls fine tuning their culinary skills at home this week by making delicious bowls of soup as part of their Home Economics homework. Girls, we are sure your families really enjoyed these tasty treats!



Careers Corner

Queens's University Belfast Talk
For 12 & 13 Students and Parents
Friday 29th Jan (1:30-2:30pm)
45min talk followed by a Q & A

To join in use the link below:

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/192/109vvaqmcpsxs4>

Coming soon.....Our Careers Hub! A dedicated website for CEIAG (Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance) and subject information to assist our students with their GCSE and A-Level subject choices.




Our Year 10 girls explored the practice of Foot Binding in China as part of their Women in China unit of study over the last week while our Year 9 girls have been creating fact files on Henry VIII and the Year 8's enjoying learning about lifestyles on the Plains.

History

Henry VII

WHO?
Henry VII was the King of England and Lord of Ireland. He was the first monarch of the House of Tudor. Henry was born into a Tudor family. Prince Henry was not expected to become King. He had an older brother, Arthur, who was heir to the throne. He died in 1502, leaving Henry (age 11) heir to the throne. Henry was the son of Edward Tudor, Earl of Richmond, who sadly passed away before Henry was born. Besides all this, Henry was a very powerful King.




WHEN?
Henry ruled from 1485 to 1509 as he sadly passed away from natural causes. On the 21st of April, Henry was born 28 January 1457. Henry ascended to the throne on 21st August 1485 and was crowned October 30th 1485 Westminster Abbey. 1486 Henry married Elizabeth of York (uniting the houses of York and Lancaster). Henry was a noble, soldier and ended the wars of the Roses by defeating Richard III in 1485.

WHERE?
King Henry lived in multiple castles and palaces. The most dominant being Hampton Court. When Henry finished his building programme in around 1540, Hampton Court was the most beautiful magnificent palace in the whole of England.

Henry VIII

Who:
Henry VIII was a monarch of England. Henry was the second son of Henry VII, first of the Tudor line, and Elizabeth, daughter of Edward IV, first king of the short-lived line of York. When his older brother, Arthur, died in 1502, Henry became the heir to the throne. He alone spent his childhood in calm expectation of the crown, which helped give an assurance of majesty and righteousness to his headstrong, lively character. Six feet tall, powerfully built, and tireless athlete, huntsman, and dancer, he promised England the joys of spring after the long winter of Henry VII's reign. He had two daughters and a son, his first born was a girl he named Elizabeth, his second born was another girl called Mary and his third born was a boy he named Edward. He was a dynasty of Tudor house.



Where:
Henry VIII lived in many palaces during his life. These include Hampton Court, the Tower of London and Windsor Castle. He mainly lived between two palaces, they were Greenwich palace and Whitehall palace. Greenwich palace was his birth place and Whitehall palace was his death place.

What:
He broke with the Roman Catholic Church and had Parliament declare him supreme head of the Church of England, starting the English Reformation, because the pope would not annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. He presided the English renaissance and the reformation of England. Furthermore, he executed anyone who opposed him regardless of their relationship. He executed one of his own ministers Thomas Cromwell in 1536 as he criticised him. He was known as a "cruel tyrant" as a result. Henry was responsible for founding the Navy. He had numerous ships built to protect England and stop foreign invasions.

When:
Henry VIII was born on the June 28th 1491 and died on January 28th 1547 at age 55. He reigned from 1509-1547. In 1533, Henry VIII broke from the church and married the then pregnant Anne Boleyn in a secret ceremony. This solved his heir problem, but Henry was excommunicated by the Pope and so, the English Reformation had begun.

POSITIVE VIBES

WOW

STAY HOME

Henry VIII

Who was Henry VIII?
Henry was born into the Tudor family. He was the son of Henry VII & Elizabeth of York. He was a cruel tyrant, accomplished prince, a powerful and ruthless king. The Tudor family ruled England from 1485-1503.


When
Henry was born on 28th June 1491. He became heir to the English throne when his brother died in 1502. He became King in 1509 after his father passed away. Henry later died in 1547 on the 28 January.

Where
Henry VIII lived in England. He lived in fewer than 60 royal castles & palaces throughout his lifetime. Some of which are: Hampton Court, the Tower of London & Windsor castle.

What
Henry had 6 wives, he divorced 2, beheaded 2, 1 died & 1 out lived him. Henry was a BIG spender. England was one of the richest countries when Henry was King. This was astonishing as when Henry died in 1547 England was bankrupt. He closed 376 monasteries. He was the founder of the English Navy, many ships were made to stop foreign invasions. He became head of the Church of England because he was denied a divorce by the Catholic Church.

Why

King Henry was a significant person in history because he initiated the English Reformation & founded the English navy. Henry & the church of England broke away from the pope and the Roman Catholic Church.



3 Inch Feet Are Hard to Beat!



One in every three hundred Chinese Women do not bind their feet at a young age. Many of these women regret it later on in life. Don't be like them, Bind Your Feet!



Keep it Small, Keep it Sweet, And don't Forget to, Bind your Feet!


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Beauty

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Love

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Happiness

~The key to a good life is small feet~

3 inch feet are beautiful



YOU CAN'T BEAT SMALL FEET

Take the cloth wrap it round the feet 3-4 times as tight as you possibly can and you will have a happy and healthy life.

Men love a woman with tiny feet, so if you want the perfect life, husband's children you will want to bind their feet.

GOOD LIFE

FOOT BINDING



NO SHAME

HONORABLE

HUSB AND

SMALL FEET WILL MAKE A MAN'S HEART SKIP A BEAT!

Columbus 'Discovers' America

Columbus persuaded the King of Spain to fund his voyage to discover a short-cut to India.

Columbus wanted to get rich and spread his name, but he was wrong.

It is well thought he had sailed to India and thought the natives were Indians.

He wanted to take Indian slaves to Europe, but when he arrived he found the natives were not Indians. He named after himself - America!

The people who lived in the Americas were called Indians by Europeans, but when the first American people met him they knew he was not an American. Columbus was lucky.

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On his first voyage, Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean and discovered the Americas. He called the natives Indians.

Columbus and his crew stayed in the Americas for three months. The native Americans were not Indians. Columbus was lucky.

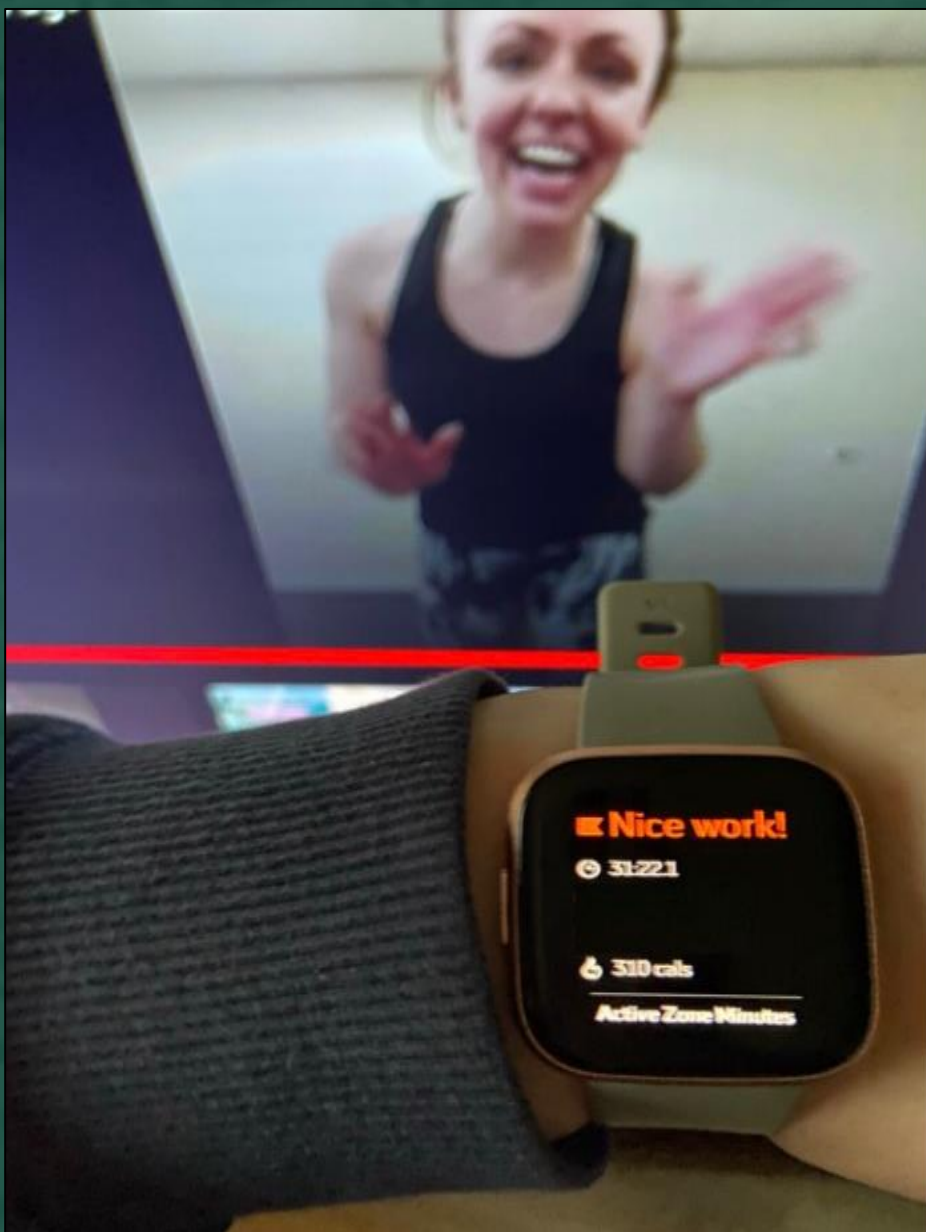
Columbus returned to Europe with a lot of gold and spices. He was very rich and famous.

Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing

Last week we focused on the theme of 'Be Active' with some outstanding examples from our girls and staff of how they contributed to this theme by enjoying exercising in different ways.

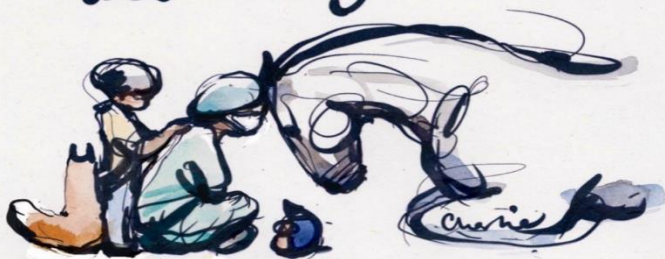
This week in PE the girls had their specially made Zumba workout, by Emma Lindsay, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Also for a bit active fun, the KS3 girls were given some fun TikTok challenges to do. They were tasked with picking their favourite, recording it and sending it to their P.E. teachers who were highly impressed by their dance skills! So well done to you all!!!

For the week ahead our theme is 'Connect'. So consider how we can connect with our friends, families and neighbours around us during a time many of us can feel lonely and isolated during lockdown. More than ever we need to be there for each other and while we may not be able to be with each other physically we can still connect with each other virtually! So this week, make the effort to reach out and connect your loved ones and those who might be lonely!



T H A N K Y O U Thank You from Thornhill College T H A N K Y O U

To the nurses, doctors
and all key workers...



It's tougher than we can
imagine, but we are thinking
of you. Thank you x

"Sometimes all you feel
is fear....



but
you
are not
alone,
and we
are
strong,
and we
will get through this.
So hold on." x