



The Daffodils

William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A Poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



A Message from Our Head of Year 8

Girls, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you for the maturity and resilience you have shown over the last few months. This has been a unique and challenging time for us all, but you have seamlessly risen to the challenge of remote learning and your courage and determination have shone through every day. You have worked incredibly hard and have adapted very well to your new way of learning and I am extremely proud of all of your efforts. Despite your learning experience being very different from what you are used to; you never cease to amaze me with your positivity.

Please take time this week to admire the beauty that surrounds us in the world outside and appreciate the new life and hope that Spring brings. On my return to school from the mid-term break I was greeted by an array of beautiful, yellow daffodils, that were planted by our wonderful Year 8 students when they began their journey as 'Thornhill Girls' in September. When I looked at these graceful, vibrant flowers I thought of you, because these daffodils have also had a challenging journey, trying to grow from their bulbs and break through the frosty soil of Winter. But now they have blossomed, standing tall and proud, with their beauty shining bright; just like you. The resilience of these daffodils reminds us to be strong and persistent and to never give up when life becomes difficult. Year after year these flowers come back, providing our world with beauty simply by blossoming every Spring. This provides us with a powerful message, 'Be fearlessly you and the world will be a more beautiful place'.

We all have the ability to achieve great things in life with hard work, perseverance, focus and most importantly, a belief in ourselves. Although it can be difficult at times, we have to still persevere to reach our goals. Remember to always believe in yourself – with willpower, courage and determination, no-one can stop you from becoming the person you aspire to be. So please be your amazing self and let your talent shine bright!

Girls, I would like to thank you for embracing this new challenge with such a positive attitude and I would like to thank your parents /carers for all the support, reassurance and encouragement they have provided throughout your educational journey.

I really look forward to welcoming you all back to school very soon.

'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.' (Vivian Greene)

Mrs Stephanie Byrne (Head of Year 8)



👏👏 Congratulations to Mr McCloskey 👏👏

Our congratulations to go to Mr Michael McCloskey who was nominated by Rachel McDermott from the Nerve Centre and has been awarded £2000 by the 'Sir Ken Robinson - Unlocking Creativity in Education Awards 2021'. The funding is to develop two projects:

- 1) Develop the Thornhill STEM Outreach programme to surrounding primary schools. This is a partnership with Mrs Scott and Mrs Rooney from our school Technology and Design Department.
- 2) To grow the school garden for all Year 8 pupil participation. This is a partnership with Mr Abbott (from the Physics Department) and Mr Johnston (one of our school caretakers).

Mr McCloskey was very quick to note that he accepted the award on behalf of all those students and staff whose hard work and commitment has contributed to the great success of our school garden and in particular Mr Declan Johnston, our school caretaker.

Well done to everyone involved!

Here is a link to the announcement video of the award:
<https://www.facebook.com/nervecentre.org/videos/244249830679767>



On célèbre la Journée Mondiale du Livre en cours de français



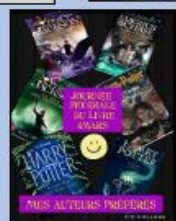
Les livres préférés de Year 10



Mon livre préféré est Girl Missing. Je l'ai lu trois fois. L'auteur est Sophia McKenzie. C'est un livre policier. Les personnages principaux sont Lauren et James. Ils habitent à Londres. Lauren a les yeux bleus. Mon personnage préféré est James parce qu'il est intelligent, courageux et amusant. Il est grand et mince. Il a les cheveux bruns.



Mon livre préféré est 'The boy in the dress'. J'ai lu ce livre trois fois. L'auteur est David Wallace. C'est un livre de fantasy. Les personnages principaux sont Dennis et Lisa. Mon personnage préféré est Dennis parce qu'il est courageux.



🇫🇷 French Department 🇫🇷

As part of the celebrations for World Book Day on the 4th March, the French Department asked the Year 8 and 9 students to identify their favourite books and the Year 10 students to write book reviews in French. Here is sample of some of the great work!

Mon livre préféré est un roman. Je l'ai lu trois fois. L'auteur est Louise Bay Alcott. C'est un livre de fantasy. Les personnages principaux sont Meg, Jo, Beth et Amy. Mon personnage préféré est Beth parce qu'elle est gentille et intelligente. La fin du livre est très surprenant. J'ai lu ce livre pendant les vacances. L'auteur a vécu en Angleterre. À mon avis, ce livre est absolument excellent. Je recommanderais ce livre!



Year 8 montre de leurs livres préférés



La Journée Mondiale du Livre
 Charlie et la Chocolaterie
 FAMILIÈRE MAÎTRE RENARD
 Le BGG

Mon livre préféré



Mon livre préféré c'est "The Hunger Games" L'auteur est Suzanne Collins et je l'ai lu trois fois. C'est un livre de fantaisie/d'aventures. Les personnages principaux sont Katniss, Peeta et Haymitch. Mon personnage préféré est Katniss parce qu'elle est courageuse, intelligente et irrésistible! Elle a les cheveux bruns, elle est très maigre et elle a une sœur. Le début est très passionnant et il y a beaucoup de suspense. L'intrigue est très complexe aussi la fin du film est très mal. L'histoire a lieu dans une forêt. À mon avis, ce livre est absolument extraordinaire! Je l'adore parce que ça me rend content.

Je recommanderais ce livre!



LA Journée Mondiale DU Livre



Nos livres préférés Yr8-10. La Journée Mondiale du Livre 4 mars 2021



HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



International Women's Day
Monday 8th March 2021

In Thornhill College we are fully committed to celebrating the achievements of our girls and promoting the message of gender equality. We are extremely proud that we have such strong, intelligent and visionary girls and women in our school community. However, we will continue to strive for greater equality for all and so we embrace the Choose to Challenge theme of this year's International Women's Day on 8th March.

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let's all choose to challenge.

Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality. So, hand up high to show you're in and that you commit to **choose to challenge** and call out inequality.

Below is a calendar celebrating International Women's Day / Month noting women from History and we have a lovely gallery which follows of images of both our students and staff pledging their commitment to #ChoosetoChallenge!



Women's History Month

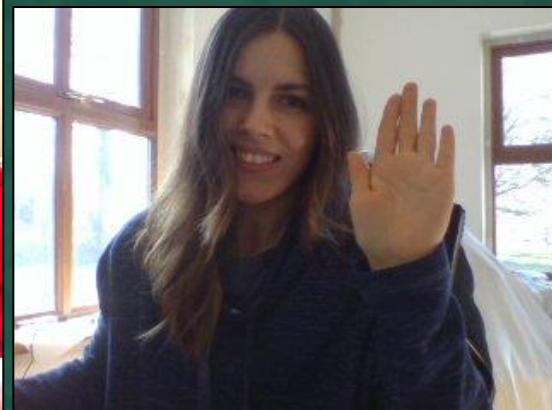
1. Rosa Parks, civil rights activist. https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/04/ro-sa-parks-famous-birthday-5-facts-you-should-know/4653590002/	2. Barbara Jordan, politician. Barbara C. Jordan - HISTORY	3. Pingyang, founding Emperor of the Tang dynasty. Kindness, Compassion, & Strength: Princess Pingyang ~ Girl Museum	4. Barbara Castle, politician. How Barbara Castle broke the glass ceiling of politics - BBC News	5. Michelle Obama, former First Lady and campaigner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wePNUGL7nDU	6. Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen. BBC Radio 4 - You're Dead To Me, Eleanor of Aquitaine	7. Billie Holiday, singer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Web007rzSOI
8. Ada Lovelace, mathematician and 'prophet' of the computer age Ada Lovelace Babbage Engine Computer History Museum	9. Dr Shirley Jackson, physicist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKAqAdHahw0	10. Rosalind Franklin, scientist Rosalind Franklin: A Crucial Contribution Learn Science at Scitable (nature.com)	11. Mary Wollstonecraft, Britain's first feminist. Mary Wollstonecraft: 'Britain's first feminist' - BBC Teach	12. Mary Phillis, merchant and weaver. BLACK TUDORS...A peek into the lives of ten people of the African Diaspora who lived in Tudor Britain - Black History Month 2021	13. Catalenna of Almondsbury, Tudor independent woman. BLACK TUDORS...A peek into the lives of ten people of the African Diaspora who lived in Tudor Britain - Black History Month 2021	14. Jayaben Desai, campaigner and activist How Asian women made trade union history and shattered stereotypes Social history The Guardian
15. Miranda Kauffman, historian. Black Tudors: 60 seconds with Miranda Kaufmann - HistoryExtra	16. Lucy, fossilised female skeleton. BBC - Earth - The 'Lucy' fossil rewrote the story of humanity	17. Queen Amina, Nigerian Queen. Queen Amina: Nigerian warrior queen - BBC News	18. Hallie Rubenhold, historian Meet the author: Hallie Rubenhold (penguin.co.uk)	19. Florence Prince, classical musician. https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/	20. Bernadine Evaristo, writer. https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/bernadine-evaristo	21. Dianna Abbott, politician. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/history-of-politics/the-first-black-parliamentarians-in-our-times/
22. Yaa Asantewaa, Ghanaian Queen. Yaa Asantewaa and the fight for the Golden Stool - BBC News	23. Sarah Winnemucca, advocate and author 5 Powerful and Influential Native American Women - Biography	24. Huda Shaarawi, Egyptian feminist Huda Shaarawi: Egyptian feminist who started a revolution - BBC News	25. Wang Zhenyi, scientist. Trailblazers - The Age of Girls: Wang Zhenyi ~ Girl Museum	26. Dandara dos Palmares, Afro-Brazilian warrior and anti-slavery campaigner Dandara dos Palmares: Afro-Brazilian Women Afro-Rio Walking Tour	27. Noor Inayat Khan, WW2 Special Operations Executive. Part Two: Badass Disabled Women of Colour Who Made History by Laura Elliott Medium	28. Dame Jocelyn Barrow, Windrush pioneer. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/windrush-pioneer-dame-jocelyn-barrow/
29. Women at Bletchley Park, WW2 code breakers Bletchley Park Women at Bletchley Park	30. Boudica, Icen Queen. Queen Boudica (Boadicea) of the Icen (historic-uk.com)	31. Eva Peron, First Lady of Argentina. 32. Eva Perón - Death, Movie & Quotes - Biography	Further resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 52 Objects in the History of Girlhood: Learn ~ Girl Museum Historical Association (including Women's History Month resources): Historical Association - the UK national charity for history Women's History Network: Women's History Network - For anyone with a passion for women's history Biography: Women's History - Month, Famous Women & Facts - Biography Historic England: Women's History Historic England English Heritage: Women in History English Heritage (english-heritage.org.uk) Women Also Know History: Women Also Know History British Women Historians: BBC - British women historians 			



International Women's Day

#ChooseToChallenge

#IWD2021





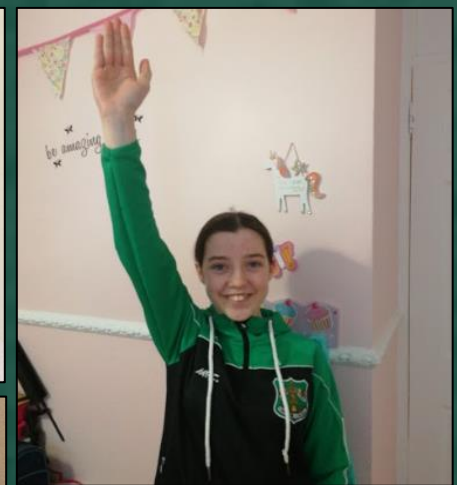
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She
is clothed in
Strength
&
Dignity,
and she
Laughs
without fear of the future.





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👏 Junior Prefect Team 👏

Well done to our Junior Prefect Team who have been working with Mrs Walls to produce a presentation for International Women's Day to be shared with form classes in the week ahead! Well done girls you are a fantastic example of leadership in our school community.



International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Marked annually on **March 8th**, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- fundraise for female- focused charities



Walk All Over Cancer Fundraising for the Foyle Hospice



Well done to all our staff who have signed up to #WalkAllOverCancer challenge for the month of March and are doing a fantastic job of completing their 10,000 steps a day and indeed raising money for the Foyle Hospice.

It's only the start of week 2 and already they have raised £442 for the Foyle Hospice. Our congratulations to everyone involved and good luck with keeping your steps up!!!!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thornhill-college>



The Boy, the mole,
the fox and the Horse



Charlie Mackesy



Charlie Mackesy Inspired Art Competition

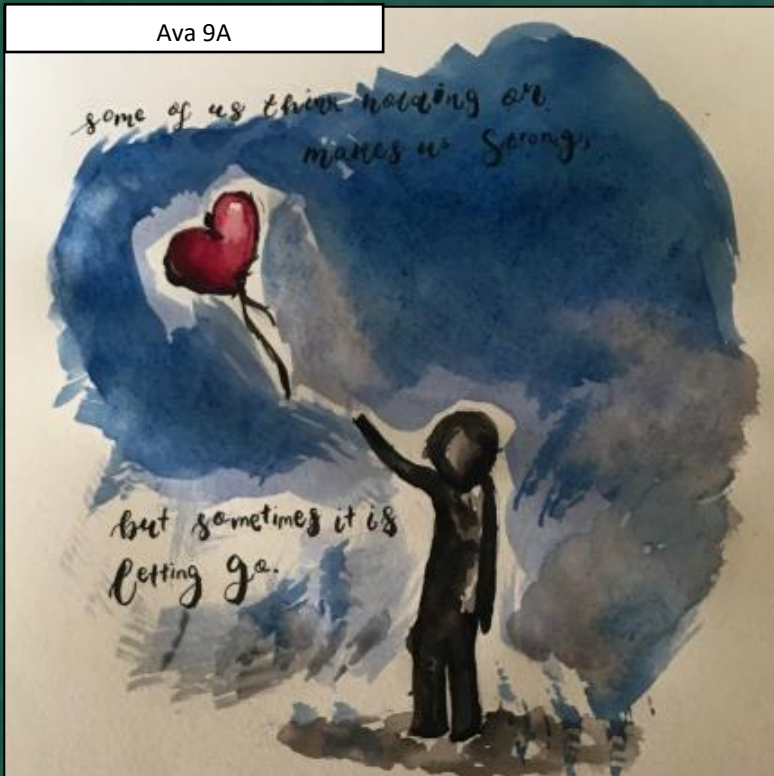


During the current pandemic we have drawn heavily on the lessons of hope and positivity from the beautifully illustrated book, "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" written and illustrated by Charlie Mackesy. This bestselling book and its artwork offers poignant messages of vulnerability, kindness, understanding and compassion as well as offering a sense of optimism during times of great challenge and difficulty, which we are all too familiar with at the moment as a society.

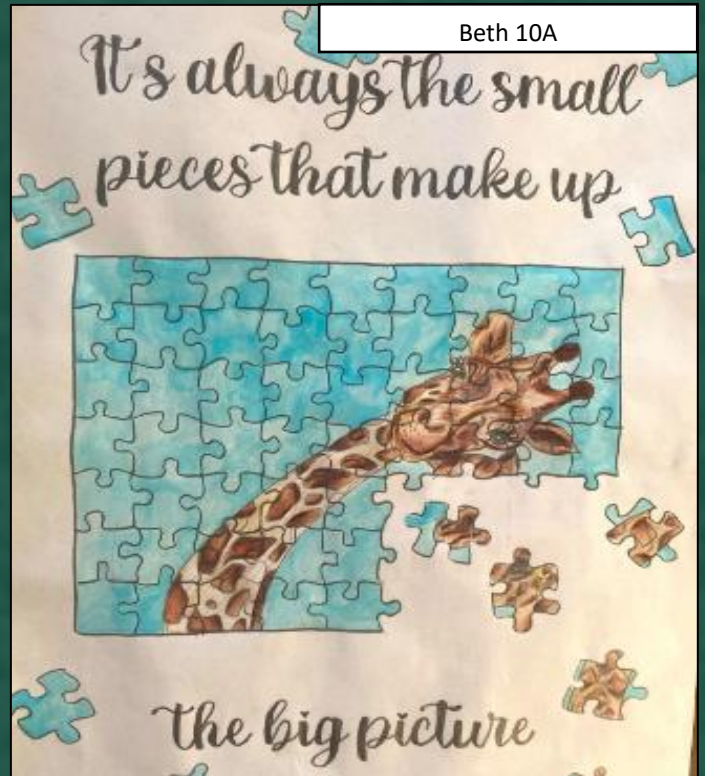
Last week our Art Department launched a competition for our students challenging them to create their own message of positivity and hope, inspired by the work of Charlie Mackesy and we are truly blown away by the inspirational and insightful messages and creative artwork you have all produced. Below is just a flavour of the fantastic pieces of work which were submitted! Well done girls!! Mr Baxendale will be in touch with our winners about their prizes.

Our Winners.....

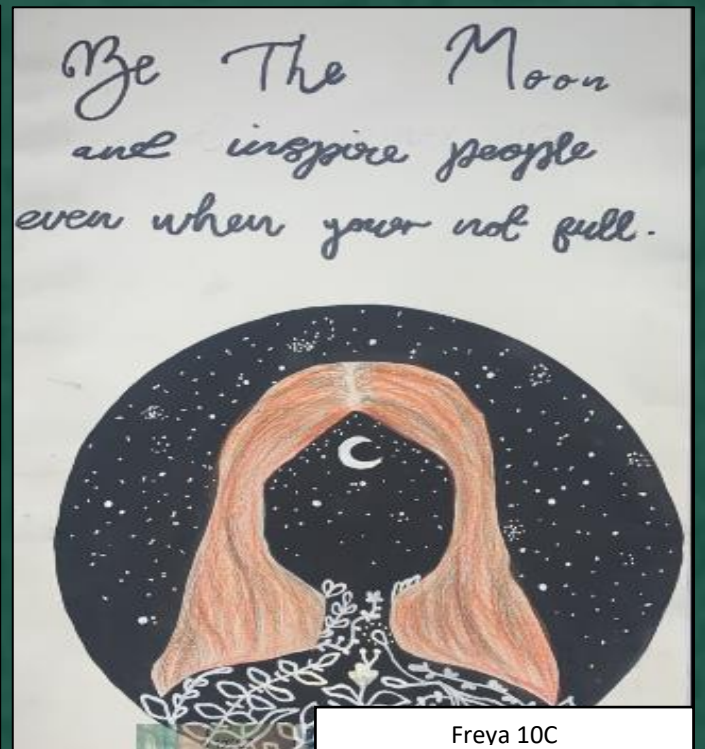
Ava 9A



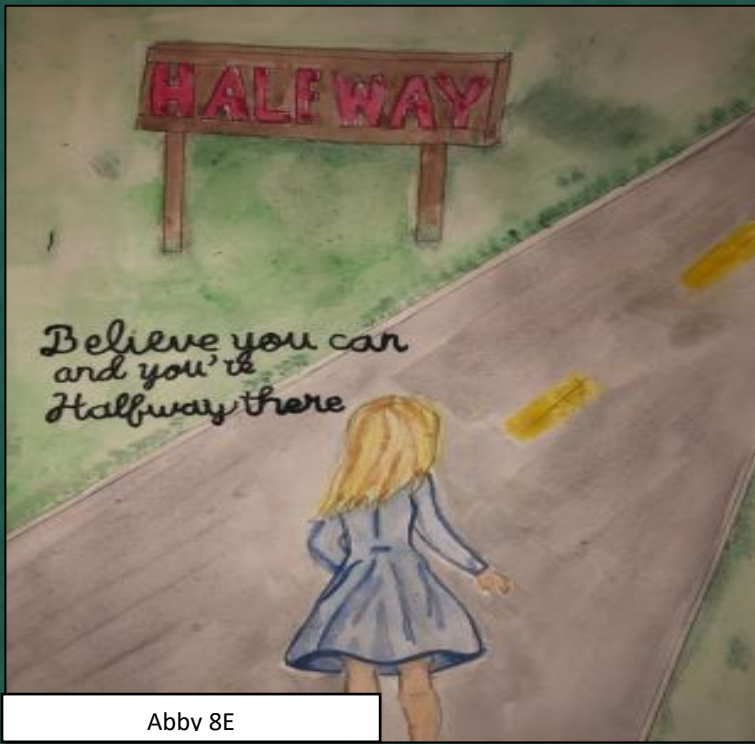
Beth 10A



Isabelle 9B

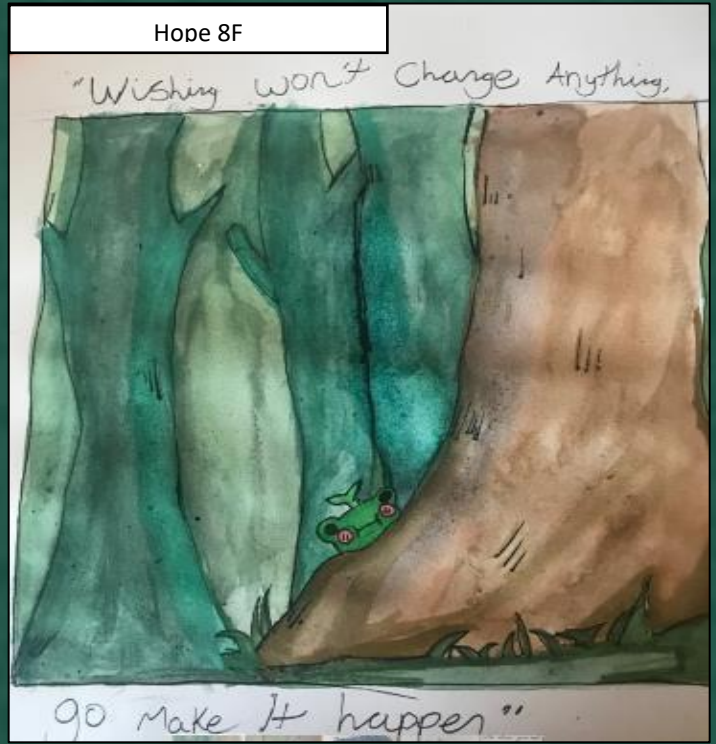


Freya 10C



Believe you can
and you're
Halfway there

Abbv 8E

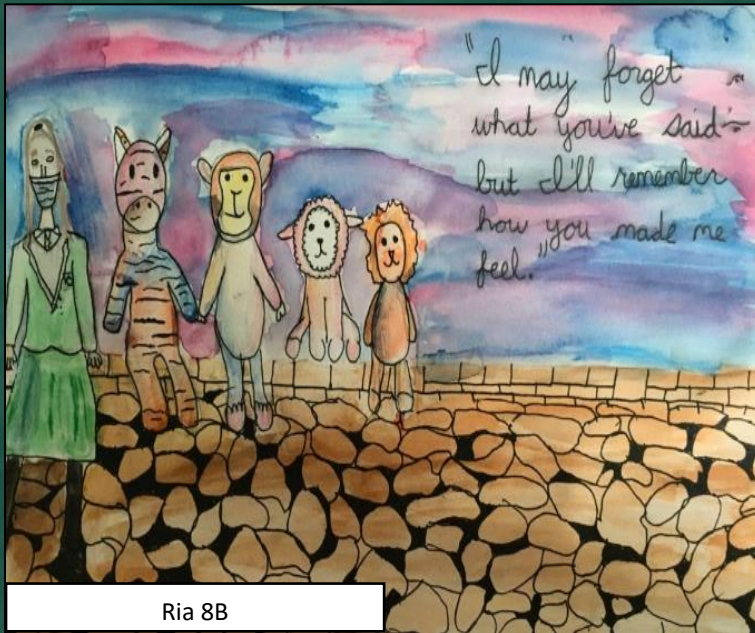


Hope 8F

"Wishing won't change anything,

go make it happen"

Our Highly Commended Runners Up...



Ria 8B

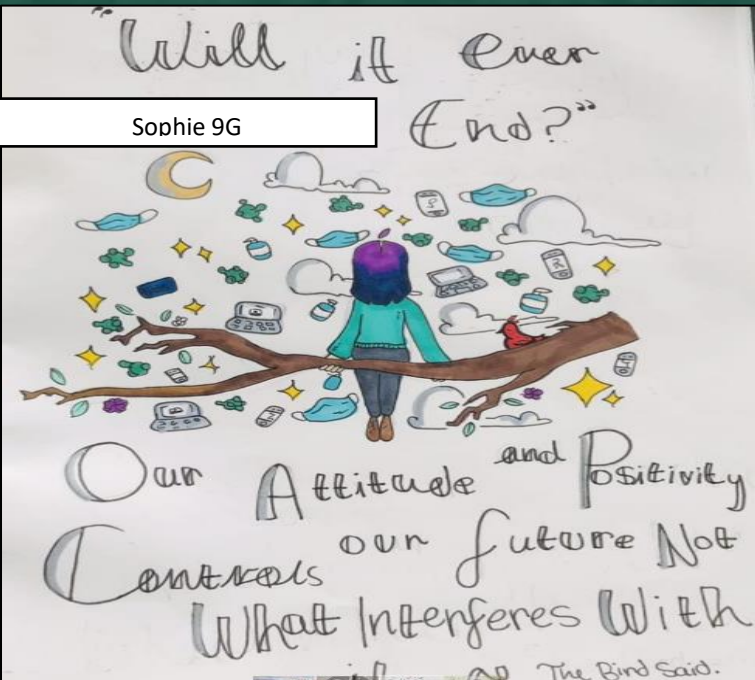
"I may forget
what you've said
but I'll remember
how you made me
feel."



Ella 9F

but without the dark

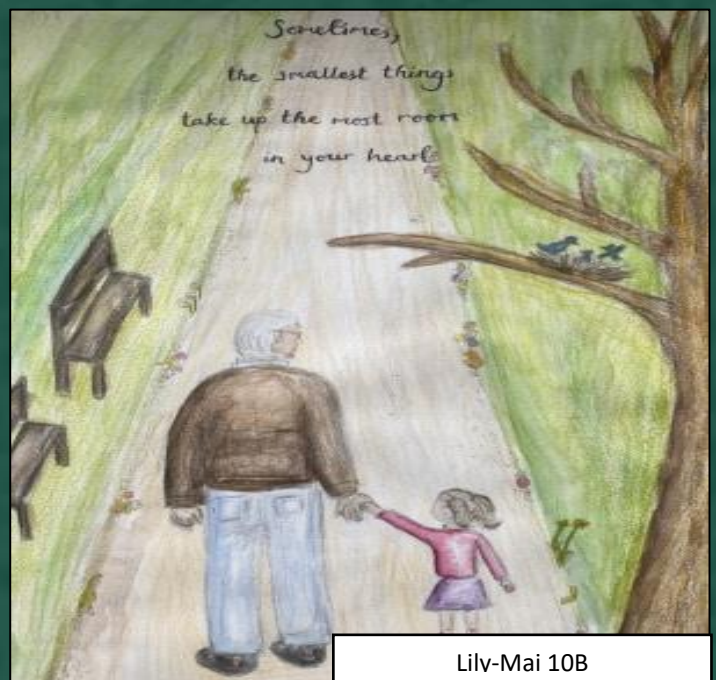
we would never see the stars



Sophie 9G

"Will it ever
End?"

Our Attitude and Positivity
Controls our future Not
What Interferes With
The Bird Said.



Lilv-Mai 10B

Sometimes,
the smallest things
take up the most rooms
in your heart