



The Study

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IN THIS  
TOGETHER



# In Loving Memory

## Jane Anne Davis

1964 – 2020

We pay tribute to Jane Davis, who sadly lost her long and courageous battle with cancer on 17 March 2020. Jane joined The Study as Admissions Secretary and Assistant to the Bursary in 1993, and worked alongside three headmistresses during her tenure - Lindsay Bond, Joyce Nicol and Susan Pepper.

Jane cared deeply for each and every child who joined The Study, and got to know our families in order to help and support them in the best way she could. She was adored by parents, colleagues and friends at the School.

Jane was at the centre of the School community and was never too busy to lend a hand, listen to a problem, give sound advice, and go out of her way to make someone's day. Our girls all remember how kind she





was, and how she was there to soothe them if they needed first aid help; they enjoyed her lunchtime jewellery clubs; and they loved coming to her office for a chat where she was always ready with a welcoming smile.

Jane's three wonderful sons, Nathan, Ross and Max, will always be welcome at the School. The Governors have announced that the new Library at Wilberforce House will be named after and dedicated to Jane, with love and thanks for 27 years of exemplary service to The Study.

The Study girls will always remember Jane as the special and unique lady she was. Her warm character, wisdom, ready smile, sense of humour, and exceptional professionalism will be forever missed by us all.



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# Welcome to the 2020 Gazette



## In this Together

I am delighted to have commenced my role as Head of The Study and being part of this special school community. I would like to thank the staff, the parents, and of course all the girls for making me feel so welcome when I joined in September.

I am very excited to continue to develop the school whilst retaining its truly unique ethos. I hope that the 2020 Gazette gives you an enjoyable overview of what has been an exceptional year, with the huge challenges of COVID-19; the very sad passing of long-serving and beloved admissions secretary Jane Davis; and the retirement of Susan Pepper after ten years of exemplary service as Headmistress of the School.

Looking through these pages as to what has been achieved in 2020, despite a world pandemic, is very humbling. It really does show that school is about far more than learning. The Study is a community like no other and I am very proud to have the opportunity to be part of this community and to lead it through its next phase of development.

I have been struck by how we have come together over these last few months to support each other, and I have been so impressed at how quickly and effectively the teachers switched to remote learning and how the girls adapted to their schooling from home during the Summer Term. You will see pictures in this Gazette showing how The Study girls embraced learning from home, and how they kept busy and motivated during the weeks when they could not be at school. We pride ourselves on our reputation for academic and creative excellence and for nurturing well-rounded, confident, caring girls with a love of learning, a broad outlook, and a real zest for life, and I can see all of these qualities in each of our girls. The 2020 Gazette is aptly named **"In this Together"**, which reflects the supportive, caring and kind community the School has always been, but which continues to be so apparent during this pandemic crisis.

I am thrilled that we are nearing completion of our ambitious development project at Wilberforce House, an impressive building with six new classrooms, a new visitors' area, a beautiful library, and a large performing arts space, which will benefit all the girls' educational experience at the school. You will see on these pages a photographic timeline of the build, which shows just what an ambitious project it has been.

2020 has been another very successful year for our Year 6 girls, with a record amount of offers of places and no less than 40 scholarships offered to them by leading senior schools. We hope that they have now settled in well at their senior schools and wish them all well in the future. We hope that they will always keep in touch with us, and know that they are always welcome to visit us.

As we bid farewell to 2020, I think we are all ending the year a little wiser. We have had to become more creative to solve problems, most of us are certainly a lot more tech savvy but possibly most importantly, mindful to live in the present and be grateful for all we have.

I am looking forward to seeing what 2021 has to offer.

*Vicky Ellis*  
Head

# Farewell from Mrs Susan Pepper



During the term before I took up my post at The Study, I have to confess that I used to take walks up to the village and stand outside Spencer House hardly able to believe my luck that I was going to be Head there shortly. In fact, one day, the then Site Manager, John Jones, came out and asked me what I wanted: I don't think he believed me when I said I was the new Headmistress!





I have to say that the job has proved a lot more challenging at times than I imagined as I stood proudly outside the gates of Spencer House, and never more so than in my very final term, but I have no doubt that it has been the most stimulating and rewarding post that I have ever had.

When I look back over the past ten years, there have been many tangible changes at The Study including improvements to the buildings like the Reception classrooms, the Drama Room, the Science Lab and the other changes to the ground floor at Spencer House; the lovely new Spencer House playground; the sports facility at Beverley Meads; provision of lunches. The 11+ is often described as increasingly competitive, but it is fascinating to compare results from the start of my time at The Study to now. In 2011, when I joined, the Year 6 girls received offers from 14 schools and were awarded 4 scholarships. This year, the Year 6 girls received offers from 26 schools and were awarded 40 scholarships. It is interesting too that in 2011, there were applications to only two co-ed senior schools, whereas in 2020, that number had risen to nine. The curriculum has, of course, evolved over the ten years too with developments such as the Creative Curriculum, the growing emphasis on 'reasoning', the Jigsaw scheme in PSHE, and the introduction of Computing as a class subject and Spanish in Year 6.

One of my briefs when I joined The Study was to work on plans for a future major development at Wilberforce House. After the trials and tribulations of distilling ideas, formulating plans and obtaining planning permission, I had expected to leave The Study with the new building if not complete, virtually so. Sadly, with all the challenges and delays caused by COVID-19, this was not going to be the case, but I know that the new facility, when complete, is going to be a tremendous asset to the school for many years to come.

If I were to be asked what I have enjoyed most about my time at The Study, I would have no hesitation in saying the time spent directly with the children: in my RE and History lessons, in my Horse and Pony and Debating Clubs and in my weekly assemblies. Assemblies in particular have yielded many memorable moments from moving Remembrance assemblies, to thought provoking discussions on matters as diverse as the rebuilding of Notre Dame to 'whom should

we trust?' There were also the disasters: the watercress planting assembly where a Year 6 girl poured the water from too great a height, the butter churning assembly which was doomed to failure when I used single cream - and the times when the technology worked before I started but not at the crucial moment!

The Study above all else is about community and relationships and I have been fortunate to have enjoyed the support of so many lovely parents and amazing staff colleagues. It seems invidious to single anyone out as there are so many people who have done so much for me. However, I must make special mention of Joanna Gay, who has been the most kind and supportive Deputy that any Head could wish to have. And Jane Davis, who was such a rock to me throughout the ten years and whose loss has been devastating for me as for so many others.

Prior to The Study, my whole teaching career had been spent in senior schools and in taking up the post, I was stepping outside my comfort zone. However, from the moment I set foot in the school on my first visit, I was drawn to it by its happy and friendly atmosphere and the feeling that it was a supportive and thriving community of people who truly care. It is this unique spirit that has taken the school through the good times and the more challenging times and which makes it so appropriate that the theme of the 2020 Gazette is "**In this Together**".

I have no doubt that the school's special ethos will continue under my successor and I wish Miss Ellis and The Study every success in the future. I suspect that once again, you may see a tall figure in riding gear standing outside Spencer House from time to time!

*Susan Pepper*

# Wilberforce House Develop

The decision to make major enhancements to Wilberforce House has been under discussion by the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Governors over many years. In partnership with leading architects, designers, engineers and in consultation with the local council, the ambitious vision for the new building, which includes six new classrooms, a library and a performing arts space, is almost complete. The photos below show the timeline of the build over the last year, and we are very excited about the girls starting to use this beautiful space!



Mrs Pepper and Miss Gay on site



Governors with Miss Ellis on site

## June 2019

The old classrooms



## July 2019

Installing temporary classrooms



## August 2019

Temporary classrooms





## September 2019

Old building demolished



## October 2019

Digging the foundations



## November 2019

Pouring cement into foundations



## December 2019

Steel frame construction



## January 2020

Roof taking shape



## February 2020

Structure taking shape



## March 2020

Large deliveries onto site



## April 2020

Classroom facade



## May 2020

Interiors and ceilings taking shape



## June 2020

Theatre space taking shape



## July 2020

Theatre gallery space



## September/October 2020

Scaffolding down





# Enrichment Week at



*Reading together*



*Alien story writing and model making*

Enrichment Week at Wilberforce House took the form of a Celebration of Books and Literature, and the girls had a fantastic week packed full of author visits, workshops, and book and cake sales. Storyteller Nell Phoenix visited the school, as did author Teresa Heapy. The week culminated in a dress up day where the girls could come to school dressed as their favourite book characters, and colourful fun was the theme of the day!



*Nell Phoenix Storyteller*



*Book Character Mufti*



*Book and Cake Sale*





# Wilberforce House



Author Teresa Heapy in Year 2



Teachers joined in the Mufti fun!





# Enrichment Week at



## A Tempestuous Week!

Enrichment Week at Spencer House was a resounding success, and included many creative and exciting activities for the girls, all based around Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. The girls took a fascinating trip to The Globe Theatre, where they enjoyed acting workshops and saw how the play would have been done in Shakespeare's day. The girls also had theatre skills workshops with Infinite Jest Theatre Group, and learnt puppetry, physical theatre and stage fighting; had set and costume design workshops with a professional designer; then worked in mixed age groups to explore the historical background and plot themes through creative writing and performance. The week's finale was a wonderful display of all the girls' written and artistic work showcased in the Spencer House hall.





# Spencer House



Artworks inspired by 'The Tempest'

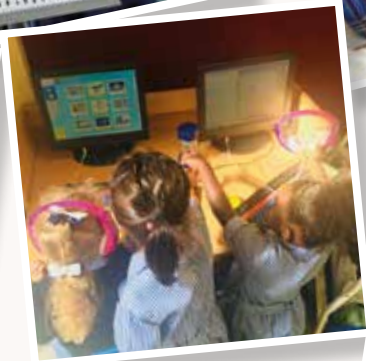
The Globe Theatre trip



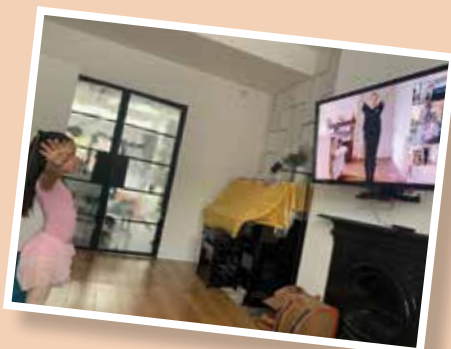
# Reception

## We Are Always Busy in Reception!

Reception girls enjoy a wealth of activities and experiences in Reception and even when they were in lockdown, they kept busy and active at home!



## Working from Home in the Summer Term





# Portrait Art

The girls created some beautiful self portraits and family portraits, using different materials.



Lily Friend



Nieve Suri



Millie Joyce



Alice Makhonina-Byrdan



Shugu Lin



# Learning about Pigs

Pigs roll in the mud.  
Pigs sniff for food.  
Pigs can swim.  
Pigs sleep in hay.  
Pigs have a snout.  
**Audrey Steeds**

Pigs roll in mud.  
Pigs can swim.  
A baby pig is called a piglet.  
Pigs are omnivores.  
**Charlotte Romilly Fish Hock**



Nahla Alajou



Sienna Mather



# Wilberforce House Head for the Day

Taara had a chance to be Head for the Day and help Mrs Pepper run the school!



# Reception

## Forest School Fun

The girls went into the woods to have a nature walk where they got stuck into building dens, learnt about the environment, and had a lovely time jumping in muddy puddles!



## Winter Work



Amelia Sponziello



Amelie Brown



## The Spirit of Christmas

The girls put on a wonderful show, "A Wiggly Nativity", filled with angels, shepherds, animals, and of course Mary and Joseph, to bring to life the story of the Nativity.





# Wildchild Campfire and Picnic

Girls enjoyed a lovely wilderness themed picnic at the end-of-topic campfire, and wore the beautiful T-shirts they had designed.



# A Neighbourhood Walk

The girls had a fascinating morning when they went on a walk around the local area to learn more about their environment. They went to the allotments, the Alms Houses, the Common where they met the Rangers on their horses, the Fox and Grapes, and to Cannizaro Hotel du Vin, getting to know the neighbours along the way.





# Year 1

## Turrets and Tiaras

### A Regal Time at Bodium Castle

Bodium Castle is a 14th-century moated castle in East Sussex, England, built in 1385 by a former knight of Edward III. The girls had a tour of the historic castle, saw suits of armour and the moat, and enjoyed the atmospheric building.



### Medieval Banquet!

To finish off the Creative Curriculum topic Turrets and Tiaras, the girls enjoyed a medieval banquet with their parents, and dressed up as knights and princesses.



Holly Haywood

### Castle Writing and Princess Art

Inside a Castle there is ...  
A cook roasting a tasty pig  
A brave knight fighting  
A dark dungeon  
A princess waiting to get married  
*Alesta Coakley*



Lyla Siddell

Inside a Castle there is...  
A dungeon with a prisoner  
A Lord eating a feast  
A stable with a horse  
A knight learning to fight  
*Ada Sahinkaya*



Inside a Castle there is...  
A knight jousting  
A princess sleeping  
A kitchen with a cook  
A great hall with people eating  
A stable with a horse  
*Leela Joshi*





# Out of this World!

## Learning about Space

The girls enjoyed this fascinating Creative Curriculum topic which helped them understand our place in the universe, by learning all about the planets, the stars and outer space.



Clemmie Pite



Sophia Goodman

## Catch a Star

The boy thought he could never catch a star. Just then he had an idea...

His first idea was too dangerous so he had another idea which was to go in a hot air balloon to reach the star. Then he remembered that he had run out of gas for the balloon, so he had another idea, to go up in a paraglider. He touched the star, caught it and took it home.

**Amelia Lindsay**

His idea was to climb the tree and jump as high as he could to catch the star. He jumped and caught the star and they played games together in space. The star was happy but then the star wanted the boy to go home.

**Sophia Kazmukash**



Eryn Imrie



Mia McCrossen



Freja Neeson



# Year 1

## Out of Africa!

Year 1 Girls enjoyed learning all about Africa, with its rich culture and history, and took part in lots of different activities to bring their learning to life.



Olivia Liddell



Anhad Alg



Alexa Large



Siara Sagar



Georgina Parr



Cordelia Killingbeck



Ella Hansen



Emily de Leeuw



Ellin Kim



# An African Safari

Safari leader Tom calls everybody to join him on an adventure into the Masai Mara savannah. "Where have you come from Alice, is this your first trip to Africa?"

"This is my first trip with mummy, daddy and my big sister", I said. Wow, this is cool! I love the ride on the jeep with an open roof. I asked if I could use my camera and Tom said to go ahead as there are lots of photo opportunities of lions in a bush and more. I asked Tom how I could spot lions. He said to look out for yellow and gold colours in the deep grass, listen for a roar, and watch for sudden movement out in the open. Tom said, "Spot the water hole, over there, can you see the lion?". The lion was drinking water and looked very hungry. Suddenly the lion leapt and caught a zebra for lunch. "Yum,Yum", roared the lion whilst eating the zebra. I know something about lions now, they like to eat animals alive. We headed back to the camp for some delicious food of our own.

*Alexandra Johnson*



*Enjoying an African themed picnic*



# Working at home

Year 1 girls kept busy keeping fit, gardening and baking, and also enjoyed their lessons from home during lockdown!



# Bookfest News

Beatrice's story, "Granny's Secret", was one of the Junior Runners Up in the Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers' Competition, and was published in the 2020 anthology.





# Year 2



## London Calling!

### Our Trip to London

The girls went to The London Eye and were fascinated by the 4-D experience as well as the far reaching views of the city. They also enjoyed a river cruise on the Thames where they saw and learnt about some key landmarks.

We all got onto a big brown coach and on the coach we had a chart to count things on the way. When we got to London we watched a 4-D film. Next we went on a boat and then we went on the London Eye. From the London Eye we could see Buckingham Palace. Finally we went on the coach back to school. Our trip to London was amazing.

**Alba Fattore Yoo**

We got on the large coach and we did a tally chart as we looked out of the window. When we got to London we had a biscuit and lined up with our partners. Next we watched a 4-D film, it even had foam squirting everywhere! After that, we went on a river cruise which was lovely, I liked it a lot. Finally we went on the London Eye, it was a lovely view. I saw the Gherkin, St Paul's, Big Ben and Tower Bridge.

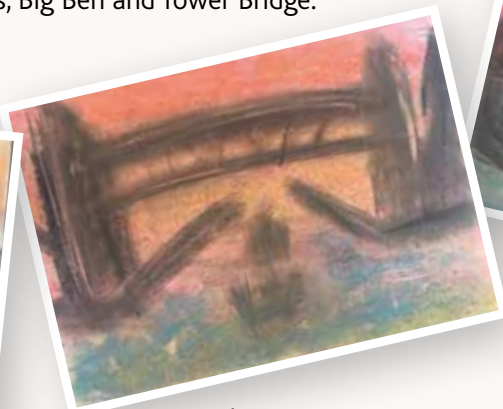
**Zuki Zarkovic**



*Gigi Leek*



*Nana Ku*



*Alexis Skinner*



*Claudia Hughes*



### Facts about the Gherkin Building in London

The official name of the Gherkin is 30 St Mary Axe. It is 180 meters tall and has 41 floors. It was built in 2003 and has 18 lifts. The Gherkin is owned by Mr Joseph Safra who is from Brazil.

**Ishya Singh**

The Gherkin was built in 2003 and has a total floor space of about 48,000 square meters. There are 18 passenger lifts and 1037 steps in each of the building's stairwells. The Gherkin was designed by architect Norman Foster and has won a number of awards for architecture.

**Victoria Chokina**



## Year 2 Artworks



Georgina Tipping



Mila Van Bergen



Maria Cooke



Chloe Li



Bahar Sensin



Sophie Robertson

# Creative Writing

## Fairy's Magic

Once there was a girl called Alice. She was seven years old and had blonde curly hair. She lived in a cheerful cottage with her mum. Her mum asked her to pick some daffodils before lunch. Alice was skipping along merrily, and then she bumped into a tree. "Wow, said Alice. Then suddenly she saw a glowing door. Alice walked up to the door and opened it. With a blink she was in Fairy World. Alice looked down and saw she was wearing a blue petal skirt and a top as yellow as a lemon. She saw pixie fairies, flower fairies and water fairies everywhere, it was breathtaking. Alice saw a group of fairies and she went to join them. Whilst they were waiting they fell into a trap, it was a net trap hidden by the leaves. They all screamed, "Help, help!" Alice was extremely surprised when she saw her mum. Her mum had saved them. Alice was as happy as the sun. Mum explained that she was really a fairy and she had magical magnificent powers.

*Eva Finch*

## Poetry

### A Storm Outside

The boy woke...frozen to the spot  
His heart thundering with fright  
He was petrified  
Terrible bright flashing lightning lit up the creepy forest  
BANG! CLASH! BOOM! CRASH!  
Thunder like a bomb echoed through the deep black sky  
Invisible monsters crept around his room making the  
floorboards creak.

*Cassia Fish Hock, Ella Shaw-Taylor, Annabelle Soulier,  
Lara Schaefer, Sophie Qian, Isla Hillery*

BANG! CRASH!

The boy sat bolt upright  
His heart pounding fast  
Scary nightmares in his head  
Creeping monsters lurking under the bed  
Branches hammering on the window panes  
Sounding like a thousand drums  
Squealing whistling wind  
Curtains flapping  
Wolves howling  
The boy, terrified  
Where is Dad...?

*Georgina Tipping, Ishya Singh, Sienna Skinner*



# Year 2

## Yum Yum!

The girls explored food, nutrition, taste and where our food comes from. They discovered a basket in their classroom full of seaside items and two seagulls, items related to the book "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". They read the story and did lots of creative work around the text.



Anna Buchheim



Victoria Meyer



Liliane Morgan



Claudia Hughes



We held a Book and Cake sale during Enrichment Week!



## Buzz, Buzz, Buzz

### Learning all about Bees!

The girls learnt all about bees, and just how important they are to the environment and to the survival of animals and humans.



Alexa Cox



Bee Hive



All About Bees



Una Zhao



## A Persuasive Letter to Mummy to keep Bees!

Dear Mummy  
 You already know that bees are endangered. So I am writing to tell you how we can help save the bees. Bees are so important as they are responsible for 80% of the plants that give us food and without plants, animals will be in danger too. We could help by getting our own bee hive. It would be easy for you because you have already been on a beekeeping course. We have lots of bee friendly flowers in our garden like lavender and bluebells for the bees to visit, and our flowers are not sprayed with pesticides. If everyone, like YOU, helps a little it will make a big difference to the bee population. And we all like honey!

Zuki Zarkovic



# Year 3



## Deep Down Under

Year 3 girls learnt all about the oceans in their Creative Curriculum topic and did lots of interesting research, creative work and went on a few trips to learn more about the sea!



*Hannah Hand*

## Fun at The Seaside!

The girls had a wonderful time at the seaside when they took a trip to Hastings and visited the RNLI Lifeboat Centre.



*Alice Finch*

The girls visited the fish counter at Waitrose to understand where the fish we eat comes from, and why sustainable fishing is so important.



## Trip to the London Aquarium





## The Magic Box

I will put in my box...

Miracles that make your life the best  
Twinkling pandas that perform magic  
My own world that gives me freedom  
A big shimmering emerald green pool to relax in  
A sports centre to keep fit  
A giant garden to run around in  
A furry and playful dog to keep me company  
A secret kingdom full of fashion  
A rainbow sun that rises over the hill  
And powers that help me be a nice person  
*Alisa Nedyalkova*

I will put in my box...

A sparkling horn from a unicorn  
The last scale from a rare rainbow fish  
Magic paper to make magic books  
A pink and purple plait  
A zebra without stripes and  
A cheetah without spots  
An emerald that is not green  
A rainbow with glitter  
and some hay from a faraway hill  
*Eliza Ferguson*

## Bookfest News

Ivy Sapir's story, "The Secret" was Highly Commended in the Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers' Competition, and was published in the 2020 anthology. It was inspired by Jane Davis. Here is an excerpt:

Hi my name is Molly, I am 10 years old and I live in sunny San Francisco. There is something else you need to know about me. I have a big secret that no one knows about, not even my best friend Lucy. My secret is that I have cancer and I am losing my hair. I have never been this anxious before. I am worried that Henny, my great enemy, might find out and make fun of me! So I am desperate to find an extraordinary, one of a kind, fabulous wig before all my hair falls out. Annoyingly, I have to go to the doctors three times a week to take my medicine. So that means I miss a day of school every time I go. When I come back everyone asks me, "Molly, where have you been?" I keep feeling nervous and worried that I can't hold my secret in much longer, so today, I decided to tell Lucy. Fortunately, Lucy's mum is a hairdresser, so I hope that maybe she can make me a wig.

## Ocean Inspired Artworks



*Emilia Walker*



*Kassie Li*



*Emily Sharpe*



## Group Metaphor Work

Lightning is a spider's leg creeping down to scare all creatures great and small.

Lightning is veins breaking out of the night sky's body.

Lightning is a tree's branches scratching at the window panes.

Lightning is spiders' legs crawling and scuttling across the sky.

Lightning is thunder's blood dripping from the sky.

*Blanka Domsodi, Isabel Carter, Isabella Lau and Sophia Marshall*

Lightning is a zigzagging river gushing down the hill.

Lightning is crazy angry veins.

Lightning is a crackling staircase crashing down to the town.

Lightning is angry stretching branches reaching out to catch you.

Lightning is cracks in the sky.

*Amina Moghul Prieto, Eloise McMahon, Evie Nickoll and Sofia Saxena*



# Year 3

## Ancient Egypt

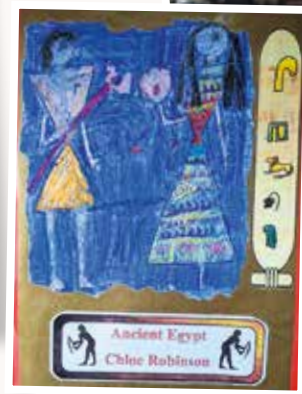
The girls enjoyed a creative curriculum focus on Ancient Egypt in the Spring, and learnt all about the way people worked, lived and worshipped. They also enjoyed a trip to the British Museum to see the wonderful Egyptian displays.



Sofia Saxena



Eliza Ferguson



Chloe Robinson



Emily Coakley



Isabella Lau



Blanka Domsodi



Amara Khan



Scarlett Olsen



Nina Hirazumi

## Celebrating the Christingle Tradition

The Year 3 girls took part in the Christingle Service at Westminster Abbey, in aid of The Children's Society. It was a special service with an address given by the Bishop of London. The girls all sang beautifully in the splendour of this world famous landmark.





# Poems about home during lockdown

## My Home

My home is filled with love and care  
Me and my brother are always fair  
We get a lot of food and water  
I enjoy being my papa's daughter  
My family always make a cosy bed  
I love our space hopper that is red  
Our fireplace is always warm  
Even when there sometimes is a storm  
I LOVE MY HOME!

*Marlies Dahlstrom*

My home means kisses,  
My home means hugs,  
My home means happiness,  
And hot chocolate in mugs.

My home means my bedroom,  
My home means a BBQ and sport,  
My home means family,  
And hide and seek without getting caught.

*Eliza Ferguson*

My home, my home,  
It's an excellent home,  
My home, my home,  
My family of seven,  
My home, my home,  
Bed, food, family and friends,  
My home, my home,  
Big enough for a big family,  
My home, my home,  
Secret children's grotto woods at  
the end of the garden,  
My home, my home,  
My cats love it here,  
My home, my home,  
It's an excellent home.

*Imogen Harper*

I love my cuddly soft furry Squishmallow,  
I love my mummy's scrumptious food in my belly,  
I love my ink blue Puketo in my garden.  
I love my brother Alexander.... sometimes!  
I love reading on the weekend mornings  
In my brother's cosy bedroom.  
I love playing with my fantastically fun toys  
When I'm not studying.  
I love jumping on my marvellous mummy  
For huggies.  
All of these things make my home.

*Sophia Marshall*

My home is a comfy place to be,  
We like it a lot especially me.  
But what makes a house a lovely home?  
Keep reading on and you will see.

Your home is a place you know the best,  
your home is better than all the rest.  
I live with my mummy and daddy and brother,  
My mummy does not want another.

Do you have a garden? Is it big or small?  
I have a big garden with a trampoline  
That goes boing, boing, boing when we jump on it.  
We also have a lots of balls  
that we can kick into the walls.

At the end of the day I go up to bed  
And as I lie down, I have thoughts in my head.  
We played lots of games and we sat on the sofa  
Nothing could spoil it, not even a mouse.

*Isabel Carter*

## Keeping busy at home and playing "Winopoly"!





# Year 4



Oriana Brown

## Poetry and Creative Writing

### Swan Haikus

On tranquil water  
The white feather floating by  
As she swims the loch

Gracefully swimming  
Dancing, floating on the loch  
In the moonlit night  
*Kyla Shaw-Taylor*



Alexandra de Pommerol

Dazzling and serene  
Drifting across the water  
The day we first met

Elegant white swan  
Flying above the water  
Wings beat the cold air  
*Ella Cairns*

Huge wings spread widely  
The moon shines brightly on her  
Wings beat together

The dazzling water  
Revealed her beautiful wings  
Silver and gleaming  
*Tiggy Evans*



Aminah Aziz



I stood on the edge of the calm loch. The clear water shimmered in the moonlight. Suddenly, I heard something swooping down and the sound of wings beating the wind. All of a sudden I discovered that it was an elegant silver swan. It zipped down like a shooting star. Its huge webbed feet broke through the water and cut a path. The majestic swan swam towards me with the moonlight shining on his beak.

*Nicole Deaconescu*

I was sitting on the grass next to the loch, looking at the shiny moon. It was a freezing, cloudless night. Suddenly, something caught my eye. It looked like an animal and it was as silver as the moon. I turned in time to see it dive and break the fragile water. I watched it arranging its elegant wings, which was beautiful.

*Lila Unlu*

There I was by the still and silent loch. The moon had risen and was reflected in the dark surface of the water. Suddenly, I heard the drumming of powerful wings. I turned to see a beautiful, majestic swan descending towards the loch. As it landed, its webbed feet cut a path through the lake, throwing up drops of water which glistened like pearls in the moonlight. It stretched its feathered wings which glowed in the night air.

*Isabella Manuel*



# Living like Celts!

## A Trip to Butser farm

Year 4 girls enjoyed a fascinating visit to **Butser Ancient Farm**, an experimental archaeology site in the South Downs. The girls saw a traditional Celtic Round House, sat around a campfire on pelts, and made silver jewellery, mosaics and hazel wood fences.



## Boudicca

Boudicca was a warrior queen and wife of Prasutagus the ruler of the Iceni tribe. The Celtic tribe Iceni was located in a part of Britain we now call Norfolk. Boudicca was tall with fiery red hair that hung to her waist. She had a harsh voice and a chilling glare. She habitually wore a large golden torc and a cloak fastened by a brooch. When Romans settled in southern Britain they made an agreement that Prasutagus could remain ruler of the Iceni, but when he died the Romans turned on the Iceni, and they captured tribesmen and whipped Boudicca and her daughters publicly. She was furious and gathered an army and started a rebellion. Boudicca's speech to her army was, "I am fighting as someone like you who has lost their freedom. I am fighting from my bruised body. The Gods will grant us the revenge we deserve. Think of how many of us are fighting and why. Then you will win this battle or die. That is what I, a woman will do. Let the men live as slaves if they want. I will not!" She led a rebellion destroying three cities, including Londinium (London), Verulamium (St Albans) and a place we now know as Colchester. Over 70,000 people were killed in Boudicca's attacks. When the Romans heard of the attacks they regrouped and finally defeated Boudicca and her army in the Battle of Watling Street. To this day, no-one knows what happened to Boudicca.

*Ciara O'Rourke*



Boudicca was the Queen of the Iceni tribe. They lived in a place we now call Norfolk. Boudicca had bright red hair down to her knees and wore a tunic and a cloak, fastened by a big brooch and a gold necklace. When the Romans took over the Iceni they said the king of the tribe would still rule but he died and they turned back on their word and publicly whipped Boudicca. She was so furious, that when the Romans were away in Wales, she created an army to burn down three of the Roman cities, and 70,000 people were killed. When the news arrived in Wales, the Romans rushed back and finally defeated Boudicca. Some people say she drank poison as she would rather die than be captured alive, but others say she died of an illness.

*Rhea Wadie*



# Year 4

## My diary as a Celt

Dear Diary

In the morning I woke up to my cattle mooing in the field, and I knew I had lots to do. I had to sweep the floor, work in the field, milk the cows and goats, repair the round house, feed the chickens and decorate pots. I went downstairs, and swept the floor which was very dusty as we had visitors yesterday. I then went into the field and chopped some wheat, fed and milked the cows, fed the chickens, collected their eggs and then milked the goats. Next, I went to repair the roundhouse as there had been a storm last week and some of the roof fell off. Finally, I needed to decorate some pots, so got the carving tools and started carving beautiful patterns into the clay, and I repeated this until I had decorated five pots. At last my day had come to an end.

**Leila Bennett**



## Creative Writing Character Description

**The girls were inspired by an image of Mrs Brown, an elderly lady sitting on her armchair wrapped in a shawl in her cosy cottage. They were to build her character using descriptive words and lots of imagination!**

Mrs Brown slumped into her chair after an extremely tiring day of yoga, thinking about watching 'Blue Planet' as this was her favourite TV show. She was an expert in nature and spent many an hour tending her small cottage garden. She loved cats and had adopted one called Shirley three weeks ago. Shirley always stayed by Mrs Brown's side even when she was gardening. Mrs Brown loved lilies and had even managed to enter some of her lilies into the local flower competition. It was Autumn and it was cold outside so she was very pleased to have her warm blanket, and soon she dozed off.

**Minnie Loftus**

Mrs Brown lived in a small village where she had been living since World War II. She was very tired after a long walk in the local park. At the end of the day, she snuggled

down to watch her favourite programme, "How to Stay Healthy". She wore blue pyjamas and her silk blanket (which she had just bought), covered her body. The nights were getting frosty. Mrs Brown knew her house was old fashioned and all the neighbours had nicer houses but that didn't bother her. Many years ago, she had fallen in love with a cat at the rescue centre, and adopted it. His name was Ollie and he was her companion and never strayed far from her side.

**Grace Conroy**

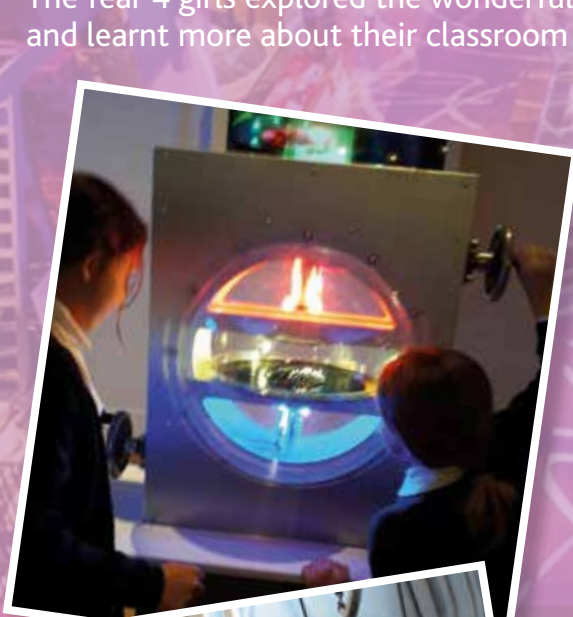
Mrs Brown flopped into her soft comfy armchair. She had just had a very tiring day walking down to the river bank. Mrs Brown was an animal lover and especially liked cats. She had a pet cat that she looked after very well because it had belonged to her father who had been in World War II. The heating was not on so she slowly got up and took a blanket from the cupboard. She sat back down and fell asleep just as her favourite show, 'Gardening World', began.

**Jessica Haque**



# Scientific Wonders at The Science Museum

The Year 4 girls explored the wonderful interactive displays and learnt more about their classroom topic, Forces.



Year 4 girls kept busy and motivated with their learning at home during lockdown.





# Year 5



## Creative Writing

### Poetry Perfection

Study girls love creative writing and poetry, and **Allegra Delli Roccoli** in Year 5 is no exception; she wrote this thoughtful poem on the topic of "perfection".

No one is perfect, not you nor I,  
That's why perfection you cannot buy,  
It is only in our eyes,  
That perfection really lies.

It comes from within,  
Not from any tin,  
Perfection is a choice,  
You might just need to give it a voice.

It might be a dish,  
Or someone you wish,  
Even someone that you love,  
If it fits you like a glove.

Allegra went on to give her viewpoint on whether perfection is possible:

*"In my opinion, perfection lies only in our own eyes: what is perfect for someone might not be perfect for someone else. Perfection is completely up to you."*

### The Tempest

The violent storm is raging  
Under the moonlit sky.  
Tossing, rolling and thundering,  
Lashing onto the little boat.  
The clouds are darkening quickly,  
Dancing in the enraged storm.  
Mist swallows the land,  
Engulfs the moon and stars  
Dancing in the dark sky.  
Fighting the stormy clouds,  
Glowing on the glistening sea,  
Dancing on the wild waves.  
**Sofia Pereira Xavier**

### The Sleeping Seal - Five Minute Poems

The seal sleeps and weeps  
His whiskers are wild  
Like danger approaching as he snores  
And cries, not understanding  
What happens next?

**Isabella Perrott**

The silent seal is sound asleep  
He is peaceful and warm  
And has just been born  
**Maya Papadakos**

The seal was sleeping in the night  
Deep in the cold white snow  
Hugging itself tight  
Sleeping on the ground, low  
**Cecilia Russell**

Loud snoring  
Cradling himself in the snow  
Staying in the same position  
Never going to go  
What is he thinking about?  
Nobody will know  
See the seal, asleep in the snow  
**Aino Gledstone**

Slowly, soundly, sleeping softly  
Dozing daydreaming  
Wondering wildly  
Slowly, soundly, sleeping softly  
**Sofie van der Geest**

Silent sleeping in the snow  
The seal finds he cannot go  
The other seals are off in the cold  
But he will stay here  
In his self-made mould  
**Alyssa Duffy**



# Girls Get a Taste of the Real World at Kidzania!

"KidZania is an indoor city, run by kids!" KidZania blends learning and reality with entertainment, which gave the girls a chance to step into some real life roles - from a doctor, police officer, dentist, to a banker and so much more.



# Inez is Head for the Day at Spencer House

Inez had a very busy day when she took over from Mrs Pepper to be Head for the Day. She took assembly at Spencer House with an amusing talk on pets, announced birthdays, and gave out music certificates. She also joined the marketing department on a tour of Wilberforce House for prospective parents, had tea with the visitors and told them all about the school.





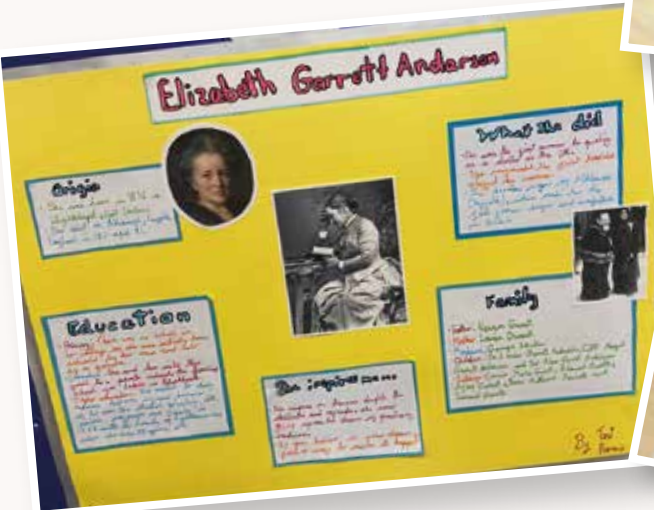
# Year 5

## Learning about Great Women in History

The girls had a workshop with the Freshwater Theatre Company about inspirational women in history, their struggles, their work and their contribution to society. They learnt about great women like Frida Kahlo, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Maria Montessori, Nellie Bly, Emily Wilding Davison and Emmeline Pankhurst.



Miranda Jaquesch



Tanvi Bamania



## Year 5 Art



Jasmine Wager



Anoushka Chattopadhyay



Scarlett Hughes



Anqi Li



Lauren Clarke



# Wimbledon Bookfest

## Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers' Competition, "The Secret", Excerpts from Commended Stories

Deep in the heart of a wild forest, where magic courses through every tree, and flows with the river, there lives a nymph. She is one of many mythical creatures: fairies, satyrs, naiads and pixies, just to name a few. This forest belonged - and still does - to the Olympian Gods, who gifted it every shining star, every green blade of grass, every topaz and amber fish that swam in the turquoise blue lake. They also gifted the forest something quite different, and the first of its kind... Secret The Nymph. When all the other forest dwellers saw her, they were awestruck! Not because she was the first nymph ever, simply because of her striking beauty! She had eyes of aquamarine, hair of silver, skin of sapphire, and wore a deep gold dress. Adorning her head was a crown covered in shells of all kinds and she had a cloak of dewdrops, weaved by Arachne herself. When she opened her mouth to speak, a sound as sweet as honey came out. Of course, they spoke the Old Tongue, written in runes, but as an expert, I decoded it. She asked where she was, but the others were too dumbstruck to answer. Soon after her mysterious arrival, rumours started to spread like wildfire: some whispered she was born of sea foam, like Aphrodite, and others said she was Pandora's child. Nobody ever solved their mystery, and nobody ever will.

*Tara Joshi*

Dust hovered, preparing to attack. Dagger quick, I stifled my sneeze in my sleeve. Thick, musty air threatened to give me away. All around me, history lay in heaps: long-forgotten sleds, moth-eaten suitcases, old school books, a faded tent from a summer gone by. My body, wedged between boxes, grew stiff from crouching for so long.

I dared not flinch. Such foolishness could give my position away. The street lamps outside flickered off, bathing me in velvet black. Boots clicked and clacked their way up the stairs, not far beyond the door of the attic. Do not open! Do not open, I thought to myself. Visions of the others, already discovered and hauled away, teased me. I pitied them, but could not pluck up the courage to go save them. Instead, I wallowed in my guilt, and savoured my sanctuary.

*Alyssa Duffy*

I am Molly, an orphan, living in the Justice Academy for Girls, the most awful orphanage in the world. Picture this: 50 old rusty tables dotted around the smelly rotten dining hall; beds in a room with no daylight; teachers who don't let you have treats! Torture, definitely. People think I am overreacting. Trust me, I am not. I always wonder why I was there. Of all the places in this magical world, why there? I could have been in a wondrous fairyland, not a sewage dump like this! One day I was roving the hall when I heard a strange noise. Not just any noise, it sounded eerily familiar. I hadn't heard it for ages. Suddenly a wave of horror filtered into my mind as an ear-piercing scream filled the air. I cupped my hands over my ears and collapsed to the floor.

*Isabel Haque*

Year 5 girls kept busy, creative and motivated with their learning from home during lockdown.





# Year 6

## Poetry Inspired by Lockdown

### Contained

Even though I am contained,  
My mind is open and things will change.  
Like a sapling oak grown into a grand tree,  
I will still grow strong,  
This isolation can't stop me.  
My mind has grown,  
Imagination set free.  
Appreciations is spread around me,  
Opportunities arrive,  
Unity thrives,  
Although my freedom is locked up,  
I am still full of glee.

*Henrietta Poulton*

### Love in the Lockdown

Nothing is certain  
Nothing is clear  
Everything is muddled  
But love isn't.

All supplies are low  
The queues are long  
Everything has gone slow  
But love hasn't.

The NHS is out of control  
Hand sanitiser is extinct  
Nobody knows if they will be alright  
But love does.

Shopping for loved ones  
Applauding the NHS  
Keeping two metres away from people  
That is what love is there for.

*Riley Rosen*

### Changing World

It seems the world is standing still,  
The sun is shining and the sky is clear.  
It won't be cured with just a pill,  
It's an unseen enemy attacking here.

The streets are quiet and traffic free,  
There's not a plane in the sky.  
You can hear birds singing in the trees,  
Yet I wish for all the days gone by.

I haven't seen my big sister,  
Since covid forced the world's lockdown.  
I can't explain how much I miss her,  
I bet my niece has really grown.

*Flora O'Callaghan*

### My Lockdown

Lockdown is making my crazy,  
We're always at home, so I've become lazy.  
Playing with my dog, doing lots of bakes,  
Online school, and learning from mistakes.

The NHS are doing lots for us,  
We have to stay at home without a fuss.  
Every Thursday we go out and clap,  
For the nurses working hours back to back.

I Facetime my friends most days,  
And it brings back lots of memories.  
How I wish for a normal life again,  
When we are back at school and back with friends.

Lots of people are dying,  
Leaving their families sad and crying.  
We need to be thankful for what we have got,  
We are lucky that no one has been ill or lost.

We spend more time as a family together,  
We are with each other whatever the weather.  
I understand the situation we're in,  
And sooner or later it will be in the bin.

Stuck at home with family,  
You need to remember one thing: be happy!

*Francesca Courtney*

### Lockdown Changed It All

Life isn't the same without running through  
endless fields of barley feeling the wind in  
my hair,  
Life isn't the same without having picnics in  
the woods with no care in the world,  
Life will never be the same without seeing  
her every day.

Life isn't the same without the hustle and  
bustle of people at rush hour,  
Life isn't the same without seeing my friends  
at school,  
Life will never be the same without her scent  
of honey and sweet perfume.

Life will never be the same without her - not  
ever,  
She didn't die in vain though,  
She died a hero,  
Not one with a cape but one with a mask, a  
pair of rubber gloves and scrubs.  
She always put others first and her  
superpower was to heal.

*Harriet Wender*

### Lockdown

Lockdown is hard for everyone,  
So why don't you make it easier for  
someone.  
Some people are dying,  
While others are crying.  
Some people are trying,  
To help others that are sighing.  
You can be kind and you will find,  
That your one little deed helped someone  
in need.  
By using your imagination,  
You can go and make a creation.  
If you show your appreciation,  
Then someone may say...  
CONGRATULATIONS!

*Sophiel Sapir*



# Wimbledon Bookfest

Wimbledon Bookfest run a creative writing competition every year for children in the Borough of Merton, and this year, the theme was "The Secret". Here is Rania's highly commended poem that was published in the Bookfest anthology 2020.

They're looking at me,  
As if they know,  
What I have done,  
Does it show?

They must have been told,  
But surely they couldn't,  
When I told my friends,  
They swore they wouldn't.

There's whispering now,  
My face has gone red,  
Maybe it's nothing,  
It's all in my head.

But what if it isn't,  
What if they guessed?  
I'd be expelled,  
Mum would not be impressed.

What a nightmare,  
This is not going well,  
If only I'd hear,  
The ring of the bell.

Instead I am stuck  
In this hot, stuffy hall,  
If only I hadn't  
Been born at all.

Now they are pointing,  
Yet not at me,  
But at someone else,  
Who's in Year Three!

Apparently she  
Stole someone's purse,  
Then took another,  
Which made it worse.

But I can still feel  
That sense of dread,  
Suppose they'd found out,  
My secret instead?

**Rania Payne**



# Year 6 Study of Sikhism

We listened to the Sikh story of The Milk and the Jasmine Flower. This story teaches us that there is always room in this world for more goodness. It also makes me think that however full a place is, there is always room for someone else. I really like this message because whether it is letting someone join in a game or letting refugees into a country, people should always be welcome.

**Stella Fattore Yoo**



Freya Stern



Grace Hunter



Stella Fattore Yoo



Willow Scales

## What do Sikhs Believe?

1. Keep God in your heart and mind at all times
2. Live honestly and work hard
3. Treat everyone equally
4. Be generous to those less fortunate than you
5. Serve others

## What do I think?

I think the third point, to treat everyone equally, is the most important. I think there is much more to life than what colour your skin is or how wealthy you are. We are all living in this world together as one big family. We are all united and should be included no matter what. Everyone on earth is special in their own way. We should all value each other as equals. We need to stick together and accept people for who they are. So, respect everyone and treat everyone as you would want to be treated...equally and fairly.

**Freya Stern**



# Year 6

## A Beastly Walk Through Time

### Year 6 Trip to The Museum of London

Year 6 girls had an interesting day out when they visited the Museum of London, which documents London's history from prehistoric to modern times. The girls were taken on a voyage of discovery, learning about the rich history of the city, brought to life through fantastic interactive displays narrated by the "Beasts of London". Brave lions, majestic eagles, wily foxes and even pigeons all had a role to play, and the girls learnt so much about their city.



## World Book Day Dress Up





# Winner of The Year 6 Creative Writing Competition



## The Great Puppy Escape by Elsa Lane

This is it. All puppies across the world from Dandie Dinmonts to German Shepherds dream of this day! The day they move from snuggling with siblings to a big, new house they can pee all over and rip to shreds! Well, now it's my turn. I'm called 'that cute little fat one in the corner' - named by my new family, but they changed it to Charlie (I thought my name was fine the way it was). I'm a Labrador Retriever, apparently, according to my mother, but I can't trust her since she never plays 'run around like a mad chicken' with us.

A rosy-coloured podgy hand reaches out and scoops me up. My plump breeder, all smiles and cuddles, carefully hands me over to my new brother, so I scramble up his arm and drown him in saliva. Squealing with glee, and also trauma, he drops me onto the hard floor. Not a good start!

After hours of driving and puking, I finally reach my new home. It's big, modern and speaks 'destroy me'. I'm ready! My new brother, a skittish, minute boy with stick-like arms and a mop of tawny hair hiding his brown eyes, gingerly takes me inside and places - DROPS - me onto my bed, staggering under the weight of my golden-streaked blonde body.

A celestial aroma drifts through my nostrils. SAUSAGES!!! My new mother, a serious-looking woman, places the heavenly food on a plate and wraps it in tinfoil. Looking down at her watch, she chirps alarmingly at my brother, who's poking a toy squirrel in my face. He shrieks with

pleasure before jumping up and running to the door. Mum hastily calls to my new dad, who bellows loudly and races out the house. All the family rush out, slamming the red door behind them. They forgot ME! BUT I don't care. I'm focusing on the sausages Mum forgot to put away! My eyes gleam with mischief; I clumsily pelt upstairs.

My wet nose pushes a door open. This is my brother's room. It's nice, but needs work - the whole house needs work! I decide to do everyone a favour and fix the house for them. I leap into the pile of toys, ready to be ripped apart! Soon I'm drowning in a sea of stuffing! I water all the plants - they're the ones emitting light, right? I go to the toilet - I think humans call it a bed! I nudge vases and precious porcelain onto the floor and I bark at the cat next door.

Padding through the house of chaos, I have just one more job to do. I kick the ground and spring onto the chair. One more jump and I'm on the table. I rip the foil of the sausages. They sizzle with bliss. I look at them.

They look at me. Goodbye sausages! When my new family return home, they follow the trail of toy stuffing and sausage fragments to find a chubby little Labrador - ME - sitting in a pile of yellow liquid. I have completed the Great Puppy Plan, but judging by the looks on their faces, perhaps it's time for the Great Puppy Escape!

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# Art Highlights

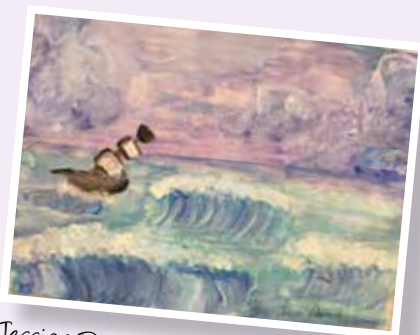
## The Tempest Artworks

During Enrichment Week at Spencer House, girls from Years 4-6 all created some fantastic artworks inspired by different aspects of Shakespeare's, "The Tempest", for the end of week exhibition.

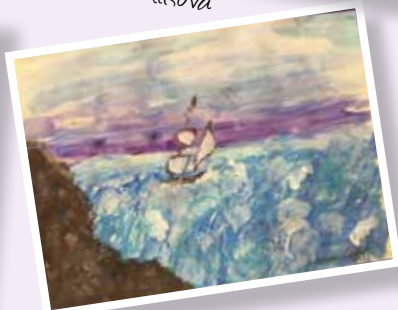
### Stormy Seascapes



Medina Malikova



Jessica Deaconescu



Leonora Collett

### Set designs for The Tempest



### Wonderful group work displays



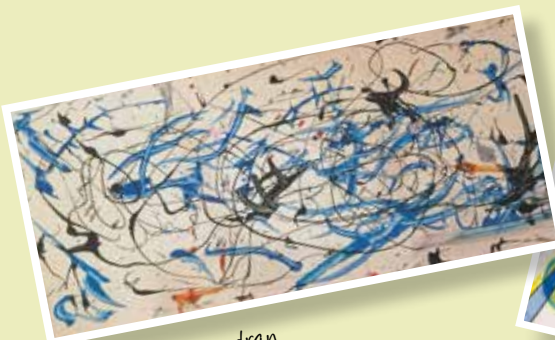
Caliban in clay



Year 4 costume designs for The Tempest

## Year 6 Girls Explore 20th Century Art

**Six on Six Take 2** was an amazing visual arts project the girls explored in the summer term. They were given six great 20th Century artists - Jackson Pollock, Piet Mondrian, Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Wassily Kandinsky and Edvard Munch - to research and then create a piece of art in the style of each iconic artist. They put on a virtual online exhibition to showcase their fantastic work!



Abi Ramachandran



Henrietta Poulton



# Year 5 explore Pointillism



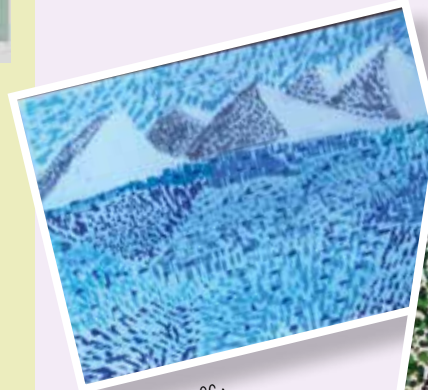
Rania Payne



Poppy Joyce



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Alyssa Duffy



Sofie Van de Geest



Scarlett Hughes

# Young Wimbledon Artist

The Study entered a number of wonderful artworks created by our talented Spencer House girls into the Young Wimbledon Artist competition. Well done to the following Year 6 girls who were award winners: **Bo Prime, Hazel O'Byrne and Violetta Wiggert.**



Violetta Wiggert



Bo Prime



Hazel O'Byrne

# Keeping Creative in Lockdown!

Lockdown did not deter our artistic girls, here they are working to create beautiful artworks at home!



Alejandra de Pommerol  
Year 4



Tienne Campbell, Year 5



Chloe Li, Year 2



# Music Highlights

## Music from the Movies!

### Orchestral Day at Downe House

Study musicians visited Downe House school for an orchestral "Day at the Movies". Wonderful scores from such classic films as the Lion King, Frozen, Star Wars, Harry Potter and James Bond were on the repertoire.



## Christmas Concert



## The Study Choirs at The Wimbledon Guild

The Spencer House choir girls sang alongside the beautiful voices of the Bishop Gilpin choir at The Wimbledon Guild Christmas Carol Service at St Mark's Church.

Wendy Pridmore, Chief Executive of Wimbledon Guild wrote: *"Thank you so much for all of your hard work to produce the Carol Service last night. We raised £3,765 to contribute to our services, which is absolutely fantastic. The children were delightful and their enthusiastic performances were wonderful."*

The Years 2 and 3 choir also had the opportunity to support The Wimbledon Guild when they sang to the members of the Remember When Group.







## Spencer House Choir at The Royal Albert Hall

The Spencer House choir girls joined 1300 young singers from school and church choirs across the UK, France and Italy, for the Scratch Youth Messiah Concert with the English Festival Orchestra. The girls did The Study proud and sang beautifully in the stunning surroundings of The Royal Albert Hall, all in support of WaterAid.



## A Musical Tribute to the National Health Service

Mrs Brown led the girls in song during lockdown with the help of George Adie, who wrote this fantastic song for the girls to perform.

Doctors, nurses, always caring, THANK YOU, NHS

Carers' efforts, all unsparing, THANKYOU, NHS

Maybe lockdown's making you bored  
Think of that intensive care ward

Think about the masks they're wearing, THANKYOU, NHS

Fighting the Coronavirus, THANK YOU, NHS

Frontline courage should inspire us, THANK YOU, NHS

Think about the brave researchers  
Over-tired hospital workers

Working day and night would tire us, THANKYOU, NHS

No-one likes staying indoors  
No-one likes being unsure  
No-one ever tells us when life can start again

Keep your cool, don't be impatient, THANK YOU, NHS

Do you want to be a patient, with the NHS

Show the world that we can take it, NHS will help us  
make it

This is our fight day and night, THANK YOU, NHS

THANK YOU NHS, THANK YOU NHS

*Lyrics and music by Mr George Adie, copyright applies.*

## Making Music During Lockdown

Our keen musicians enjoyed their lessons online and used their time at home to enjoy playing their instruments.





# Drama, Dance and

## The Snowman

The festive season was heralded in by the most magical show, performed by the Year 4 girls and the Year 5 Creative Dance Club. The audience was treated to a spectacular production of the favourite festive tale, "The Snowman". From the moment the audience entered and saw the starlit stage and wonderful sets, to the final curtain, all the girls performed beautifully and told the touching story through words, song and dance.



## Our Girls Perform at Merton Live! Community Event

Our talented dance performers treated the audience at The New Wimbledon Theatre to a number of wonderful routines, all to support The Wimbledon Guild.

Year 3 Creative Dance girls performed to "Feel it Still"; Tienne danced a ballet solo to "Walking in the Air"; followed by another splendid solo by Poppy to "All I Ask"; and finally the Year 4 and 5 Creative Dance Club performed to "Sing, Sing, Sing".



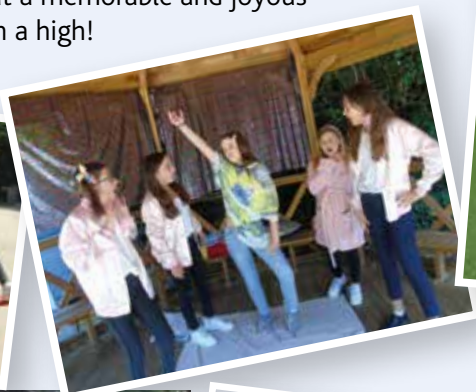


# Literature Highlights

## Summer Lovin'!

### Year 6 End of Year Film Production of Grease

The Year 6 girls worked hard all term on their brilliant film version of the iconic musical Grease, the premier of which was shown to parents, staff and pupils in a virtual screening. What a memorable and joyous show to end the Summer Term on a high!



## LAMDA in the Limelight!

Talented Study girls always do very well in their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art acting exams, and 2020 was no exception. In total, the girls achieved 83 Distinctions and 6 merits – an extraordinary result. Well done girls!

## Spencer House Public Speaking Competition

All girls from Years 4-6 entered the competition, which was decided by guest judge and ex-teacher Miss Ruschill.

Year 4: Winner, **Layla Mitchell**  
Runner Up, **Ciara O'Rourke**

Year 5: Winner, **Iona Pite**  
Runner Up, **Olivia Richards**

Year 6: Joint Winners on the topic, "*Does Money Buy Happiness?*"  
**Sienna Sodi** and **Evie Oakshett**



## Spencer House Short Story Competition

All girls at Spencer House took part in the Short Story Competition, and wrote a story on a theme of their own choice. The teachers had the difficult task of selecting a winner and two runners up from each year group, whose entries were shared in a prize winners' assembly. Read winner Elsa Lane's story on page 41.





# Sport

## We are the Champions!

The Study Year 6 A team are the ISA National Netball champs for the second year running after taking Gold at the Nationals. The team also qualified for the IAPS Finals, which unfortunately did not take place because of lockdown. Well done girls!



## Gold and Silver Stars

### U9 Netball at Rowan Prep

The Study U9 A team did exceptionally well and were undefeated in all their games, winning Gold. The B team also played well, and lost only one game, drew one, and won three, securing Silver.



South England Sisters in Sport Netball Tournament Year 6A Team clinched Silver!



The Year 6A team played at Thomas's with 16 other schools and secured Gold!

## Enjoying Gym Lessons at Spencer House

The girls love their gym lessons and they had a lot of fun when they made shapes and pyramid formations.



Years 5 and 6 girls had their first football experience at Hallgrove and thoroughly enjoyed the day.





# Summer Term Sports Week

We were not able to hold our annual Sports Day, so instead the PE Department arranged a week of fun sporting activities for girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and ensured they stayed in their socially distanced "bubbles", to earn House Points, have fun and keep active! The girls also created some lovely posters to get into the sporting spirit!



*Dana Moghal Prieto, Year 1*



*Olivia Liddell, Year 1*

# Keeping Fit in Lockdown!

Girls found ways to keep fit and healthy during lockdown.



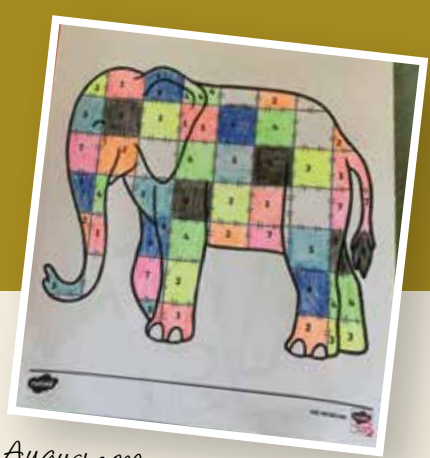


# Languages

On adore apprendre le français

Loving our Language Lessons!

Study girls are lucky enough to start French lessons with a specialist teacher from Reception, and in Year 6 they get a taste of Spanish too! Me encanta aprender español.



Augusta Mansouri, Year 1



Olivia Ogle, Year 2



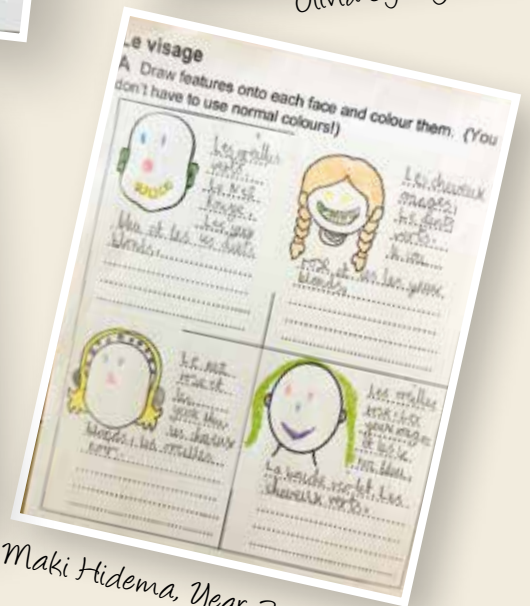
Ella Forrest, Year 5



Dana Moghal Prieto, Year 1



Millie Joyce, Reception



Maki Hidema, Year 3



Online French lesson at home

## French Writing

### A Christmas Song

Vent frais  
Vent du matin  
Vent qui soufflé  
Au sommet des grandes pins  
Joie du vent qu passe  
Allons dans le grand vent  
**Isabella Stewart, Year 4**

### I Like...

J'aime jouer au balon,  
J'aime jouer aux billes.  
J'aime jouer a cache-cache  
J'aime lire un livre sur ur blanc.  
Je n'aime pas sauter a la corde.  
**Barbara Wiggert, Year 4**



Sophia Marshall, Year 3



# Happy Birthday to The Study!

## 127 Years of Success

We were not able to have our usual birthday party celebration in the playground with all the girls together so instead, the girls who were in brought in homemade cakes and decorated bunting to mark the special day! Those learning from home sent in photos of their wonderful cake creations, and also photos of the beautiful artworks they created to celebrate!



Sophie Robertson,  
Year 2



Alyssa Duffy, Year 5



Rhea Wadie, Year 4



Sophia Nicholson, Year 4



# Charitable Giving

## Study Girls Helping Others

### Autumn Term

#### Mary's Meals



Sara Sarpi, a volunteer from Mary's Meals, judged our entries for the Paper Plate Challenge. The competition raised £408.80.



Paper Plate Challenge winners.



With the help of our Christmas services retiring collections we raised the grand total of £3133.51 for Mary's Meals.



Scarlett and Jessie sold cookies and scrunchies and raised £175 to support Mary's Meals.



Year 6 organised a Christmas Quiz Fund Raiser.

#### Jeans for Genes



As usual we supported Jeans for Genes and this year raised £630.

#### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We raised £953.01 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

#### Harvest Donations



We gave all our Harvest Festival donations to the Wimbledon Foodbank.





# Spring Term

## Centrepont



Homelessness won the Wilberforce House 'issues' election so we decided to support the charity Centrepont. Before lockdown we managed to raise £1600.60.



Year 6 held a raffle to raise money for Centrepont.

## Australian Bushfires



We raised £1631 for the WWF's Emergency Bushfire Appeal following the devastating Australian Bushfire.



## 5M Adoption



5M adopted a lion named Rory from the WWF and they did some research on the pride it comes from in the Masai Mara in East Africa.

# Summer Term



Darcy, Year 4, set herself the challenge of running 100km over the Summer for the NHS. She raised £250.



Jemima, Year 1, competed in the NHS 5km run.



Annabel warming up for the 5km charity run for the NHS.



Willow, Year 6, leant a helping hand by collecting food for the AFC Wimbledon Dons local action group to help local.



Arabelle, Year 4, leant a helping hand by walking her neighbour's dog.

Allegra, Year 6, grew her hair during lockdown and then had it cut in order to support the charity, The Little Princess Trust. She donated her cut hair so that it can be made into a wig for a cancer patient and she raised £815 for the charity.



Before



After



# Clubs

Study girls are lucky to enjoy a wide selection of extra-curricular clubs.



Jazz Club



Cooking Club



Brainbuster Club



Eco Club



Horse and Pony Club



Fashion Accessories Club



Lunchtime Cookery Club



Creative Writing Club



Chess Club



Library Club



STEM Club



Painting and Imagination Club



Musical Theatre Club



Martial Arts Club



Yoga Club



After School Care



Our girls have a lovely time at our After School Care sessions, where they can do their homework, have a tasty snack, and enjoy creative activities together.



# Year 6 Leavers' Senior School Destinations 2020

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Aliya Ansari         | Putney High School                                 |
| Molly Anstey         | Cranleigh Prep School                              |
| Megan Blount         | Surbiton High School                               |
| Gwyneth Buckley      | St. John's School, Leatherhead                     |
| Hannah Chilton       | Tiffin Girls                                       |
| Leonora Collett      | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Francesca Courtney   | Surbiton High School                               |
| Jessica Deaconescu   | Wimbledon High School, with Sport Scholarship      |
| Emily Dunipace       | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Zara Edmunds         | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Stella Fattore Yoo   | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Jessica Gilligan     | The Lady Eleanor Holles, with Academic Scholarship |
| Alice Gillon         | Surbiton High School, with Ski Scholarship         |
| Sophie Hardy         | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Rosie Henderson      | Epsom College                                      |
| Amaya Herbert        | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Rosie Holliday       | Sutton High School                                 |
| Chloe Hook           | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Grace Hunter         | Putney High School                                 |
| Isidora Ilic         | Sutton High School                                 |
| Poppy Joyce          | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Sophie Kok-Coustar   | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Elsa Lane            | Emanuel, with Drama Scholarship                    |
| Medina Malikova      | Surbiton High School                               |
| Sophie Murfin        | The Lady Eleanor Holles                            |
| Hazel O'Byrne        | Guildford High School                              |
| Flora O'Callaghan    | Cranleigh Prep School                              |
| Evelyn Oakshett      | Wimbledon High School, with Academic Scholarship   |
| Rania Payne          | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Henrietta Poulton    | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Bo Prime             | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Zahra Rahman         | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Abinaya Ramachandran | Guildford High School                              |
| Riley Rosen          | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Sophiel Sapir        | St. John's School, Leatherhead                     |
| Willow Scales        | Putney High School                                 |
| Rheeya Shinmar       | Wimbledon High School                              |
| Delila Snoek         | Surbiton High School                               |
| Sienna Sodi          | Wimbledon High School, with Sport Scholarship      |
| Freya Stern          | Sutton High School                                 |
| Harriet Wender       | Wimbledon High School, with Sport Scholarship      |
| Violetta Wiggert     | Milburn Middle School, USA                         |



