



Dear all,

Let's raise a huge cheer and clap tonight – after a fantastic one for NHS workers and all key workers last night at 8pm – for every single member of the Noadswood family who has pulled together so brilliantly to make the last fortnight go with an amazing kapowwww!! I know it hasn't been easy, and that you and your families will have had some real ups and downs in among, too, but the team effort and spirit has been phenomenal.

I was going to just let Mr Crowley do his thing with the end of week Noadswood film today, and not write to you, but the quality of material I have been sent was just too good so you'll get your letter and then the film, too – bonus!

First, a couple more activities for you to get your teeth into over the break, including more from our writer pal, Chris Bradford that kicks off next Monday evening:

Do you have the courage for a...

NINJA NIGHT READ

Monday 6-19th April at 7pm

Join me!

To discover more, watch <https://youtu.be/2G4cD10Qeel>

***In the run up to *The Biggest Worldwide Virtual Author Visit Ever* (Friday 10th April at 10.00am GMT),
I am reading from my Young Samurai books every night on my YouTube channel:***

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ChrisBradfordAuthor>

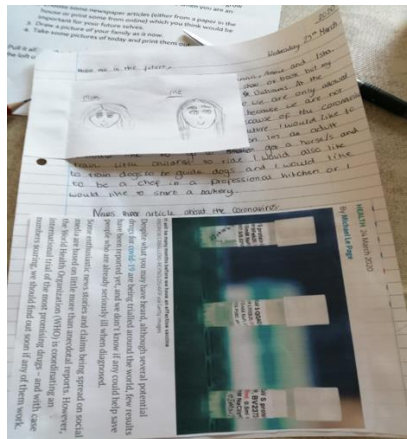
Do join me and please spread the word!

Chris Bradford

Next, there's a super challenge from the History Department that they truffled out from their research on Twitter:

At Easter Time, we thought we could have a bit of fun by challenging you to produce a 'Hard Boiled Humanities' portrait of a key figure in history. In the past this would have been using a boiled egg! However, as eggs are difficult to get for many of us; and should not be wasted, we want you to get creative and use something else from your house to create your key figure. For example, why not use an empty toilet or kitchen roll holder, the shell left from a boiled egg you have eaten, a ball, small plant pot, let your imagination run wild!

The work sent in today has ended the term strongly! Check out Sarah's time capsule – remember that competition I mentioned again yesterday with the link on FROG? She's pulled together a lot of good personal work along with research about the times we're living in – well done, Sarah, and well played at school, too. You've done yourself proud.



I am reliably informed that his dog, Casper, is dreaming of trying one of the yummy cupcakes – we don't blame him, do we?

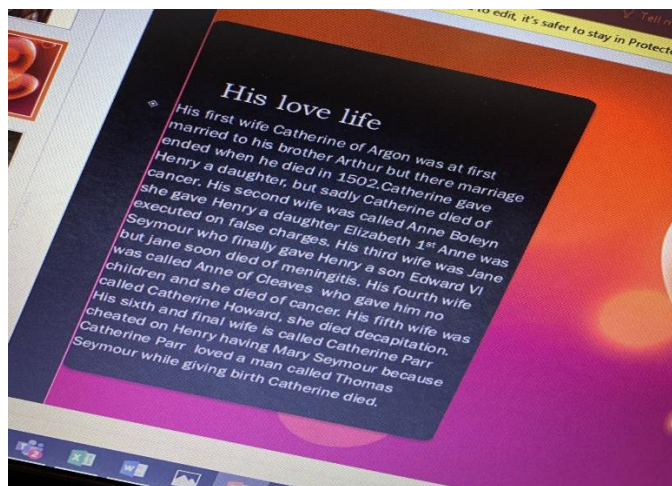


The next piece I want to celebrate is by Lily, and it's a powerful piece of analysis of an extract from the Da Vinci Code that made my English teacher heart sing:

In the text - the Da Vinci code- the writer (Dan Brown) builds tension with his use of language. The word slowly suggests inevitability by making the character turn their head slowly as if they know that there is no escape and running will get them nowhere where as if the character thought there was a way to get out of the situation or if they thought the noise was their imagination they would snap their head quickly towards where said noise / voice was. 'The curator froze, turning his head slowly.'

Finally, 'stared' is used to make the attacker seem powerful. The writer successfully does this by using the word stared to make the attacker seem unblinking and intimidating with a strong sense of power of the situation.

And it was great to see Mya's hard work researching the life of that scoundrel, Henry VIII:



Joe's made a beautiful French Apple cake and John's also sorted some fab flash cards as part of their Modern Foreign Languages work:





Then there's a lovely thank you from Molly that she's going to send to her Mum's best friend who's a paediatric nurse at Kings College in London – remember to get on board with that idea over Easter. Who could you send a card to?

Mrs Bendell, my fantastic PA, sent us some pics today of two former Noadswood pupils who are key workers, Mike (bus driver) and Hannah (midwife) and so if any of you wanted to pass on cards for these two members of the Noadswood family, we could pass them on:



Equally if you'd like to share with us other Noadswood family members you could pass cards to, you can do so at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and then we can make sure we give them a big shout out for all they're doing to keep things going for us all.

I'm going to end with two rather lovely animals – one of them is Miss Walker's scrummy cat, Milly, helping her out with a jigsaw... sort of.... And then my bit of Growth Mindset thinking for you for the holidays from the Easter Dog – you can be anything, even in these tough times, if you believe it's in you. So, until we all speak again (I'll drop you a note once a week in the holidays) have as much fun as you can, create your day (don't just flop through it), get some exercise in among, and stay safe for yourself and your families.



In this together, apart from my chocolate – I'll be in that by myself,

Miss Marshall