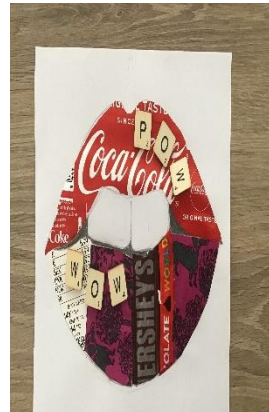


Sunday, 15 November 2020

Dear all,

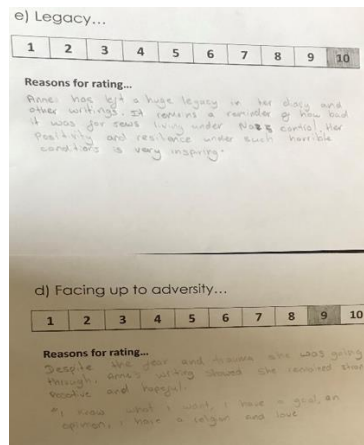
Here's hoping it's a lovely weekend to all you fantastic young people out there in our Noadswood family! I really hope you will enjoy it. Let's end last week with a lovely celebration of your work, your grit and your efforts.

First up, the **most magnificent art gallery** from Dakota, Freya, Lana, Megan, Zofia, Marcus and Sophie:

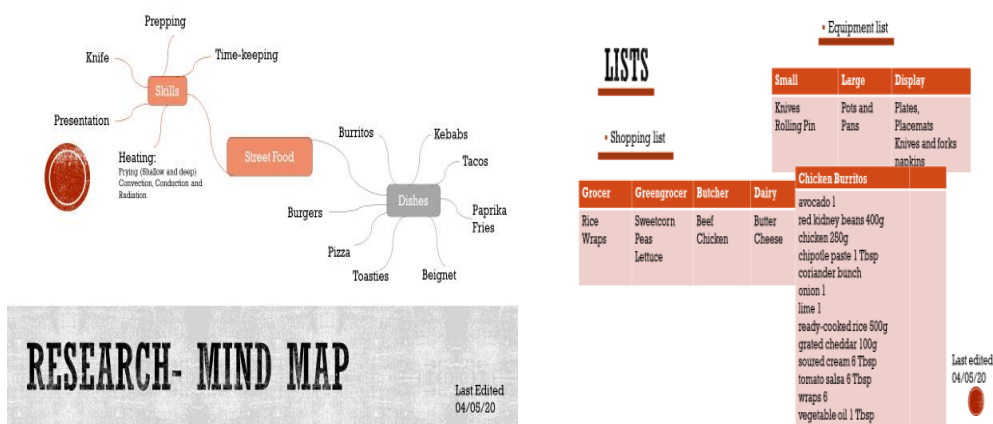


Mickey Mouse and that cat have the swag we all need for the weekend! The quality and creativity of what you have all done here has really impressed Mr Wilkinson and the Art Department - I am blown away by the talent once again.

And check out Maddie's work in response to the **Diary of Anne Frank**. She uses some of my favourite adjectives that Anne and her family displayed in hiding from the Nazis: positivity, resilience, strong, hopeful. These words could be used to describe you all as you continue to cope with the restrictions on our lives and all the challenges we're facing, so make sure you give yourselves a good pat on the back this weekend.



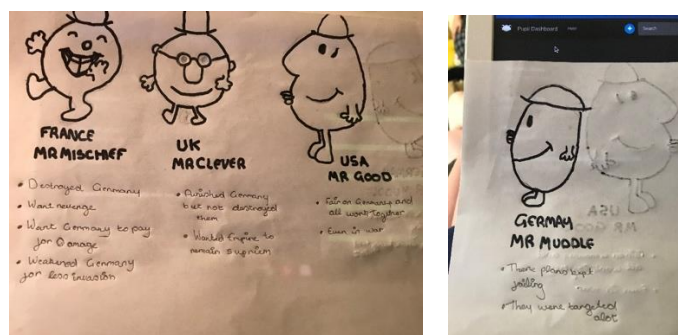
Next up, some of Jade's excellent work for her **street food project**:



She shows such thoroughness and attention to detail – I have no doubt the outcomes will be delicious:

- *I have chosen to do:*
- *Burritos*
- *French Fries*
- *Beignet*
- *I have chosen to do these because I like burritos and you can put whatever you want in them, they are a prime example of street food. I have chosen to do french fries as again they are another great example of street food. My last thing I chose was Beignet, I chose these because they are something I have never tried before and am really excited to make.*

Kennedy has wowed us with an excellent record of **6 out of 6 History homeworks**, and Mrs Groom is very proud of her. This one is her interpretation of the countries' approaches and views towards the Treaty of Versailles at the end of the First World War, using the Mr Men:



Lots of you have worked hard on the **Altered Perspective Challenge** – Eithne's dog is securely inside this boot:



Whereas Lucy's somehow fits into this cup – hope there's nothing too hot in there for its poor bottom!



After us talking about all of the protests in different parts of the world including Southampton and Bournemouth, after the murder of George Floyd in the USA, Sonny has shared with me his video that is his way of sharing what he feels about these events 🖤 :

I would just like to show you about one of the ways I express myself during this time. You may have heard about all the protests in America and thinking back to Martin Luther King's speech I had a realisation. During both times the same things were trying to be achieved and this is made clear during the video. I have attached the video I made by piecing together different videos and overlaying MLK's famous speech. I hope you enjoy.

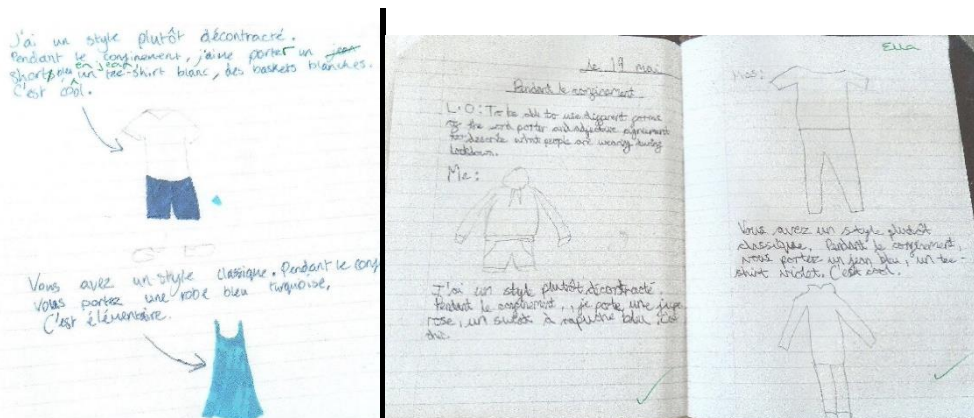
Watch Sonny's video here: <https://vimeo.com/426470861>

He's done some really careful thinking to understand the links between Martin Luther King's most famous 'I have a Dream' speech in the 60s about a world where prejudice isn't ruining anyone's lives, who ever you are, and the world he'd like to live in now. This is what I meant about putting your voice out there – would anyone else like to share an opinion or a piece of work about these or other important issues going on in our world? If so, drop me a line on ePraise or by email to headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk I would love us to learn your perspective and thoughts as we continue to plan school life going forwards – no one's views are more important or valid than yours.

Mrs Groom's continuing our focus on these important issues with the Y9 history learning this week, which is focusing on a different kind of protest movement: the anti-war movement and what impact it had in different ways, including through music. When you've got underway with it, why not send me some of your thoughts about it when you send it to your history teachers, at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

On the subject of your ideas and views, I am very excited to be interviewing a mighty 13 of you next week who have applied for the positions of **Head Girl and Boy**, along with Mrs Dossett. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves for stepping up for this work and position during these times – of course we can't appoint all of you, but we can give all of you our hugest respect and involve you all, in a big way, in the future steps and activities for our school.

Finally, for work this time, it's some **French fashion work** from Elliot and Ella:



These guys are coming to grips with different forms of the verb 'to wear' in French and the correct use of adjectives to describe what we're wearing in lockdown. A good question, right? What are you wearing? Do you get dressed very purposefully for your day or has there been a lot more slopping about in pull ons and pyjamas? Come on, we can be honest in this letter, can't we? If anyone has anything fun to share about all this, let me know.

In other good news, Tobias Lazarski contacted Mrs Hockings just before half term and told her he had achieved his brown belt in Karate – congratulations to you, fella! And Mr Shearsmith has been letting me know how well some of you are doing with the PE challenges, and how long you're spending on your physical activity in a week – really well done! It certainly isn't easy to motivate yourself every day, so if you are Valentina, Dylan, Phoebe, George, Aaron, Robbie, Elliot, Ted, Ben and Noah, this is an extra special well done to you, because of how well I know you've done with all this over the past few weeks. Some staff have made a mighty effort, too.

Next to a couple of competitions for you. Firstly, I was messaged by one of our parents, Mr Wilkins, who wanted to draw our attention to a **social innovation design challenge** for young people by an organisation called SPUD alongside a company called 49.

All you need to do is go to:

www.spud.org.uk/social-distancing-design-challenge

And you'll find all the details you need to get involved with a competition that will really have impact on your lives in the future – imagine that? Read about it here:

We are looking for proactive young people to create unique and innovative ideas that follow new social distancing rules so that young and old can meet safely in a post COVID-19 world.

Perhaps it is a play structure, a two-way chair or even an exciting game? Wherever your inventiveness takes you, this is your chance to create something new and imaginative that could genuinely make a difference to the people involved and to your local community.

And through this open-innovation challenge, we can help you turn your idea into reality.

Winners will work with industry experts, mentors and potentially even manufacturers and investors to get their idea into the marketplace, gaining invaluable experience as well as a £250 cash prize!

Entrants simply submit drawings, renders or 3D models together with a short statement of less than 200 words explaining their ideas, possible materials, budgetary costs and how / where you see it being used for example care homes, hospitals, hospices, workplaces, playgrounds, parks and other public spaces. We also want entrants to tell us what difference their idea will make to their local community.

This competition is open to anyone and everyone who has an interest in design, small spaces, interiors or solving this urgent social challenge.

I know how much talent there is for this sort of design and technology work in our Noadswood family, so what are you waiting for? Get thinking and get designing. You've got just under a couple of weeks to turn an idea into a brilliant entry - the competition closes on Friday 19th June. You would submit your design on email to: jointheadventure@spudgroup.org.uk – remember to send it to me, too, at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk.

The second competition for this letter is from the South Central Ambulance Service, bless 'em, who would like to thank you all so much for your ongoing support through these challenging times. Now they are asking you to show your support to each other:

If you could send a message of support to anyone other young person right now what would you say? We're looking for you to use your creative skills to spread encouragement to other young people in your area. You can either do this by drawing, painting or even write a poem - the choice is yours! Your entry could be added to our SCAS Youth website as well as winning you and your school a visit from us in the future.

Isn't this a lovely idea? I know lots of you have been being incredibly supportive of each other, so all you have to do is convert an example of that into a drawing, painting or piece of writing, and then to enter, you send in a photo of your work to getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk by 28th July 2020 – again remembering to send me a copy too, so we can celebrate the brilliant ways you're allies for each other throughout this time.

If you do this, you'll boost not only someone else's self-esteem, but also your own – we all feel better when we reach out to lift someone else, I promise you. Perhaps a really brilliant form of 'protest' in its own way against those low days or lonely moments.



We'll end with pets – you know you want me to. Today, it's Ella's turn to showcase the really scrummy looking fella she calls Ralph the hamster and this adorable bunny that soon will be joining the family – this one is still really tiny so if it's a boy, it'll be Gilbert, and if it's a girl, Ella's going with Trixie or Dotty. Ralph is making it totally clear, in his photo, that he is in charge, though. He looks like he could even make a speech to say so :



Enjoy every minute of the rest of your weekend – back with you next week, so carry on making this letter your own with all the things you send and all the determination and fun you're throwing out there.

Miss Marshall