



NORTHWOOD COLLEGE

FOR GIRLS

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

23 June 2020

ASSEMBLY TIME!



Mrs Hubble talks about why our so called 'imperfections' make us who we are !



Mr Merk's assembly entitled 'Into The Unknown' discusses how periods of uncertainty illustrate human's resilience and strength



We are delighted to have a team of NWC Digital Leaders who are happy to help you with lots of things if you are not feeling confident about Google Classroom, G-suite, or Google Meet. They have put together some help sheets on various topics which they will be sharing with forms; watch out for our survey!
If you need any help, speak to your form rep or email digitalleaders@nwc.qdst.net.

BLACK LIVES MATTER WEEK AT NWC

Supporting our students towards becoming kind, compassionate and globally aware young adults is an integral part of our mission here at Northwood College for Girls.

With the Black Lives Matter movement coming to the forefront of awareness in our society, we see this as an opportunity to review our own curricula, to help enhance student understanding and knowledge of black history within the UK and to equip them with the tools needed to help bring about positive change for the future. Our new BLM student group has been working closely with staff to help ensure that Northwood College is the positive, inclusive and progressive

school that we all know it to be.

Black Lives Matter

– written by Farah Khalif and Alexa Garcia-Nunez

The Black Lives Matter movement was created as a hashtag in 2013 after the tragic murder of Trayvon Martin. Taking inspiration from the Black Power movement in the 1980s, it advocates for anti-racism and campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards black people. To most, the main aspect of the movement is protesting for those who have lost their lives to police brutality and because of this, it has recently returned to international headlines following the appalling murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, sending shock waves throughout not only the US, but the entire world.

A major uproar emerged after the sharing of numerous videos such as George Floyd's murder and the lynching of Ahmaud Arbery, which catalysed the movement into what we see today: protests in all 50 US states and countless other countries including the UK, France, Sweden and even Palestine. The sharing of information on social media snowballed as people talked about their own experiences with racism, shared resources such as books and documentaries to help educate others and shed light on the realities of the protests and movement which mainstream media failed to reveal.

For many, this has been an emotional time, either being able to relate to the injustices occurring, being unsure of how to address and speak about what you have been seeing, or being overwhelmed by the apparent disorder occurring around the world. One thing that this has really emphasised, however, is the racial inequality and discrimination that still occurs to this day, especially to those in the black community and how important it is that we as a society work together to bring about positive change.

But how does all this affect Northwood College?

Situated in northwest London, it is fair to say that our school is extremely diverse. But even with our diversity, these current events have led us to realise that as students, we have yet to cover many topics to do with Black History.

This is why a group of students have come together to help further the movement within our school. Our aim is to create opportunities to help further educate everyone in our community on the realities of the climate we are currently in and to understand the plethora of issues and injustices in our world that we have been exposed to recently.

We decided that starting off with a resource list on books to read such as 'The New Jim Crow' by Michelle Alexander and documentaries to watch like '13th' is the best way for us to ease the topic into people's minds and to encourage them to go out and actively do something to gain more knowledge, rather than to just repost the same article on social media which may be too tedious for some to read. A timeline on black history has been produced in order to help people understand the major events that have led to society's structure today, allowing the visualisation of history in a format that all ages will be able to grasp.

Our plan is to ensure that the discussion of the topic does not end after one week. We want the movement to be remembered in the long term, which is why we aim to carry on with our project until the end of the school term and into next year. Through planned PSHE lessons on black history and how people can talk to their families about race, we are able to constantly remind people that the events of the past month need to stay with us into the future. For this reason, we are planning on hosting a Google Meet where people can talk about the last few weeks and how it has affected them or changed their thinking, and will also send out an anonymous form for students to share their own experiences.

For those who wish to get more involved, we have also produced information on various, safe ways that people can use their voice and get engaged to help become positive agents of change. This document contains information on petitions people can sign, charities to donate to and even information on black-owned businesses to support.

**WELCOME BACK GIRLS
- we have missed you all so much!**



Early Years have had some superb GHJ lessons over the past few weeks – **Click below** to see a few examples.

 [Northwood Collge for Girls - Open Nursery and Reception](#)



It is an absolute pleasure to welcome back to school our girls from Early Years, Junior School, Year 10 and Year 12 . The smiles say it all!





Welcome back Year 5 too! We have been very impressed with your IT skills!
The girls have grown in independence and continue to show resilience.
Seeing their smiling faces was the best feeling for us all at NWC!
Click the picture above to see how much fun the girls had!



So lovely to welcome back some of our Year 12 girls (both socially distanced and virtual) to discuss topics in Medical Ethics, in preparation for their medicine and dentistry applications. Some wonderful collaboration!

HUGE ACHIEVEMENT!

Speech and Drama Festival



Congratulations to Juweriya in Year 8 for winning the NWC Speech and Drama Festival Monologue category! Her portrayal of Mrs Bennet from Pride and Prejudice was phenomenal. Amazing work, we are so proud of you!
Click the picture above to watch the full performance



Congratulations to Deaana for winning the Verse category in this year's Speech and Drama Festival. Deanna performed I Am, by Laura. The judges were impressed by Deanna's dramatic, clear and confident performance. Amazing achievement Deaana!

Click the picture above to watch the full performance



Congratulations to Ruby and Daniella for winning the Presentation category in this year's Speech and Drama Festival. The judges enjoyed the imagery, poetic words and rhythms and were impressed by the maturity and intelligence of the piece!

Click the picture above to watch the full performance

THE PHONE CALL

TYPES OF PEOPLE IN AN ONLINE CLASS

Congratulations to Samantha and Anisia and Zaya, Samarah, Hajara and Mokshvi for winning the Improvisation category in this year's Speech and Drama Festival.

The judges were impressed by the humour, natural interactions and use of technology in both pieces.

Click the pictures above to watch their full performances!

WEB. COMP CHAMPS!



Last month saw our Year 9 girls enter a web.comp competition hosted by Grok.

The international contest gave the girls the chance to learn how to write web pages in HTML and CSS, while competing with students from around the world. Designed to cover everything necessary to start building real websites, the girls also explored many of the techniques behind excellent web design.

Congratulations to all of our girls who worked hard learning how to code in HTML and to write CSS sheets; and a huge well done to the following girls who each received certificates from the competition:

Merit (Beginners)

Francesca Hawes

Priyanka Anand

Tiana Dawda-Patel

Dilsha Shanmugarajah

Merit (Advanced)

Keya Jain

High distinction (Beginners)

Mili Thakrar

High distinction (Beginners and Intermediate)

Keya Jain

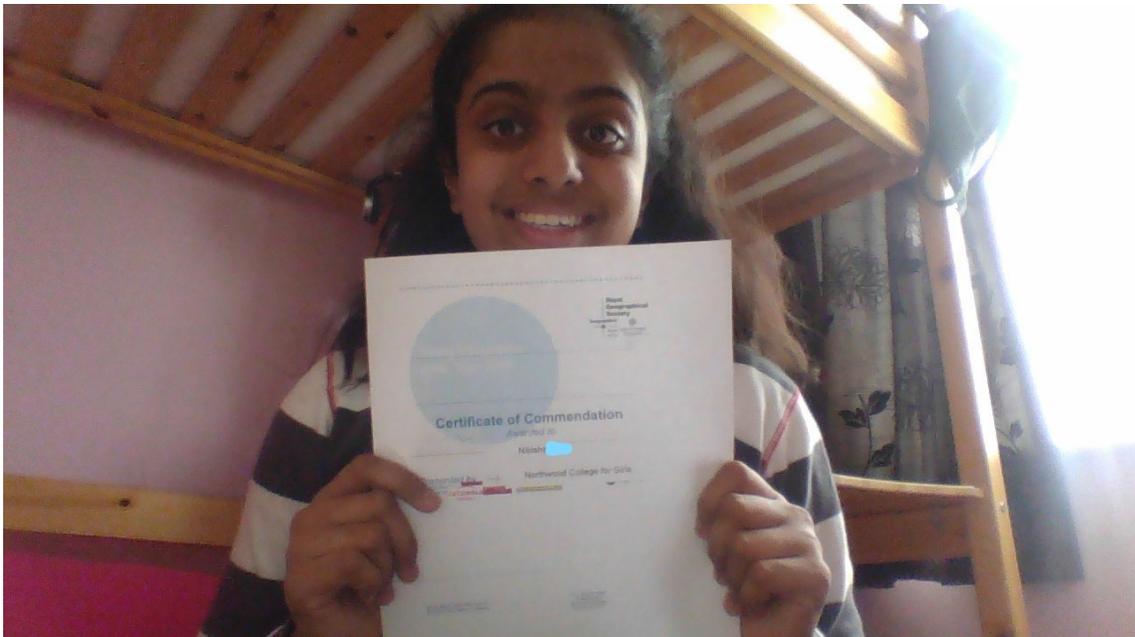
Perfection (Beginners and Intermediate)

Nishita Kothari

We are also very pleased to announce that Nishita is also in position 24 out of 60 on the word-wide leaderboard.

Well done to all who participated!

Young Geographer Competition





Over 100 girls in Years 7 and 8 entered the Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2020, an annual event run by the Royal Geographical Society.

This year's competition is titled "The World Beyond My Window" and encourages students to explore the human and physical geography of places, be it locally or further afield.

Our girls used a great deal of creativity to show how they are connected to different places physically, digitally and emotionally. They also showed how geographical processes have created these places and might be changing them.

The standard was high and the decisions were difficult, but best entries have now been selected and sent to the RGS to be judged in their final.

Congratulations to:

Year 7:

Annika Khanna

Fatema Zahra Nurmohamed

Sofia Shah

Year 8:

Ruhi Misra

Nikisha Patel

Serena Shah

Saloni Tanna

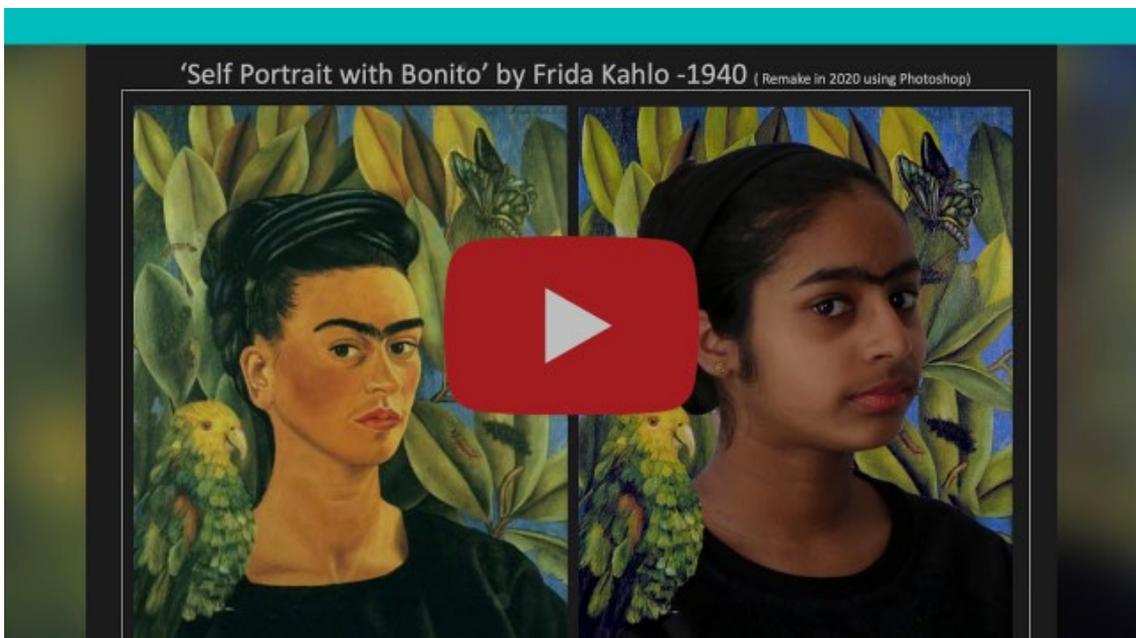
Hareesha Uthayasekaran

[Read Nikisha's Entry Here](#)



Huge congratulations to Mahi who cycled 26.4km down the Grand Union Canal!
An amazing achievement, especially remarkable for a child in Year 1.
Great perseverance and typical of her enthusiasm and can-do attitude which she displays in class too.
Not a stabiliser in sight!

MAGNIFICENT MASTERPIECES



Since we can no longer visit our favourite art galleries,
the NWC community decided to make the masterpieces ourselves!

The judging for the competition has been incredibly difficult as there were so many creative and wonderful entries. It was clear how much effort people had put into getting the right look, gesture and composition, to achieve these masterpieces.

The two winners, one in Juniors and one in Seniors, stood out because of their originality and attention to detail, they were so well done! Great work girls! Thank you also, to the teachers who participated, again, really creative work here.

Well done everyone!

It has certainly put a smile on our face in these difficult times
and we hope on yours too 😊

THANK YOU NHS!



"Thank you NHS and key workers!" from everyone here
at Northwood College for Girls.
Your continued dedication and hardwork is an inspiration to us all!



To show our support for the NHS we've been running a 'design your own rainbow' competition. We are blown away by the fantastic entries and brilliant imagination.

The winners will be announced this week!
Click the picture above to see the entries!

CONNECT AND CARE



Karishma and Karina have been volunteering for the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) community. Working with their dad to help form a Covid-19 support group at the beginning of the pandemic to regularly check in on older and more vulnerable members of the community.

A lovely article has been written in the Daily Telegraph celebrating their efforts!

Read the article

here: <http://m.email3.telegraph.co.uk/nl/jsp/m.jsp?c=%40%2BWxs86LfYLcvrh8qChR7yQWe51EzJgAGR%2BrfhD6Nck0%3D&WT>

TEENS IN AI

If you would like to develop your programming, creativity, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills. This could be the perfect opportunity for you!

AI Accelerator program for Teens - 11 to 19

20th July to 27th July - Machine Learning Bootcamp

27th July to 7th August - AI Accelerator

<https://www.teensinai.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Accelerator-2020-FLYER-for-TEENS-3.pdf>



Dreaming of **making an impact** on the world? Want to learn how to use **machine learning, AI and Data Science** to address social and environmental problems?

This summer you can. Join the AI Accelerator **virtually** and have your best summer yet.

In this cutting edge program dubbed "**Teen Deepmind**" by some, you will learn amazing skills, team up with like-minded young people, showcase your innovations to judges from top companies and get your foot in the door of the tech world.

APPLY NOW!



Imperial College
London



ABOUT THE ACCELERATOR

WHEN: 20-26 July: Machine Learning Bootcamp
27 July - 7 Aug: AI Accelerator

WHAT: AI Accelerator (cool workshops, inspiring talks, networking)

WHERE: Online (flexible hours)

WHO: 40 teens, 30+ expert speakers and mentors

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES AGED 11-19

It's time. The world needs you NOW more than ever before.

Yes you, who is trapped in isolation because of the risk of COVID-19 to you or your family.

You, who can no longer take your exams, because they have been cancelled.

You, who just always wanted to change the world, but doesn't know how.

Your time has come. NOW is your time.

Join us this summer to shape the future world.



As featured in

THE TIMES

TECH CITY NEWS

Forbes theguardian



“TeensinAI” is an initiative that aims to give young people early exposure to AI being developed and deployed for social good.

It exists to inspire the next generation of AI researchers, entrepreneurs and leaders who will shape the world of tomorrow.

It exists to increase diversity and inclusion in artificial intelligence. Through a combination of teensinai’s own hackathons, accelerators and boot camps.

Teens In AI gives young people, aged 12-24, early exposure to AI for social good to develop a diverse group of thinkers and doers for humanity’s benefit.

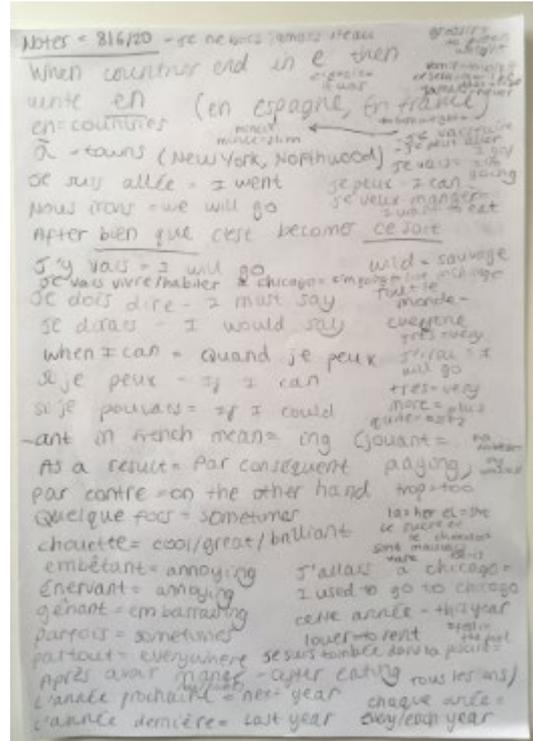
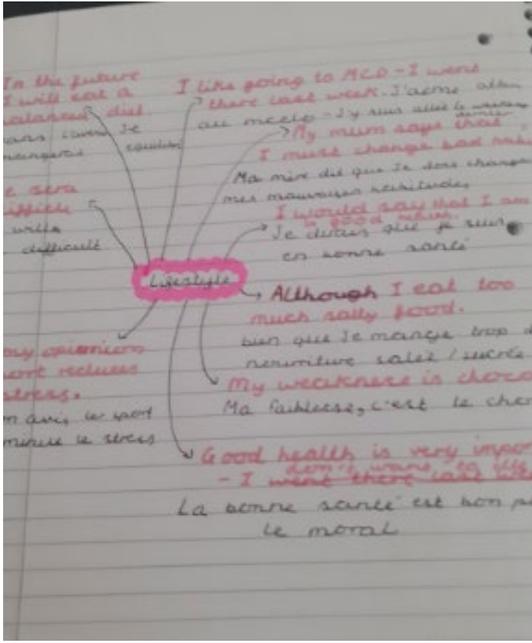
SENIOR SCHOOL

Amazing Artwork



Fantastic work done in their drawing tests by Nishita and Amba - well done!





Lovely to see our linguists working so hard on their revision.
Learning, re-learning and over-learning so that retrieval becomes automatic.



The girls in Year 7 have imaginatively created ideas for their own tote bags!
Excellent designs here from Ceren and Alisha. Well done girls!



Fashionistas!! Really great work from Year 9's Kaya and Roxanne on their Fashion Design projects. Well done!

Pastoral Advice for Senior School Parents

Healthy Habits

For parents and your daughters - please read the 10 step advice for your daughter to be mindful of how to maintain healthy habits for her wellbeing during lockdown.

<https://mcusercontent.com/0f1f3ae4346938589540df9bf/files/381cc54d-d917-4024-b241->

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New Relationships and Sex Education policy

We invite parents to read the new policy, effective from September 2020 and written and implemented in accordance with new government guidelines.

In the senior school, we work with the pupils, taking their views into consideration when shaping the PSHE curriculum so that it best fits their needs.

Parents may contact the Ms Ferguson, Deputy Head (Pastoral) if you have queries or comments or wish to discuss the terms of the policy in relation to your daughter.

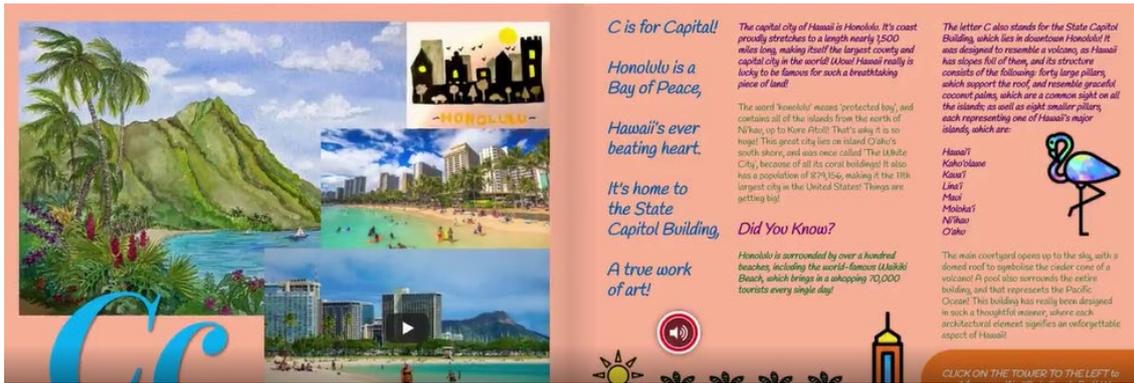
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Travelling to School Safely

Over the last couple of weeks, as many schools in the borough have opened their doors to increasing numbers of pupils and parents, it is a really important time to remind everyone how vital it is for the whole school community to continue following social distancing measures when travelling to and from school.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/05/200520124926.htm>

JUNIOR SCHOOL

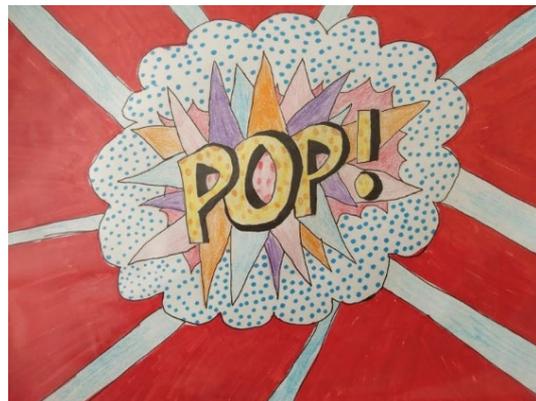


Fatema-Zahra created this incredible book, taking us on 'A Hawaiian Odyssey' during lockdown. I think you'll agree that she's super talented!

You can read her book here: bit.ly/2Uaxf6A

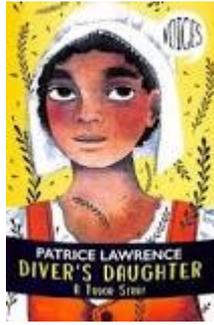


Inspired by Mrs Keigher to explore Banksy, Emma in Year 6 created this stunning piece. A positive message for the darkest of times.



In Art Club, the girls were set the task of producing a piece of art in the style of Romero Britto. They also looked at how his bold, vibrant colours and style linked with Pop Art.

Nylah, Jaishna and Avantika have shared their take on his work and the art movement of Pop Art .

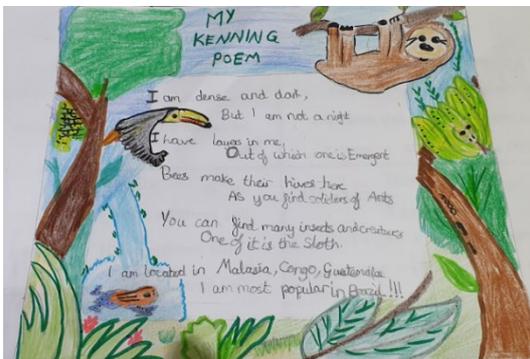
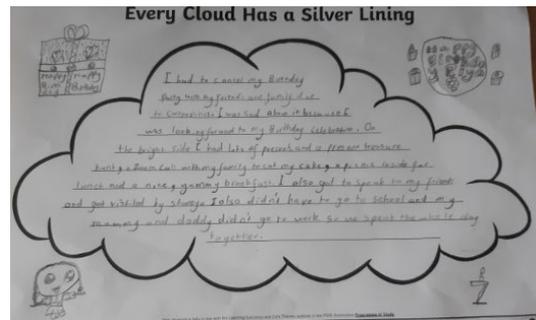


Story Time

During Year 5 and Year 6 story time with Mrs Morjaria the girls enjoyed this thrilling book which looks at the life of a Black Tudor girls and brings a spotlight on those hidden stories of black people throughout history.

Positive Thinking

Riya in Year 2 has completed a super piece of writing about when she has used positive thinking and has been able to look on the bright side of a situation!



Future Artist

Rutvi in Year 4 has been inspired by the topic and art work this term and in her own time has created her own Kenning! Great work Rutvi!

Amazing Poetry

Eddie in Year 6 wrote a super Hello, Goodbye poem that showed incredible attention to detail!

Hello and goodbye poem!

Hello to a bright and early start
Goodbye to long lazy snoozes In the dark

Hello to my school friends that make me laugh
Goodbye to homeschooling with some staff!

Hello to a whole different new routine
Goodbye to the school's canteen!

Hello to a cold pack lunch
Goodbye to a nice tuesday brunch!

Hello to completing schoolwork faster than usual
Goodbye to my casual sitting down on the sofa all day

Hello to a fabulous new today
Goodbye to sitting on the sofa for most of the day

Hello exercise that makes me fit
Goodbye to me eating all day and being unfit

Hello to positive Eddie that use to feel a bit lonely
Goodbye to lonely Eddie who is now LIVING HER BEST LIFE!



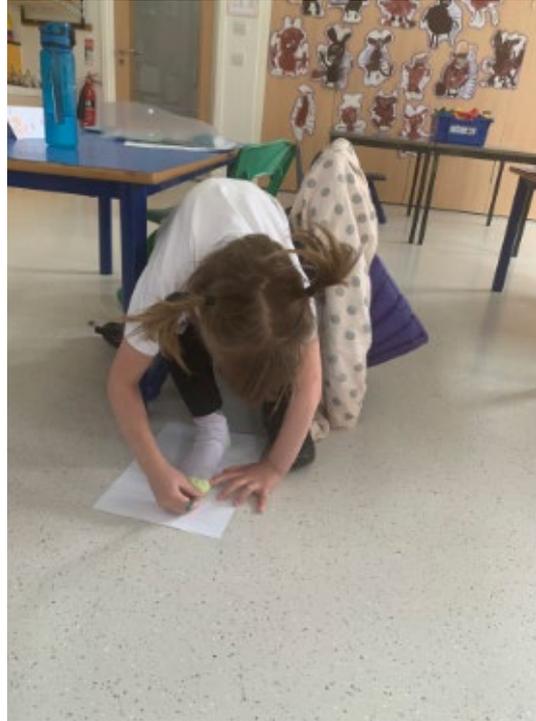
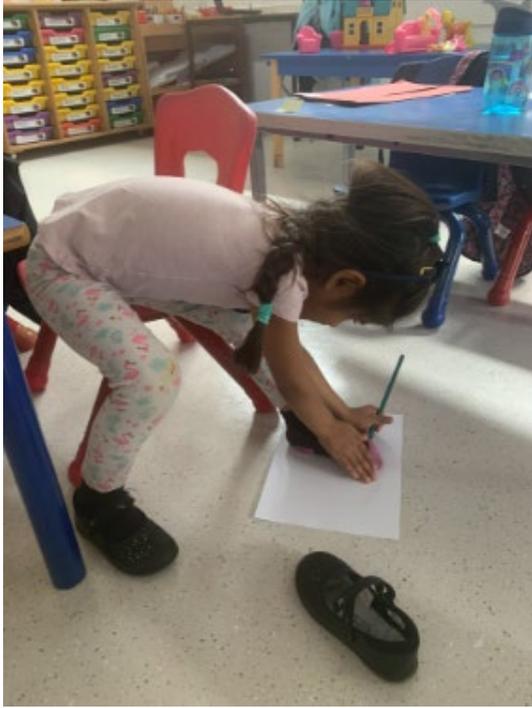
By Eddie!





Photography Club have created some wonderful collages on the theme of Garden Wildlife!

EARLY YEARS



Practical Maths at its best! Draw around your foot and find five things longer and five things shorter than your foot! The girls showed great understanding of length.



The Early Years girls were inspired by Julia Donaldson and her amazing book Superworm in their Maths class this week. The girls made these brilliant long worms and used them to measure and compare different lengths!



Early Years had great fun learning Spanish with Miss Alder!
Click above to hear the girls counting in Spanish!

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