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December 2020

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE
AT NWC**

Christmas Greetings



To all our NWC families - We wish you the happiest of holidays and look forward to seeing all your daughters healthy and well in 2021!



Our Senior School Christmas Carol Concert with a Christmas Message from Mrs Hubble and featuring our staff choir!



Our Junior School Staff Nativity



Feliz Navidad from everyone at NWC!

A VERY SPECIAL PANTOMIME WITH Y13





What a great way to end the term! Thank you to Y13 and the Head Girls for organising and performing such a fantastic Christmas Pantomime. Peter Pan defeated Captain Covid with the help of a few familiar faces along the way.

THE GDST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



With good wishes for the festive season and New Year.



This year's theme for the GDST Christmas Card competition was Christmas animals and the GDST received over 140 beautiful entries!

Congratulations to Nylah who won the Junior School competition with her amazing festive rabbit and Fatema-Zahra who won the whole competition! The judges said 'the playfulness of Fatema's artwork and graphic style really struck a chord with everyone at Trust Office!'

The £500 prize money was donated to Action for Children, who help reach the thousands of children and young people who face Christmas without a hot meal, a present and a safe place to sleep.

The Coronavirus crisis has had a devastating impact on the lives of vulnerable children. Even before the crisis millions of families were struggling. By donating we hope to bring happiness, warmth and safety to these children.

Well done girls!

[SEE ALL OTHER COMPETITION ENTRIES HERE](#)

OUR NWC CHRISTMAS CARD



Congratulations to Emma who won this year's NWC Christmas Card competition. Emma's design is featured on our Christmas 2020 E-Card. We loved her creative and humorous drawing! Well done Emma!

NWC ON LBC RADIO

LBC - Catch Up



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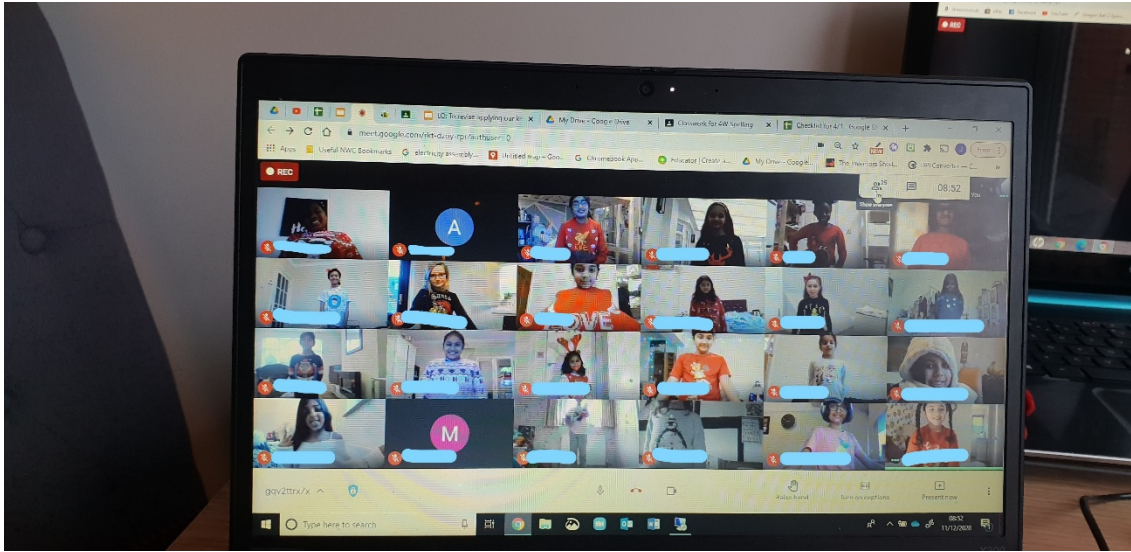
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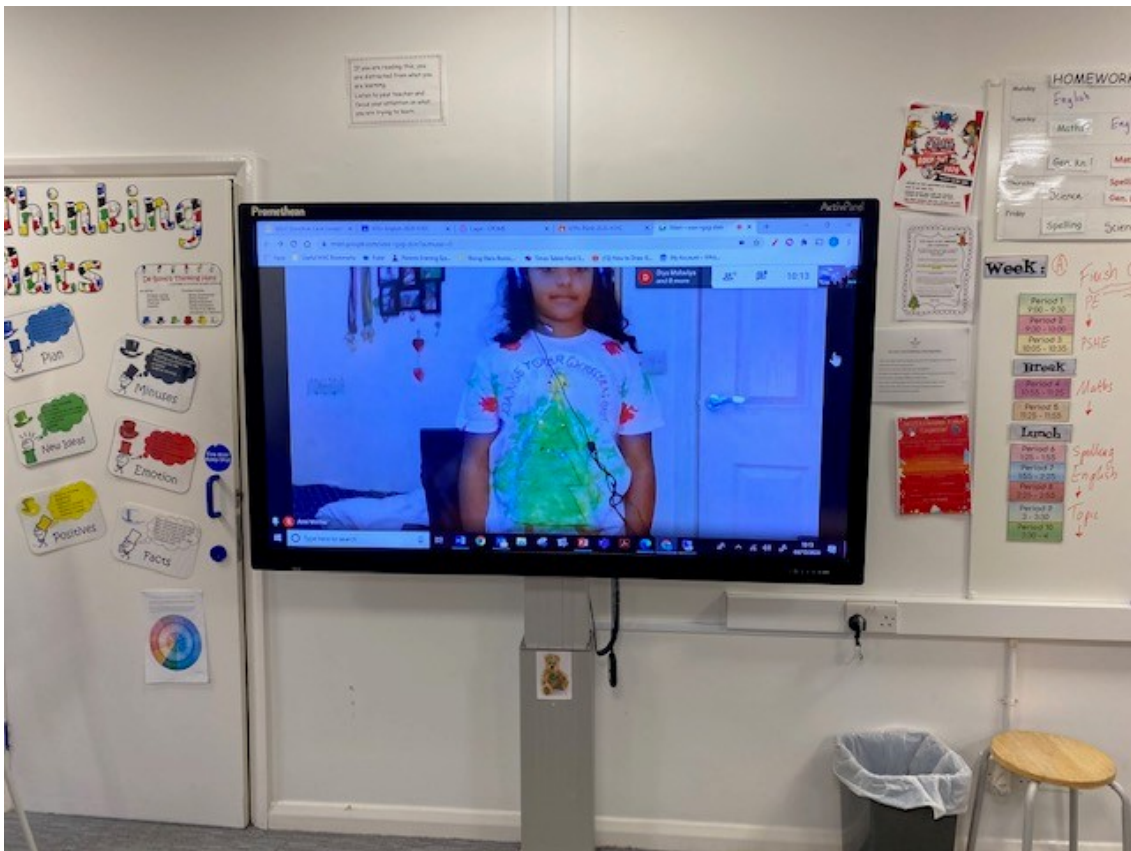
Thank you to our Y2 parent for such fantastic feedback on LBC Radio! We are so delighted to hear your praise Mr Saujani, you made our whole school smile during such challenging times! We are all privileged to be part of such a supportive community

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY





THE FANTASTIC NCPTA CHRISTMAS T-SHIRT COMPETITION





It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas at NWC last week with our girls wearing their own NCPTA Christmas T-Shirt designs! Great work girls the T-Shirts look amazing!

We have received 180 fantastic entries and you can enjoy them too by clicking the following links:

Nursery - Y2 entries: <https://youtu.be/ObcJfhPjYKM>

Y3 - Y6 entries: https://youtu.be/c0FSiV_cuYY

Senior School entries: <https://youtu.be/OGuVpb25ADQ>

Mrs Hubble has the job of choosing our winners over the Christmas break!

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you to our wonderful NCPTA for organising this heart-warming competition.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS


Thank you! 

Miya

for your fantastic donation of

£725.00

Your wonderful support makes a real difference to children affected by hair loss and also helps fund vital research into childhood cancers



Y3's Miya decided to grow her long locks during the first lock-down and cut her hair for the wonderful charity Little Princess Trust. The charity takes the hair that is donated and makes it into wigs for children who may have lost hair from an illness.

In addition to that, Miya and her family began a fundraiser and had many wonderful supporters, (including some of her Y3 friends) who donated towards this worthy case and were able to raise a fantastic £725 for the charity!



Aleina has been busy decorating and filling charity boxes with 12 different types of food and drink, each for the 12 days of Christmas. This will be handed to a local café who will be kindly distributing to those in need. Great work Aleina!



Hand on Heart have been busy over the last few weeks and distributed over 1000 essential packs to homeless and rough sleepers in November and December. Please have a look at the latest video featuring some of our NWC girls.

Please also see this fantastic press article in the Watford Observer!

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The third Northwood College Rainbow unit have been meeting via Zoom this term. As part of the Girlguiding 'Act Your Age' Challenge in aid of Children in Need, the girls had to do lots of challenges related to their age.

One challenge was to bring in six food items for Hillingdon Foodbank. Ruby the Rainbow teddy delivered the items to the Foodbank on behalf of the girls.

Well done to the Rainbows!

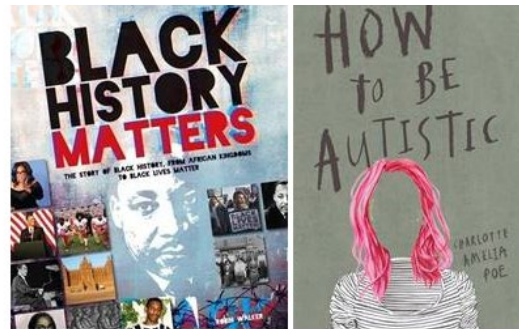
Thomas Franks' Beyond Education - Being Human

Week two of Beyond Education - Beyond Human with Thomas Franks. The Sixth Form girls have produced over 100 meals ready for collection by charities within the local community. We are so proud that NWC is part of this important initiative. Great to see happy, industrious girls, learning, working together and making a difference in our local community.





CONGRATULATIONS TO MS ANNETTS



Author's Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS) Educational Writers Award 2020

I was very fortunate to have been involved with the ALCS Educational Writers Award this year as one of the judges. The ALCS Educational Writers Award is administered by Society of Authors. The award is presented for a book published covering primary and secondary age groups in alternate years. This year it was awarded for the 11-18 age range for an outstanding example of traditionally published non-fiction (with or without illustrations) that stimulates and enhances learning. It is the UK's only award for creative educational writing and this is the 13th year it has been running

Over 60 books were shortlisted this year and we were asked to draw up a long list of 10 – 15 books each before meeting to discuss and decide on a short list of five titles and agree a winner and runner up.

The shortlist was announced in November and the winner and runner up announced in an online video on Wednesday 9 December. The winning title is 'Black History Matters' by Robin Walker and the runner up is 'How to be autistic' by Charlotte Amelia Poe.

Ms Annetts

To watch the awards please follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRnT7WlXpQ&feature=emb_title

SENIOR SCHOOL

Limitless Learning Academic Book Club





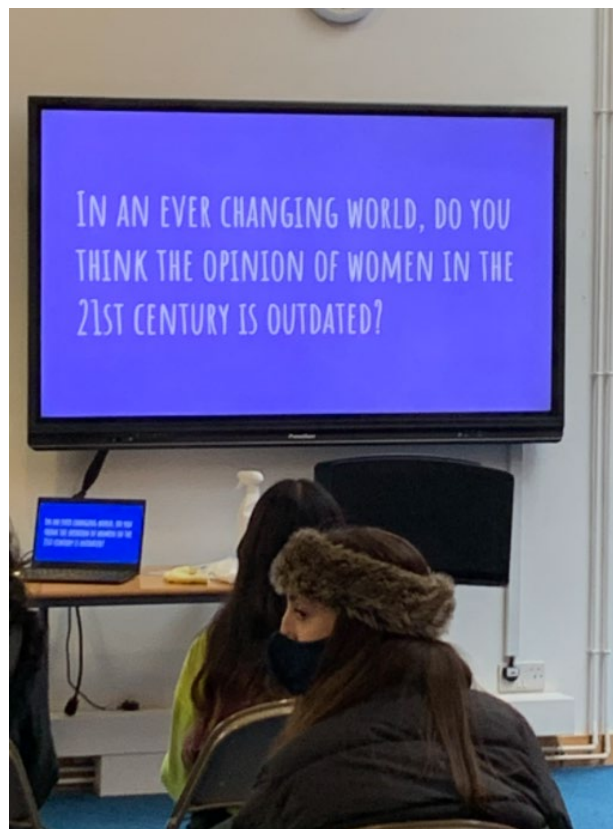
A great start to our Limitless Learning initiative with the first sessions of the GDST Academic Book clubs starting last week. Girls from across eleven GDST schools in ten clubs from Years 10 - 13 all met virtually to start reading and discussing their texts!

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Live E-Mentoring meetings with the GDST where our two start up business teams are receiving advice on how to launch their service to market.

BLUESTOCKINGS SOCIETY



On Friday, Safa in Year 8 delivered an informative and engaging talk on women in Islam that had all of the NWC Bluestockings (Y12 and 13) asking questions and contributing ideas.

Amazing to see such intellectual courage and conviction in one of our Year 8 girls

HORIZONS LECTURES



Thank you Mrs Brown for giving an insightful Horizons Lecture on 'A Brief History of Magic'. The girls loved hearing about fantastical creatures and medieval witches. Thank you Mrs Brown for such a thought provoking talk!



Thank you Mr Mburu for giving an insightful Horizons Lecture on 'Carbon: A Friend or Foe?' The girls loved hearing about how carbon is all around us and it's fantastic role.

Thanks Mr Mburu for such a thought provoking talk!

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S CONFERENCE



On 12 November, I attended the Young Professional's Conference. It provided me with original perspectives and real-world insights on a breadth of different topics such as tackling job interviews, apprenticeships, and university applications. I listened to some incredible speakers from all walks of life, namely people from the RAF, HSBC, and Vodafone. They presented many useful tips on how to get ahead in their respective industries and also discussed what's on the horizon for their professions and what can be done to succeed and thrive in it.

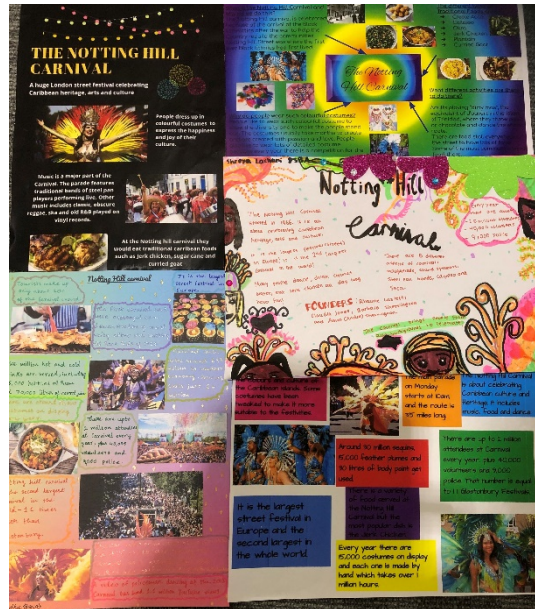
Theoretical knowledge gained during school and university is invaluable, but it can only go so far to prepare a person for working in their trade. Through work experience and apprenticeships, one can gain first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of their job and gain the advantage of learning about new initiatives within the sector.

During the talks, I connected with many different mentors and advisors through social media; this networking, as I learnt, will aid me to increase my visibility with senior management in the future, and develop my soft skills.

Finally, to sum up this brief review, it is for all the reasons above that I found the Young Professional's Conference a valuable experience and an excellent learning opportunity which, I'm sure, will help guide me in my decision making in the coming years.

Written by Mili in Year 10

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



To celebrate the UK's diverse population and as part of their understanding of the Windrush generation, our Y8s have been busy researching the history, food, music, dance and costumes of the Notting Hill Carnival. To judge the best pieces of research, we were fortunate to be joined by Jada and her newly formed Afro-Caribbean Society. The standard was very high and we are very much looking forward to creating a whole year group display of their vibrant work in the Manor. First place awards went to Fatima, Madhu, Shreya, Keying, Kayo and Fatema Zahra.

Mrs Spicer (Geography Department)

LGBTQIA+ SOCIETY

WELCOME TO LGBTQIA+ SOCIETY !!



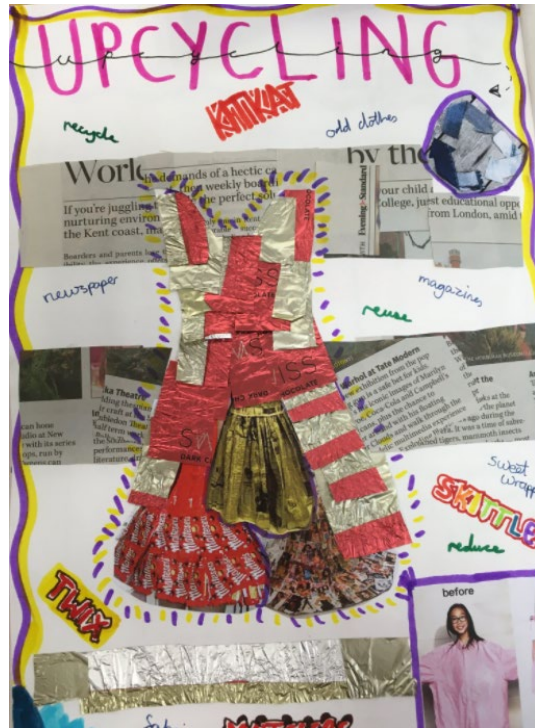
Safiya in Y12 organised the first LGBTQIA+ Society meeting at NWC on Tuesday 8 December.

It was a very well attended and highly informative session with fellow Sixth Formers discussing issues affecting LGBTQIA+ communities.

Safiya intends on running weekly sessions to cover a variety of thought provoking topics.

SEWING UP A STORM





Year 8 have started their 'Upcycling' project and have been leaning about recycling and reducing their own carbon footprints.

Great title pages girls!



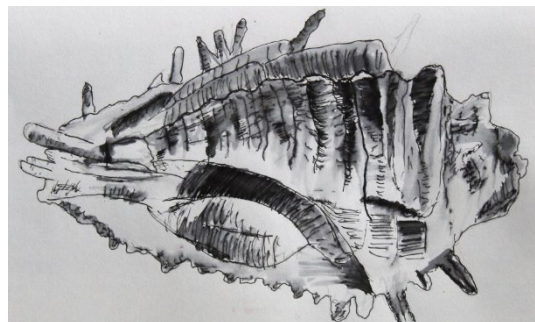


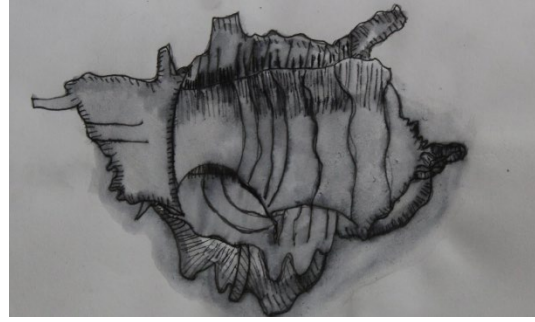
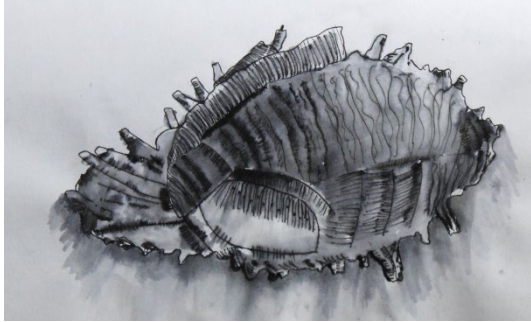
Year 8 have produced some lovely applique samples!
Well done Anjali, Riva, Anjum and Safa!!



Year 9 have been enjoying splatter painting!
A great mindful activity and a great colourful square to add to their technique squares.

AMAZING ARTWORK!





Fantastic ink drawings of shells by Bhumika, Ishani, Layla and Mia in Year 7.

SPORTING SUCCESS



Year 7s have been developing their football skills this week. It's great to see the girls getting the chance to experience a wide variety of sports!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY!





Christmas has arrived early in the Junior school with the teachers getting into the spirit of the season!

YEAR 6 MINI LECTURES





This week Year 6 had their second installment of Mini Lectures. Mrs Bailey gave an interesting talk on villains in literature. The girls were very engaged and loved discussing what makes a villain. Thank you Mrs Bailey for such a fascinating lecture, it made the girls very excited for their Year 7 English lessons!

DEPUTY Q&A SESSION

'School has given them as much normality as possible in these times'

'Quick responses to feedback and continuing communication'

'Very impressed with how the school has managed Covid'

'My daughter is very happy being back'

It was great to see so many of our parents at the Junior Deputy QA on Wednesday 26th November and to keep our community feel alive. Remember if you have any questions for the session you can email QAJuniorDeputy@nwc.gdst.net in advance of the session. Remember we do not reply to every email in the inbox and anything specific to your daughter should still go via Mrs Kelly.

Mrs A Morjaria
Deputy Head Academic (Junior)

ANCIENT GREEK DAY









Year 5 took part in an exciting drama workshop to learn more about the Ancient Greeks. The creative day included drama workshops, watercolour and ink paintings of ruins and making Medusa masks! Self isolation didn't stop Khiyana joining in from home! The girls had a fantastic day and learnt so much about the hierarchy of people living in an Ancient Greek town.

EARLY YEARS



Mrs Shah kindly let Nursery and Reception decorate the Junior School's Christmas tree this year! They imaginatively drew, glued and of course, added glitter to cut outs of baubles and stars. Well done girls they look incredible!



The Reception girls are busy learning their songs for the Christmas production.
Here is a little sneak peak!



The Reception girls went searching for signs of autumn this week.
As they explored, the girls made autumn crowns from fallen leaves



What a great way to strengthen fingers and hands by manipulating clay. The girls made very creative and detailed Diva lamps. Next, they get to decorate and paint them!



Nursery loved making their own fireworks in Forest School. They used crayon to make wood and bark rubbings then rolled and snipped their paper to make these super sparklers! Amazing work girls.



Nursery have been exploring light and dark and made a fantastic den in their classroom. We are having great fun with the torches!



Our Birthday theme has given us so many opportunities for writing. Nursery have made cards for their friends as well as wrapping parcels and writing labels.

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