



Pleckgate Weekly Newsletter

A weekly newsletter for pupils and parents during the school closure

Week Ending: Friday 26th June 2020

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

This week has been a great week as we have been able to welcome more students back into school. The plans we have put in place have worked well and we hope to be able to increase the number of sessions year 10 students are accessing for the second phase of lessons starting on the week commencing 6th July. If you are the parent of a year 10 student who has not attended yet, I would urge you to contact us at info@pleckgate.com so we can allocate your child a place and support them with a well needed learning boost prior to the summer.



Some of the Year 10's working hard.

You may be aware that it is the governments ambition that all children return to school in September full time. As soon as the guidance for schools has been released, I will be in a position to give you further details on how this will operate. What I can say is that the prospect of welcoming all children back to school, is one I welcome. Please rest assured that as we plan for your child returns, we will continue to make sure that we follow all the appropriate guidance and that any risks will be minimised.

As always, if you require any support or guidance don't hesitate to get in touch.

I wish you and your families all the best and hope you enjoy this week's bulletin.



Mr Cocker
Headteacher

Best wishes

National Book Token Design Competition Winners

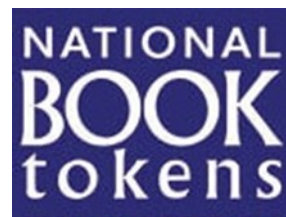
The 3 winners for Design a National Book Token competition as part of our World Book Day activities will receive their prize in the post this week.

Well done to:

Year 7 – Aisha (BPI)

Year 8 – Iqra (DBL)

Year 9 - Mohammad Z (DTU)



Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Grays should shortly be contacting all of the Yr11 that made orders so that they can collect their hoodies. There is a collection slot with an online appointment system to help control the amount of people coming into the store.

Use the link below to make your appointment.

<https://grays-schoolwear.appointlet.com/>



Aspire and Believe, Act and Succeed

National Sports Week

Many of the **members of staff at Pleckgate** have taken part in **National School Sports Week** and here are some of the pictures of the great fun they had enjoying doing their favourite sport Although we are wondering if Juggling is a sport Mrs Haworth but it definitely looks like a lot of FUN!!!!



Mrs Blakeley made an early start at the weekend to support the National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home



Mrs Savage completing tap dancing lessons in her kitchen. National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.



National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home ... But where is **Mr Clegg**? At least you can see his bike and the view from the bike ride he did this morning!



National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.

Mr Haworth practising his keep ups at home.



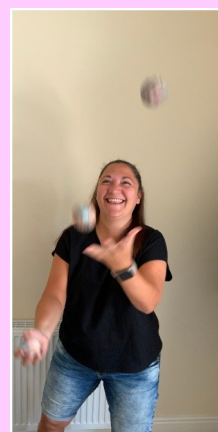
National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.

Mrs Odudu on her walk in the countryside.



National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.

Mrs Haworth has been learning a new skill over the lock-down and can be seen showing off her juggling skills for national sports week.



National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.

Mrs O Connor completing yoga at home.



National School Sports Week 2020 @ Home.

Mr Pickup riding his bike with his 2 girls.



Plastic Sculpture Competition - RESULTS

A big congratulations to everyone who participated in the sculpture competition for World Ocean Day. Unfortunately, plastic waste in our oceans leaves no marine wildlife untouched. Every year 100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by plastic pollution, so it was good to see our students using their geography in a creative and exciting way as well as reusing plastic waste!

Here are the competition results with images attached of our winners and runner ups! I will get the results put into this week's newsletter.

Year 9:

Safah - RCA 9Q/Gg2 **1st place**



Year 8:

Nabiya - DBL 8Q/Gg1 **1st place**

Huda - 8SH 8P/Gg1
Uzma - NH 8P/Gg5

Madiha - JSA 8P/Gg1
Arzoo - ZPA 8P/Gg5



Year 7:

Amina - BPI 7Q/Gg3 **1st place**



Year 8:

Runner Ups



Rainforest in a Box COMPETITION

Please see the attached information at the end of this newsletter for further details.

Pupil Rewards for OUTSTANDING Work

A number of students will be receiving **AMAZON VOUCHERS** though the post for outstanding work...



Student of the Week

This recognises and rewards students who have been working exceptionally well at home, and teachers have been asked to nominate students for this reward. The reward is a £10 amazon voucher which will be posted to you in the next week or so.

Keep up the good work, many congratulations and well deserved!

This Weeks WINNERS

YEAR 7

Zain - 7SHH - for consistent hard work.

Aisha - 7SHH - hard work and writing a great message to the new Y6 students.

YEAR 8

Jannah - SH

Ayman - SH

Both pupils have been consistently nominated for outstanding work in a variety of subjects during the school closure.

YEAR 9

Asva - HAN

Farhan - MBS

Farhan working hard at home.



YEAR 10

Fatima - 10JSN - For showing great resilience during lockdown.

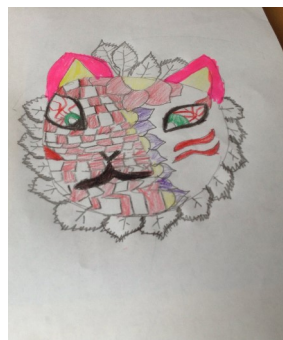
Shaharyar - 10AHA - For working fantastically in the first week of the Year 10 phased return and being nominated at least once each week by various subjects.

Romeo and Juliet Masquerade Competition Entries

See below some of the wonderful designs entered for the Romeo and Juliet Masquerade Competition.



Ibrahim has designed a very stylish looking mask.



Aliyah has designed a mask that takes on a feline appearance Well done!



We love the rose that Sarah has placed onto the side of her mask.



Wow!! Owais this is a fantastic looking mask!

Useful Tips & Links For Pupils & Parents

Toppsta



Check out the free reading events online this week - this web page is updated every single day with loads of activities to get involved with - check it out!

<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/bookish-ideas-if-you're-self-isolating-with-the-kids>

Would you like to win a free book to review? Just enter a giveaway via this link and follow the instructions for a chance to win. You can increase your chances of winning by reviewing any children's book here:

<https://toppsta.com/giveaways>

Love football? Have a look at this link for some fantastic football themed reads:

<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/football-books>

Young Writer - Through their eyes poetry competition



Do you like writing from somebody's perspective?

Do you like being creative? Why not try to enter this competition entitled 'Through their eyes'? This can be real or imaginative.

Go to the link below for more information.

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/through-their-eyes>

Book Token Design

Feeling creative? You still have until Sunday to submit your book token designs for the chance to win a £10 National Book Token for your entire class!

Go this link to download the template and for more information.



[https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?utm_source=caboodle&utm_medium=email&utm_content=create&utm_campaign=20200610_fathers-day-2020)

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Book Trust Competition

Go to the link below for the chance to win some brilliant prizes in BookTrust competitions, from book bundles to signed copies - there are loads of giveaways on offer:



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/>

Safeguarding

Remember you can find safeguarding information via the website or follow us on twitter for regular updates. The Pleckgate safeguarding email address can still be used by any student to share concerns. This can be done by signing in and sending an email by anyone with a Pleckgate email domain.

Request any help via safeguarding@pleckgate.com This can help to arrange to provide support, information and guidance.

United Utilities - Stay Safe At Our Reservoirs

An important message from United Utilities as part of their reservoir safety summer campaign. As Pleckgate school is located in close proximity to Fishmoor reservoir, the area has been identified as high risk.

This year, due to Covid-19, our reservoir safety campaign is running virtually. We have created an engaging and informative education pack aimed at young people who are statistically more likely to enter the water. The pack can be used at home or in the classroom and the aim is to learn more on the incredibly important message about not swimming in reservoirs.

The pack is attached at the end of this newsletter or can be downloaded here:

<https://www.unitedutilities.com/about-us/recreation-sites/reservoir-safety/>

Staying Connected



Please send any photos and information for the next weeks newsletter to

info@pleckgate.com

by Thursday lunchtime

If you have any queries or questions relating to the newsletter please use the email address rather than phoning into school.

Quote of the Week

Chosen by Miss J Knowles (SENCO Department)

"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness"

Eleanor Roosevelt

Stay connected and follow us on Twitter

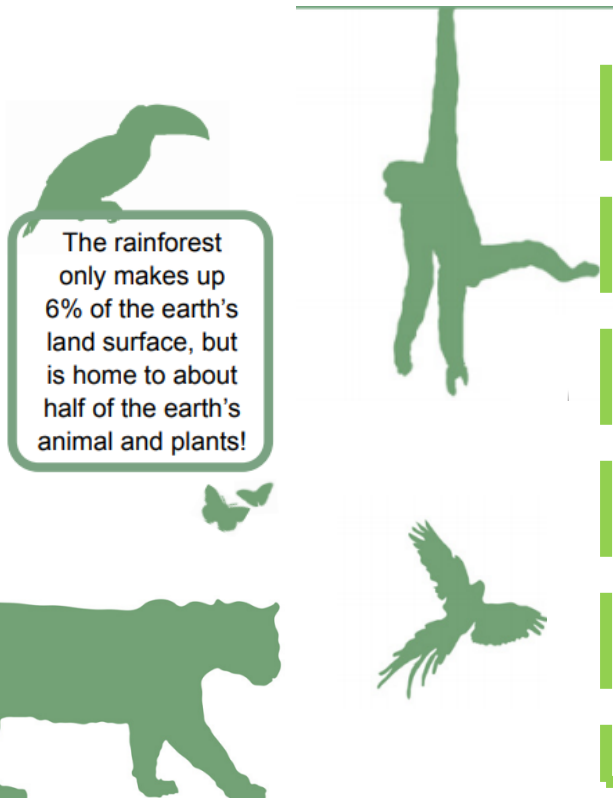
<https://twitter.com/PleckgateHigh>

Rainforest in a box competition



We want to see what imaginative and wonderful mini rainforests you can create using a shoebox (or box of similar size) and recycled materials collected from around your home and outdoors. **Open to Year 7, 8 & 9!**

How to enter: email a photograph of your completed box before **Wednesday 8th July 2020** to jbanks@pleckgate.com



The rainforest only makes up 6% of the earth's land surface, but is home to about half of the earth's animal and plants!

We will judge against 4 criteria:

1. **Creativity** - imaginative use of everyday materials.
2. **Presentation** - quality and overall finish.
3. **Accuracy** - attention to detail in rainforest layering, species and labels.
4. **Originality** - additional research into plant, animal and insect species specifically found in a tropical rainforest.

All the materials you need to make your Rainforest in a Box should be found from around the house, garden or park. We encourage you to use recycled and up-cycled materials as much as possible. Ideas: cardboard, empty toilet rolls, paper, wool, material, pages from magazines, You can also collect things in the garden or out on a walk, such as twigs, leaves or moss.

Reservoir safety. Keep safe. Keep out.

Educate your teenagers about the hazards of reservoir swimming

INSIDE THIS PACK

> Facts and figures about reservoirs

Test your knowledge on reservoirs

> Isolation inspiration

Find some fantastic suggestions for having fun at home during lockdown

About this resource

Stay alert, save lives

The world is a crazy and unpredictable place right now and the impact of Coronavirus is being felt by us all. It's a particular challenge for teenagers who are so used to socialising with their friends.

Every year when the warmer weather arrives, many people – particularly younger age groups – are tempted to head to our inland waters, lakes, quarries and reservoirs to meet up with friends and cool down with a swim. It's a dangerous trend which, as this pack will go on to show, can have tragic consequences.

Owning more than 180 reservoirs across the North West, we at United Utilities are always committed to raising awareness of this issue and to explaining why swimming in them is so dangerous.

This pack has been made for teenagers to work through to understand the real dangers of swimming in reservoirs, with tips for parents on how they can help their child complete the pack. Let's go!



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Parents, here's how to use this pack

The second section of this pack has been designed for you to print off and give to your child. It contains a series of engaging and interactive activities designed for teenagers to help them understand why swimming in reservoirs is so dangerous, and to help re-enforce crucial STAY SAFE messaging.

Before we get to that though, here is a full breakdown of what the pack contains and also some tips on ways you might like to get involved and help your child get as much as possible out of this resource.

Activity No.1 Facts and figures about reservoirs Find the answers!

Tip: You can help your child search for the answers online. Some good websites to look at are:

www.unitedutilities.com/about-us/recreation-sites/reservoir-safety

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/drowning-prevention-week>

The answers are included at the end of the pack – don't peek if you want to have a go at finding out the answers yourself first!

Activity No.2 Isolation inspiration Inspirational ideas for having fun but staying safe during this time

Tip: Why not also help your child develop their own isolation inspiration? Perhaps encourage them to create a calendar so they can plan which activities they will do on different days. This will give them some structure and will help them to achieve their goals, such as mastering cooking a new dish, learning to play a song on a musical instrument or beating their personal best in exercise.

Students – About this pack

This pack contains activities to help you understand how dangerous reservoirs can be, and hopefully to see that staying alert and supporting social distancing measures, really is the best way to keep us all safe this spring and summer.

That's it! We hope this is a useful resource for you but most importantly, that it is also an engaging way for your child/children to learn about this crucial subject in a sensitive but also creative way.

The full activity pack now follows...



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