



Message From The Headteacher



As we celebrate the feast of St John Bosco on the 31 January I think we can all learn from the following quote.

*Do not try to excuse your faults;
try to correct them.*

Happy Feast Day to all in Bosco House.

Keep safe and remember each other in your prayers.

**Mrs S Pike
Headteacher**

Theme of the Week

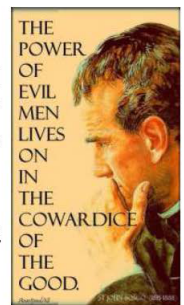
Theme of the Week

Authority

"He taught them with authority." (Mark 1:21-28)

Challenge:

This Sunday's gospel we see Jesus teaching with authority driving out demons and healing people. The gospel reminds us that He is the 'Holy one of God' and has the authority because he is sent by the Father. This week pray with faith that Jesus can heal, step out in faith. Take some time this week to google quotes from St John Bosco his feast day is 31 January.



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you taught and healed people with authority because you are the Son of God, help me to know you and pray as you did, knowing that you love me and want the best for me. Amen.





**Children's Mental Health Week
1-7 February 2021
EXPRESS YOURSELF**

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Holocaust Memorial Day

This year the school has commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day remotely, focusing not only on the horrors of the genocide of the 1940s but also by exploring the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's theme for this year: Be the Light in the Darkness. The lower school learned about people who brought light into a time of incomparable darkness, through acts of selflessness and bravery. They learned about the likes of Irena Sendler, Frank Foley, Oskar Schindler, and Sir Nicholas Winton, all of whom were responsible for saving Jews from the Holocaust, often whilst putting themselves in great danger in the process. Several of our pupils produced Candles of Hope to remember the selfless actions of those individuals or produced artwork around the theme of Be the Light in the Darkness.

For the Upper School, Mr Power produced a moving and sombre video explaining the horrors of the Holocaust and the impact it continues to have on the world around us. Whilst in Sixth Form, Mrs Girolami's Lower Sixth tutor group produced an informative assembly not only exploring the theme of Be the Light in the Darkness but also elaborating on more recent genocides which have happened since the Holocaust, such as in Rwanda and Bosnia. In our current circumstances, a time which also faces us with difficulties and darkness, the message of Be the Light in the Darkness is one which we are proud to have shared, and one which we believe can provide inspiration to all of our pupils.

The History Department

Academy Holocaust Education

Past and present Jewish footballers have been at the forefront of an education project undertaken by U4 Academy players as part of Holocaust Memorial Day studies. This year the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day was 'Be the light in the darkness', reflecting both the horror of what occurred - but also the bravery and resistance of so many who resisted this darkness.

The project which is led by Premier League and Holocaust Educational Trust involved a six-week study of the Holocaust and included researching past and present Jewish footballers. On Monday 25th January, the U4 Academy players joined their Manchester United counterparts in an online meeting with Steven Frank BEM, a Holocaust Survivor. Steven gave a detailed testimony about his own and his family's experience of the Holocaust involving movement around Europe and time in Concentration camps during the war.

The Premier League focused this year's Memorial Day upon the story of former German footballer Julius Hirsch, who having served in WWI for Germany became the first ever Jewish footballer to represent the National Team. However, he was later killed during the Holocaust at Auschwitz. The impact has been very powerful for all of the Academy players who have reflected positively upon the project and vow to use their voices now and in the future to ensure equality for all.



Remote Learning 2021 - Who says scientists can't be creative?

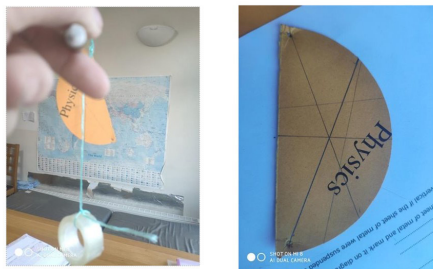
One of the challenges of online teaching is including practical work and complex concepts which require kinaesthetic skills BUT...

...the Physics department are rising to the challenge as these pictures show. Mrs Michael has been teaching Lower Fifth how to find the centre of mass of an irregular object and set them a task to carry out at home.

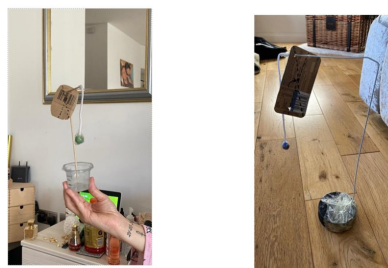
This involved being innovative and using GCSE Physics knowledge to rise to the challenge. They suspended an irregular shape from different corners and using a home-made plumbline determined the centre of mass by making lines representing the pull of gravity on the plumbline. The results show how creative and successful remote learning can be.

Mrs Michael

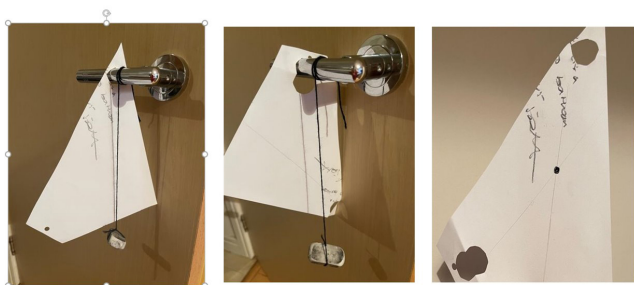
Lyanne's Centre of mass of an irregular object



Kyle's Centre of mass of an irregular object



Kuziva's Centre of mass of an irregular object



Erin B's Centre of mass of an irregular object



Chemistry Olympiad 2021

On Friday afternoon, eight Upper Sixth pupils participated in the first stage of the annual RSC Chemistry Olympiad. Beginning in January each year, the competition is made up of three stages that start with a written test and end with four students representing the UK at the prestigious International Chemistry Olympiad. The challenging test paper is designed to stretch pupils to the very edge of their chemical knowledge and extend beyond the curriculum. It was an opportunity for our pupils to develop their thinking and problem solving skills, and to test their existing knowledge of chemistry in real-world situations. Not deterred by the current circumstances, Amelie, Emily, Krystian, Micaela, Nathan, Oliver, Peter and Rachel took part remotely and await the outcome of part one which is published in February. A fantastic effort to take on the challenge in addition to their weekly workload - well done to all!

Mrs Prince



Chemistry students!
ACHIEVE MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT POSSIBLE WITH THE CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

OPEN FOR ENTRIES NOW - SPEAK TO YOUR CHEMISTRY TEACHER TO SIGN UP
[rsc.li/olympiad2021](https://www.rsc.li/olympiad2021)

Chemistry Olympiad 2021

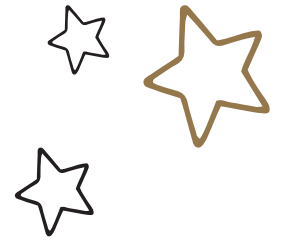
ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY



Headteacher's Commendations



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| U3 DVS | Jannah | Drama |
| L4 PAT | Malaika | Latin |
| L4 PAT | Maeline | Latin |
| L4 BGY | Cliona | Latin |
| L4 PAT | Paddy | Latin |
| L4 POG | Lily | Latin |
| L4 BGY | Havana | Latin |
| U3 SUL | Malaya | Religion |
| U3 WLS | Holly | Religion |
| U3 SUL | Daniel | French |
| L4 KLL | Sarah | French |
| U4 LIV | Isobel | French |
| U4 SRE | Dara | French |
| U5COR | Chloe | French |



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Feast of St John Bosco

Today is the feast day of St. John Bosco and we held a whole school virtual assembly to mark the day to celebrate the life and work of this great Priest, Educator and Saint. John Bosco was born on 16 August 1815 in a little hamlet called "the Becchi" in the Parish of Castelnuovo d'Asti, between 1835 and 1841, John studied Philosophy and Theology in preparation for becoming a priest.

On 5 June 1841, in the presence of his proud mother, John was ordained a Salesian priest and became Don Bosco. His youthful ambition had been achieved. As a priest, Don Bosco made it his life's work to help and educate young, poor people of his community and founded a school to educate young boys and get them off the streets. He was able to perform magic tricks and was athletic in gymnastics and football which helped him to break down barriers and inspire young people.

When Cardinal Vaughan founded St Bede's College all those years ago, it is most probable that the life and work of Don Bosco was a huge influence upon him when he rented a house, off Oxford Road, Manchester, in December 1875, to be used as a school to educate the sons of Manchester Catholics. The school originally consisted of 14 boys who were divided into two forms.

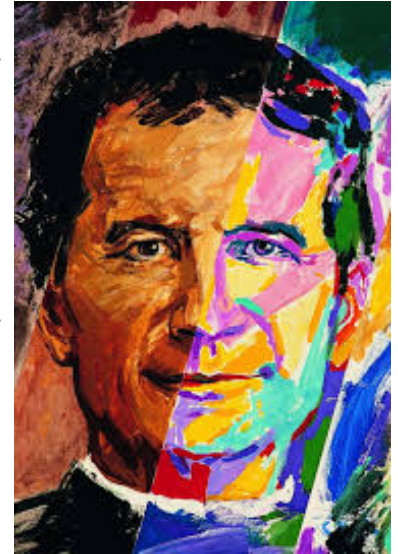
I am very proud to lead Bosco House - not only because it is the best house in the College(!) but having previously worked in a Salesian School for 8 years, the work of Don Bosco has always had a significant influence upon my vocation as a teacher. I enjoyed putting the assembly together and it was great to hear a message from my old friend and colleague Father David O'Malley SDB (a Salesian Priest) who sent a message to our pupils about the life and work of John Bosco and the Salesians. We also had a video message from our Lay-Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert and a stunning musical performance from Niamh in Lower Fifth.

Watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/506057281/e6fd41f1ca>

Happy Bosco Day everyone!

Mr Davies

Head of Bosco House



Children's Mental Health Week 2021

From 1-7 February, St Bede's College is taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. We will be sharing activities and resources to help students (and adults) to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

There are also lots of resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website that you can use with your family at home, including activity ideas and tips for parents and carers.

There is also an online assembly which will be available from Monday 1st February at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk. Our students will be watching this assembly in their form groups on Monday morning.

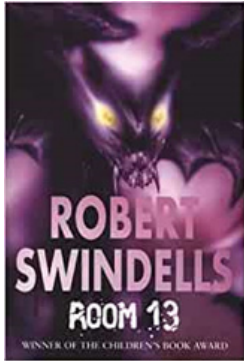


For more information or support, visit childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk or email your child's Head of Year.

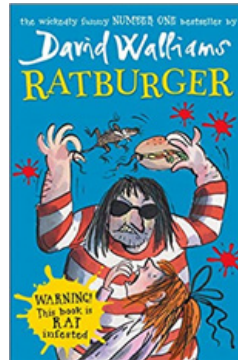
Mr Hughes

Just Arrived

Our pupils have been reading some great books at home. Here are some of their 3 word reviews:



Exciting. Intriguing. Engaging.
Maeline, Lower Fourth

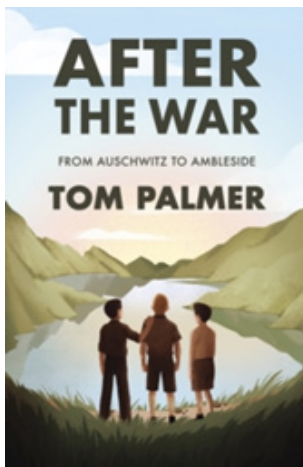


Silly. Gross. Entertaining.
Faith, Lower Fourth



Adventurous. Intense. Freedom
John, Lower Fourth

In the week of Holocaust Memorial Day, Mrs Poolton's recommended book this week is:



Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among 300 hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can begin to recover. But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him.

An eye-opening, exciting and moving read which is available from our Ebook platform.

If it's information you need, don't forget that we have free access to Encyclopaedia Britannica Online, a comprehensive and reliable source of information which is available at reading levels to suit primary through to A level pupils. To access:

- Log in to Office 365
- Click the app launcher (9 dots) in the top left
- Click Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Password is SBC



Please email Mrs Poolton with your 3 word reviews or for any help accessing our online resources at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk

Mrs Poolton

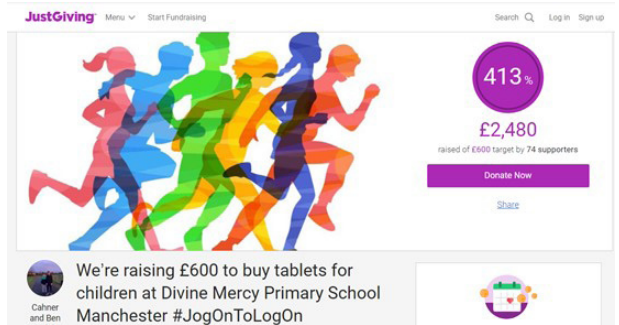
#JogOntoLogOn - Update

Following on from last week here is an update on Ben and Cahner as they battle rain and snow to raise money to buy tablets for Divine Mercy Primary School.

They have raised £2480 and are now halfway through the challenge. Sponsor them here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walshbrothers?utm_term=4vXrmdpBD

You can also follow their progress on Twitter @to_jog



PP We're at the half way mark. We've run just over 60km We did our run a little bit later than usual today. Good job we had our torches Thank you for your support. #Jogontologon



St Bede's Reads

As we near the end of January, we are asking Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils to finish collecting sponsor money and donate to Mary's Meals. Money donated before January will be doubled by the UK Government so we have a chance to provide even more meals!

Please give via our JustGiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stbedesreads>

Thank you so much to all the pupils who have been reading and all who have donated so generously so far.



Mrs Poolton

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Internet Safety and Online Gaming

Now that pupils can't socialise face to face more and more of them will be gaining their social interaction through online gaming and gaming sharing apps such as Twitch and Discord. Like most apps out there, there is nothing inherently wrong with these apps, they are simply a platform for where people with common interests can socialise. However, there will be people who will abuse these apps and use them for different purposes such as online bullying and grooming. It is important that parents have open communication with young people about who they are talking to and what they are talking about on these apps.

Here are some useful tips for keeping while child safe in the world of online gaming:

- Check the age rating of the games your children are playing and ensure games are age appropriate.
- Advise your child not to share personal details online or in their profiles. In the case of teens, it may be best to discuss the dangers of sharing information online.
- Encourage your child to play fairly and treat other gamers with respect.
- Use family safety settings to protect your child from discovering games which may not be age/content appropriate.
- For many parents it is useful to agree time limits on gaming with their children.
- Playing games online can leave computers/devices open to risk of virus. Protect your computer by ensuring you have up to date anti-virus software in place.
- Ensure your child knows how to block or report other players who engage in online harassment or any other unsuitable behaviour.
- If you are not sure about whether a game your child is playing is appropriate, search for videos of the content in YouTube to help you make a decision.



Useful websites:

Age rating information - <https://pegi.info/en/index/>

Xbox - <https://support.xbox.com/en-IE/xbox-one/system/how-to-block-player>

PlayStation - <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/safety/>

Mr Parker

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Mrs Hunt's Message



<https://youtu.be/xbsGHp3txSw>

Prep Prayer for the Week.

Lord, we know listening is important.

I can help others if I listen attentively.

Sometimes people need to share sadness or joys.

Taking time to listen is a sign of friendship.

Encouraging others to talk can help them with problems.

Nobody wants to feel their voice isn't heard.

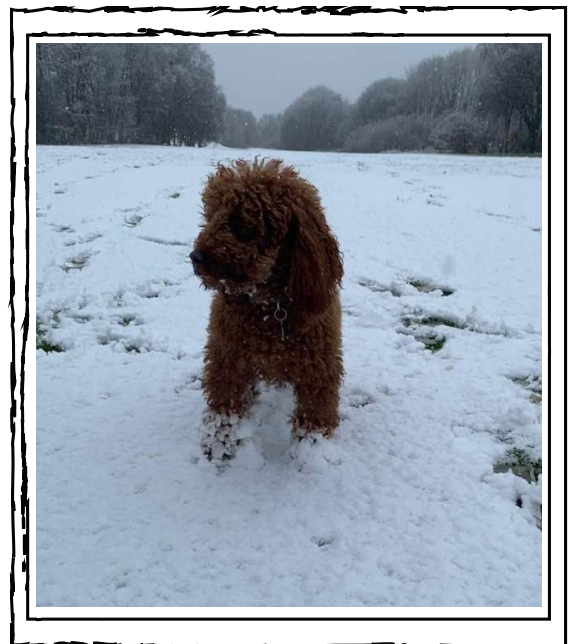
Interconnecting our lives we share our stories and talks.

New chances come to listen every day.

Thank you God for the gift of listening.

Well-being

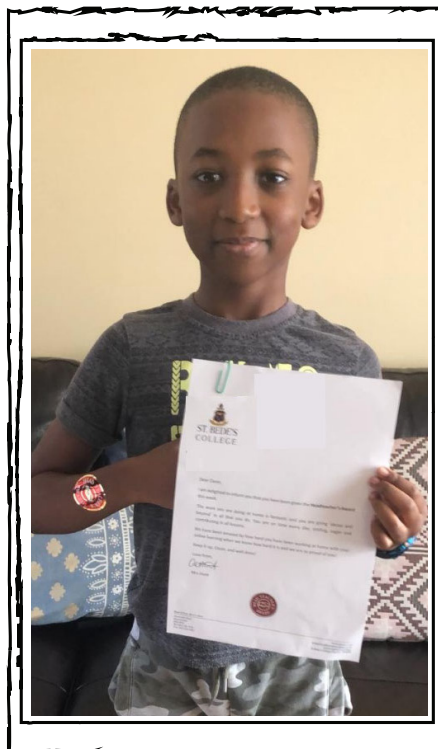
We hope you all managed to get outside and enjoy the snow last weekend, Bee certainly did! As Mrs Hunt has reminded us in her Friday message, it is so important for our health and well-being that we get outside when we can; the fresh air and being outside makes us all feel better! If you have any photographs of your outdoor adventures please email them to Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe: jjoyce-okeeffe@stbedescollege.co.uk

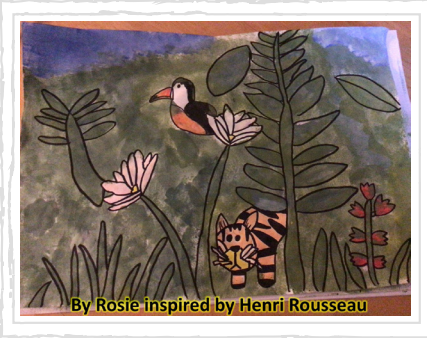


Headteacher's Award Winners

Congratulations to Cleon and Casey, both Prep 5 pupils on receiving a Headteacher's Awards this week.

They were nominated by all their teachers for going above and beyond in their work at home. They have been on time for every lesson and their attitude to learning is outstanding. Well done!

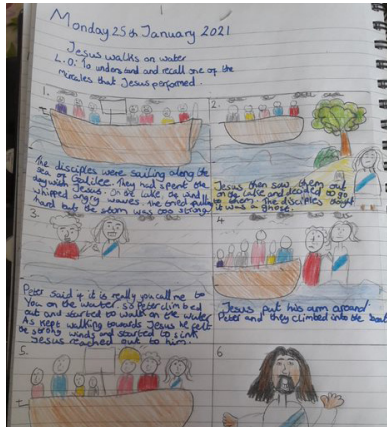




By Rosie inspired by Henri Rousseau

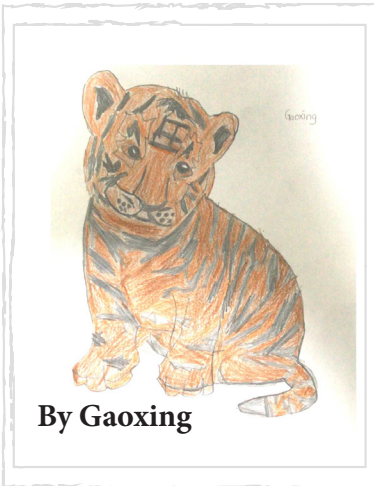
Prep Six - Remote Learning

Prep 6 have got off to a wonderful start with their remote online learning. We are delighted with the brilliant pieces of work that are being submitted. To date, we have included topics including endangered species, evolution and inheritance, the Bible and Ancient Greece. Did you know that the word 'alphabet' originates from the first two symbols of the Greek alphabet, 'alpha' and 'beta' ?

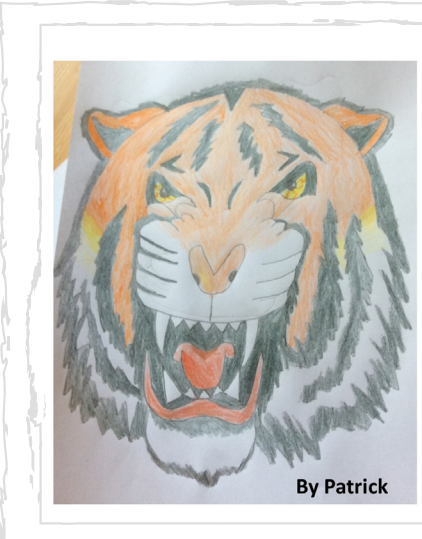
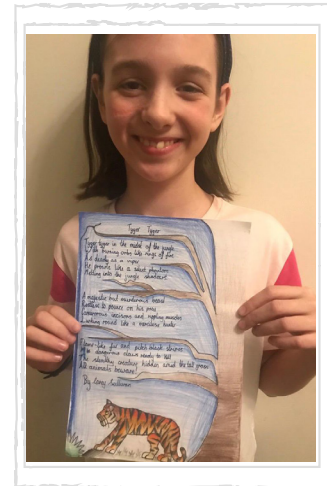
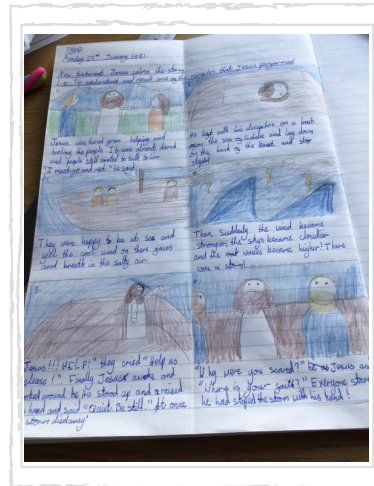
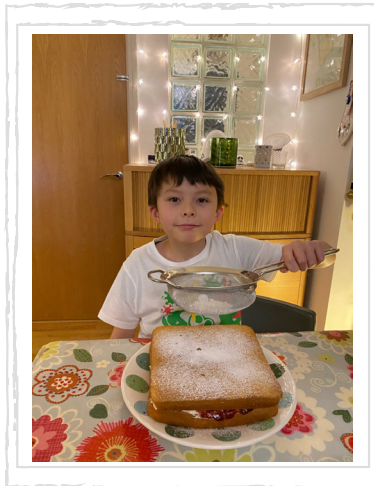


The pupils have produced some amazing poetry and artwork inspired by William Blake's poem, 'The Tyger'. We are also delighted with the resilience that the pupils have shown whilst in Lockdown, especially rising to the challenges set in maths and our study of Shakespeare's plays.

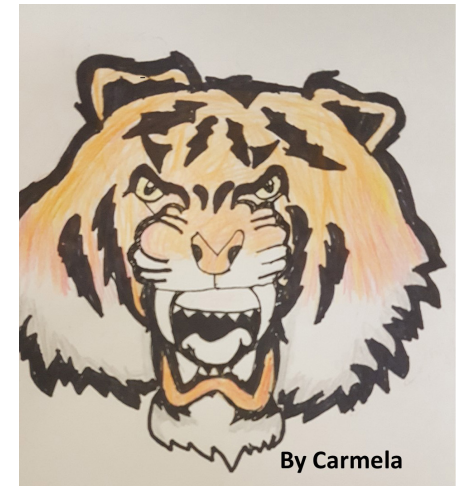
Following Tik Tok's online viral sea-shanty sensation, Prep 6 really enjoyed writing their own Covid-inspired shanties. Well done, me hearties!!



By Gaoxing



By Patrick



By Carmela

