

SPRING
2021

A selection of
memories of this
most unusual
term

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Beau-Florence enjoying the snow.

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SPRING TERM 2021

On Thursday 4th March, Junior House held a very successful **Virtual Open Morning**.

As we were still in lockdown, we knew that it would be a challenge to replace our usual face to face tour with a fully interactive one. Thanks to the help of the girls who were in school (children of critical workers) we were able to provide a fantastic tour, with Niamh in Upper 1, acting as our main guide. She talked enthusiastically about her friends at school, where to get help, her favourite lessons and what she would say to anyone thinking about joining Westfield. Thank you Niamh, you were a fantastic ambassador for the school!



Lockdown Gallery

Billie on the first day of Remote Learning



Beesan, in her outfit for 'Egypt's Got Talent'



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COVID 19 School Testing Centre

Meet the 'swab squad'

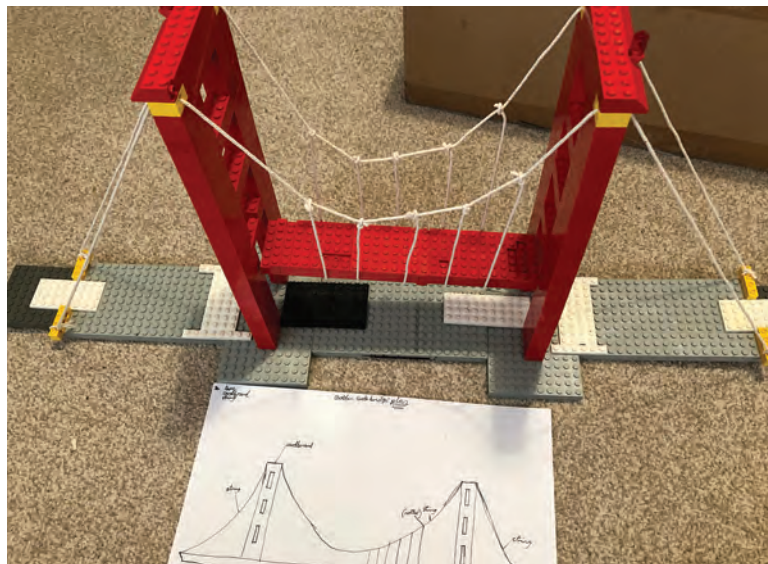
The Biology lab has been turned into Westfield's Covid 19 Test Centre and has been running tests for staff and pupils since January. The set-up and design of the facility was carefully configured to ensure the safe and efficient mass testing requirements and has been a huge success.

Mr Allen



Libby (Upper 3) pictured with her surfboard that she has designed herself. What better way to start school; early morning surf at Tynemouth.

Bridge Building project. Well done Charlotte! Overall winner for her amazing creative design.



Forest School ...in winter



Exploring 'snow spraying'.



Mr Drake got snowballed!



This term, Forest School activities have been particularly diverse. Although most of the girls have been remote learning they have been keeping up with their lessons in their home environment.

The freeze in January brought us 'ice decorations and ice cakes'. The thick snow that followed brought us snow spraying, sledging and stretcher making.

The warmer weather allowed some new opportunities and experiences.

As the snow melted, the girls made bird feeders and boats in the Forest School 'swimming pool'.

During these strange times, Forest School has provided some much-needed coping strategies for the girls.

Spending time in the great outdoors has had a positive effect on their mental well-being as well as promoting confidence, resilience, responsibility and boosting self-esteem.



World Book Day

All the Junior House girls made a fantastic effort, bringing their favourite books to life by dressing up as their favourite characters.



Millie



Freya



Flora + Poppy

India

Story Book Theatre

Upper 1 made Story Book Theatres of their favourite book. We thought of the characters and the setting of the story then designed and made our theatre from boxes. We made a background and drew the characters onto paper or card so they could move. We thought about how we could act out our story as a play, using different voices for the characters and how the characters move. We then presented our play to partners and acted out our stories in our Story Book Theatres.



Flora with her Story book theatre



Drama

There have been some brilliant drama performances during lockdown, with girls really putting in a great effort to physically look and sound like the character they were portraying. Here is a screenshot of Samindri (full video available on FB); have a look at her take on Caliban's speech from 'The Tempest'.



Upper 3 have been preparing their scenes for their group performance in a few weeks' time and here is an early shot from their first practice.



'I'll just try that again!'
...'YES! That's perfect!'

Upper 3 have also been studying 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' by Alan Ayckbourn.

Billie provided a fantastic video on how she would prepare the scene changes and now they are creating their own illucination scene based on the structure and genre of the original play.

Look out for the final performances on Westfield social media; some of the scenes include a school trip to the zoo, pirates and celebrity bus drivers. *Exciting stuff Upper 3!*



Early Years and Transition

The girls have been busy with their maths and literacy. It was fantastic to hear Ruby tell our Open Day visitors about her 'Winter topic' and introduce her 2D and 3D snowmen.

Beau-Florence has been showing great kindness by delivering flowers to her neighbours, travelling by sledge of course.

Preparing for Spring



Early Years have been learning about the popular fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have planted 'magic' beans.

They will shortly be planting strawberries.

Chemistry

Lower 4 Chemistry have been learning about atoms and molecules. Here they are using molymodels to look at the gases in our atmosphere.



Upper 3 pupil, Emily, seen here in school, has been working with her TEAM (who were at home) testing the pH of certain liquids.



The girls set up their own lab and used Universal Indicator paper that had been sent to them in advance. A variety of liquids were tested ranging from milk, watermelon juice to nail polish remover.

Even during lockdown, it was fantastic to see how the girls worked together as a team, setting up and preparing their own Chemistry practical

Biology

Holly pictured here with her 'lung' made with organ origami.



Lower 5 Biology

On their topic of 'Circulatory Systems' Mrs Whitaker devised a fun treasure hunt around the grounds. It was a great way to revise the topics they learned during lockdown.



ICT Information and Communications Technology

Lower 4 watched an inspirational video on the production of Tesla electric vehicles and are using iteration when programming in Python



Orienteering

Lower 3 have been enjoying the spring sunshine and taking on the challenge of 'Westfield Orienteering'

They had a practice run on the astro turf first and working in pairs, followed the instructions and patterns devised by Mrs Nicholson. They then moved onto the field and used the same technique but this time using a Westfield Orienteering map.

Former pupil Jessica launches her first book

We were delighted to learn about Jessica Kilburn, who was a Westfield pupil from 1985 to 1992, who has just had her biography of Thomas Hennell (*an artist and writer*) published. Read her full article on our website but here are some quotes from her.

'Most people think that it can be difficult to make a living in arts, but if you really want to pursue it, just remember what Ethan Hawke said 'art is not a luxury, art is sustenance'

'When my parents were looking at prospectuses in 1984, it was Oakfield House and the camellia as well as the way that it stressed that it was a school of all abilities, it sounded like a much more friendlier place because of that'

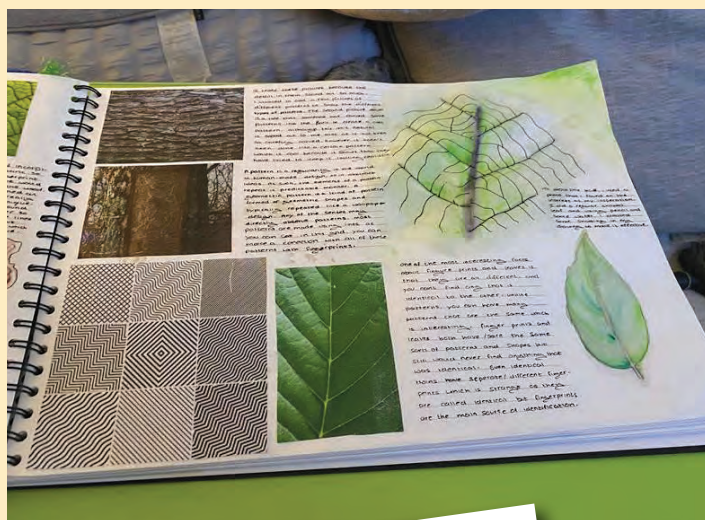


Textiles

Our Sixth Form textiles students have been producing some amazing work.



Here are some shots of their 'Perfect Flaws' project, exploring leaf structures and using lots of different techniques and developing new ideas.



Red Nose Day

It was nice to see everyone turn out in red for this fantastic cause. Some great outfits have been seen around school, especially the Red Nose Day adapted face masks.



Poppy



Mrs Oldroyd



Katie and Georgia

CLUBS



Millie's
Photography
Challenge



Flora baking

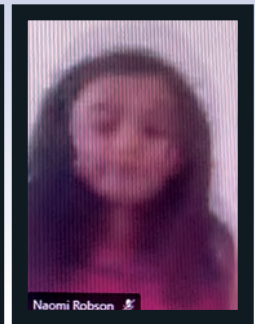
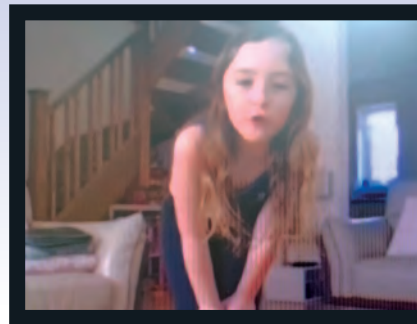


India

During lockdown, the girls in **Upper 1** decided they needed some social time together and came up with the fantastic idea of sharing their talents and interests with each other. Clubs ranged from dinosaur club, baking, dance, yoga and stretch to fitness, photography and snow globe making. The girls showcased some amazing talent and it was heart-warming to see how much they cared for each other.

I am so proud of the girls and how amazing they have been at coming up with ideas for their club, organising them and having the confidence to run them

Miss Brown



Molly's dance club and Naomi's yoga club



Niamh snow globe club

Chinese New Year



Mrs Alexanders did a fantastic job decorating the classroom as a Chinese themed restaurant.

The girls tried noodles and rice with a delicious sweet and sour sauce and they all managed to master the tricky chopsticks.



Aliza practises
with her chopsticks



Happy Hat Day

Just having a bit of fun; the girls and staff wore their favourite hat for the day.



Mr Walker



Miss B and Miss Brown



Flynn Roberts Dog



Ruby



And finally...
Back to school!

Jenny and Romany

The **Upper Sixth** have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to come back to school. We have all found it tough this year to deal with the curveballs COVID-19 has thrown at us.

But, in true Westfield fashion, we continue to have high spirits and resilience to achieve our goals. The individual attention and tailoring from our subject and form teachers has meant that we are able to make the most of the unique situation. We have all received great advice and guidance and, therefore, feel confident that we will enjoy our last few months in Sixth Form and leave with the grades we have worked so hard for.

Romany Upper 6 – Marketing and Communications Prefect

LOCKDOWN Photography Competition

Eva - Junior House



Izzy - Junior House



Isabelle - Senior House



Louise - Parent



The weekly photography competition has been extremely popular with staff, pupils and parents. Some of our submissions have come from pupils as young as 3 years old.

Millie in Upper 1 has even run her own photography club with her class. Please keep an eye on the photo gallery as they are still available on the Westfield Facebook page



Millie - Junior House

