

# ST CATHERINE'S PREP NEWSLETTER

*"Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire." St Catherine of Siena*

**3 JULY 2020**

## TAKE A PEEK!

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## A NOTE FROM MRS MCPHERSON HEADMISTRESS

As this extraordinary term draws to a close, I would like to commend the girls for their tremendous hard work and resilience over these last few months. Remote learning now feels almost like normal school life and the girls have done very well to continue learning so well and so creatively. However, over this last week it has been a pleasure to see girls' cheerful faces in the assemblies once again, to sing final hymns and award certificates.

On behalf of all the staff, I would also like to thank parents for their warm support over this period. I know that at times the changing circumstances have felt worrying; however, your positive messages have been very much appreciated.

At the end of August we will be in touch to advise you all of our final plans for the new term, which will take account of all Government advice received over the summer. Now the only thing that remains is to wish all St Catherine's families a very happy, safe holiday.

With best wishes  
Mrs McPherson

## A NOTE FROM MRS MARSH HEAD OF PREP

What an extraordinary term it has been and a different, but still wonderful, end of the academic year.

It has been great to have all of the Prep girls back on site in one format or the other and to be able to be in the Main Hall for their final assembly of the academic year. Sports Day happened, although it took a little longer than usual, but was no less exciting and we have still been able to award copious amounts of certificates for all of the wonderful achievements the girls have made.

I am looking forward to the new academic year and would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move onward to the next part of their education journey and all of you a restful and peaceful Summer.

Sarah Marsh  
Head of Prep

# REMINDERS

September 2020

As the school continues to receive updates from the government over the summer holidays, the senior management team will continue to review this information, and will be in touch with parents in late August to update parents on plans for pupils returning to school in September.

For the first month of the term, all pupils will return to school in mufti, so that clothes may be washed daily.

*We wish all of our Prep families a wonderful summer break.*

Summer Term begins on  
Thursday, 3 September 2020

# PREP SCHOOLING

## NURSERY



*The Nursery girls have had a super time learning and having fun. They are always willing to try new activities and always approach everything they do with a smile.*

# PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 1

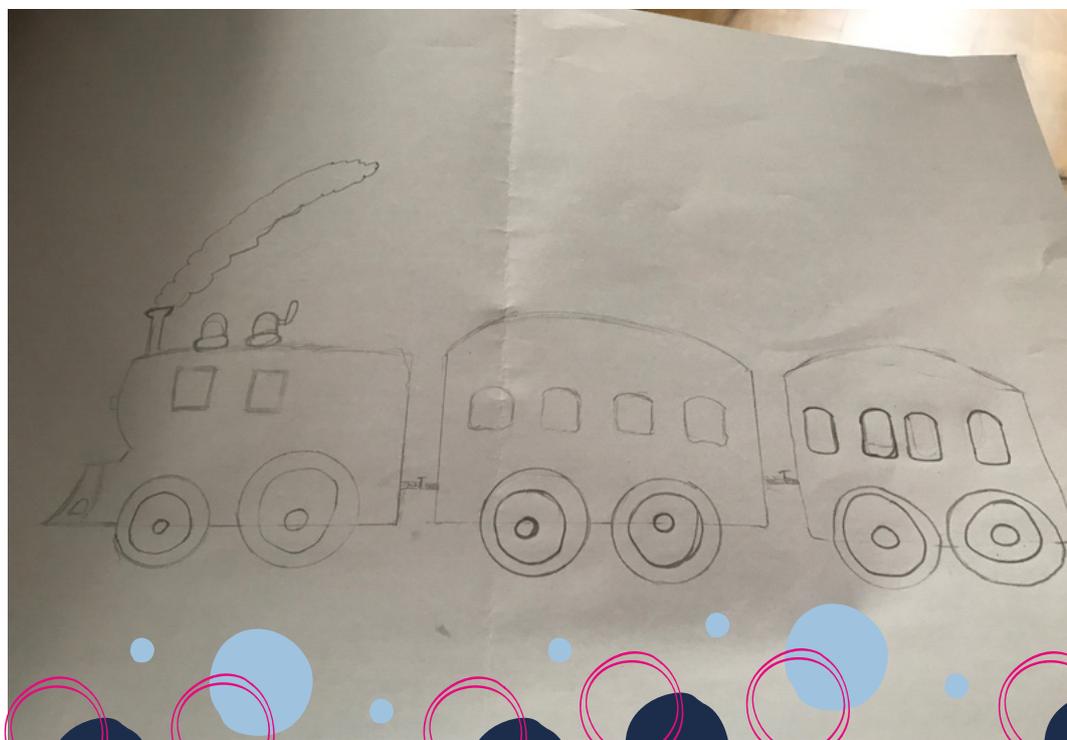


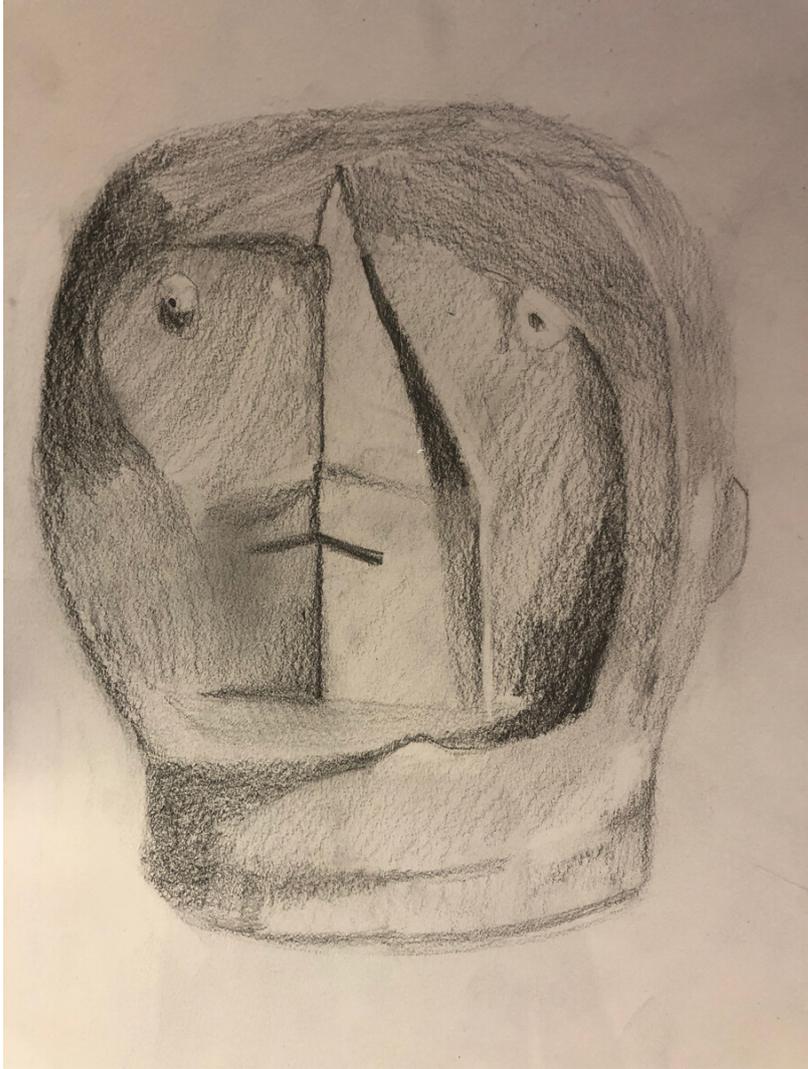
*Year 1 enjoying being together in the classroom with Miss Conway*



## YEAR 2

Year 2 pupils have been studying the Earliest Railways, and Sophie, Sasha and Mary have been making some of their own.





**Very creative work from Year 3! Great job here from Bella, who created a zoo of maquettes (standing up models). Maia and Simran produced some lovely self portraits, in the style of Julian Opie.**

## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been writing haiku poems about home-learning and lockdown, as well as creating gratitude journals and jars to help us think about what we can be thankful for. We have been working hard researching and learning all about India to make

super projects. In Science, we've been learning about the digestive system. We each had a go at making a digestive system using a plastic bag for the stomach and tights for the intestines! It was extremely fun, but very messy! In class, we had fun enjoying bubbles in our class bubble!!



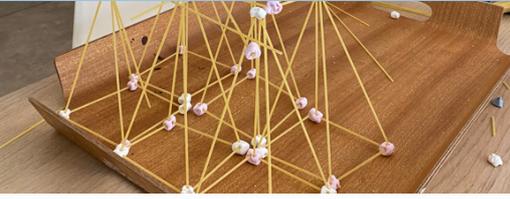
## Rainbows by Ayesha

*Shine bright like rainbows.  
With all their joy and colour,  
These times will pass soon.*

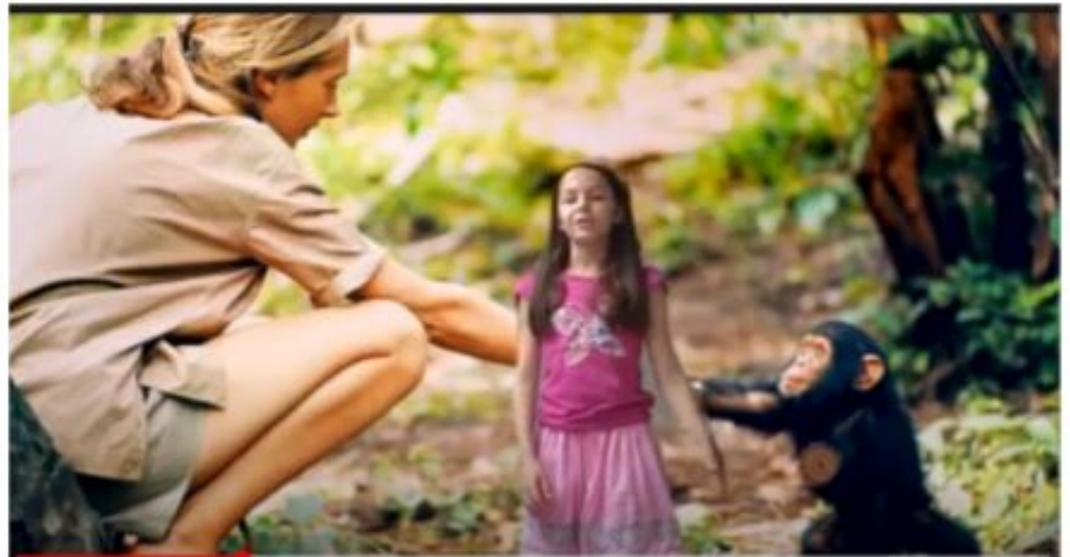


# PREP SCHOOLING

## YEAR 5



Year 5 have been busy creating persuasive video adverts, such as Daniela's Jane Goodall video below. The paintings pictured are cityscapes by Jenya and Bella, in the style of the artist Afremov. Year 5 have also been learning how to work percentage discounts in Maths and setting up their own shops with bargain buys, as shown in Eva's shop above. We practised measuring by making the tallest tower you can from spaghetti and marshmallows, as Hannah and Elle demonstrate.



# PREP SCHOOLING

## YEAR 6

*The Year 6 had a wonderful time competing in our virtual sports day. They summoned huge amounts of house spirit and earned lots of points for their houses. Many thanks to all of the girls who took part.*

*It has been wonderful seeing so many of the girls back in school for the last few weeks of Year 6. Mrs Keightley, Mrs Henderson and Miss Beacroft are so proud of the hard work and maturity that they have demonstrated this term, under such unusual circumstances, and wish them all the best for Year 7.*



# VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

During the final weeks of the term, Year 3 - Year 6 competed in St Catherine's first virtual Sports Day!

Our pupils showed great motivation and perseverance completing the challenges at home and others in school with Mrs Walters. We are excited to announce that Bronte House came 1st in the Prep school, and Nightingale finished 1st overall across the whole school.

And well done to the following pupils for achieving the top scores overall in each challenge:

- Balance & Throw: Iona (Y4)
- Shuttle Test: Enaaya (Y5)
- 3 Hop Test: Chloe (Y6)
- Throw, Clap, Repeat: Matilda (Y6)
- Tap Up Tennis: Lucy (Y5)
- Speed Bounce: Chloe (Y6)
- Burpees: Edie (Y4)
- Super Slalom: Enaaya (Y5)
- Ball to Wall Throw: Enaaya (Y5)
- Single Hop: Annabel (Y4)

	Bronte	Cavell	Nightingale	Pankhurst
Prep	4,677 1st	3,879 4th	3,885 3rd	4,468 2nd
Senior	11,225 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,369.79 4 <sup>th</sup>	17,931 1st	9,648.63 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Overall Sports Day position	15,902.0	12,248.79	21,816.0	14,116.63
Overall position	2nd	4th	1st	3rd

