Falconer School

Achieving the extraordinary together

Headteacher's weekly blog Friday 13th November

We have had another busy week of learning this week with some significant events taking place. On Wednesday we marked Remembrance Day with a 2 minute silence in classrooms at 11 a.m. This follows the fantastic art project that the boys completed during PSHE lessons on Friday morning last week, where they created memorial crosses to be used in a community display at St James's Church.



Father Tim Vickers from Bushey Parish wrote to say:

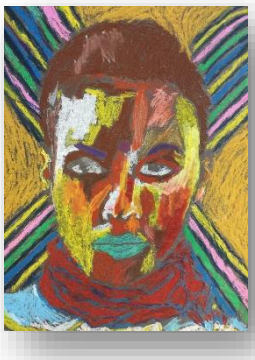
"I wanted to write to you to express my sincere thanks on behalf of the Parish of Bushey for your schools' contribution to our 'Bushey Remembers' Poppy display in St James's Churchyard. I was so grateful for the way you just took my rough idea and then made it into something amazing."

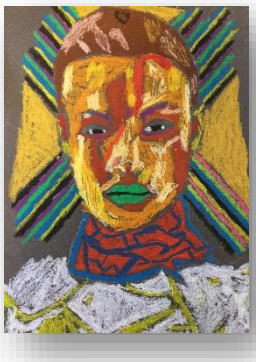


The spirit was further captured in Food Technology lessons with Mr Taylor, Subject Co-ordinator for Food Technology, creating themed lessons where students cooked war time recipes, making sure they understood rationing, having a National Identity paper, listening to music from the period and even having to take shelter when the air raid siren unexpectedly went off!

We have also marked Children in Need Day today with the boys (and staff!) purchasing cakes from the kitchen with all the proceeds going to the worthy charity. Another charity scheme taking place, being led by Mr Taylor, is the for the Iron Man Survival Company who use empty (washed) crisp packets to make into survival blankets which are then given to the homeless. We would therefore welcome any donations of clean, empty crisp packets which can be placed into a collection box in the dining hall from Monday.

There have again been some amazing lessons this week with students making incredible progress. Year 10 art students, Harrison, Nick and Riley, have created some fabulous portraits in their art lessons which really showcase their artistic skills.







In Year 11, it has been an exciting journey to witness the progress made in Design and Technology lessons, under the careful supervision and guidance of Mr English, Subject Co-ordinator for D & T and Vocational Education, with the variety of objects being made. To see how an ordinary block of wood has, over time, been developed into a nearly finished, quality table is fantastic.





I was also lucky enough to be lured by the lovely aroma into the Food Technology lesson where the cottage pies were just coming out of the oven – delicious! An important part of the lesson is the evaluation of the finished product – a nice excuse to eat the creations.

We again were lucky to have Year 9 boys receive rugby coaching on Thursday afternoon - a muddy, tiring and thoroughly enjoyable experience! Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us in the coming weeks.





I look forward to seeing even more exciting learning experiences next week.

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