

A Week At Pinetree

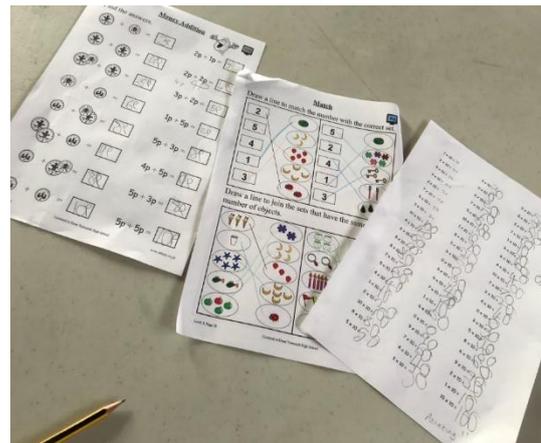
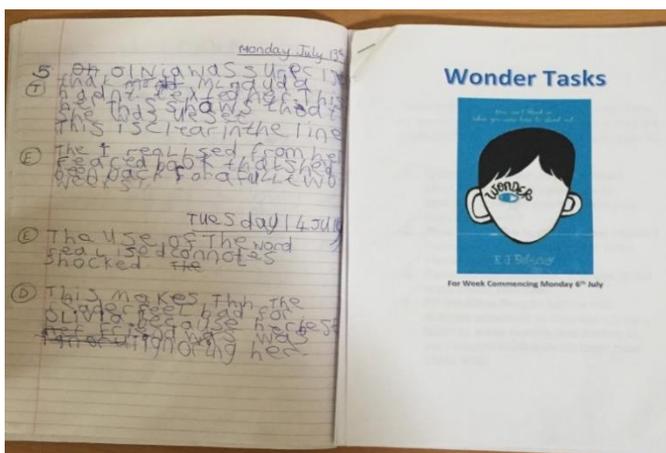
Week Commencing 13/7/20

As we near the end of a school year that has been unique to say the least, you would think that things would be beginning to wind down, with both pupils and staff thinking of what the next six weeks and beyond has in store.

However, as we know, that is not the Pinetree way! And this week, there has been as much endeavour and excellence as we have come to expect from this remarkable group of pupils and staff.

We begin with the news of one of our current Year 9 pupils, Riley B's, nomination to The Thetford Education Foundation Trust. The award celebrates Riley's continued commitment to his education, the vast improvement in his attendance and progress he is making in his learning! We congratulate Riley on his efforts and agree wholeheartedly that his commitment is to be celebrated.

In school, pupils have continued to make progress across the board, with maths and English to the fore. It is to their credit that pupils have embraced the opportunity to develop in these two key subjects and benefit from the greater support of their teachers as a result of our reduced capacity. As a result, pupils will begin the next academic year confident in their ability to succeed and, hopefully, in a position to support some of their peers in developing their own skills.



- "T - the writer uses repetition to show that Benjamin is concerned about Boxer being taken away.
 - E - This is clear in the line..."Quick! Quick! He shouted"
- E - The repetition of the word "Quick" connotes that he needs to hurry up because he is scared of what is going to happen to his friend.
- D - This makes the reader feel anxious about what is going to happen to Boxer, because the author makes it clear that Benjamin is acting in a way that is unlike him. "

Year 10 pupil - GCSE Paper 1 Section A sample answer

Away from the core subjects, the Design and Technology workshop continued to be popular, with one pupil making excellent progress with their chair design. This had special importance as it has been made and developed in partnership with a member of staff. The pupil has kindly taken on the mantle of making their requested 'throne' – I'm sure you'll agree it looks great.



"And what of the kitchen?!", we hear you cry. Well, naturally, pupils gravitated towards this area also, with stir-fry the order of the day this week. I would like to say pupils took their wares home with them to show to their families but, truth be told, it was all we could do to take a photo, before the finished product magically disappeared.



Looks good enough to eat, right? The chef certainly thought so.....

Looking back at these weekly reports, it is with a sense of great pride that we bring this school year to a close. What in many ways has been a difficult, challenging, often downright frightening period for us all, has been marked by the work of a committed, dedicated group of individuals who have embraced this "normal", and made it work. It should give hope to us all as we head into a break that, whatever the next academic year brings, it will be a challenge that is met head-on by the good ship Pinetree.

All have a safe, restful and fun filled break, and feel proud of the service and support we have provided both to our pupils and families.

Take care and stay safe.