

## A week at Pinetree

The week started with the great news that one of our pupils was awarded a local prize of Volunteer of the Month for his work in the local area. As a school, we are very proud of the work Riley continues to do both at home and in his local community in providing support and supplies for the vulnerable.

Thank you for all your hard work  
Riley and to your mum for being a  
very good assistant. :D



Early in the week, there was also lots of talk about the schools fantasy premier league table and Mr Rice's resurgence up the table, although I know the football talk annoys some. Several pupils got into a discussion/ competition around flags of the world that led to some interesting conversations about different cultures and why flags have specific colours. Pupils decided to use this as an Art/ English topic and produced work around different countries, which have meaning to them.

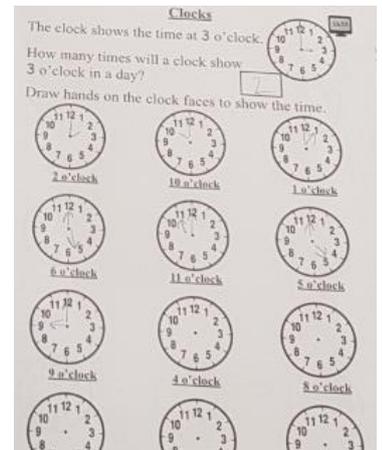
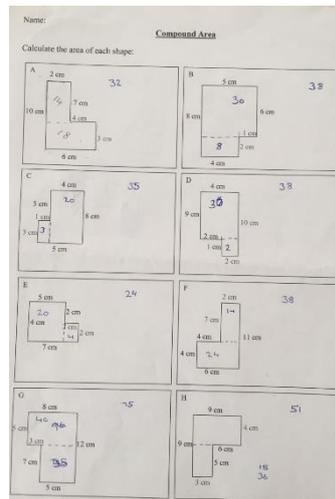
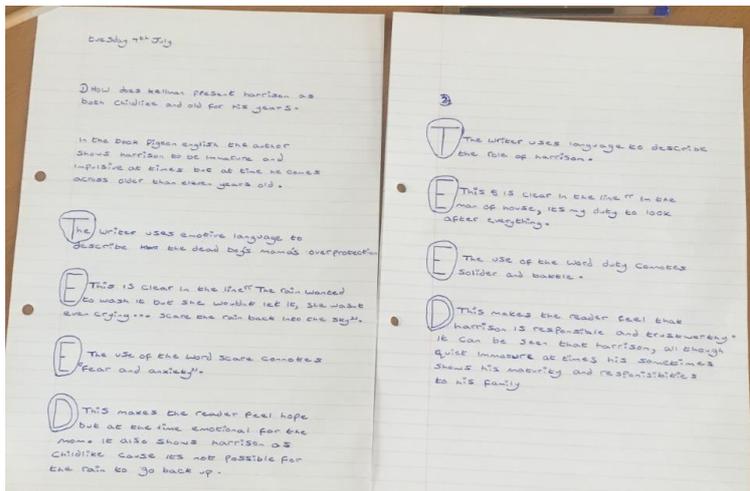


This week was bread week, which saw pupils make homemade bread rolls, dough balls and pizza. As part of this, I learnt that Pasta did not actually originate in Italy but in fact was brought across from China. The pupils made their own dough and created their own pizza with toppings of their choice.

The debate remains however, on whether pineapple belongs on a pizza.



As usual to go alongside the great work pupils have completed in Art, PE and Food Tech they have also completed some brilliant English and Maths work. The Year 10's continue to work on exam techniques as well as content for English Literature. The quality of work continues to be high and it is great to see pupils so enthused to continue to work towards their qualifications in both English and Maths. In Maths a range of topics from fractions to area and volume have been covered. The younger years have been covering Twilight in English and it's been great to see them engaging in watching the film and completing work around that. Closing gaps pupils have in their learning is crucial for us, so to see a Year 7 do some extensive work around money and time was fantastic.



The week ended with a lovely gesture from a pupil who had been going through a tough time the day before. In order to thank the staff who helped her the previous day she bought them some flowers and a thank you. Which said:



*I just wanted to thank you for helping me yesterday and being there me and making me understand that everyone has bad days even teachers*



This acts as a reminder to us that our pupils appreciate the work we do and effort we put in.

Well done to all the pupils on the featured work. A massive thank you too for the staff who continue to work hard to help and support our pupils both emotionally and academically as we count down the days to summer!