

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of our first year at Paxman Academy, in a term like no other, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on what we have all achieved since September. In our two short terms before lockdown we became an established community with high expectations and aspirations. Our sporting achievements were notable, as was our performance in Sigma Trust competitions, such as the Spelling Bee. We had begun to embed our core values and we had made many contributions to the wider community; for example through our donation to Colchester Foodbank. I am extremely proud of the start that our students made with their secondary education and I think it is testament to them that we will shortly be starting our second year as an oversubscribed popular school, serving the local community.

Last week saw students collect their reports. It was lovely to see them all in school and to find out how they have coped with lockdown. What has been apparent is that our students have been working incredibly hard and much of this newsletter is a celebration of their work. Even though times are difficult, we are proud of their commitment to their school work, as well as their involvement in activities at home. Thank you, again, for your part in helping your children to continue to make progress at home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, who are working so hard. They have been tremendous in their resilience and response, often whilst juggling their own commitments at home. Your messages of support really do mean a lot and have kept us going through these difficult times.

I will shortly be sending out a letter, outlining arrangements for the start of term to help with your planning. We will have all students in school every day and have followed government advice in our planning, producing a comprehensive risk assessment. My letter will outline some of these details for you.

Finally, I hope you all have a good summer break - please take care and remember to stay alert. We look forward to welcoming our students back to build upon the excellent start that we made last year.

Mrs Moffat

## Around The World Competition

A couple of weeks ago, Mr Allflatt and I launched a competition in our virtual assembly called 'Around the World'. We were absolutely blown away by the amazing entries that we received, and the huge effort that everyone put into their Fact Files. We had a wonderfully diverse range of work submitted, with every inhabited continent represented.

Congratulations to Logan for his winning entry, and a huge well done to all who participated. Thanks to the help of Mrs Reynolds, we have celebrated everyone's great work with a display board outside room 007 (pictured).

Mr Suen



## Minibus Delivery



We are delighted to announce that we have taken delivery of our very own minibus. It means that we will be able to offer even more enrichment opportunities in terms of sporting fixtures and so on, in the coming year.

Mr Mussett

## Library Campaign

Paxman Academy student Josefine has been actively working with Save Our Libraries Essex (SOLE), campaigning to keep Essex libraries open that were at risk of closure.

Following a celebrity-backed campaign, Essex County Council have now announced that all Essex libraries will remain open – a brilliant result for everyone who backed the campaign and signed the petition.

Well done Josefine!

## Student Lockdown Work

We have continued to be so impressed by the standard of work completed by students while studying at home, a selection of which are featured here.

Linking to Pride Month 2020 in June, PSHE students were invited to design a poster celebrating diversity, that would represent themselves...



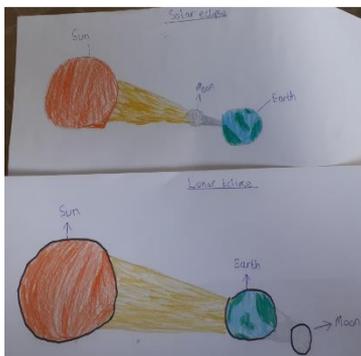
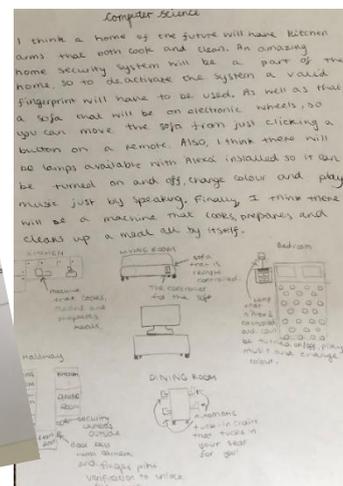
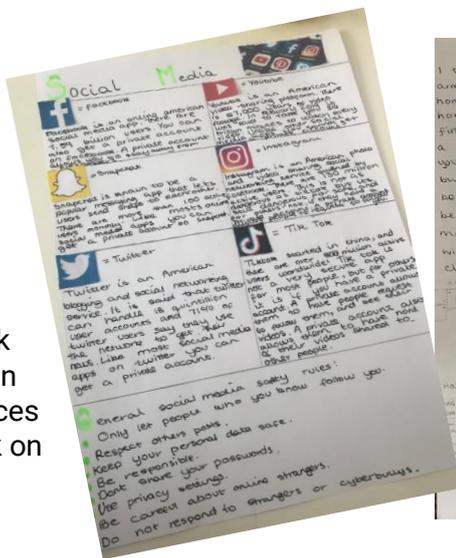
...while in DT students continued with Mrs Newman's beetle themed topic to produce these amazing pieces of work – including a delicious looking beetle bread baked by Jane and a super-colourful beetle from Sophie crafted entirely from natural flowers and foliage.



Mrs Newman was also sent these fun monster cakes in response to last week's design challenge.

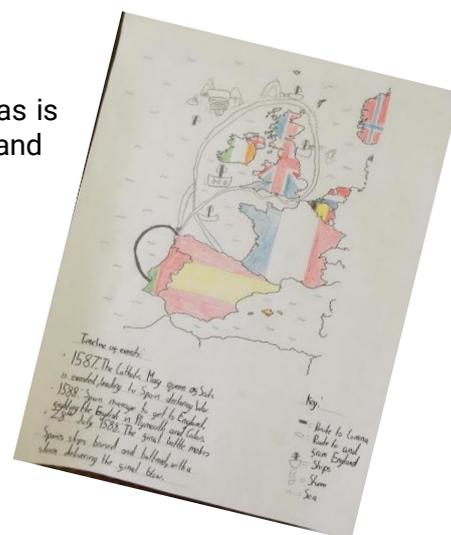
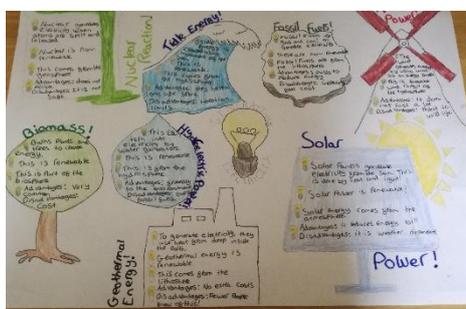
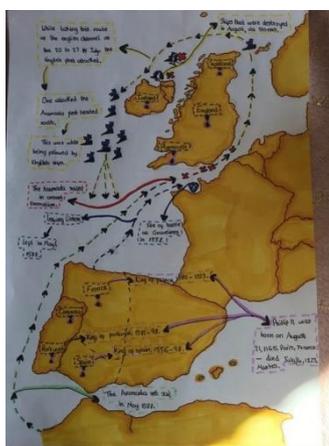


Mr Nash has been receiving some well researched examples of work set on the theme of social media, and also a great study on what a 'home of the future' might look like – thanks Tillie for these brilliant pieces.



Meanwhile, Jack sent Mr Morgan these stellar pieces of scientific work on eclipses.

Students have also been busy in Humanities, as is evident in these excellent examples of history and geography work submitted to Mr Suen.

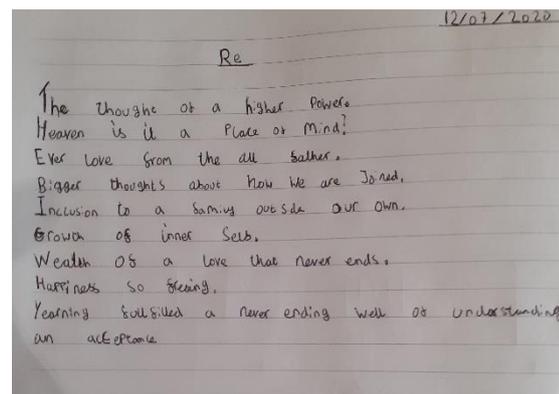


## RE Spirited Arts Competition

Mrs Rogers wishes to thank all students who submitted entries for the RE Spirited Arts Competition, a national contest that students can enter independently or through the school.

Diart, Poppy and Jack submitted excellent pieces of artwork, while Zachary chose poetry as his medium.

Well done to all who entered!



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