



# NELSON NEWS

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## What is Brexit?

Reported by Safiyah Masoon

Brexit is a made up word to describe the 'British Exit' from the EU (European Union). On June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016, more than half of the people (in the UK) decided to leave the EU.

To decide if Brexit will happen, the UK held a special kind of vote called a 'referendum'. The results were close to tie. 51.9% of the people wanted to leave. People had different reasons for wanting to leave the EU. Many wanted to limit immigrants –people who came from different countries. Some Britain's wanted to be independent of Europe. Some thought that there would be better businesses elsewhere.

Nearly half of the voters did not vote to leave the EU. These people thought it was best to stay in

the EU. When a country leaves the EU, it loses its advantage over it, as a member. The country has 2 years to reach new agreement. For the UK, that deadline (time limit) was March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The government of the UK has worked on a deal with the EU, about how the UK can leave. Although the EU had agreed to the deal, the British Prime Minister has not been able to pass the deal in Parliament. If the governments can agree, the UK will officially leave the EU. It is not clear what will happen if both sides don't agree. We will find out more about this after the General Election on the 12th December 2019.

# Christmas at Nelson!

Reported by Elizabeth Dawson

Christmas is a very special time of year and at Nelson we have loads of performances to celebrate it. Here were the dates of the performances at Nelson:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: KS1

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: MFH (Year 4 and 6)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: PM Nursery

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Reception and AM Nursery

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: TFH (Year 3 and Year 5)

I was lucky enough to watch all the performances—here is what happened in them:

## EYFS:

The EYFS performance was full of lovely songs. The first class performed 'Little Donkey'. The next class sang 'No More Room'. The third class sang 'Starry Night' and the last class sang a song about Shepherds.

They all sang beautifully and were very sweet! Some of the cast were Amelia (G5), Sofia (G10) and Yanis (G5). Loads of parents came to watch and support their children and the claps were loud. Everyone enjoyed it!

## KS1:

KS1 performed a play called 'The Inn Keeper's Breakfast'. The children had their costumes on and looked lovely. Their voices were loud and clear, especially the narrators. There were some lovely helpers with the actions, like Ms Robson and Ms Bibi etc. Some of the actors were Mahir (G3), Ana-Maria (G4), Tom (G12) and Joseph (G12). The singing was funny and sweet! The chairs were full—loads of parents came to watch it and there were so many that some parents didn't even get a chair! Everyone really enjoyed it and had a great time.

## Middle Floor Hall—Year 4 and 6

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Years 4 and 6 performed their play 'Rock Around the Flock' (it is called Flock because it is referring to sheep and we all know shepherds played an important role in the nativity!) There were many songs to learn for this, including some beautiful solos from Nyara (M5) and Natasha (M7) and a group solo too from me (Lizzy in M6), Mithura (M5) and Safia (M7). The narrators and actors were dressed beautifully in their costumes and spoke loudly and clearly. It was a lovely performance—the chairs were filled and the claps were loud! We all enjoyed it.

## Top Floor Hall—Year 3 and 5

At 9.15am, Year 3 and 5 performed their play called 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' Loads of parents came to watch and cheer for their children. You could tell how much they loved it by how loud they clapped! Some of the actors were Desire (T4), Mohammed (T3) and Arthika (T3). The first song was called 'Tik Tok' which was followed by 'Long Way to Bethlehem'. Ms Beddo and Ms Clunie helped the children sing. The performance was amazing!

We are all now looking forward to our Christmas parties on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you all have a nice time in the Christmas holidays.



# Fabulous Fair Play House

Reported by Aisha  
Mahmood

During the week of Halloween (just after October half term), the Year 6's went to an outdoor education

center called Fair Play House for two nights and three days. M5 and M8 went on Monday and came back on Wednesday. M6 and M7 went on Wednesday and came back on Friday. Year 6 were very fortunate to have this opportunity. Sadly, some children couldn't come.

They went there in a comfortable coach and the journey took around an hour.

The activities were: Caving, Problem-Solving, Woodland Games, the Swing and High

Ropes. The big swing was the most enjoyable for most of the children. In the

Woodland Games, all the children saw squirrels, mushrooms, toadstools, and chestnuts. On the first night, we all took a night walk in the woods. We only had a

small torch and it was really hard to see. We didn't even get a map! After the night walk, all the children had a shower, got changed and had a delicious cup of hot chocolate.

Caving was very tight and dark (especially when we turned the lights off.) The children had to put on headlights so they could see where they were going. One of the children said, "it was very damp and interesting". They had to work together to guide each other and support each other., it made eve-

"I wish we could have stayed longer!"

ryone confident.

"The high-ropes were very fun," said Nyah. The children were all attached to harnesses for their safety.

"Fairplay house was wicked and really fun." this is what Shaymaa (M6)

said on the way back to Nelson.

Everyone really enjoyed themselves because of all the amazing teachers that were there, especially Ms. Stopps (who went with M6 and M7 and was very helpful). Maria cried, "I wish we could stay longer".

Everyone arrived back at Nelson happy and exhausted. They were all ready to hand over the muddy laundry to their parents!



*Some pictures of Fair Play House, the big swing and the high ropes.*



# The Poetry Retreat

Reported by Saara Rahman

So the day finally arrived,

I can't tell you how excited I was, I actually struggled to sleep the night before and somehow I was awake from 6am! I remember jumping out of bed.

We had to drive to Elmhurst as we were all meeting there. I was a little sad to have to say bye to my parents and my younger sister but at the same time I was delighted to be given this opportunity and was looking forward to the Retreat.

We travelled by coach and I sat next to Subaha. The coach journey lasted for 3 hours but thankfully I took my book with me. Half way through our journey we stopped at Fleet for a quick bite to eat. Finally we arrived, everyone grabbed their luggage and walked a small distance to the Hostel.

The trip was only just beginning, the moment we got there we put our wellies on walked up hills, down hills, through this new forest we saw plants which looked like popping candy, and really rocky pathways filled with marshmallows.

After a very eventful day, it was starting to get late so we decided to head back to the hostel but before we did we caught an amazing glimpse of the sunset.

Throughout this trip we overcame some of our fears together which was nice and uplifting. On the first night we stayed in the Forest for some time with no source of light!

Dinner was delicious, Sausages and sweet potatoes was my favourite.. We were allocated our rooms, my room was just so cool. We slept on bunk beds. I shared my room with some girls from Vicarage school and Nabeela from T2, getting to know girls from different schools was nice.

The following morning, breakfast was needed. We had croissants toast with jam and butter.

We went back to the forest, we saw beautiful ponies some were black and some others were white. It was the first

time I had seen ponies that close.

We started writing poems about the things we had seen and to do this we used our five senses. We played a new game called Bungalo, which was fun and Whoosh.

We all had to find a rock that we felt best described us. After another eventful day it was time for bed.

After breakfast the next day, we were preparing to have a rap battle, using our poetic vocals. We were put in groups. My group was called 'Treasure chest' and we went to battle with a group called 'Tool box'.

The rap battle was intense and it took best parts of the day - if I remember correctly we went to bed 10pm!

The teachers woke us up 7am the next morning, this was the last day of the retreat, which made me a little sad but I was determined to make the most of the time we had left in the Retreat.

After breakfast we went to a hall, which used to be a theatre once upon a time. We wrote some more poems but this time it was about our time in the Retreat.

We saw some creepy things in shops that witches would use, they were there because people believed the last witch lived in Burley... how creepy!

Our last meal of the Retreat was pasta with minced meat, which was very appetizing.

These last moments of the Retreat trip gave me time to reflect on many things throughout this trip, especially on the coach journey back, I realised I learnt so much within a short space of time.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip. If I am to share anything from this trip it's this; A poem is not just a bunch of rhyming words but words articulated together that uses our five senses.



## Children in Need

Reported by Roxy Kaye-Ibrbor

### What is Children in Need day?

Children in Need is a special day. It happens to raise money for the charity which works hard to make sure that children are safe, happy and secure.

### What happens on Children in Need Day?

On Children in Need day, we came into school dressed in any COLOURFUL outfit we wanted. Everyone had a chance to win a certificate, based on the most colourful and best home made outfit. We also had a bake sell, in which we sold cookies, cakes and biscuits. The items were well budgeted and were from 10p-50p for one item (all the money we earn goes to



the charity). When students walked through the door, they were politely asked to put some money into the bucket for charity if they want to. As a school, we raised **£848.79** which will go to charity!!

### The History behind Children in Need Day.

The modern BBC Children in Need appeal started in 1980 and Pudsey Bear appeared as the logo in 1985. He was created by BBC designer Joanna Ball, and took his name from her home town in Yorkshire.

### Quotes about the day:

Sienna from T2 said: "It was really good, I liked the food!"

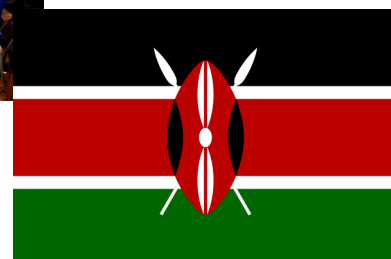
Oscar from T1 said: "It was quite fun!"

## Visitors from Kenya.

Reported by Aisha Mahmood

On Friday 4th October, we had special guests visiting Nelson Primary School. Peter Tabichi (the World's Best Teacher) ran an assembly for us and helped teach a lesson on zero-waste. We also had teachers from St Joseph's school in Kenya (our partner school), members of the British Government Department for International Development, the Kenyan High Commissioner and members of the British Council too. Wow! How lucky are we? The visitors all attended the assembly with a few classes. They spoke about life in Kenya and their jobs. The school orchestra played the National Anthem. There was also a live video call with some children in Kenya. All the children enjoyed learning

about life in an Kenyan school. After the assembly, the visitors met with the School Councilors and House Captains and went to watch some lessons around the school. All the visitors loved Nelson and said "thank you for having us!" Alongside all these visitors, we also had journalists from a famous newspaper, who wrote an article about Nelson in the Evening Standard.



# Inside Scoop! Get to Know...Ms. Cull!

Reported by Amina Gobin



**Q:** What is the best thing about working at Nelson?

**A:** The best thing is the children because they are fun, enthusiastic about learning and interesting.

**Q:** What is the worst part of being a deputy head teacher?

**A:** The worst thing of being a deputy head teacher is going to so many meetings.

**Q:** Who is your hero/role model and why?

**A:** My role model is Malala because she stands up for what she believes in and she is passionate for girls education and is very inspiring.

**Q:** If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

**A:** I would eat chocolate for the rest of my life.

**Q:** What is your favourite book and why?

**A:** My favourite book as a child was *The Cat in the Hat* comes back because I love the rhyming and the fantasy. Now I love the book called *The Island* which was set in Greece. I like it since it would jump from now to the past.

**Q:** What is your favourite colour?

**A:** My favourite colour is blue.

**Q:** Do you enjoy teaching choir and why?

**A:** I love teaching choir because I love singing and watching choir learn songs and perform.

**Q:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

**A:** I would like to work in a museum about historical music.

**Q:** What was your favourite subject in school?

**A:** My favorite subject was maths since I like solving problems

**Q:** What are your hobbies?

**A:** My hobbies are singing, playing the violin in orchestra and reading.



# Harvest Festival

Reported by Thulashika Kugathan

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. It is celebrated in many different ways.

In Africa when they have harvest there are dancers who wear masks and perform dances. Each dance tells a story. The tell stories which range from a good ghost who looks after their crops and scares away the bad ghosts who try to spoil the food. In Sri Lanka harvest is celebrated by cutting the grown rice and cooking it. They make a type of sweet rice called pongal. They then share it with families and friends.



*A picture of the food collected by Nelson*

## Harvest at Nelson

On Friday 11 October Nelson had their own harvest festival. As a school we were told to bring any food items that were packaged. We were also allowed to bring toiletries and hygiene products. As a school we managed to collect so much things that Miss Cull had to take 3 trips to deliver the food! The donated products were taken to the Newham Renewal Project's Food Bank. They would then be handed over to all the refugees so that they can use it.

### Mrs. Shereif:

"I am going camping with my family!"

### Ms. Earl:

"I am going to Bath (that is a place in England!)"

### Ms. Modhwadia:

"I am staying at home and spending time with my family and friends!!"

### Mrs. Halai:

"I am going to stay at home and wrap my Christmas presents!"

### Mr. Cole:

"I am staying at home and spending time with my daughter Ava."

### Mr. Okiya:

"I may go to Cornwall to visit the Eden Dome!"

### Mrs. S. Begum:

"I am going to have dinner at my nephew's house because it is his first birthday!"

## Teachers Off Duty!

Saara Rahman and Safiyah Masoon find out what the teachers will be doing over the Christmas holidays!

### Ms. Zawshawl:

"I am going to see my parents in Poland. It is very snowy there!"

### Mrs. Wright:

"I am going to be spending lots of time with my children!"

### Mrs. Golding:

"I will stay at home and spend time with my family!"

### Ms. Clunie:

"It is the first time I will be hosting Christmas for my husband's family!"

### Ms. Ormesher:

"I am having a Christmas eve BBQ with my family and spending Boxing Day with all my brothers and sisters!"

### Ms. Harris:

"I am going to see Disney on Ice with my children and the Nutcracker Ballet with my mum!"

# Inside Scoop! Get to Know...Ms. Dickeson

Reported by Subaha Saif

**Q:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

**A:** I would be in a West End musical, singing and dancing.

**Q:** What is your favourite colour?

**A:** My favourite colour is blue.

**Q:** What was your favourite subject in school?

**A:** It was music.

**Q:** What is your favourite book and why?

**A:** My favourite book is "The Snow Spider" because it was the first book I read and it got me hooked!

**Q:** What is the best thing about working at Nelson?

**A:** I really enjoy working with the amazing staff and wonderful pupils.

**Q:** What are your hobbies?

**A:** Walking in the countryside, having some fresh air.

**Q:** What is the worst part of being a deputy head teacher?

**A:** I just miss having my own class.

**Q:** Who is your hero/role model and why?

**A:** My role model is a woman called, Greta Thurnberg because she is young, passionate and cares about the world.

**Q:** If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

**A:** Roast dinner, because it has a bit of everything that I love!





# Beverly Naidoo's Journey To Nelson!

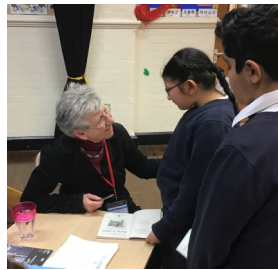
Reported by Isla Cabellero Brown

## Who is Beverley Naidoo?

Beverley Naidoo is a world famous children's author who has written lot of bestselling books. She was born in South Africa in the time of Apartheid on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1943. The books she has written helped fight apartheid.

## What's Beverley Naidoo doing at Nelson Primary?

In Year 5, the children read and explore Beverly Naidoo's book 'Journey to Jo'Burg' for their English lessons. Beverley Naidoo came to Nelson on the 4<sup>th</sup>



December to talk about her life and sign books. When the children met her she talked about her life and why she thought apartheid was wrong. She also talked about her books and why she wrote them.

## Some of her most famous books.

Some of her most famous books include Journey To Jo'Burg, Out of Bounds and Chain of Fire. She has won many awards for her books. Many Year 5 and 6 pupils at Nelson have read or are going to read Journey to Jo'Burg and learn about apartheid through it.

# Nelson at Royal Albert Hall!

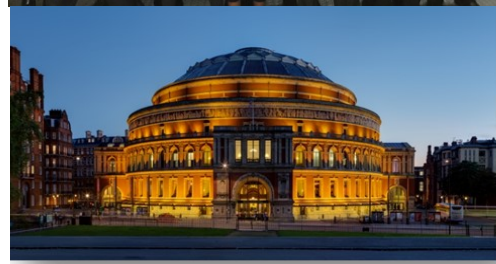
Reported by  
Thulashika Kugathanan

Nelson's senior choir had a blast singing their hearts out at the Royal Albert Hall.

On Tuesday 12 November 2019 senior choir performed at the Albert Hall which is one of the most famous places. They sang with many other schools from Newham including some secondary schools. They got their own full circle t-shirts which they looked outstanding in.

A pupil who attended described it as an exciting and fun day. She really enjoyed it despite the fact that they left early in the morning and got home late.

It really was an outstanding night where Newham's stu-



dents got an opportunity to shine in front of thousands of people. The students had begun rehearsal in the morning and then everyone had lunch prepared to continue their singing. It was singing all day!!!

When the moment arrived senior choir sang their hearts out to the amazing audience. They were amazed by the talent that Newham music had and it was not only the choirs but even the band. In the end, everyone really enjoyed

their time and most people were exhausted after their long day.

# Trafalgar Day

Reported by Shaniece James

## WHAT IS TRAFALGAR DAY?

Trafalgar day is a day of remembrance, peace and happiness. Every year in October Nelson primary school dedicates a day to Lord Nelson. Lord Nelson was a very brave person who believed in himself. When Britain entered the French revolutionary wars in 1793, Nelson was given command of the Agamemmon. He served in the Mediterranean, helped capture Corsica and saw battle at Calvi (Where he lost the sight in his right eye). He would later lose his arm at the battle of Santa Cruz de Tenerife in 1797. We celebrate Trafalgar day because Lord Nelson won the battle of Trafalgar on the 21 of October in 1805.

## WHAT EVENTS HAPPEN AT NELSON?

During this special ceremony a lot of events happen but before I tell you about that you probably didn't know that Lord Nelson was an Admiral in the Navy, an almighty Admiral, who was the best at what he was. Because he was part of the Royal Navy we sing songs on Trafalgar day about the sea. Oh! I probably should have mentioned it. Each year including EYFS sang a song about the sea. Also Mrs Cullen (Our head teacher) dresses up as the fantastic Lord Nelson, as she is the head of our school. She looked both stunning and heroic and this is why we love her. We also made recyclable hats in the shape of boats. This is the first time that we have made our hats out of newspaper but I assume that the school thought that it would be best for the environment.

## WHAT SONGS WERE SANG AND WHAT



## WERE THE BEST?

Let me tell you about some of the songs that the years sang. Year 4 sang ONE MORE DAY Year 5 sang UNDER THE SEA and Year 6 sang VIKING ROCK. Of course there were more songs but I personally think that these ones are the best. I also think that UNDER THE SEA is the ultimate best because it makes people smile, dance and feel happy.

## THE NELSON CITIZEN AWARDS!?!

At the end of this ceremony we have something called the Nelson Citizen Awards. It's when a boy and girl from each year goes up to the front (If you're selected and called up by the head teacher) and they receive a medal. This means that you are a fantastic citizen of Nelson. But everybody knows that each individual person in Nelson is their own special citizen in their own way. I hope that you enjoyed reading the experience of Trafalgar day at Nelson.

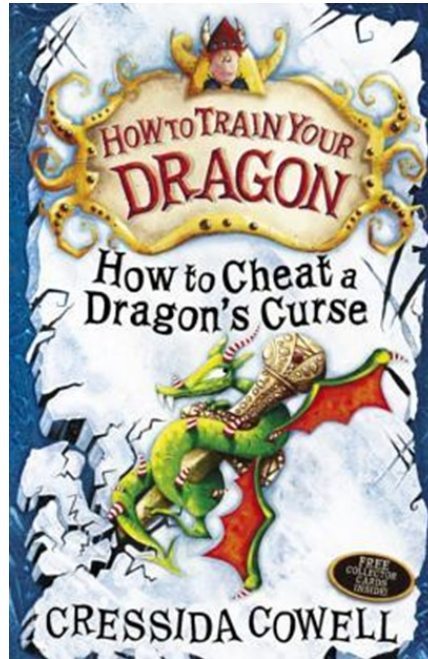




## Book Review—How To Cheat A Dragon's Curse

Reported by Subaha Saif

How to train a dragon's curse is a book by Cressida Cowell who is a famous bestselling author of the 'How to train your dragon' series. This book is about a Viking boy who is on a journey to save his clumsy friend, Fish-legs. This book has a very good description of how Vikings lived during their time. I would recommend this book to a friend because it was really nice and I liked how the author described the Vikings deeply. The genre of this book is fiction and it is set in the Viking times.



Abira in class T4 says, "I enjoyed this book very much because of the jokes in it and the description of every dragon". One of my best characters was Old Wrinkly because he was very mysterious and he always had a story to tell. For example when he told Hiccup, the main character, the story of Bigjob going to America to get 'the vegetable that no one dares to name'. I really enjoyed this book because I like how it was set in the Viking times and how the main character of the story was so determined to find the cure of his friend's sickness.

## Movie Review—The Addams Family

Reported by Shaniece James

The Addams Family Halloween Special is about a terrifying, horrific family that have tried to find a home to suit their personalities and way of living. They are preparing for a visit from their even creepier relatives, but trouble suddenly begins when a shady TV personality realizes that the Addams' creepy hilltop mansion is standing in the way of her dream!

### Characters and Personalities

Members of the mysterious and spooky Addams family



are Gomez, Morticia, Pugsley, Wednesday, Uncle Fester and Grandma. Each member is both spooky and terrifying with all different hideous personalities.

### Viewers Ratings

This film was rated 5.9 stars out of 10 on IMBd, which is slightly over the halfway mark. Many viewers found it funny and fresh. Considering that the Addams Family is an old film, the remake was a great way to introduce a whole new generation to it, as well as keeping it as enjoyable as it was in the 90s.



# Eco-Club at Nelson

Reported by Adam Brett-Hoque

At Nelson, there are a group of children called the Eco-Monitors who work to make Nelson an eco-friendly environment.

What we do to help:

Nelson Primary School, unlike any other school, has a recycling centre for old batteries, crisp packets etc (this can be found near the lift area by yellow stairs) We also have time in our school day to reflect on what we do to help the environment, like turning off the lights when we leave the classroom.

The leader of the Eco-Monitors:

The leader of the eco-monitors is: Ms Sullivan. She thinks mostly about what we could do to help and she is



really inspiring to people. Aside from leading Eco-Club, she is a main teacher with another job—she works hard for the children she teaches.

What are we doing right now?

Eco-Monitors are currently creating films based on recycling. Every year group in Nelson is making a film each and the lucky team that wins gets an award and a prize from the London Bank but the amount is kept a secret for now...

# Movie Review— Maleficent 2

Reported by Roxy Kaye-Ibrabor

What is it about?

Maleficent 2 is a great movie about Aurora (Sleeping Beauty) all grown up and she really wants to marry the prince so she takes her “mother” Maleficent to a dinner with his family and hers but something terrible happens and then two people end up getting harmed but the end is a really happy ending. More wonderful and horrible things happen.

Ratings:  
IMDb: 7/10  
Rotten Tomatoes: 40%  
Common Sense  
Media: 3/5



Recommendations

I would recommend this movie because it is funny dramatic and extraordinary. I think the age range for this would be for 7+ because it would be hard to understand for younger audiences.

Reviews:

These are reviews from a website from other people who have seen the movie:

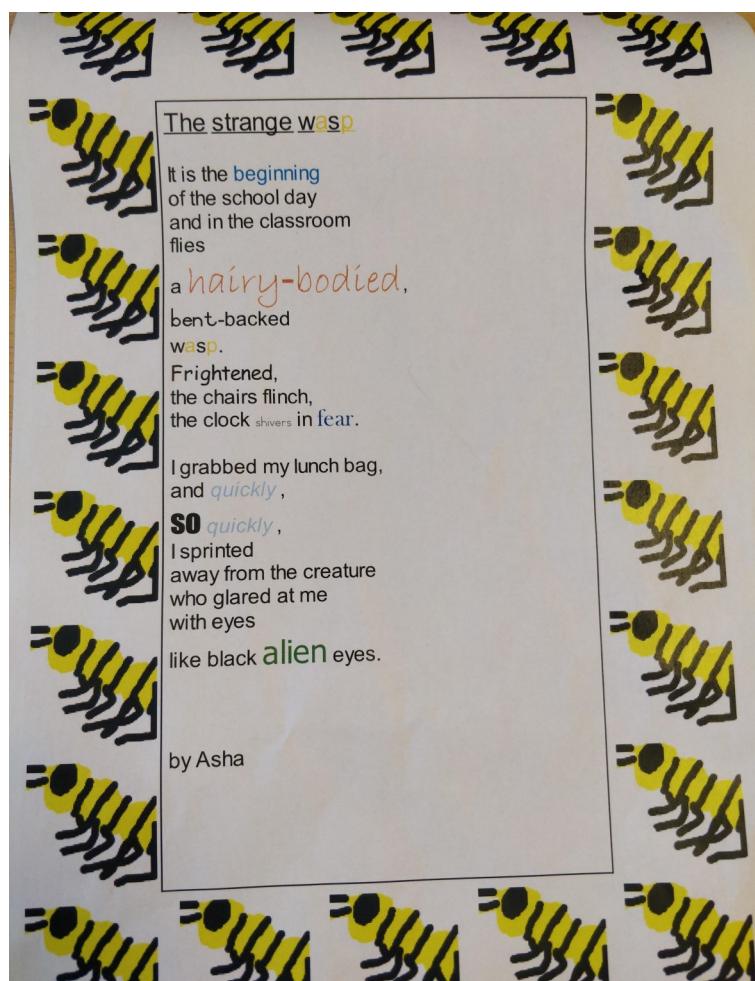
Ashkitadonayhaly6745 said; nice movie.

Angilmasd4566 said : Good job Angelina Jolie!

# Wow...Look at our work!



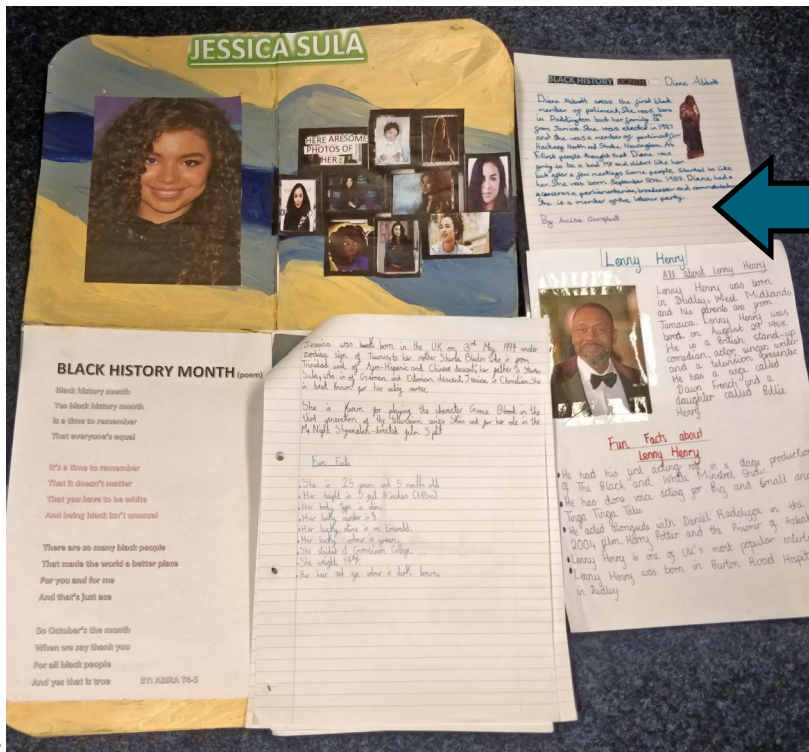
Last term in Year 5 we were learning about Brazil. During art we designed and created collages inspired by the Brazilian street artists; Beatriz Milhazes, Eduardo Kobra and Romero Britto. To do this, we incorporated designs based on famous Brazilian landmarks and used shape and colours that represented the vibrancy of the country. To ensure that our project was sustainable, we used recycled materials.



Asha in M2 wrote this  
wonderful poem in  
English



# Wow...Look at our work!



Anisa Campbell, Abira Subasgai and Danushka Kandasamy in T4 did some independent research projects for Black History Month.

Subaha in T4 wrote this lovely poem based on Romeo and Juliet.

## Romeo and Juliet

Juliet and Romeo

How they loved each other so!

They were both deeply in love,

and were both beautiful as a dove.

They couldn't live without each other and Romeo acted a bit like a brother. They wanted to live in unison forever,

So Friar Lawrence put them together.

One day, away Romeo fled and thought that she was dead.

So he returned to Verona, and set off to find her there laying in her tomb so he cried out 'boo-hoo-hoo!'

He drank the poison

Which tasted like iron and fell to the ground.

Without a sound,

Juliet woke up

and looked at the last drop of poison, in the cup.

She took Romeo's dagger

And made herself

'the guilty, deceased stabber'.

So they both lay there

together like two patches

of Velcro stuck together.

Have you ever looked in the mirror and not liked what you've seen? I have, I've spent hours and hours and guess what a couple more hours focusing my on my flaws and wishing I had longer hair, green eyes and a perfect body. Just the other day, I went to the shops and saw the girl who had all my dreams looked how I wanted to look. So, I went home, turned on the TV and saw countless models, actresses and singers and guess what... It made me feel worse. What a perfect day right?

Do you know how much body standards there are for people? Snapchat filters. Insta filters. Photoshop. All of these filters make people feel like they're insecure and not good enough. Did you know that 1.8 Million people got plastic surgery in 2018... ALONE!! What does this tell you about peoples Self esteem! This problem is going way too far and we need to change that!

Our generation has been spending far too much time obsessing over how we look and so did I! Until one day I realised something, you don't have to be perfect to be amazing! Beauty is from the inside not outside! Love yourself no matter how you look!! You're a masterpiece! Look around you, right now, right here, in this room is beauty. If you ever doubt yourself, just remember that there is only one of you

Rehana in M8 wrote and delivered this empowering and inspiring speech in English!