



# SIX VILLAGES

*We provide Excellence for All because there is Excellence in All*



## LOCKDOWN ARTWORK

Year 7 and 8 students have been reflecting upon lockdown and have discussed the things they are missing the most and cannot wait to be allowed to do again. They have then created a drawing to reflect this.

These drawings have been laminated and joined together to represent the fact that we are all in this together and are here to support each other.

Mrs Gavin, with help from our fabulous site team, have proudly displayed this combined piece of artwork from one of our trees in the courtyard for all students to enjoy and reflect upon their experience of lockdown.





## YEAR 7 'MUSIC FOR ALL' PROGRAMME

Since our return in March we have been able to start two new groups in our 'Music For All' programme. 7A and 7B have now commenced the violin, and have already learnt the correct under the chin hold, and are already confident playing pizzicato. They have just started playing with the bow, following the practising of the bow hold. Students in these groups have been asked to keep working on this even when they don't have their violin out at home. A simple picking up of a pencil or pen in the right hand, keeping the hand and pencil horizontal will help with this.

I am really impressed with the speed both groups have grasped the playing, and look forward to hearing the progress in future weeks. There are short **videos** on the academy website for anyone who wants to hear how both groups sound.

Students in 7E who were also learning the violin before the Christmas break have also had the opportunity to continue with this, as part of our enrichment programme. These students are now really developing their confidence in playing with the bow, and using different fingers in their left hand to play a wider range of notes. We hope they will be able to demonstrate their skills in a future event.

Anyone who currently plays the violin in Year 7 is welcome to come along and join the enrichment group, which meets on Tuesdays after school.

**Mr D Munt, Head of Arts**

*[Click the image to watch our Year 7 groups' progress](#)*



## ENRICHMENT

Miss Hull's virtual enrichment programme continues through the Easter holidays, with some exciting new competitions and opportunities including competitions to design and draw a fashion outfit of your choice, the 'Bread Week' in the Bake Off series of competitions, and an extended deadline for the personal trainer 'create your own exercise class' competition. After school enrichment sessions will also resume next term, both for individual and group music tuition and sports including cricket, rounders, basketball, netball and dance! All the information can be found on Satchel One, and on the academy website under Enrichment.

## ENRICHMENT COMPETITION WINNERS!

Well done to everyone who has been entering the enrichment competitions over the last term, and congratulations to the winners:

**Ezmai** in Year 8 for her Pandemic Rap for the Pandemic poem competition (see next page).

**Farrin** in Year 9 for winning the Biscuit week Bake Off competition with a stack of NHS decorated biscuits (pictured opposite).

**Finnley** in Year 8 for the highest number of total steps in a week - 57,898 or 14.34 miles.

**Jess** in Year 8 who was the overall winner in the 'Bake Off' cake competition (pictured opposite).

**Harley** in Year 8 is the 28 Day of Fitness winner.

**Cerys** in Year 7 who completed superb random acts of kindness in her community by giving flowers to a family friend, baking a cake for a neighbour and checking on an elderly couple in her street during lockdown.

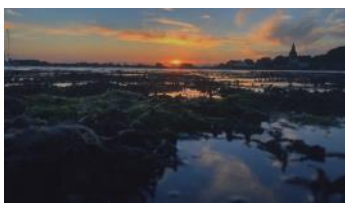
**Ella-Marie** in Year 8 for winning the dance competition.

**Mason** for being a superb mathematician and winning a £20 Amazon voucher in the #OATMatholympics challenge.

**Joseph** in Year 10 whose climate change comic strip was the winning entry.

**Finnley** in Year 8 — winner of the family walks competition with his presentation about the features and geography of a walk along Climping Beach.

**Tommy** in Year 9 who is the winner of the photography competition with the fantastic sunset picture opposite.



## THE 'OSVA HEGARTY FAN CLUB' LEADS IN THE OAT MATHOLYMPICS CHALLENGE!

We're also delighted to report that in addition to Mason's individual success in this nationwide competition, our Year 9 team of mathematicians are in the lead! The team, consisting of **Mason, Josiah, Charlie E, Immi, Harvey** and **Frankie** as 'The OSVA Hegarty Fan Club', won the South Region heat and are currently ranked overall joint first as they go into the final round!

Congratulations to the team and wishing them good luck for the final which will take place virtually over Microsoft Teams on 21 May.



# PANDEMIC RAP

BY EZMAI, YEAR 8



I don't know what to think about this virus  
It started in China, now everybody in America's hiding  
There's no groceries 'cause people start to panic and buy it  
The shelves are empty, the ones with plenty, already stockpiling  
Y'all making memes, think it's funny? Wait a week till the riots  
Wait a month till the only way to eat is be violent  
It's not the sickness that's scary, it's all the people who're violent  
The government's lying, they're tryna keep us calm through the sirens  
We know it's for real, and now all the pharmaceutical giants  
Don't have the cure that they can sell you, so now everyone's dying  
There's no vaccines and medication made that can fight it  
I guess it's time to pray to God, we can't rely on the science  
And everyone around me in a mask and some gloves  
The stock market crashed, and the banks 'bout to bust  
Tell us "Sanitize our hands, this will pass, it's a bug, stay inside, you'll be fine"

Till we're trapped there for months  
It's a ghost town, we're in this together  
They're closing all the stores down, we're heading for shelter  
It's a war, now they'll always remember  
We're locking all our doors down, we're sticking together  
It's a ghost town

This a pandemic, but we don't listen to the news  
'Cause they lied to us for years, so how we know that this the truth?  
And most of us are young enough to think that we're immune  
So we just pass it on to people who won't survive it like you  
It's either worse than they're telling us or it's nothing at all  
But the schools are shut down and ghost owning them all  
They go quarantine the city, block the road out of dodge  
Then tell us leaving our homes is actually breaking the law  
This is just the beginning, you know it's gotta get worse  
If the doctors get sick, the hospitals won't work  
The conspiracy theories all sound like facts, that's for sure  
But the fact is, we're trapped on this planet called Earth  
And the bleach gone, the bread gone, the water sold out  
The meat gone, the milk gone, the pasta sold out  
Don't leave anything for anyone, you hoard it for yourself  
You'd rather tell them "Go to hell" than be a man and go and help  
It's a ghost town, we're in this together

They're closing all the stores down, we're heading for shelter  
It's a war, now they'll always remember  
We're locking all our doors down, we're sticking together  
It's a ghost town

We're hoping for the best, but we're preparing for the worst  
There's one thing we're not scared of: it's hard work  
We're up against an enemy that doesn't have a face  
There's no bombs we can drop, there's nowhere we can aim  
There's no soldiers to stop with a tank at the gates  
There's no cure that we've got or a pill we can take  
There's no food, it's been bought, the truth is we're afraid  
We sit inside our rooms, and we pray  
It's a ghost town, we're in this together  
They're closing all the stores down, we're heading for shelter  
It's a war, now they'll always remember  
We're locking all our doors down, we're sticking together  
It's a ghost town

**'Pandemic Poem' Enrichment Competition winner!**

## TRANSITION

The summer term will see the launch of our transition programme for Year 6 pupils joining us in September. We are looking forward to welcoming them as our new Year 7 students into the Six Villages community. To support the transition process, we have launched a Transition Hub on our website where we will be sharing lots of useful information over the coming months for Year 6 pupils and their families. Welcome videos from the Principal and other key staff members are live on the site now, along with a timeline of all the transition activities.

[www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/transition-hub](http://www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/transition-hub)

## NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

Over half of all students at Six Villages took part in National Careers Week between the 1st and 5th of March. This was done entirely online during the final week of lockdown as a set of extra activities in addition to their day to day learning. To see so many students engaging, asking questions and sharing their findings was brilliant!

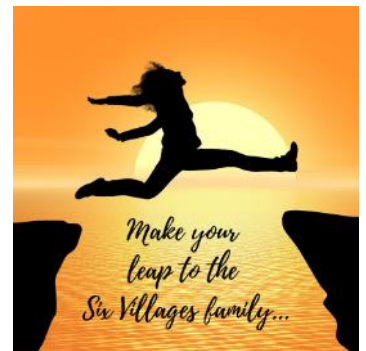
Students were asked to complete a different task every day to get them thinking about the work of work and where they might go when they leave us at the end of Year 11. Activities included personality quizzes, video interviews with people working in different subject areas, and a focus on three areas of work: People and Animals; Jobs using information; areas of work where you make things.

Throughout the week, Mr Marsh posted a daily bulletin on the Satchel One notice board along with interesting opportunities for our students to consider. All student resources on the **website** and **Satchel One bulletins** will stay online for the remainder of the school year for students and parents to use.

## A PLEA FOR UNWANTED UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you are having a clear out over the coming weeks, we would appreciate donations of any uniform or PE kit you no longer have use for. We would also appreciate receiving any unwanted pairs of plain black shoes (boys or girls, ladies or mens).

Please send any donations in with your child. Thank you in advance for your support.



Click the image above to read this free online magazine aimed at students in Years 10 and 11



## LIBRARY NEWS

It's been a really fantastic year for our students' success on Accelerated Reader. We are heading for our biggest word count ever with 86,119,792 words read so far. This is over 1 million words more than we had read by the end of last academic year! Can we reach 100 million by the end of the year?

Several students have joined the ranks of word millionaires this term and we now have 14 students who have achieved this accolade!

We have also had some amazing engagement on Accelerated Reader with students passing a huge number of quizzes.

Competition is hotting up between the classes. To make the competition fair, the word count has been shown as an average for each class.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day had to be celebrated while we were still learning at home, nevertheless, several students took part in the competitions run by Ms Barkworth.

Congratulations to **Josh M-F** in Year 8 for his super 'Railway Children' cake and **Ceitidh M** also in Year 8 for her excellent 'Mr Stink' cake.



Word Millionaires			
Rank	Name	Year	Words read
1	William A	Year 7	2,460,288
2	Natalia M	Year 7	1,928,316
3	Rufus R	Year 7	1,873,966
4	Tristan S	Year 7	1,787,402
5	Kristian F	Year 7	1,729,090
6	Thea-Rose W	Year 8	1,683,097
7	Shannon M	Year 8	1,393,431
8	Zia M	Year 7	1,348,934
9	Scarlett O	Year 7	1,288,292
10	Clara D	Year 7	1,187,831
11	Chloe R	Year 7	1,152,515
12	Katharine H	Year 9	1,131,893
13	Joshua M	Year 7	1,103,313
14	Katie O	Year 7	1,027,220

Quizzes passed			
Rank	Name	Year	Quizzes
1	Kieran M	Year 8	59
2	Natalia M	Year 7	56
3	Jack S	Year 8	54
4	Molly E	Year 7	47
5	Finnley L	Year 8	45
6	Jennifer R	Year 7	45
7	Lydia F	Year 8	44
8	William A	Year 7	44
9	Rhianna P	Year 7	41
10	Lily P	Year 7	41

Leaderboard			
Class	Quizzes passed	Words read	Av. words per student
7O	538	8,406,178	323,314
7R	467	5,847,668	224,910
7M	318	5,733,128	220,505
7S	423	9,769,098	390,763
7T	452	9,052,293	377,179
8U	307	3,287,763	131,511
8V	537	9,991,929	384,305
8W	385	3,546,429	136,401
8X	358	5,071,402	195,054
8Y	396	5,643,305	245,361
8Z	138	895,091	59,727
9O	180	2,884,685	106,833
9R	130	2,779,057	111,163
9M	166	3,386,180	112,873
9S	119	2,857,503	95,250

While the library remains physically closed to students, the library is very much open virtually! Students can borrow books by filling in a request and Ms Barkworth will deliver books to students' classrooms. Click on the links opposite to request specific books, or get help from Ms Barkworth with choosing!

These links can also be found on the Library page of the academy website:

[www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/library](http://www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/library)

The children's digital reading platform 'Epic' is also offering free access until June. Parents just need to sign up for an account—find out more at

[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)

All students in the academy can also sign up with the Schools' Library Service where they can access eBooks and audio books to use on a phone or a computer. Please email Ms Barkworth if you are interested

[ebe@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:ebe@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)

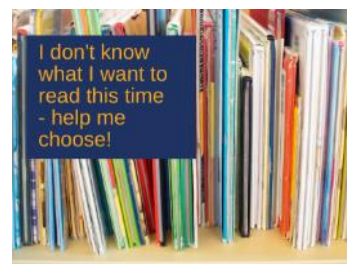
## EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS!

We were delighted to announce earlier this month that we will be hosting a Year 11 Prom on Friday 2nd July from 6.00pm - 10.00pm in the school grounds (subject to Covid restrictions). Thank you to everyone who has supported our Easter Raffle fundraising which has been drawn this afternoon.


Chocolate treats are on their way home with the following members of our Six Villages family!

First prize **Hannah O** (Year 11), Second prize **Amy W** (Year 8), Third prize **Will A** (Year 7).

Runners up: **Zak H** (Year 7), **Bobby H** (Year 8), **Mrs April Moffatt**, **Cerys D** (Year 7), **Daniel T** (Year 9), **Teagan W** (Year 10), **Ellarose L** (Year 9),



*The stunning mammatus cloud over the campus on 11 March.*

 Mrs Moulard



## THE POTION: SHORT STORY BY ELLIE T, YEAR 7

Year 7 students are studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and have been writing short stories inspired by a feature of the plot of Shakespeare's play — the concept of a 'potion' disrupting future events.

Ellie is a keen author who has written many stories in her spare time. We are so impressed with the creativity and quality of this piece that we thought it should have a wider audience—enjoy!



### The Potion

### Ellie T

The sound of joyful children running around, playing, having fun, it was ringing in their ears. It brought everyone such misery, thinking they'll never hear the sound of laughter again. Shoto and Mars were, by far, the people who missed it the most.

It was a blustery evening in Winter. The streets were completely empty, the shops; deserted. Everyone was inside and nothing brought joy to anyone anymore. All the cakes were baked, all the books had been read and people were completely fed up with walks.. It felt like it would never get any better. Eventually, people just started preparing for the worst, buying everything in sight yet, a few, only a few, believed there would be a bright light at the end of this gloomy tunnel.

"Why is nothing how it used to be?"

"I'm afraid that's how things are now, dear."

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"I want to see my friends!"

"You can't; and you fully know why. Come help me make dinner, I found a new recipe."

"Are you sure it's new?"

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"The NHS is under pressure as hundreds of Covid-19 patients are flooding into the hospitals."

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"If you can, work at home.. Children are not returning to school after Christmas.."

...

"Stay Home, Protect The NHS, Save Lives."

"That's what they said last year!"

A family of 4 was sitting in their living room watching the news.

2 Children, both the same age, and 2 adults, a father and a mother. This family hasn't been out of the house since October and currently, it's the next year in January.

It was getting late now, around 8:50pm.

"You need to get off to bed now, kids." The father stood up. "Come on."



The father had short, hazel brown hair with green eyes that glinted with hope in the small rays of light coming from the moon.

“Dad... when will everything be normal again?” This is Mars, a young girl, only 10 years old. She too had emerald green eyes but, unlike her father, they were dull. She’d given up, she wanted everything back to normal.

“I. I don’t know.” Her father replied after a long pause.

“It won’t, will it?” Mars’s eyes were shining but not with hope; with tears.

Her father sighed, he didn’t know what to say. He didn’t know what the world would throw at them next. Nobody knew.

As the sky turned a hopeless shade of grey, a bright light seeped through a window. Mars got up and followed the light. It was pointing to a dusty, old book which was buried beneath heaps of paper. Mars picked it up, curiously. She’d never seen it before and she knew it wasn’t there before she went to sleep. Had her parents put it there? She opened the book and immediately, the pages started tearing out, one by one.

“Shoto!” She whispered loudly to her brother. “Look!”

Shoto squinted with his tired, brown eyes.

“What?” That’s all he managed to say. They stood still, silent, watching the pages fall onto the floor and disappear. But then, it stopped. The book lay open on a specific page.

“What does it say?” Shoto stood up, intrigued in this book.

“Uhh it says,” She took a closer look at the page. “Hello-”

“Hello?”

Mars continued, ignoring Shoto. “Hello, young M..” She paused. “Young Mars and Shoto’...”

“Eh?!”

“‘You two are special... different... unique? Everyone else believes there is hope; you see the bigger picture.’ That’s peculiar.”

“Continue reading it!”

“Take this page and burn it. Make sure nobody sees you and you will be... gifted, let’s say.”

Without question, they took the page downstairs. Their fireplace had a few red embers still alive. Shoto put the page on them, hesitantly. Instantly, it went up in golden flames.

“Nothing happened.”

“Shoto-”

“Let’s go back to bed.”

“What’s in your hand, Shoto?”

“Huh? I haven’t got anything..?” He looked at his hand and much to his surprise, there was a bottle. Inside, it had a purple and white liquid in it. “You’ve got one too!”

They looked at each other.

Shoto opened his bottle and swished the liquid around.

“Let’s try it, nothing bad can happen.”

“Fine..”

They both drank the mysterious liquid and they expected something terrible to happen but nothing happened.

"There's another note."

"It says that we need to ask for a.. genie?"

"What?"

"Can I get a genie?" Suddenly, a genie that looked like it came out of a movie appeared in front of them. They were both shocked. They could do anything!

"Hmm.. I wish for Covid to not exist!" The genie nodded.

"Did it work?"

"I guess we'll have to wait and see. In the meantime, I want to do something else!"

"I wish that... hmm... that there is equality in this world."

They wished for almost everything bad in the world to just disappear; coronavirus, cancer, and so many other diseases.

Some hours passed and it soon became morning. Shoto and Mars came down the stairs the next morning.

"Can we listen to the radio?"

"It's unusual for you to want to listen to the radio!" Their mother was pleasantly surprised.

"Mysterious happenings have been occurring globally. There has been no new covid-19 cases recorded anywhere around the world."

"What?" Their father had walked into the kitchen and heard the news.

"According to a local hospital, people with cancer, coronavirus and other diseases have just magically gotten better."

"That's got to be fake news. There's no way."

"But there is a way."

"Me and Mars did it."

"Hah, well done kiddos!" Their father was playing along thinking they were joking.

"Seriously, we did."

"No, no I believe you!" He chuckled.

"We'll prove it."

"Can I get a genie?" As it did yesterday, a genie appeared in their kitchen. The mother and father were terrified.

"What..?"

"We found a book yesterday and it was really strange. We ended up being able to summon genies!"

They sat in silence.

"That's brilliant!"

"Yeah!"



The next day they listened to the radio again and again, no more covid cases or deaths, no more people with diseases, everything was **perfect**. Until the next week.

“Millions of people losing jobs as a result of nobody coming into hospital, no crimes. It’s all a mystery of how this has been happening.”

“Oh no..”

The family of 4 decided to go to the park and meet up with some friends to have a picnic. When they walked out, the streets were packed with dirty, smelly people. They were smiling, though. Some people had bruises and cuts that looked painful but they were still smiling. Mars and Shoto had wished for everyone to be happy and never sad but they didn’t think it would be like this. Since it wasn’t a crime anymore, there were floods of people breaking into jewelry shops and even homes. It was chaos. Shoto and Mars realised that even though they made everyone happy, the effects were terrible.

“Can I have a genie?” Again, a genie appeared, however, it said:

“You have made too many wishes, please try again in 1 year.”

Shoto and Mars had caused more problems for the world than they stopped. This was going to last a whole year. Everything is going to be destroyed. This is it.. The end of the world, Mars thought.

This went on for what felt like an eternity. There was nothing anyone could do to fix this mess... not even Mars or Shoto.

It came to their 12th birthday. They completely forgot about their ability.

“Happy Birthday Dear Mars and Shoto, Happy Birthday to You!”

They both made the same wish. For everything to go back to how it was, 2 years ago; before they gained their ability. The moment they blew out their candles, they were plunged into a pitch black abyss.

Mars gasped for air. She sat up. She was back in her room, how it was 2 years ago.


“Shoto! Shoto wake up!”

“Mmmm..” He looked around and thought the same thing as Mars. Had they really made it all go back to normal? They rushed downstairs to see their parents. The streets were empty again. Although the world is a horrible place to be, there is always a world that’s worse.

Everything was back to normal. The book was never found again, no more potions, no more out of the ordinary occurrences. Shoto and Mars realised something. They realised that everything would turn out okay, they just had to wait for the world, not the world to wait for them.

## KEY DATES

Easter break 2021		Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April Bank Holidays 2 & 5 April
Summer term 2021	<b>First day of term</b> Bank Holiday Year 7 Parents' Consultation <b>Half term</b> Year 10 Parents' Consultation Transition day Virtual welcome evening for new Year 7 parents/carers <b>Last day of term for students</b> INSET day	<b>Monday 19 April</b> Monday 3 May Thursday 27 May, 4-7pm <b>Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June</b> Thursday 24 June, 4-7pm Wednesday 7 July Thursday 8 July, 6.30-7.30pm  <b>Thursday 22 July</b> Friday 23 July
Autumn term 2021	INSET days <b>First day of term Year 7 only</b> <b>First day of term Years 8-11</b> Year 7 Welcome Evening presentation	Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September <b>Monday 6 September</b> <b>Tuesday 7 September</b> Thursday 9 September, 6.30-7.30pm



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