



# CNSNewsletter

## HEAD'S LINES

Despite the abrupt end to the school term we are delighted to be able to bring you our termly newsletter as normal. The final day for Year 11 and Year 13 are deservedly front page. Do read on to learn of more goings on at the school, including the visit of world famous author Michael Rosen just a few weeks ago.

Enjoy this edition and have a happy and safe Easter break.

**Mr Doherty:**  
**Head Teacher**

## A fond farewell to our Year 11 and 13 students



We said a fond (if rather premature) farewell to our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students on Friday March 20th.

We look forward to seeing you all again for a more traditional celebration to mark your fantastic contribution to our school community when the school reopens.

Well done to all the tutors, HOYs and Pastoral Assistants for giving the students the best send off that they could in these very unusual circumstances.





## Book Week @ CNS: Two author talks, a treasure hunt and so much more



This year's Book Week was the highlight of the year in the CNS Library with hundreds of students participating in a week of fantastic book-related events.

The Year 7s were delighted to hear a talk by Lauren St John, award-winning author of 'The One Dollar Horse', 'Laura Marlin' and 'Wolfe and Lamb' series of books. Lauren explained how her upbringing in Zimbabwe and her life-long passion for animal and environmental conservation provide the inspiration for her brilliant adventure and mystery novels for children.

The Year 8s were treated to a VIP visit from poet, author, broadcaster and ex-Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen. Michael came to CNS to tell students about his latest book, 'The Missing'. 'The Missing' is an account of his search to discover the fate of his two great-uncles, Martin and Oscar, who were murdered in Auschwitz Concentration Camp during World War II. Michael is an outstanding communicator and the talk and his book clearly describe the tragedy and cruelty of The Holocaust perfectly for young people. The Year 8s have been studying persecution in Religious Studies so Michael's talk was particularly timely. Students from all year groups swamped the library at lunchtime in order to meet Michael – we clearly had a superstar in our midst!

We were pleased to share this event with approximately 80 students and staff from Burford School and are grateful to Mrs Cooper, Librarian at Burford School, for her help in organizing the visit.

At the time of writing, Michael Rosen is sadly receiving treatment in hospital and is described as being in 'a poorly but stable condition'. I am sure that all our students wish



him a very speedy recovery.

Other activities during the week included a Year 7/8 book quiz. Seven teams of students competed against each other to show off their literary knowledge. Congratulations to the winners, Jessica, Kiera, Niamh and Lucy in Year 7.

Many students attempted to discover the names of 20 classic children's books from a set of object clues. The winner was Sebastian Stewart (8AXM) who correctly identified all the books.

On World Book Day students were invited to take part in a whole school treasure hunt, with the treasure being members of staff! Staff members were each given a name of a popular book and students were challenged to match as many book titles to staff names throughout the day. The corridors were very busy at break and lunchtime with hordes of students trying to track down teachers to politely find out the name of their book. The winners of the treasure hunt were Cara, Grace, Lily and Annika in Year 7 (Team prize) and Cadence in Year 9 (Individual prize).

At the end of the week the library was transformed into a 'Reading Café' with students invited to come along with their lunches, read a good book and enjoy a complimentary cupcake. It was a lovely end to a very busy week and a good reminder to us that reading is a great way to relax and recharge.

I would like to thank all the students and staff who helped to make this year's Book Week so memorable - it was a lot of fun! A huge 'Thank You' is owed to Mrs Blundell, without whom it would not be possible to host such an array of activities.

**Ms Bovington: Librarian**





## Year 8 STEM Day: The Squashed Tomato Challenge



The whole of Year 8 took up the Squashed Tomato Challenge as part of the Y8 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) day run by Science Oxford.

**The challenge** - A real life problem affecting people in Nepal to design and build a model to move tomatoes down a mountain.

**The problem:** In Nepal many farmers living on the mountainside grow fruit and vegetables, including tomatoes. To earn a living, they need to sell these at the local market. Getting to market involves a long, dangerous walk down the mountain side and over a river, at the end of which

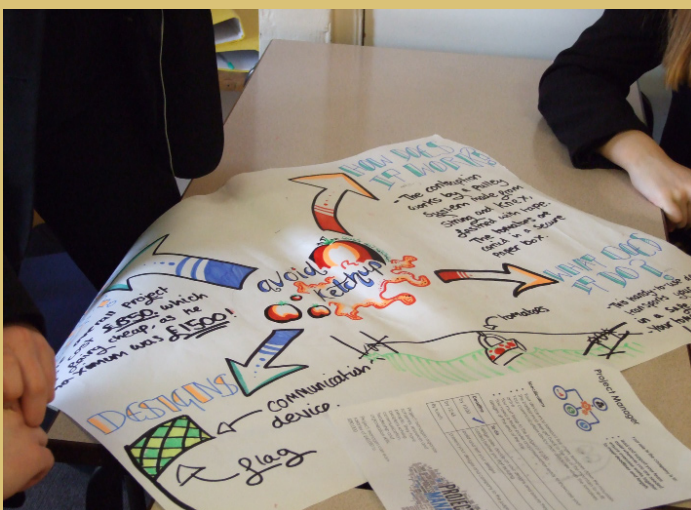
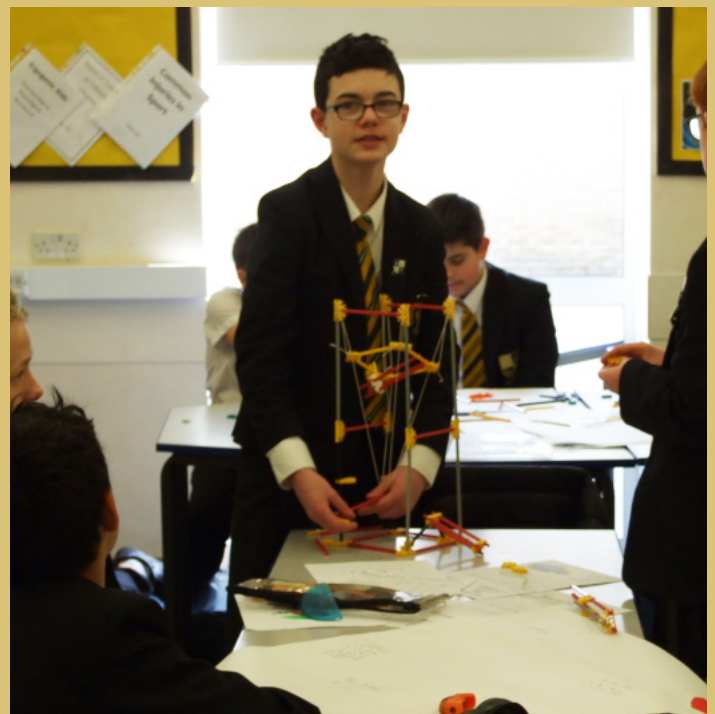
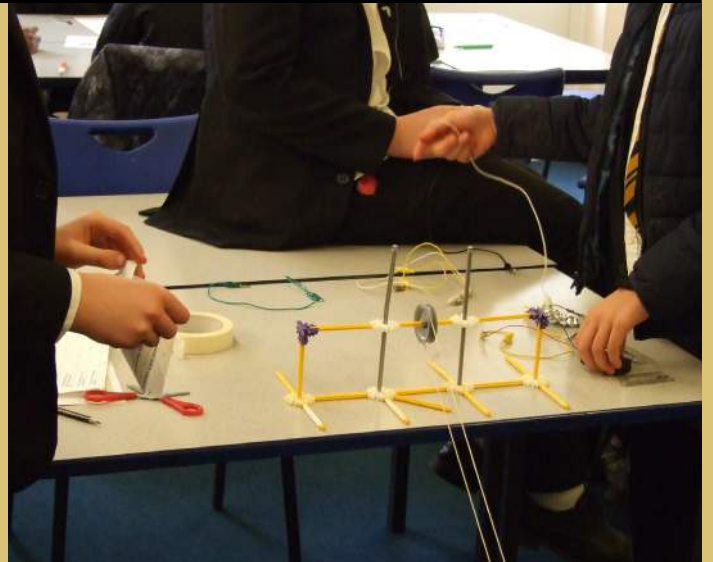
the tomatoes may well be a bit squashed.

**The solution:** To design, build and test a way of moving tomatoes that won't squash them!

Students were helped in this challenge by guests from industry supplied by Science Oxford including Jaguar Land Rover, Siemens, Diamond Light Source and Oxford University.

The winning team on the day came from 8AFL tutor group:-  
Poppy Wareham Valler,  
Harley-Jane Walkden,  
Ashleigh Sweetingham and  
Katie Willoughby.

**Mr Parker:**  
Careers and  
Enterprise Lead





## Jeans for Beans Day@ CNS

### JEANS FOR BEANS DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020 @ CNS



Mr Thomas (Head of PE) had the brilliant idea of inviting students, who were still attending school on the last day before the mandatory school closure for Coronavirus, to bring in items of non-perishable food to donate to local food banks. In exchange students were able to flout our usual school uniform rules and wear their normal everyday clothes (including jeans of course).

As ever, the response from our school community was amazing. Throughout the day the space under the stairs going up to the old Sixth Form area became crammed full of bags of tins, boxes and packets.

All items were distributed to local foodbanks to help struggling families through this very difficult time.

Thank you to all the students and families for your generosity.



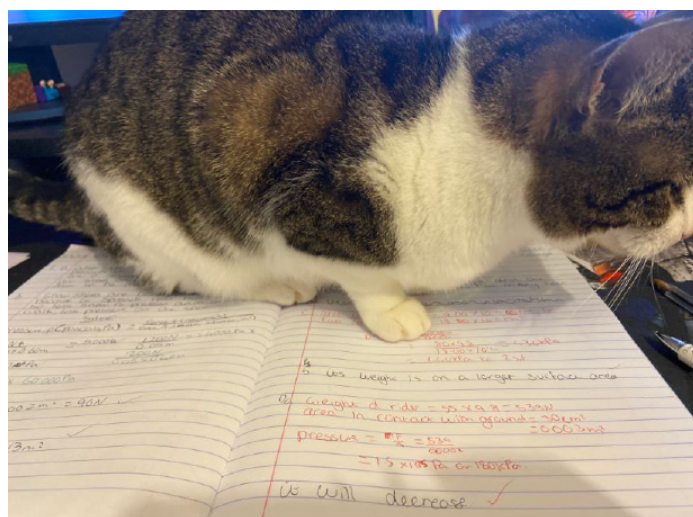
## Homeschooling for beginners!



**Dr Hagan demonstrating his ability to multi-task!**



**A Year 7 student turns his kitchen into a makeshift laboratory.**



**It's always a good idea to get a fresh pair of eyes to check over your homework!**



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