

What a difference a year makes!

It's quite remarkable to reflect on the events of the past year,
That's been the most change-able in an entire career.

Timetables rewritten run into double figures.

Health and safety assessments dominate every day,
We've become cleaners, online experts and cold classroom converts,
It's affected each person in a different way.

On standby every holiday and weekend
Constant adrenalin, wondering what the next day will send.

Swamped by daily emails with conflicting and confusing updates,
Continual cover, last minute isolation,
Government announcements and gloom about the state of the nation.

It's easy to look back and feel a bit shell shocked,
And understandable after a whole year to feel quite worn,
tired and rocked.

But remember there have also been so many achievements
and moments of light,
As ever our pupils impress and give us an insight
Into coping with change and bouncing back,
No matter how many times we ask them to adapt.

Considering their needs and anxieties, that's no small feat,
Yet some keep smiling and haven't missed a beat.

Constant reminders to keep hands to ourself,
Washing and sanitising, waiting our turn,
Learning to walk one way and use different routes,
Understanding that Covid safety now dictates what suits.

Learning to do things totally differently,
Facing and coping with constant uncertainty,
Missing loved ones, hugging and travelling,
But keeping our spirit and not unravelling!

We've had kite flying, charity days, online craft, music, cooking
and whole classes on screen,
Outdoor activities, snow, rain, wind and sun,
Poems, art work, rainbows and fun,
Gardening, walking, washing and waving,
Keeping learning going in different ways,
Keeping each other going and counting the days.

Let's hope the next year is a brighter one,
It's important to mark the passing of time,
And progress into summer with a spring in our step.
But remember that even with tests and vaccines, risks remain,
So remember the rules stay the same
Two metre distance and wearing a mask
Making sure further cases are avoided is our shared task

Hold onto this thought as we stop and rest
If we can achieve all this when things are at their worst,
Set our sights on what we'll accomplish together next...



I know we can make the coming 365 our best days yet!

Mrs Constantine

Branch class made Pom Poms. They were used to make into daffodils for our Easter cards.



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Essex **ACTIVate**

Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the Easter holidays!

These clubs are completely free for young people who are eligible for benefits based free schools meals or working families who need additional support. Clubs will include fun activities, including sports and arts & crafts, for 4 hours a day over 8 days of the holidays. Plus every child will get a healthy, tasty lunch!

Mental Wellbeing Hub

Delivering supported activities over shorter sessions, in smaller groups. Activities will be sensitive to the children's needs, focusing on gentle social transition and coping exercises to help with the move back to community engagement.



SEND Activity Hub

There will be SEND Hubs across Essex, delivering specialist workshops. These will provide coaching and inclusive physical and enrichment activities for SEND pupils, to ensure they get the best out of their Easter Holidays. Use the link below to book a place.

Local Activity Clubs

Our holiday clubs, run by locally trusted organisations, offer a range of physical and enrichment activities for children across Essex. Ensuring they have a fun, memorable and healthy Easter break.



All activities will be delivered within government guidelines, and children will be placed in a 'bubble' for the

If your child is eligible but does not require this additional face to face support, then we are pleased to also be offering fun virtual activities, activity packs and food support.

For more information please head to www.activeessex.org/activateeasterbooking



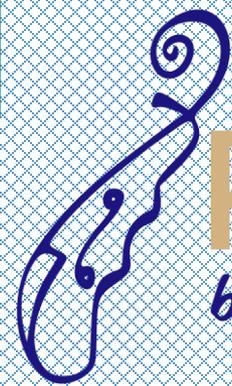


Class 8G had an EGGcellent time taking part in the egg drop experiment as part of their Science lesson. They had to design and create something using different materials to protect their eggs as they dropped them from a height. Only one egg cracked out of the whole class, they had an eggciting lesson!

Our new minibus had its first outing this week. Thanks go to Shortbreaks for Disabled and Young People for the grant of £14,000 they gave the school to help us purchase it. We look forward to many more outings in the future.

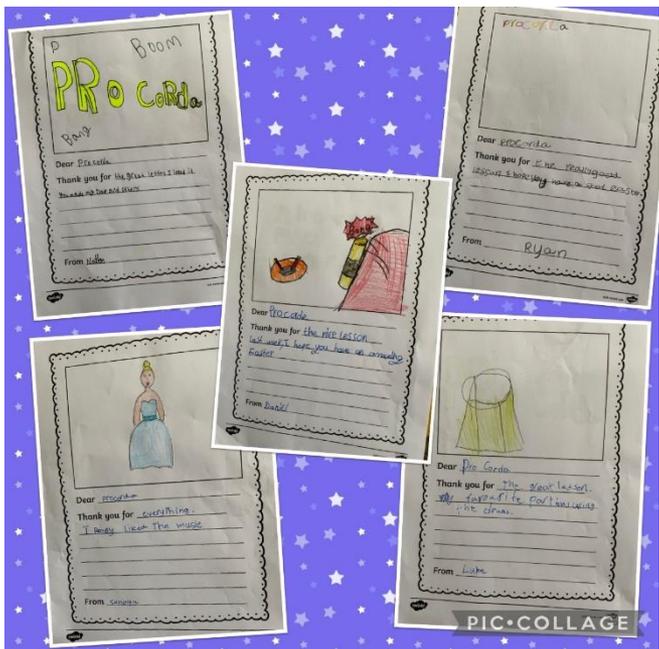


Pro Corda workshops
Wellbeing



PRO CORDA

be part of an incredible musical journey



Year 9
have been
learning
about
respect



Thank you
letters for
ProCorda
after some
fantastic
sessions





A fantastic £342 was raised for Comic Relief this year. Congratulations to all the pupils who completed the sponsored mile and those who raised money. What a brilliant day everyone had.



Friday 26 March
2021



Notices



DIARY

Easter break is Monday 29 March- Friday 9 April
Pupils return Monday 12 April

COVID-19 testing



Click for more information

[Testing for household members link](#)

Results of Lateral Flow tests should be sent to covid@kingswodehoe.com

IMPORTANT

Any Covid symptoms or cases must be notified as quickly as possible- please arrange a test- the SEAX Covid line will be operating until 31/3.



**SEAX COVID LINE until
Wednesday 31 March 2021
Please call: 01245 963005**

