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PRIMARY ACADEMY

# VPzine

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# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

All playing our part...

What better way to show that we are strong and resilient, and that the new norm is OK than to show a big smile on your face. EYFS children embraced the symbol of the rainbow and showed that with happy experiences they could all say 'Thank-you' for keeping us safe. We all have a part to play in staying safe and we are stronger at the other side.

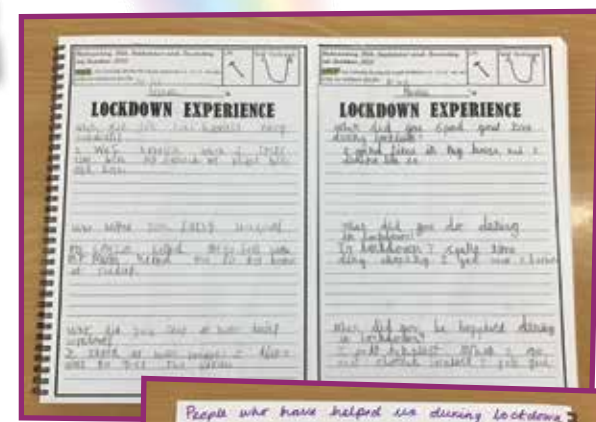


# YEAR 1

Children in Year 1 designed and created their own worry doll and card. They used colours based on the emotions they experienced during the lockdown to design their doll, and then write how they feel being back at school inside the card. Books were used as a way of channelling some different emotions and feelings.



# YEAR 2



The Year 2 children wanted to create a scrapbook showcasing a range of thoughts, ideas and reflections on their time in Lockdown. The scrapbook had lots of elements including recognizing and saying thank you to all the people whom helped them and the new symbols that became common place in peoples windows to show that they were united in their fight against the Pandemic. A great collaborative experience for all showing that anything is possible if you work together.





# YEAR 3

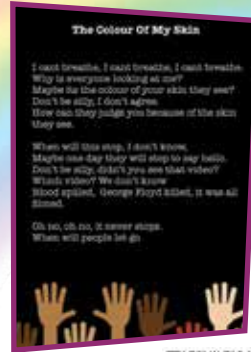
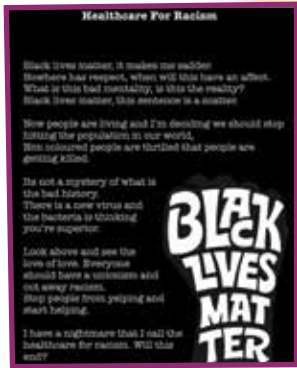


Creatively Year 3 children wanted to show how not only the nation coming together through the use of symbols to fight Coronavirus, the country (and world) also were united to show that Black Lives mattered. Through the media of clay, the children and staff showed how best they could show that everyone matters and that we are all equal.



Poetry and dance were used as a way of expressing themselves in Year 4. However, the children were affected during lockdown they channelled their emotions in a positive way to spread important messages of lessons learnt. The choice of dance and poetry will be far reaching for many years to come. They turned a negative into a positive in such an artistic way.

# YEAR 4



# YEAR 5



Year 5 challenge outcome incorporated both the current global pandemic and the BLM movement. They begin by addressing the question what is a pandemic? Before moving onto historical pandemics. They looked at what had or could have been learnt between past and present events and, how it affected individuals and the wider community. Reflecting on lessons learnt a survival guide was collated and a game based on how to stop boredom in any future lockdowns.



# YEAR 6



Year 6 looked at how lives changed for many and what they used to be able to do was suddenly taken away. Was Freedom lost during the National lockdown? When else in history was freedom taken away? How did people cope and could they draw on any comparisons in History? The pupils discovered it was necessary and people in the past and present came through these challenges stronger and this would make a difference for future generations. A final thank you to all those who helped a nation get through was created. There was light at the end of the tunnel.



Scan us to watch our performances



# MEET THE NEW TEAM!

## Our budding journalists...

...VP Zine welcomes new members to the Autumn 2020 edition - read on to hear all about them and their amazing contributions which help bring this magazine together...

Hi, I am 10 years old and my name is Fatima. A fascinating fact is that I share the same birthday as Ariana Grande. This is the only thing I share as I don't think that I can sing, maybe Miss Butler could teach me?  
**Fatima Naseen 6PA**



Hi I am Nevaeh and in my spare time I like to dance. Maybe Miss Uppal and I could share some moves on the dancefloor and I could give you a master class. I am 10 years old and my birthday is just before Christmas.  
**Nevaeh Gayle 6 JD**



Hello there my name is Mariam. In my time I am not at school I enjoy sports and reading. I could be the next Disney Jasmin out of Aladin as if I was to have one wish I would wish for many more.  
**Mariam Meziani 6PA**



Hi there, my name is Patricia and I am 10 years old. I like to read books and my dream would be to own my own business when I grow up selling books. Maybe I will employ Miss Pleaden to assist me.  
**Patricia Obret 6JP**



Hi I am Hiddy ( short for Hidayatullah), I am 10 years old and I like to play cricket. When I grow up I want to work with computers. Watch out Mr Barnett I will be after your job.  
**Hiddy Sadaty 6MA**



## Teacher Interview: Mrs Kaur

Mrs Kaur is one of the longest serving teachers at VPA. She has been at VPA for over 32 years and has taught many generations of the same family mostly in Nursery.



**Q1. What food do you like to eat? Have you got a favourite?**

**A1.** I like to eat pizza, it's an easy quick tea after a hard day at school. As a special treat I might even get one delivered.

**Q2. When at school which subject did you like the most?**

**A2.** French I really enjoyed but unfortunately I mustn't have paid attention because I can't speak much French now.

**Q3. Do you have any pets?**

**A3.** I used to have cat called "fat cat" as he was named by one of my children. Sadly, he is no longer with us as he had a poorly eye.

**Q4. If you were to watch a film what would it be?**

**A4.** Anne of Green Gables is my all-time favourite. It is a very old film but it's a timeless classic. I recommend you watch it.

**Q5. What made you become a teacher?**

**A5.** When my own children went to school I thought why not? It is the perfect job when you have a family as I can still spend lots of time with them.

**Q6. Do you have a unique skill that you would like to share?**

**A6.** I can sew and I used to make clothes for my children when they were little. Now I make them for my many grandchildren.

**Q7. Where in the world would you travel to?**

**A7.** I am happy to stay in England. Why go anywhere else when I already live in a wonderful country?

**Editor in charge - Fatima Naseen**

## Teacher Interview: Miss Baig

New member of staff, training completed at VPA and was happy to be a member of the team permanently in September. Currently teaching in Key Stage 2.



Miss Baig

**Q1. What food do you like to eat? Have you got a favourite?**

**A1.** That is a very hard question because I love food! I would say my favourite is anything Italian!

**Q2. When at school which subject did you like the most?**

**A2.** My favourite subject was always reading because I love to read.

**Q3. What is your favourite animal and do you have any pets?**

**A3.** My favourite animal is a dog! I do not have one yet but I am planning to get a Golden Retriever very soon.

**Q4. If you were to watch a film what would it be?**

**A4.** My favourite movie has to be Titanic.

**Q5. What made you become a teacher?**

**A5.** That is an easy one- I adore children and to be able to call this my Job is the best thing in the world!

**Q6. Do you have a unique skill that you would like to share?**

**A6.** I can read a book in a day!

**Q7. Where in the world would you travel to?**

**A7.** That has to be Greece!

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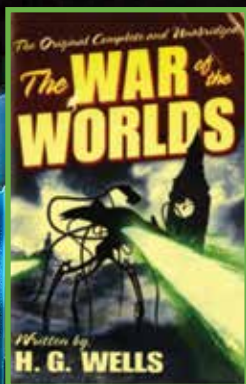
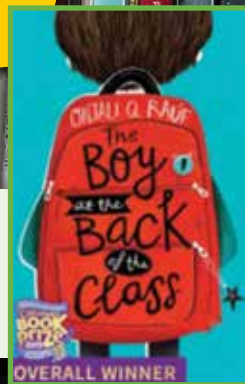
Fatima Naseen



# "READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY" Joseph Addison

What did the teachers read during lockdown? Let's find out...

"I read *The boy at the back of the class* by Onjali Q Rauf. I enjoyed it because it was all about friendships. It had sad bits in it but it had a happy ending and I love happy endings. Also it had a twist in it that I wasn't expecting. When I read it with my class last term they were as amazed by the twist as I was. I give this book 10/10!" **Miss Blackstock**

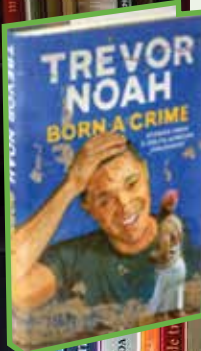
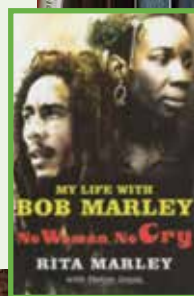


"I read *War of the worlds* by H.G Wells, it's a book about aliens from mars invading earth and destroying everything they come across. Our main character tracks across the south of London in hopes of finding some way of stopping them or surviving their invasion. I'd give it a 9/10 because it was fascinating to see what a space invasion might be like." **Miss Fitzgerald**

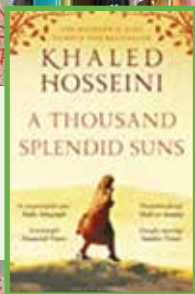
"I read 3 books (autobiographies) during lockdown plus loads and loads and loads of Inspirational Quotes.

I generally read children and educational books but during lockdown I decided to read for my own pleasure... my love of reading Black African/Caribbean Literature and because BLM became more highlighted during my time off.

Becoming Michelle Obama  
My Life with Bob Marley - No Woman No Cry - Rita Marley  
Trevor Noah - Born a Crime" **Ms Bentley**

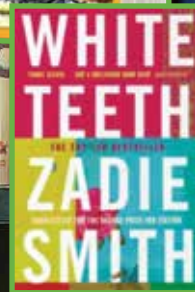


"I read *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khaled Hosseini. 10 out of 10. Gripping throughout with plenty of twists and turns, incredibly well written and developed my awareness of different cultures." **Mr Hull**



"With my boy we've really enjoyed the *Hairy Maclary* from Donaldson's dairy series. Hairy is a scrappy terrier dog, who along with his friends, including Hercules Morse (as big as a horse), and Blitzer Maloney (who's skinny and bony) get into all kind of scrapes, usually until their sworn enemy, the local vicious Tom Cat, Scarface Claw, gets involved. We love to try and spot cats and dogs on our road who look like the animals in the adventures.

Although I tend to enjoy exciting page turner, whodunnit books (like the *Strike* novels written in secret by J.K. Rowling), I've just finished a long book called *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith, all about the journeys of two families growing up in London with mixed heritage. I like that it stretched from the second World War to the (nearly) present day, so that you felt as if you had grown up with the characters, although, if I'm honest, when I finished it, I felt as if the end had been a bit too rushed by the author and left me wanting to know more." **Mr Reed**



"Read during lockdown:  
Book: *When Stars Are Scattered*  
Author: Victoria Jamieson  
This touching book is all about the experiences of two Somali brothers in a refugee camp but in graphic novel form. It is a heart-warming, moving and hopeful book told through pictures which really bring it to life. I loved it!



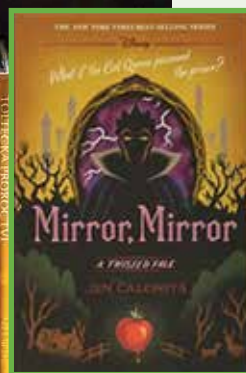
Reading now:  
Book: *Where Snow Angels Go*  
Author: Maggie O'Farrell  
This is a beautiful longer picture book which is perfect for Christmas time! It is a fairy tale like with a pinch of Christmas magic. Let me know if you read it too" **Miss Pleadon**



"I read 'Alone on a Wide Wide Sea' by Michael Morpurgo. It is about an English orphan, Arthur, who separated from his sister

after WWII. He is sent to Australia on a boat with his lucky key - given by his sister- on his neck. It was a touching story and I wondered what was the lucky key for? After hearing his story Arthur's daughter wants to sail to England and find her aunt. Together they design a boat, but Arthur dies before the journey. Allie, Arthur's daughter, sets off alone on the boat for England. She finds her aunt and asks what the lucky key is for. My score is 8/10." **Mrs Karanbulut**

"I have been reading the *Disney twisted tale's* collection of books written by Jen Calonita. I used to read books all the time before and then stopped. When I found out about these books I thought that I would get back into it! Why? Because its Disney of course!  
*Mirror, Mirror* was my first twisted tales read. The retelling puts a truly unique spin on the classic tale. It's a more modern take on love and happy ever after. I enjoyed the story, and I plan to read more in the collection (I have now brought them all). It's cute, charming, fun and easy to read. I give it a 7 out of 10" **Mrs Sahota**



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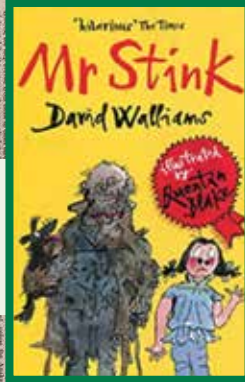


# "A BOOK IS A DREAM YOU HOLD IN YOUR HANDS"

Neil Gaiman

Over to us... What did we read during lockdown? We are proud to say we are just like the teachers and kept our minds active by keeping our noses in a good book!

"Mr Stink was my book of choice. It was very funny and interesting. It's made me want to read more books by David Walliams!" **Hiddy**



"I read some of the Harry Potter books as I like reading and sometimes reading a book once is not enough" **Mariam**



"I read the Horrid Henry Joke book because I needed to turn my frown upside down" **Fatima**

"the book I read was full of mystery and tension....it was called Murder mystery in the house. The title matched it precisely." **Patricia**

Editor in charge  
Nevaah Gayle 6JD

# "READING IS AN ACTIVE, IMAGINATIVE ACT; IT TAKES WORK"

Khaled Hosseini

# How to stay safe and happy during current times

Remember to cough and sneeze into your elbow.



Wash your hands for 20 seconds. If you haven't got a timer then sing 'Happy Birthday' twice from beginning to end.



Stay at home when not at school, if you do need to go out think about wearing a face mask.



Why not try some new hobbies? I kept happy by cooking and reading books. I also did something I love but never find the time - art!



There are lots of hobbies that are easy to learn. Why not try photography or knitting?



Editor in chief  
Hiddy Sadaty 6MA



# Joke Time!

Hello my name is Patricia, get ready to have a laugh with these jokes...

**Why did the cow cross the road?**

**To go to the mooooooovies**

**Why did the kid throw his clock out the window?**

**Because he wanted to see time fly!**

**Why did the duck cross the road?**

**Because it thought it was a chicken.**

**How can you make a tissue dance?**

**Put a little boogie in it!**

**Knock, knock.**

**Who's there?**

**Cargo.**

**Cargo who?**

**Car go, "Toot toot, vroom, vroom!"**

**What do you call a bear with no ears?**

**A "B!"**

**Why was the bees hair sticky?**

**Because he used a honeycomb.**

**...what is your favourite joke and why?  
Do you like the jokes?**

**Editor in chief Patricia Obret**

