

The Lower Quad



LANCING COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT WORTHING



Annual Review 2020-2021

VALETE

We bade farewell to our Year 8 pupils who have been an exceptional year group in extraordinary times. Those who joined us in Year 7 have spent most of their time at LPW in the time of the pandemic and none of our pupils have had the experience of school life that we would have wished for them. They have shown outstanding resilience and character and we are extremely proud of them all. We hope as they leave us, they take with them our three school aims: love learning, be kind and go out into the world and do go and that this will inspire them to be the best version of themselves they can be. We wish them every success at their new schools.

Huxley A (2016–21)	Prefect, Brighton College - Academic Scholarship & Millennium Award
Isabella B (2017–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Academic & Drama Scholarships
Louis B (2014–21)	Prefect, St Oscar Romero School
Isaac B (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Rufus B-B (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Academic Scholarship
Harriet B (2018–20)	Prefect, Lancing College - Academic Scholarship
Hugo D (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Sankey Scholarship & Ken Shearwood Award
Bethan E (2018–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Drama Exhibition
Harlan E (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Ken Shearwood Award
Charlie G (2017–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Isobel G (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Freya H-B (2019–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Melsome Academic Scholarship
Rosie J (2020–21)	Prefect, Our Lady of Sion
Brandon L (2016–21)	Prefect, Our Lady of Sion
Matilda L (2015–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Livi L (2020–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Lewis M (2011–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Marley R (2016–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Sports Scholarship
Marley S (2016–21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Sports Scholarship
Isaac R (2014–21)	Prefect, Lancing College
Samantha S (2019-21)	Prefect, Lancing College - Jack Robinson Carter & Art Scholarships
Piper S (2013-2021)	Prefect, Lancing College - Drama Scholarship
Oscar S (2012-2021)	Prefect, St Oscar Romero School
Thomas V (2019-2021)	Prefect, Lancing College
Chloe W (2019-2021)	Prefect, Lancing College
Ava W (2012-2021)	Prefect, Our Lady of Sion
Anais W Y (2020-2021)	Prefect, Lancing College

We also said goodbye to Mrs Felicity Standing, who leaves us after x years to take up a mathematic teaching role nearer to her home.

A Word from the Head

Our second year during the pandemic has been another extraordinary one for Lancing Prep Worthing. We began the new Autumn Term a little uncertain as to what lay ahead but we knew that should we find ourselves in and out of lockdowns and back to remote learning, we had the experience of the previous year to build on and would be able to make any necessary transitions quickly.

Our new children settled into their classes and we navigated our way through the choppy waters of the second wave during the Autumn Term as we headed towards December. It was sad that we were not able to enjoy our usual Christmas celebrations with our entire school family but we resolved to make it the best we possibly could for our children.



The Spring Term started with another wave of Covid-19 disrupting the usual pattern of school life and everyone showed huge resilience in making the best progress possible. We did not have to transfer all our activities to remote learning this time and it was heartening to see so many children in school, albeit in bubbles, with masks for the older children and socially distancing measures remaining in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The Summer Term brought with it some cautious lifting of restrictions, and we held our first pupil recruitment event, albeit with Covid-19 measures firmly in place. It was good to welcome visitors back to our school and to see the level of interest being shown by prospective families. We scaled back some of traditional highlights of the term, so no school fair by the LPWA, a reduced programme for our sports days, once again in bubbles, and no end of year prize-giving service at Lancing College Chapel. We resolved however not to abandon all our traditions: the children raised a creditable sum of just over £2,900 in our annual Bannister Mile fundraising event (although this year it was in bubbles and around our school fields) and our Third Generation Day, also based at school this year, took the children on a cultural tour around the world.

We continue to share our journey through the pandemic; we will start the next academic year with the hope that we all continue to emerge from these extraordinary times back to whatever the 'new normal' proves to be. It's not over yet, but we have the courage and determination to tackle whatever comes our way. The pages that follow will, I hope, give you just a glimpse of life at LPW in 2020-2021.

Heather Beeby

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Autumn Term 2020

We began the school year with a fresh look to our SMT, with a new Deputy Head, Mrs Milling, and two new Assistant Heads: Mrs Pelling and Mr Grimshaw who take on Pastoral Care and Safeguarding, and Teaching and Learning respectively.

We taught the children many new processes and systems at the start of term so they could learn safely and happily in school. To their great credit they coped magnificently. They quickly made new friends within their 'bubbles' and got used to being in smaller groups.

The children certainly bounced into school every morning with a spring in their step and a smile. We made the most of the kind late summer/early autumn weather to spend as much time outside as possible and the sunshine made a huge difference.

Our new Reception class settled in beautifully and seemed to be enjoying everything, including creating hedgehog houses in the Forest School, a theme they extended to provide squirrel houses, a school area for hedgehogs and squirrels and a fawn's

kitchen! It was wonderful to see their imaginations run free, as indeed it was to see (and hear) their joyous dance sessions in class. They were busy working their way through phonics with the help of Jolly Phonics and made their first-ever trip offsite to walk to the post box to mail letters to home!

With limited opportunities for activities and visits, it was good to see our very youngest children in Nursery and Pre-School out at Goodwood Farm. We welcomed Portals to the Past into school who took Year 3 back to the Stone Age, in a

workshop kindly funded by the LPWA. Year 4 were put through their paces with a range of challenging activities, including abseiling and shelter building, at Lodge Hill and we were glad the children were able to get out of the classroom and experience something different - a just reward for all their hard work this term. The Years 7 and 8 pupils handled brilliantly the remote learning for their MFL and Classics lessons which they would normally undertake up at the College.

We were particularly delighted that so many of our older pupils





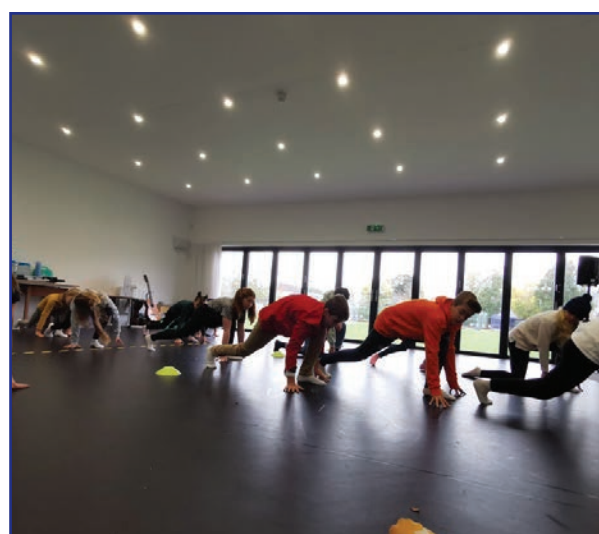
attended the Comet Theatre Workshops Holiday Camp over half term, a super event they all thoroughly enjoyed. We were saddened to have no external sports fixtures this term but the staff revealed hitherto unknown talents and the children learnt a raft of new skills including street dance, badminton and juggling. Our street dancers in Years 7 and 8 have been particularly impressive!

As time went by, the open

windows provided a bracing atmosphere in the classrooms and we all donned extra layers of clothing, not least our very smart gilets which have been a real success! Yes, teachers and then our older children, had to don face masks or visors when moving around the school but school life goes on, despite the restrictions and of course the second period of lockdown in November. We so missed not being able to welcome parents

into school and we filmed events such as Harvest festival and our Christmas celebrations so that we could at least share them remotely.

We headed into the Christmas break, perhaps a little tired but proud of everything we achieved to keep school life as normal as we possibly could. We looked forward to getting to grips with whatever the new year might bring.



Spring Term 2021

The Spring Term got off to a very different start to the one we had been anticipating. We found ourselves again only open for children of Critical Care workers, with remote learning for all once more in place. We weren't though starting from the same base this time and the staff were quickly able to transfer their planned teaching to Teams and the VLE.

It has turned out to be an exceptional year for scholarships at Lancing Prep Worthing. We are deeply proud that our pupils scooped up 6 of the 8 academic scholarships awarded by Lancing College, including the top three 'named' awards.

As if this wasn't enough, Year 8 pupils earned a good number of non-academic awards too: an Art Scholarship, two Drama scholarships and a Drama Exhibition, two Sports Scholarships and two Ken Shearwood Awards.

Congratulations to:
Hugo D: Sankey Scholarship and Ken Shearwood Award;
Freya H B: Melsome Scholarship;
Sammy S: Jack Robinson Carter Scholarship and Art Scholarship;

Rufus B-B: Academic Scholarship;
Harriet B: Academic Scholarship;
Isabella B: Academic Scholarship and Drama Scholarship;
Piper S: Drama Scholarship;
Bethan E: Drama Exhibition;
Marley R: Sports Scholarship;
Sienna R: Sports Scholarship;
Harlan E: Ken Shearwood Award

One of our particular priorities, alongside remote learning, has been the

wellbeing of our pupils and our staff. We know they missed school and physically being with their friends and we have missed them greatly too. Mrs Pelling provided a regular Hive Online newsletter packed full of tips and activities and reminding us all to be kind to ourselves.

The children had a range of house challenges to undertake, all of which were designed with the idea of getting them away from electronic screens and being active outside in





the fresh air. We launched a 'Land's End to John O'Groats' challenge over half term. The aim was to cover this distance (970 km as the crow flies and 1,310 km by road) as a school before the Easter holiday. It was to be achieved 'under our own steam' but in any way chosen, so cycling, running, walking, hopping, jumping, skipping... and the children sent in photographs of themselves taking part. The total just before the end of term was 1,640km!

Creative challenges were also launched, and a professional photographer judged our half term photograph competition which drew in some super

entries from pupils across the year groups.

World Book Day was celebrated, albeit not in our usual manner. We held an 'extreme reading' event with pupils sending in photographs of themselves reading in a variety of unusual locations, pupils dressed up as characters and doors at home were decorated to depict book covers. Everyone entered into the spirit of WBD and had great fun.

So alongside loving learning and being kind, our third school aim is to go out into the world and do good. This was exemplified by children

thinking of others by sharing what they had but no longer needed and by making party bags for children missing going to birthday parties. One pupil achieved a 'virtual Ben Nevis' climb of 44k steps, sponsored to raise funds in memory of his grandfather for Mesothelioma UK. Mr Lucas delivered his final day's remote teaching whilst pedalling on an exercise bike on a 180km 'Coast 2 Coast' virtual route tracking Hadrian's Wall from Tynemouth on the north East coast to the Solway Firth to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. It was a great way to bring remote learning to a close.



World Book Day - EYFS

At home and at school, the pupils rose magnificently to the challenge of dressing doors as book covers and creating costumes for World Book Day.



Nursery & Pre-School

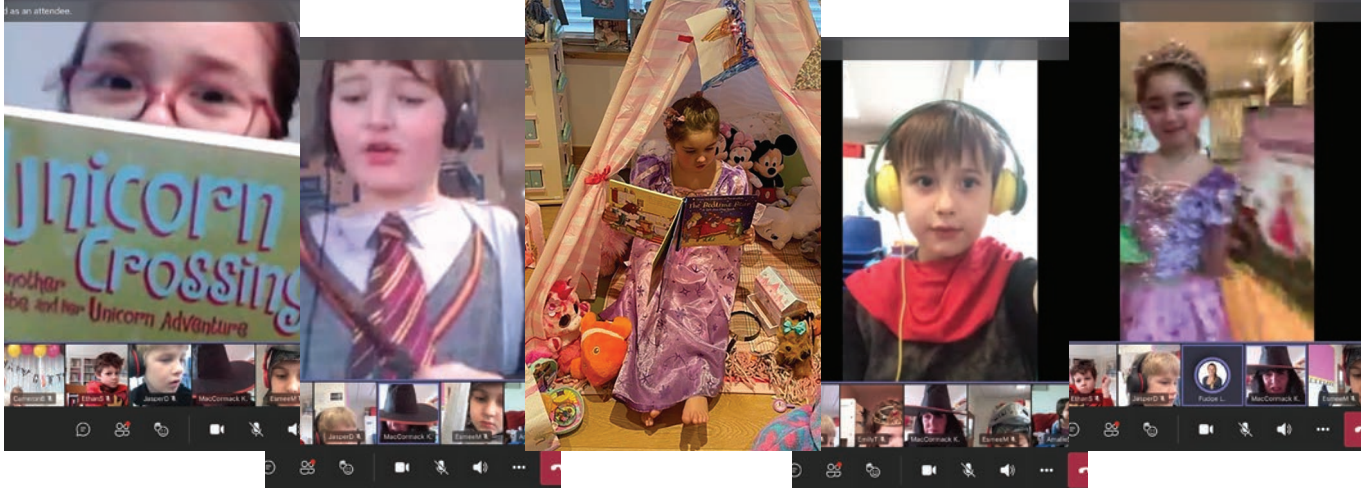
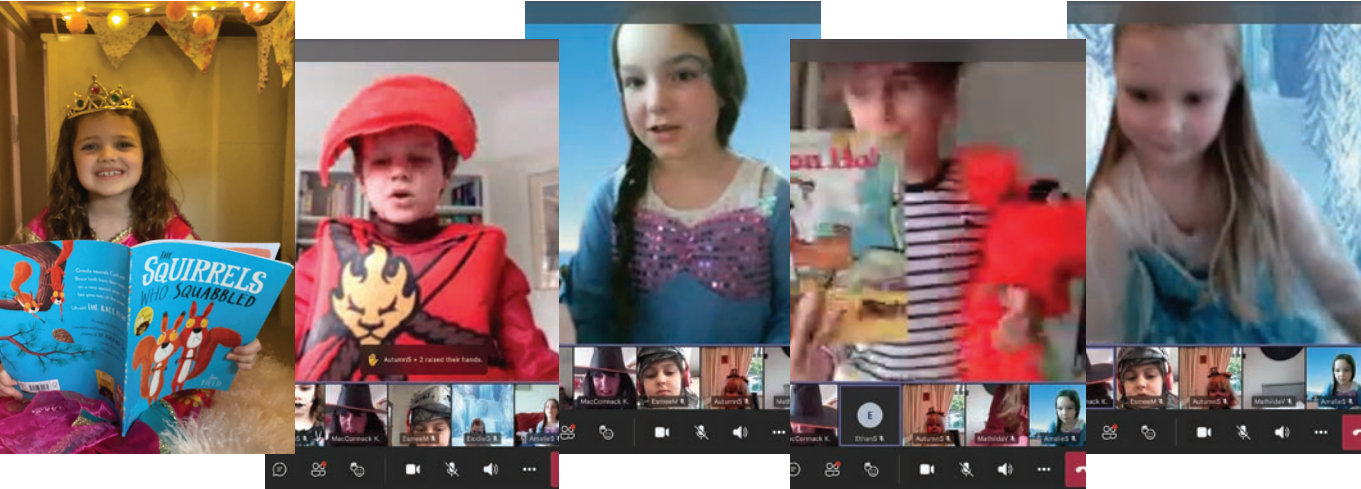


Reception

World Book Day - Pre-Prep



Year 1



Year 2 took part via Teams!

World Book Day - Prep

At home and at school, the pupils allowed their imaginations free rein as they created costumes for World Book Day and rose magnificently to the challenge of finding new places to curl up with a good book for our 'extreme' reading competition.



Year 3



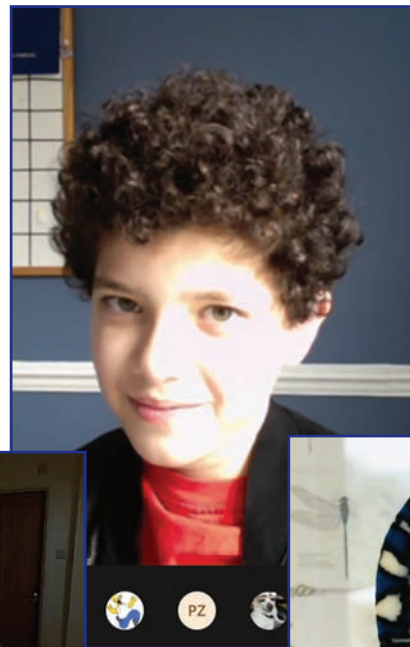
Year 4



World Book Day - Prep



Year 5

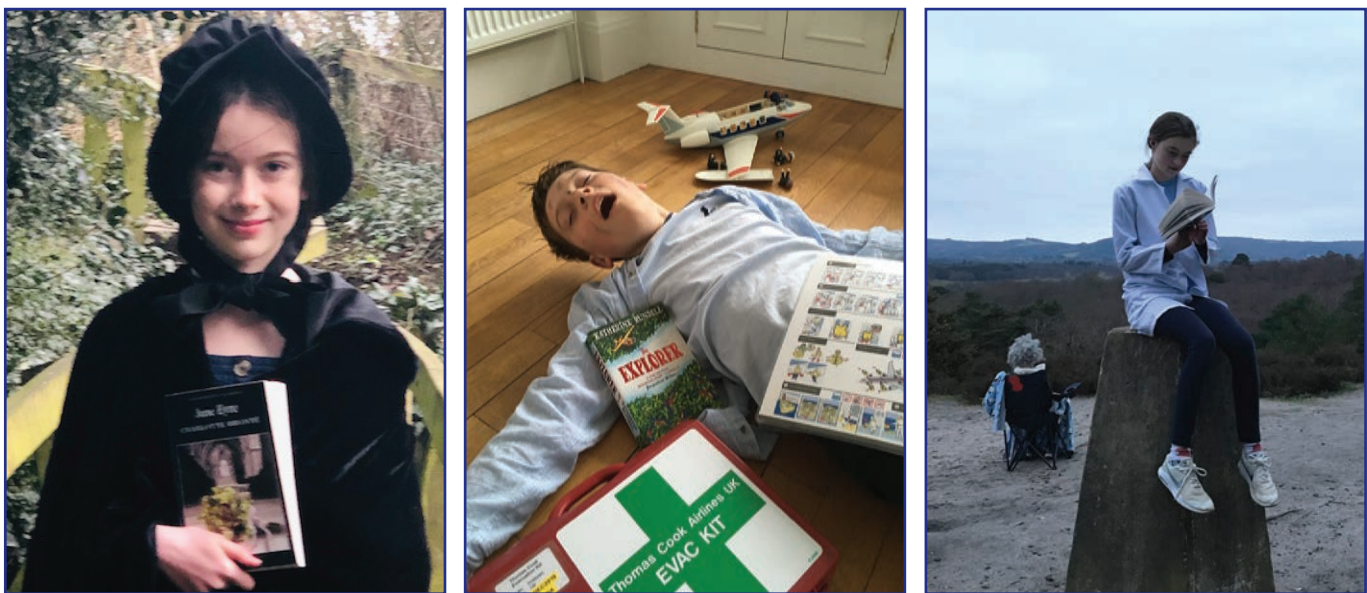


Year 6

World Book Day - Prep



Year 7



Year 8

Drop Everything And Read



Summer Term 2021

The values children develop at school, and at home, are fundamental to their development as compassionate, thoughtful and pro-active human beings. They have huge potential and we are determined not to allow that go to waste.

Our children are our future and at a time when things have been and, for the moment, continue to be so difficult, they and their education are more precious than ever.

The news media repeatedly report two significant issues for school children arising from the pandemic, with lockdowns, remote learning and stop/start attendance at school. These are the potential adverse impact on academic achievement and wellbeing, losing a year of building childhood memories and experiences.

Despite all the ups and downs, it is a matter of particular pride this year of all years that our children made excellent progress both during remote teaching and back in the classroom. Although not academically selective, our

small class sizes, our positive and supportive pupil/teacher relationships and excellent curriculum empower all our children to achieve to a very high level. We are very proud that the majority of our pupils achieved educational progress and attainment results significantly higher than national and regional expectations this year.

We are also delighted that all our Year 8 pupils are moving on to their senior school of choice with 12 achieving Scholarships to Lancing College including six Academic Scholarships, including the top Sankey, Melsome and the Jack

Robinson Carter awards, along with Drama and Sports awards and one pupil goes to Brighton College, achieving both an Academic Scholarship and a Millennium Award.

The Hive, run by Mrs Pelling and the Wellbeing Team has again been a haven for children this term, with a postbox for messages, drop-in appointments, weekly check-ins with the team and the opportunity for weekly sessions with our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant for those who benefit from a little more support. The children had a super idea to decorate the room wall with a life-size





painting of a tree with a bee and its hive, which a member of the team has now created and it looks amazing.

Our children have come together again, albeit in year group bubbles, and enjoyed experiences together that will create memories. Years 5 and 6 had super activity days out in sunshine at the Lodge Hill Centre and Year 8 had a 'grand day out', spirits undampened by the weather starting with a competitive game of rounders, followed by unlimited rides on Brighton's Palace Pier and

Domino's pizza for lunch. They finished the day taking over the Worthing Dome Cinema for a private viewing of a latest release blockbuster film. For some, it was their first visit to the cinema in over a year and they were very excited to eat their popcorn!

Sports days and prize days had to be slimmed down but were filmed for parents to view. The races were combined with this year's Bannister Mile fundraiser which brought the school community together, in its various bubbles, to raise a

truly impressive £2,900 for NHS Charities Together.

Our Third Generation Day this year was based at school but with an international theme. Animal treasure hunts, a dynamic Capoeira martial arts dance workshop, Indian and country dancing, world music, art and design projects plus fabulous ice cream served by a bicycle vendor, just to mention a few of the activities, made it a spectacular day for the children and the staff worked hard to make it a very special experience for them.



Sports Day - Pre-Prep and the Bannister Mile



Sports Day - Prep



Third Generation Day..

A rather different Third Generation Day took place this year. Mindful that the world was about to come together for the delayed Olympic Games, and that for many there was little possibility of travelling to exciting new places this summer, LPW decided to bring some of those places to school for Third Generation Day.

We were still working in our year group bubbles, so each had its own part of the world to explore on a journey exploring culture, music, art, crafts, dance, sport and cuisine of different continents.

The EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School and Reception) found out lots about North America and the Pre-Prep children in Years

1 and 2 sampled the culture of Asia. For the Prep children, Years 3 and 4 were on safari in Africa and Years 5 and 6 experienced South America. Finally Years 7 and 8 stayed a little closer to home with Europe!

The children were issued with an LPW 'travel ticket' and itinerary for the day and were invited to dress

in whatever costumes or colourful clothes best represented the continent they would be 'travelling' to.

It was a fun-packed day where everyone learnt a lot and we all enjoyed some delicious Italian ice cream as a treat. It will, we hope, linger long amongst the school days memories the children will carry with them through life.

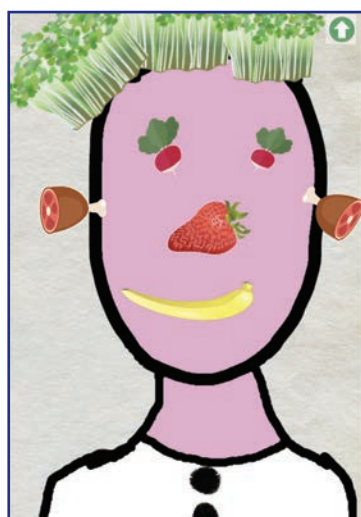
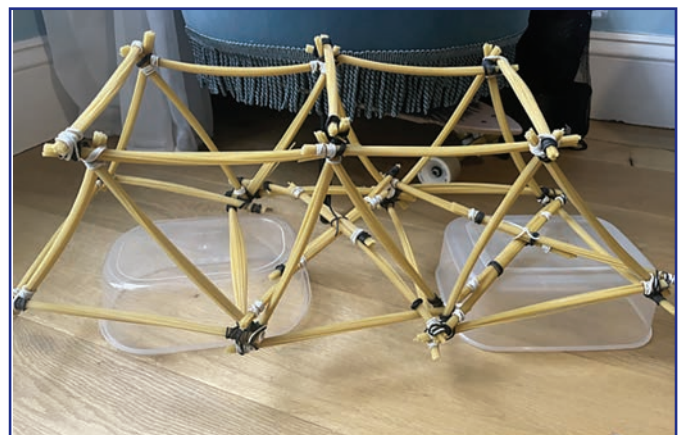
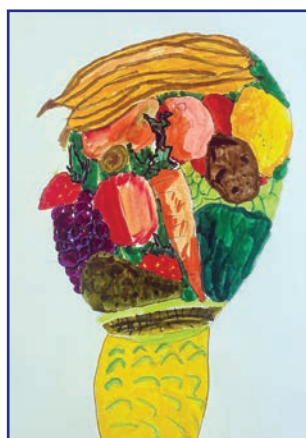


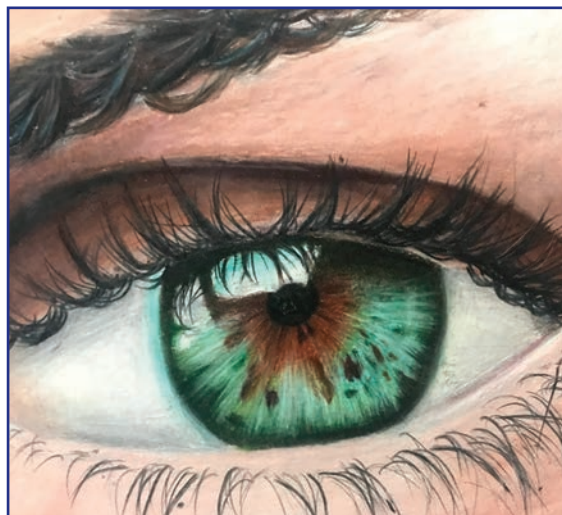
...around the world in one school day



Art Gallery

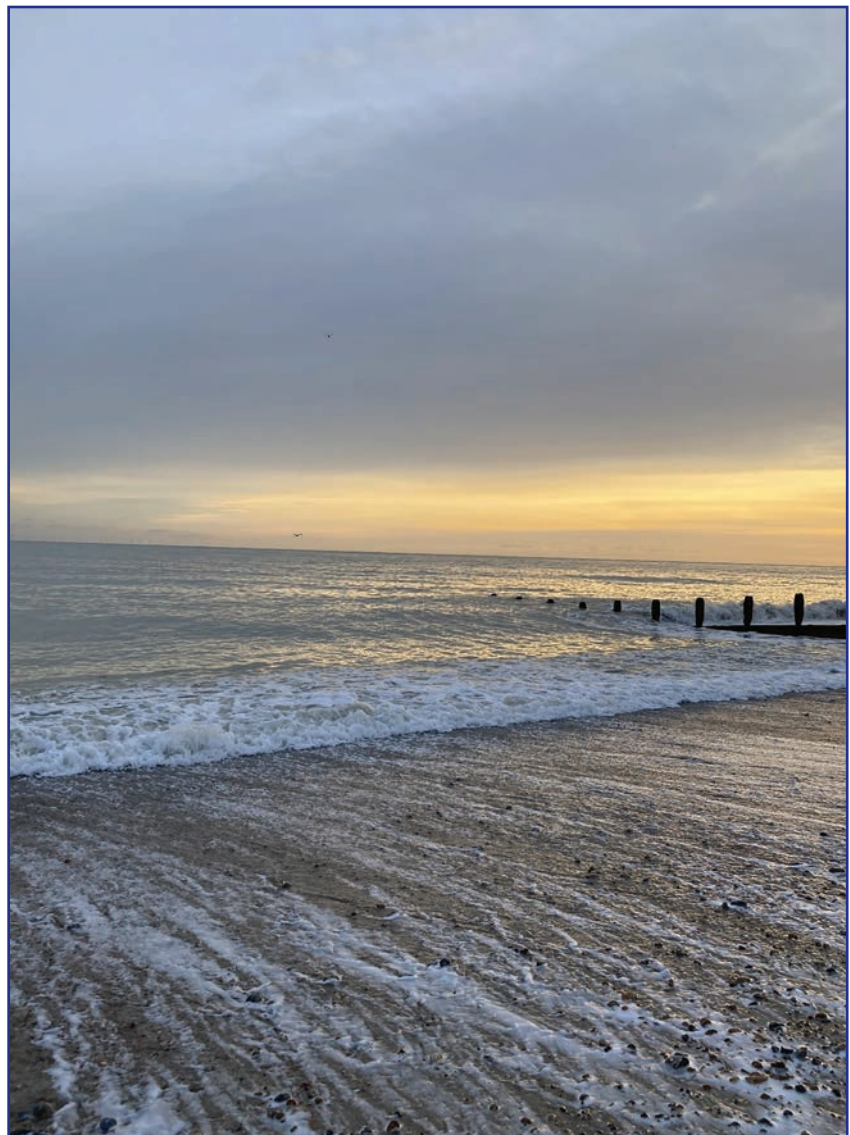
The children have been wonderfully creative throughout the school year, from the Pre-Prep children producing work as part of their termly topics through the Prep children developing and honing their skills and taking part in photographic competitions during lockdown. We have some very talented artists at LPW, as can be seen from the fabulous portfolio submitted by a Year 8 pupil who gained a well-deserved art scholarship to go with her academic scholarship to Lancing College.



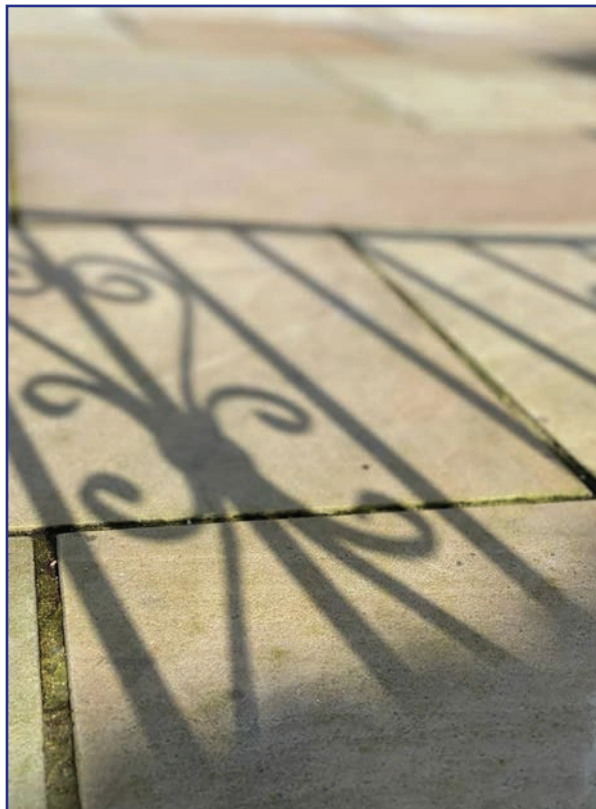
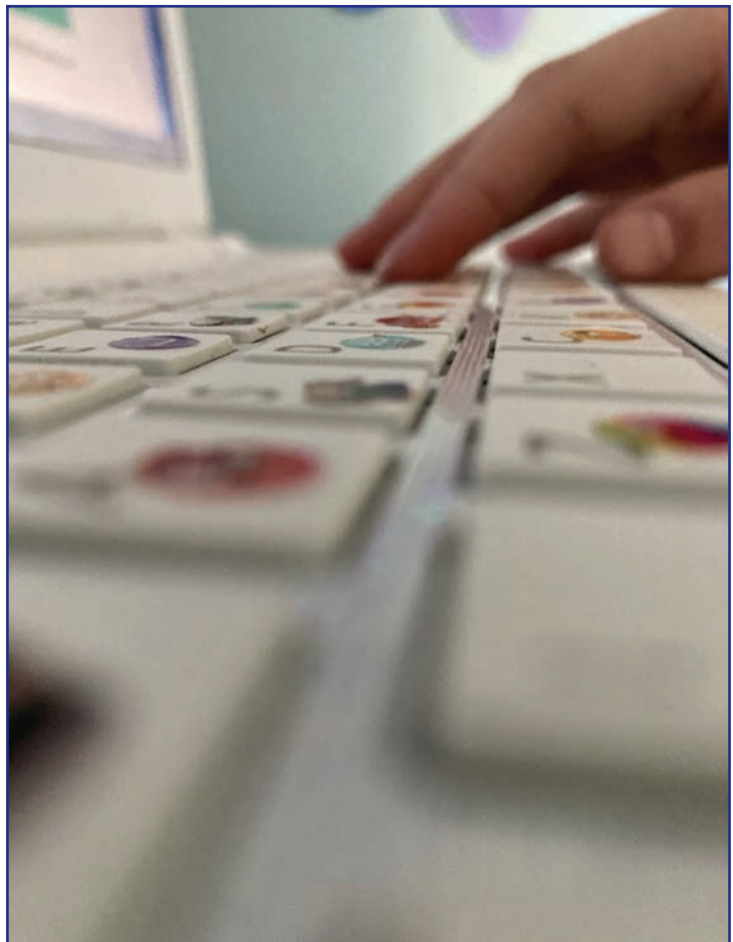


Photography competitions

The LPW children took some super photographs in response to the challenges of the two competitions that ran this year. Over February half-term, the children were tasked with spending times outdoors and sending in images of what they saw and entrants in our main photography competition (the overall winning image appears on page 5) showed a maturity and skill beyond their years.



Year Group bubble winners are right and directly below. The three runners-up entries are shown below. Well done to everyone who entered.





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