

# Kingfisher FRENZY

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FOR THE HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY



**W**elcome to the summer edition of *Kingfisher Frenzy*!

Our team of Year 6 writers and illustrators have been working hard to bring you a packed issue of news, views, facts, interviews and fun.

We have overcome lockdowns, isolation, social distancing and bubbles to report on the latest goings on at Holy Trinity.

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine as much as we have enjoyed producing it.

*Kingfisher Frenzy* team from left to right, back row first: Walt, Elicia, Ava, Amy, Morven, Lois, Maya, Fernando, Apolenka and Jay.

## Flower power plans get HT buzzing

**Holy Trinity has launched a scheme to make our school grounds more beautiful and to encourage wildlife to visit.**

Each class has been growing wildflower seeds that are being planted around the school to attract pollinating wildlife such as bees.

HT in Bloom has been established by Mr Aylward and Mrs Ahmed.

“We chose wildflowers so that we could provide a food source for pollinators, particularly bees, as they are under great pressure due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides,” Mr Aylward told *Kingfisher Frenzy*. “We want to attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies, wasps, and hoverflies. It would also be nice if these insects in turn attract different bird species.”

Bees are very important because they pollinate 70 types of crops and a third of all our food production is dependent on pollinators. These

tiny creatures also produce around 6,000 tonnes of honey a year and contribute £400 million pounds to the economy. But the project is also about encouraging children to get into gardening.

“We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to get involved in gardening and create a beautiful space, which is important for our wellbeing,” Mr Aylward said.

You don’t need to be at school to encourage wildlife. “You could really help by growing wildflowers at home and rewild your gardens,” Mr Aylward said. “If you have the space, turn some of your lawn into meadow gardens. You could also collect the seeds from your plants and give them to friends or swap your seeds.”

Mr Aylward says he has lots of favourite flowers, but wallflowers are his current favourites.

**Amy Lennon**



Picture: Maya Bell

## Richmond MP puts HT on her agenda

**Richmond’s MP Sarah Olney took time out of her busy schedule to visit our lovely school earlier this term.**

She chose Holy Trinity as her first such visit since lockdown restrictions eased.

Sarah came to see what we were doing for the Captain Tom Moore Maths Challenge and to talk to Mrs Bateman

about learning before and after lockdown. She also made time to speak to *Kingfisher Frenzy* about life as an MP and the most important issues currently facing Richmond.

She told us she was very impressed with our fantastic grounds and buildings, and she was also very interested in our HT in Bloom project.

Mrs Bateman, told *Kingfisher Frenzy*:

“It was lovely being able to welcome Sarah into our school and show her around, introduce her to some of the children, and to be able to share our school values with her.”  
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**Walt Durham and Apolenka Delevante**



## Strange but true...

- Pigs don't sweat.
- The Queen owns every swan in England.
- A quarter of your bones are in your feet.
- On average, kids ask 73 questions a day, but some children can ask up to 500!
- Candy floss was invented in 1897 by dentist William Morrison.
- Sumo wrestlers believe it is good luck to make babies cry before they compete.
- A penguin called Nils Olaf, who was the official mascot of the Norwegian military, was given a knighthood for "outstanding service and good conduct". Sir Nils now lives in Edinburgh Zoo.
- The youngest Olympian ever was just 10-years-old. Greek gymnast Dimitris Loundras competed in 1896.
- Phobophobia is the fear of phobias.
- The twitter bird is called Larry.
- Super car maker Lamborghini started out as a tractor company in 1963.
- A hotel in New Orleans offered a \$15,000 stay to whoever stole the "most outrageous" item from it.
- In 1997, an orange cat named Stubbs became honorary mayor of the Alaskan town of Talkeetna.

Lois Cullen and Apolenka Delevante

## HT pupil paints her way into national art exhibition

**A year 5 pupil has had a piece of art she created during lockdown accepted into a national art exhibition.**

Isobel Latham-Wilson from Owl class painted several pictures including one of her Granny's garden, inspired by British artist David Hockney, she then submitted them into a competition organised by the Royal Academy of Art (RA).

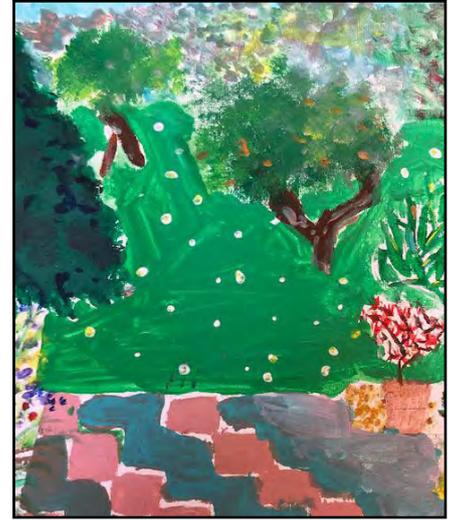
"I entered the contest to see if I had what it takes to be an artist," Izzy told *Kingfisher Frenzy*. "I was happy to be accepted into the exhibition but wondered if it was a joke at first!"

The RA is in central London and displays art from artists around the world. This is the third year it has run the Young Artists' Summer Show. It accepts pieces of art from primary and secondary school pupils aged between five and 19.

Artists and people who work in the art industry then decide which ones are best and will make it into the final exhibition. In 2020, they had to choose from 18,000 pieces of art!

Mr Brown told HT pupils about the competition during lockdown.

"We wanted to give people the opportunity to submit some work," Mr Brown told *Frenzy*. "The RA is a world-



Picture: "Granny's Garden"

renowned, very prestigious institution, so we thought it would be a good idea to let people know about it."

"I was pleased for Izzy as I know she really cares about art and puts a lot of effort into her work," he said. "Her piece was excellently composed, simple, but very effective. I hope her success will encourage others to have a go."

Mr Brown and Mrs Tompkins entered a sculpture made of old pencils that Year 5 made during lockdown. While it wasn't accepted by the RA, it is currently hanging in the Year 5 and 6 shared area.

The Young Artists' Show 2021 is running from 13 July to 8 August 2021 online and at the Clore Learning Centre in the Royal Academy. It is free but you need to book a ticket if you want to go.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Lois Cullen

## Year 6 raises £1,300 in an hour!

**Pupils in Seal and Otter classes got creative during lockdown to see what they could achieve in an hour and raise money for charity.**

The Year 6 pupils undertook a variety of activities including baking, model making, dancing, singing and even gaming, to name a few.

And they managed to raise £1,300 for charity Cancer Research.

The One Hour Challenge, which took place during lockdown, was Seal class teacher Mrs Lane's idea.

As part of our Year 6 PSHE lessons, we explored how we can work together to help make the world a better place," Mrs Lane told *Frenzy*.

"Year 6 chose the charity they wanted to support, and we talked about a fundraising activity we could

do from our own homes. Although lockdown made it more difficult, Year 6 still managed to raise an incredible amount of money," she said.



## MP Sarah Olney visits HT

As lockdown restrictions eased earlier this term, Holy Trinity School welcomed Sarah Olney, Member of Parliament for Richmond Park to meet staff and pupils. As part of her visit, Sarah spoke to *Kingfisher Frenzy* reporters Walt Durham and Apolenka Delevante.

As Richmond's local Member of Parliament (MP), it is Sarah Olney's job to represent the interests of local people in the Houses of Parliament, as well as working towards solving local issues for the people who live in the area she represents (her constituency).

She says the biggest issue currently facing Richmond is air pollution, which is created by motor vehicles, planes, factories and more. She wants to see people driving less and reducing the amount of carbon they produce.

"I was impressed that on my way in I found that many people were cycling and scooting to school," she said.

Sarah is a member of the Liberal Democrats, one of the main political parties. She said she wanted to become an MP because she felt strongly that the Conservative values (the party in government) did not reflect modern life, so she joined the Liberal Democrats and became its candidate.

Sarah says she was surprised and pleased when she first won her seat.

"The first time I entered the House of Commons I was pretty surprised to find myself there!" she said. "It was smaller than I expected, but still quite overwhelming."

Before she became an MP Sarah worked as an accountant. She explained that her job involved tracking the amount of money being spent by her company and ensuring that everything was counted-up properly.

If you are thinking you would like to become a politician, Sarah said you have to believe in the reasons why you are trying to set out on that career path. She also noted that when you work with others you achieve more.

Sarah told us she spoke to Prime Minister (PM) Boris Johnson during a PM questions session. She asked him if the construction of Heathrow's third runway would go ahead, but he refused to answer her. She also almost

bumped into him when she was getting her lunch in the Houses of Parliament!

When we asked Sarah why she had come to visit Holy Trinity, she smiled and said she had come to our lovely school to find out all about the Captain Tom Moore Maths Challenge students were participating in. She said she loved meeting all the children and thought our school buildings were wonderfully designed with a lovely amount of space that pupils can learn in.

UK citizens elect Members of Parliament (MPs) to represent their interests and worries in the House of Commons. They consider and propose new laws and ask the government questions about their policies. There are 650 MPs in the UK.

MPs split their time between the House of Commons and the area where they were elected, which is called a constituency. They get involved in national issues that affect the whole country, but also work on local issues that concern the people that live in their constituencies.

To become an MP you need to be a good citizen – anyone with a criminal record is instantly disqualified from an election. You can become an MP from the age of 18, but you must persuade people that you are better than other candidates and win their vote in an election.

Parliament has four main functions: legislation (making laws), representation (acting on behalf of voters and citizens), scrutiny (examining the government and its policies), and formation of government.



The Houses of Parliament

Picture: Maya Bell

## Farewell Otters and Seals!

In just a few days we (Year 6) will be leaving Holy Trinity to move on to the next chapter of our lives. We will all be deeply saddened that we have to say goodbye to such a lovely school, so we have decided to share some of our favourite HT memories before we leave.

Kaiya from Otters told us that she loves the friendly community at Holy Trinity and felt like she was welcome from her first day. Others agree with Kaiya: Arthur – from Otters – decided to come here after Mrs Cox kindly gave him a banana on his tour of the school. We're all very glad that he did!

Arguably some of the best moments in your primary school career occur on residential or trips. Ava from Seals recalls her favourite memory from the High Ashurst residential in Year 5 when Charlotte flooded the bathroom because she couldn't turn off the constant flow of water coming from the shower. Ava says she "saved the day" by turning it off.



Picture: Jay Knight



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Moving into Year 6 made many Seals and Otters nervous about constantly setting examples of behaviour for the younger students. But really, there is nothing to worry about – just be yourself! SATs are often talked about in Year 6, but they are nowhere near as stressful or hard as they seem, all down to our amazing teachers here at HT!

On the plus side, there are so many fun things you get to do in Year 6 such as: the week-long residential, the production and the Thames Young Mariners trip.

Jay and Hashem from Seals told *Kingfisher Frenzy* that they really enjoyed cannonballing into the water there!

Good luck Year 6 from the *Kingfisher Frenzy* team!

Walt Durham and Elicia Tonge

## Leavers leave secondary school worries behind

In just a matter of days Seal and Otter classes will leave Holy Trinity for the last time and head for secondary school in September.

It can be an unsettling time and many people might have mixed emotions about leaving what is for many, the only school they have known.

For some who perhaps don't have older siblings at secondary school it can seem particularly daunting, while others can't wait to get stuck into a new school routine and make friends.

Walt Durham has mixed feelings about leaving. "I am excited about secondary school and looking forward to a new environment but I will miss everybody and I am quite nervous about getting on public transport because my new school is in Chiswick," he said.

Elicia Tonge is looking forward to her new routine. "I am excited about a fresh start and meeting new people,"

she said. "I will still stay in touch with my HT friends, but it's an opportunity for a fresh start."

Other people have expressed worries about homework, detentions and making new friends.

Mrs Lambert's daughter Emma has just finished her A'levels at Waldegrave and has been chatting to *Kingfisher Frenzy* about her experiences. "I think the thing I was most worried about when I started secondary school was being with new people and in a new environment," she said. "You don't know much about anything or anyone and it is quite scary." She says she needn't have worried. "Secondary school may seem scary at first, but everyone is kind and welcoming so there is no reason to be afraid."

One of Emma's top tips about starting a new school is not to be afraid of talking to your teachers if you have a problem or are struggling with

homework. She says all her teachers were very approachable and they appreciated it when people came and talked to them.

Toby Evans used to be in Zebra class but left Holy Trinity last summer and now goes to Christ's. "I was sad to leave Holy Trinity and a bit apprehensive about starting a new school because it was different and much bigger than primary school," he said. "On the first day I was actually more excited than nervous and I have made a whole new group of friends. In fact, I don't hang out with anyone from HT, despite being with them for seven years!"

We are glad we have had the chance to speak to some of the current and former secondary schoolers, and now we can help reassure others that it is not as scary as it may seem. Good luck to all the leavers of 2021!

Ava Nowell

## Rain doesn't dampen Devon residential fun

**Year 6 packed their bags and headed to PGL's Barton Hall in Torquay, Devon for their residential in May.**

The journey took us beyond the crowded motorways of Greater London and onto the winding roads of the South-West countryside. The coach trip took a massive seven hours, but everyone was in high spirits because we were looking forward to the week's activities.

We arrived at Barton Hall and were greeted by an impressive, but looming manor house. From the hall we could see the whole expanse of the PGL grounds, with sweeping views that reached all the way down to the coast. We couldn't wait to drop off our luggage in our cabins, and to get started with our eventful week.

There was a variety of indoor and outdoor activities to do throughout the week including archery, rifle shooting, puzzle solving, kayaking, buggy building, orienteering, survival tasks, trapeze, rock climbing, a zip-wire, and swimming. Most activities helped us to use our team working skills, as well as to find courage in ourselves and each other when faced with activities like the trapeze, and zip-wire.

But the biggest challenge we faced was not our fears, but the weather! Unfortunately, for most of the week it didn't stop raining. But even the bad weather couldn't wipe the smiles from our faces.

Walter Durham, from Otter Class said: "Devon was really fun, especially the big swing!" The Giant Swing involved two students being strapped in a harness to a cross beam. The other students would work as a team to get the pulley to raise the swing up 10 metres. Once the swing was secure, those attached would pull a cord to release it. It was very exciting, and there was a mixture of screaming in fear and delight!

Amy Lennon, from Seal Class, explained that the buggy building was her favourite because, "I did a lot of work making the buggy so I never had to pull it." Buggy building focused on our teamwork abilities, which involved working together to build a car-like structure using ropes, barrels, and wooden logs. Once the frame was complete, we attached two logs across the buggy for seats. Then, we each took it in turns to ride the buggy, while the others pulled it along. It was brilliant!

**Amy Lennon, Ava Nowell and Lois Cullen**



## Meat more damaging than air pollution

**Environmentalists are asking people to reduce the amount of meat they eat to help reverse global warming and combat climate change.**

According to environmental charity Greenpeace the climate impact of meat production is roughly equivalent to all the driving and flying of every car, truck and plane in the world.

The production of meat is a huge industry and large amounts of rainforests are cut down to allow for animal grazing. Food that could feed people is also used to feed animals that are being raised for meat.

Research published by a medical magazine called *The Lancet*, says that to avoid “environmental collapse”, humans should eat no more 300g of meat a week by 2050, which is the equivalent to two chicken breasts or a very large steak. It says we should eat 50 per cent more fruit, vegetables, nuts and beans to compensate.

People who choose not to eat any meat or animal products at all, which includes

fish, milk, butter, eggs and cheese, are called vegans.

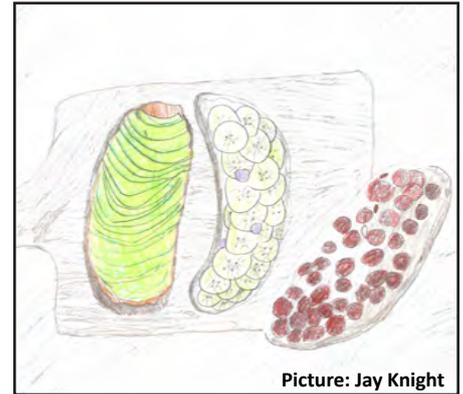
Nat Docherty, is Mrs Lane's sister-in-law and is passionate about veganism.

“With the high demand for meat, we are cutting down forests to make room for more farmland, destroying wildlife habitats, factory farming animals, and damaging our planet,” she told *Kingfisher Frenzy*.

“Animal agriculture is the leading contributor to climate change, responsible for 18 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, more than all the transportation put together. Swapping vegetables in your diet for animal products, really helps to combat these negative impacts on our planet and to protect our futures,” she said.

There are many celebrities who are vegans including Beyonce, Zac Efron, Madonna and Ariana Grande.

Dylan Buttle in Otter class has been a vegan his entire life. He says choosing not to eat food that has come from



Picture: Jay Knight

animals has huge benefits for the environment. He says his favourite food is vegan pizza.

“Being vegan is healthy and I think you can have a happier life,” he said.

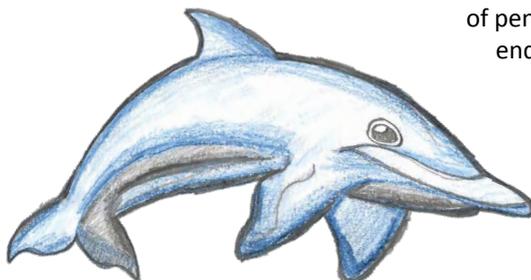
Researchers at the University of Oxford say being vegan can reduce your carbon footprint by around 73 per cent. A vegan diet can also make you healthier and is believed to reduce the risk of getting cancer or having a stroke.

Making small differences help, like reducing the amount of meat you eat and eating more plant-based food.

**Ava Nowell and Morven Panis**

## Animal Profile: Dolphins

- There are around 40 different species of dolphin. The biggest dolphin species is an orca, although they are often referred to as killer whales.
- A dolphin typically swims at between three and seven miles per hour, but they can get up to 20 miles an hour.
- They can dive to a depth of 1,000 feet.
- Dolphins breathe through a blow hole on the top of their heads.
- These amazing mammals have two stomachs, one for storing food, the other one for digesting their food.
- A dolphin lives for around 25 to 40 years.



## Animal Profile: Penguins

- A group of penguins on land is called a waddle but on water is called a raft.
- The black and white colouring on a penguin is called countershading and serves as camouflage.
- There are 18 known types of penguins, 10 of which are endangered.
  - Penguins huddle together to protect themselves from predators and in cold climates, to keep warm.
  - Some species of penguins can march up to 60 miles across sea ice to get to their breeding grounds.
- Most birds have hollow bones to help them fly but penguins have dense bones to help them swim.



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**Apolenka Delevante and Amy Lennon**

# Performing Poet loves our lunches!

Author and poet David Mason visited our school in May to perform some of his legendary poems and do some writing workshops with several lucky year groups.

He has visited Holy Trinity several times before and was meant to come for World Book Day but hadn't been able to visit until May because of coronavirus.

"The children at Holy Trinity are friendly and smiley and well behaved and the staff always make me feel welcome," he told *Kingfisher Frenzy*.

But it's not just the people that David Mason likes at our school!

"The food from the canteen is the best



food I've tasted in schools in 20 years," he said. "The kitchen staff are the most friendly as well. Holy Trinity is how a school should be."

Mr Mason performed his funny poems to all year groups. Years 2, 5 and 6 also got to do some creative writing workshops with him. He performed a monologue to Year 6 of his own creation that they then acted out.

Year 6 composed their own creative writing pieces based on the drama and ended up writing a lovely story.

Mr Mason says he visits primary and secondary schools to help children grow in confidence and act in a way they never thought possible.

He has written 26 books that include poetry collections, novels and text books. Before this he worked in a hospital laboratory, for a drugs company and owned a restaurant.

"I work in schools because I love working with children and having a positive impact on their lives," he said.

**Ava Nowell, Morven Panis and Amy Lennon**

## Literature festival inspires young writers

Children in Years 1 to 6 got to listen to real life authors when they visited the Barnes Children's Literature Festival at the end of June.

Each year group travelled to the festival on coaches and heard different authors talking about their writing.

Mr Auton says the trips were organised because we couldn't have authors come to school because of COVID restrictions.

"The aim of these trips was to get children into books and back into reading," he said. "It was also nice to be back on a school trip. Some children were excited just to be on the bus!

"I think most people find it inspiring to listen to authors talking about their work and it helps children with their writing and inspires them to do what they want to do."

Each year group went to a different presentation. Year 1 saw Serena Patel, Year 2 listened to Tom Percival, Year 3 heard Jenny Pearson talk, Year 4 got Adam Kay, Year 5 heard Caroline Lawrence speak while Bobby Seagull spoke to Year 6.

Mr Auton says his favourite book when he was younger was *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, but as an adult he like *Notes from Down Under* by Bill Bryson.



**Elicia Tonge and Morven Panis**

Picture: Maya Bell

## Spark ignites HT reading flame

**Holy Trinity pupils have helped decide the winners of the first ever Kingston and Richmond Spark Book Awards.**

The competition was set up to find the best current children's books.

Children from 80 schools across Richmond and Kingston have been voting in three categories, based on their age: 4-7, 7-9, and 9-11.

"This is a local award ceremony and this was the first year it has taken place," Mr Auton told *Kingfisher Frenzy*. "We were the first school to sign up."

There were four books in each age category and children were encouraged to read them all and then vote on which was the best one. Mr Auton says all pupils Key Stage 1 voted, as did about a third of Key Stage 2 pupils.

The winning books are: *Avocado Asks* by Momoko Abe in the 4-7 category, *Llama Out Loud!* by Annabelle Sami and Allen Fatimaharan won the 7-9 category, while 9-11-year-olds voted *Voyage of the Sparrowhawk* by Natasha Farrant as their favourite book.

Spark will be running again next year and Mr Auton says we will definitely be involved.

"We will have more copies for people to read next year too," he said.

**Elicia Tonge and Morven Panis**

