

# Community Bulletin

for Fortnight Ending 12/02/2021



## Virtual Parents' Meetings Open a New Frontier for Parent Partnership

Even with a 94% parent approval rating for our virtual school and record levels of engagement from pupils, our staff team is determined to keep improving. Compass School is a community school and parents are at the core of this, but we hadn't had an on-site parent event since September. The advent of Lockdown 3 meant that something had to be done and I had seen a local independent school run parent Zoom meetings and how other schools were using School Cloud for Parents' Evenings.

Now, having hosted Zoom Parent Meetings for each year group including Year 8 Options Evening, and scheduling Virtual Parents' Evenings over the coming weeks, it is clear that the virtual sphere opens a world of opportunities allowing parents to engage without the usual juggling acts of sorting childcare, travel from work, getting home late and getting dinner ready.

During the various Zoom meetings I was impressed by the number of parents who signed in – well over half the school! It was fantastic to see parents' faces as they listened attentively to the presentations, in many cases, with children at their sides and similarly engaged. There were fantastic questions: What do we think will replace GCSEs this year? How can my child access the enrichment? Are they falling behind? How can I support my child?

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FEBRUARY

Half term 4 Begins - 22nd Feb  
Year 11 Parents' Eve' - 23rd Feb 4:00 - 7:00pm

#### MARCH

Year 10 Parents' Eve' - 2nd March 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Year 8 Parents' Eve' - 18th March 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Red Nose Day - 19th March

#### APRIL

Year 7 Parents' Eve' - 26th April 4:00 - 7:00pm

#### MAY

Year 9 Parents' Eve' - 17th May 4:00 - 7:00pm



Please see links to our [Twitter page](#), [Compass School Website](#) and for our [Facebook page](#).

## Cover story continued...

After each event, parents received a bulletin with the key messages and answers to their questions, and for me, the questions provided a great insight into what your concerns are and how we might address these in future sessions. So please expect more of these sessions to support you on topics such as:

- Succeeding at GCSE
- Succeeding at Key Stage 3
- Boosting Levels of Literacy and Numeracy
- Applying for 6th Form, College or Apprenticeships
- Keeping Safe Online

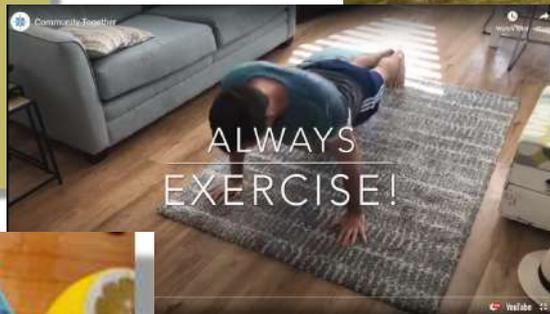
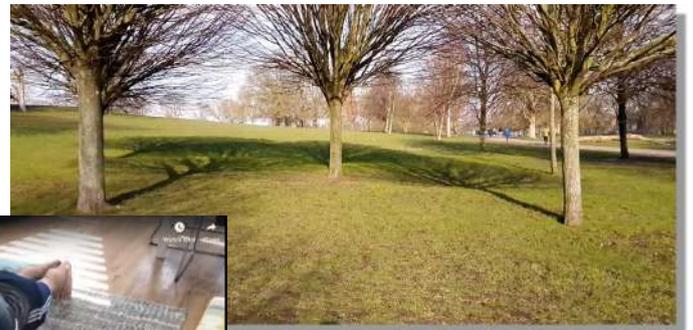


### Compass Parents' Association

Many schools benefit from the support of a formal parents' association that provides a helping hand to the school in the form of events, fundraising efforts, sharing good news about the school and general cheerleading! We are already incredibly grateful for all the helping hands that we receive from our parents. However, if any of you might be interested in starting up a Compass Parents' Association, we would love to hear from you. Do get in touch!

### Make half-term count

As we commence the half-term break, my key message is to take the opportunity to get your child out for daily exercise, have as much time away from screens as possible. Prince Charles has also urged children to explore nature this half-term and set some challenges to have a go at. Youth Mental Health Ambassador Dr. Alex George also gives his five top tips for good mental health and wellbeing, ahead of the February half term holiday. [#FiveADay](#).



Some families may feel that allocating time for study is appropriate for their child, if so, I suggest taking the opportunity to complete any gaps in pupils' work from the last half-term. These are in your child's One Note documents. There are also a number of platforms providing recorded lessons. [Oak National Academy](#) is very well regarded with nearly 10,000 free video lessons, resources and activities, covering most subjects, from Reception to Year 11. Your child could aim to complete a couple of these each day. Click the images below for the relevant Key Stage.



# Remembering Captain Sir Tom Moore

Compass school reflects on the life of this great man and how he will continue to inspire us



Captain Sir Tom Moore was born in Keighley on 30 April 1920 was conscripted into the British army in June 1940. Captain Tom initially set out to raise £1000 for NHS charities by doing 100 laps of his garden in Bedfordshire. His campaign caught the attention of the public and he managed to raise £32,794,701

## COMPASS REFLECTS

Captain Tom's life of heroism bridged the generational divide inspiring young and old alike. Likewise Holocaust survivor, John Hadju speaking with Year 10, and 3 years ago one of our pupil's grandparents came to talk about his role at the Normandy Landing. At this time, when elderly members of our society are more isolated than ever, Sir Tom's death can be a call to action to reconnect, hear and share the stories of those whose lives have paved the way for ours.

Mr Huntley

On the third of February in Learning Family Time the day after Captain Sir Tom Moore passed away at the age of 100 years old, students spent time thinking about his example; the great inspiration to think of, and do for others that this extraordinary man has given is as much of a gift as the practical help he gave in raising as much as he did with his campaign to help fund our NHS.

Students were encouraged to remember the older generation, how they have contributed to the country in which we live and how that contribution continues to impact their own lives today.

## Thank You Staff!!!

In addition to keeping fit and healthy physically, students have been encouraged to express themselves with poetry, art, drama and music to encourage their own wellbeing. We were delighted when students chose to write poetry and yet further when this revealed the strength of feeling for their community and what a source of joy it is for us to be together.

Isolated at home, feeling sad and alone,  
No one to help you and no one to talk to.  
First day at school, the first time I've smiled  
And the first time I have seen these teachers in a while.  
Every day, being greeted with a smile, and in geography,  
Learning about the river Nile. I'm grateful for these teachers,  
With all that they have helped, and I hope that 2021 will  
bring them happiness and good health.  
(Year 9 Pupil)

The roots of all goodness lie  
in the soil of appreciation for  
goodness.

Dalai Lama

# Wellbeing

## Children's Mental Health Week

To commemorate and celebrate Children's Mental Health Week with this year's theme *Express Yourself*, students explored healthy ways to be creative and expressive through art, poetry, music, dance or drama.

Inspired by this theme, Year 7 student, Casey made this beautiful piece of work to encourage his school community to use art to express themselves! Well said, Casey!



"When you embrace your difference, your DNA, your look or heritage or religion or your unusual name, that's when you start to shine." Bethenny Frankel

## The Library Continues to Support Learning on and off site



### Academic Excellence!



**Free to Listen! – Check these (and many more) great free books out!**

**Exploration – Be Curious!**

**Audible – Click on the image to learn how to improve your memory!**

**What can I listen to?**

**Audible – Bad American Women**

**Audible – Three Years in Europe, or Places I Have Seen and People I Have Met – William W. Brown**

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### Excellent Exploration!

**EXPRESS YOURSELF**

**"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."**

**-B.B. King**

**Watch and listen -Live at the Montreux Jazz festival** (held annually in Switzerland on the shore of Lake Geneva).

B.B. King was an amazingly talented Blues singer, guitarist, composer and lyricist (songwriter)!

**"I EXPRESS MYSELF THROUGH..." Music and Words/Lyrics**

**Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 1 - 7 FEBRUARY 2021**

**William W. Brown**

William Wells Brown (1814-1881) was a prominent abolitionist, novelist, playwright, and historian. Born in the slavery in the Southern United States, Brown escaped to the North, where he worked for abolitionist causes and was a prolific writer and lecturer. In 1847, he published the Narrative of William W. Brown, a Fugitive Slave, written by himself, which was a powerful and influential work. However, because the novel was published in England, the book is not the first African-American novel published in the United States. Most scholars agree that Brown is the first published African-American playwright.

William W. Brown travelled throughout Europe after leaving a difficult but impressive life in the USA where he had been:

**A barber, then a banker, a writer, an activist...**

His published essays which have been carefully preserved and recorded (that you can listen to on Audible for free) bring this fascinating man's life to life! Ms Quigley says, "Well worth a listen! He certainly expressed who he was!"

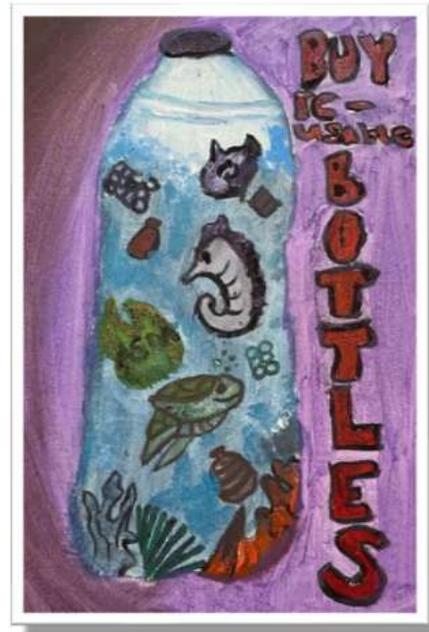
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### Exceptional Enrichment!

Ms Quigley has continued to send emails to students with opportunities to engage with fiction, non-fiction, current home and international news. Please encourage your child/ren to take opportunities to read their emails, be curious and use their school value of exploration! Audible is free to listen [here](#). Explore special author events [here](#) and Tedtalks [here](#).

# Awesome Art!

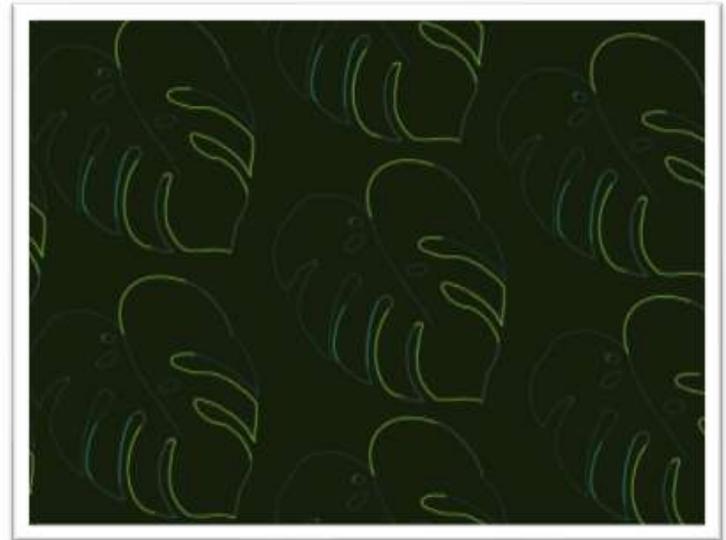
Amazing Aspiration!



Well done Evie in Year 7 for your fantastic work which highlights ecological issues so brilliantly!



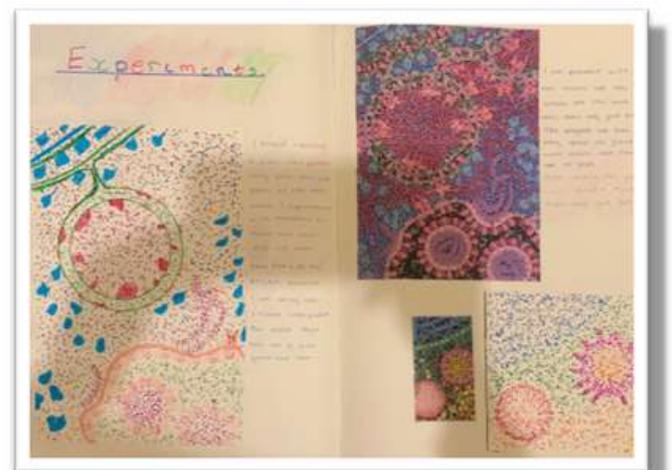
We're so impressed with your work in Year 11 Fine Art Lily-Mae!



Naomi, this Year 11 design project is absolutely awesome!



Well done to Year 9 student, Jessica-Fae, this work on identity is so well-observed!



Stunning work Fatima! Your experiments look successful

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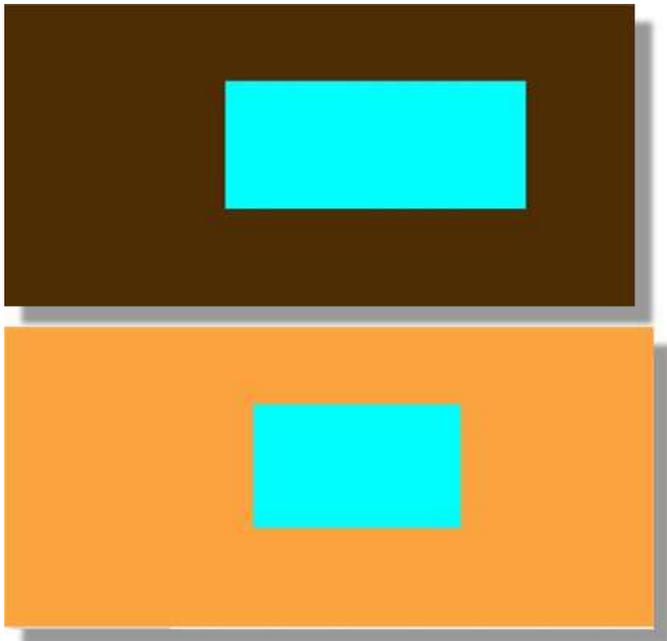
Camilla M. in Year 8 created this portrait for her science and art project. She was inspired by genetics and explored how an indigenous American woman looks today.



Lucy, in Year 9 made this original piece of work for her identity project; such a great conceptual creation!



Abdul has worked hard to create this fantastic piece; he should be as proud of himself as we are of him!



Year 7 student, Ben created this impressive conceptual representation of water shortage and climate change. Well done Ben!



A fantastic piece of observational drawing by Year 9 student, Yahya! This portrait for his identity project is great!

# Values Matter

Whether apart or together, on or offsite, our school values drive our community. Many congratulations to students who are extolling our values and accruing house-points!

## Integrity and Exploraton! Recent House-Point Heroes

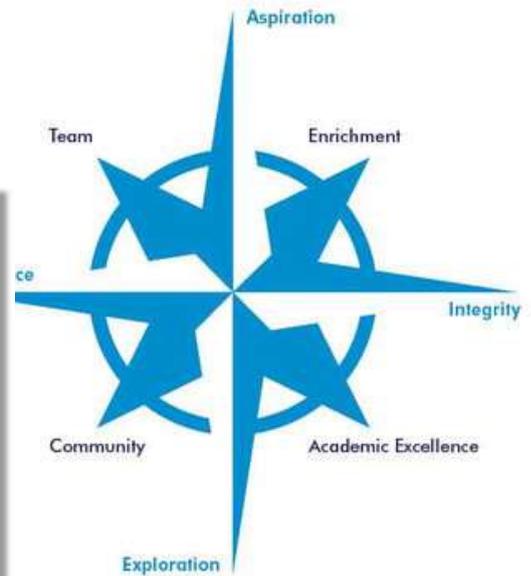


**House Point Heroes!**

Who has been displaying the Compass Values for all to see this week?

Year group	First place	Second place	Third place
Year 11	Cayla Henry	Abdul-Mateen Agiri	Archie Diamont
Year 10	Keith Ayriss	Casey Wayment	Dylan Kappo-Fleming
Year 9	Elias Sudani	Raylonda Atobra	Olivia Vaudeau
Year 8	Vivian Atobra	Greta Pezzolato	Mohamad Ndiaye
Year 7	Danny Carlisle	Nadia Mohamed	Souber Elmi

The **highest aspirations**, the **strongest team**

### Awesome Aspiration!

### Exceptional Enrichment!

We are so proud of the way students have been working online and onsite in their enrichment subjects to create and express themselves! Well done to these students who worked with such focus to create some exceptional pieces in Leatherwork!



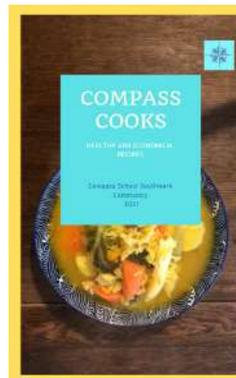
## Healthy Family Meals for Around Five Pounds! Contribute to our Cookbook!

Have you got a cheap, cheerful and healthy recipe you'd be willing to share with the Compass Community? We are aiming to create a cookbook this term to share with everyone!

### Salade Niçoise

Wash, chop (in to bite-size pieces) and steam your potatoes and green beans. Before I steam them, I like to sprinkle my potatoes with (dried or fresh) herbs – thyme and oregano are really nice with this. You can omit salt because the olives, tuna and anchovies are all salty.

Hard boil your eggs. Allow the beans, eggs and potatoes to cool while you wash, chop and mix together in a bowl your pepper, lettuce, red onion and tomatoes. Add the potatoes, tuna fish and green beans to your salad, quarter your eggs, place on top, then chop and add your anchovies and olives. Squeeze half fresh lemon all over and the oil from the anchovies. Eat, enjoy and star-rate, then email your opinion (and a recipe) to Ms Quigley [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com)



### Eat This and Beat This!

#### Ingredients

- Eggs
- Tuna fish
- Potatoes (dried herbs)
- Green beans
- Tomatoes
- Lettuce
- A pepper
- Olives
- Anchovies
- Red onion
- Lemon/lemon juice





## Exploration Anyone?

### Opportunities for Students to be Inspired to Express Themselves

A few weeks ago, we observed Mental Health Week. The importance of young people being able to express themselves was rightly highlighted; in these times more than ever, it's great for students to take opportunities to participate and be creative.

Here are some opportunities in addition to those in previous issues of the bulletin, on our [Virtual School Page](#) and our [Wellbeing](#) guidance.

### Make your own board or card game!

This is a work-in-progress photo of a card game inspired by 'Among Us'; it was thought-up by Michaela in Year 9 who shared her idea with Mr Huntley who assisted in its creation! Students could try making this for themselves or adapting another online game into a card or board game! Amazon voucher prizes for the best effort!



#### FAMILIES AT THE V&A



**WORKSHOPS**  
Families Online Making  
Workshops: Persian Miniatures  
FREE | Monday, 15 February 2021 - Friday, 19 February 2021

[MORE INFO](#) [BOOK NOW](#)



**WORKSHOPS**  
Families Online Performance  
Workshop: Beatboxing and Art  
FREE | Wednesday, 17 February 2021

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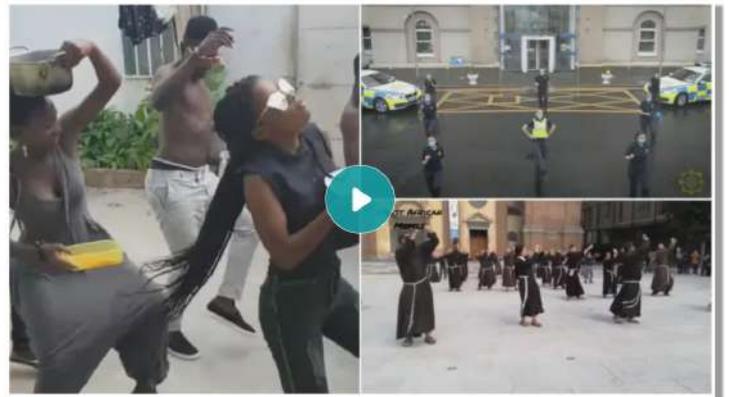


**WORKSHOPS**  
Design Online Workshop:  
Parade of the Animals  
FREE | Sunday, 7 March 2021

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Find out more [here!](#)

#### 21 FEB Free Bootcamp on Clapham Common



### Visit your local park for a walk or a workout!

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