

KAS Connected

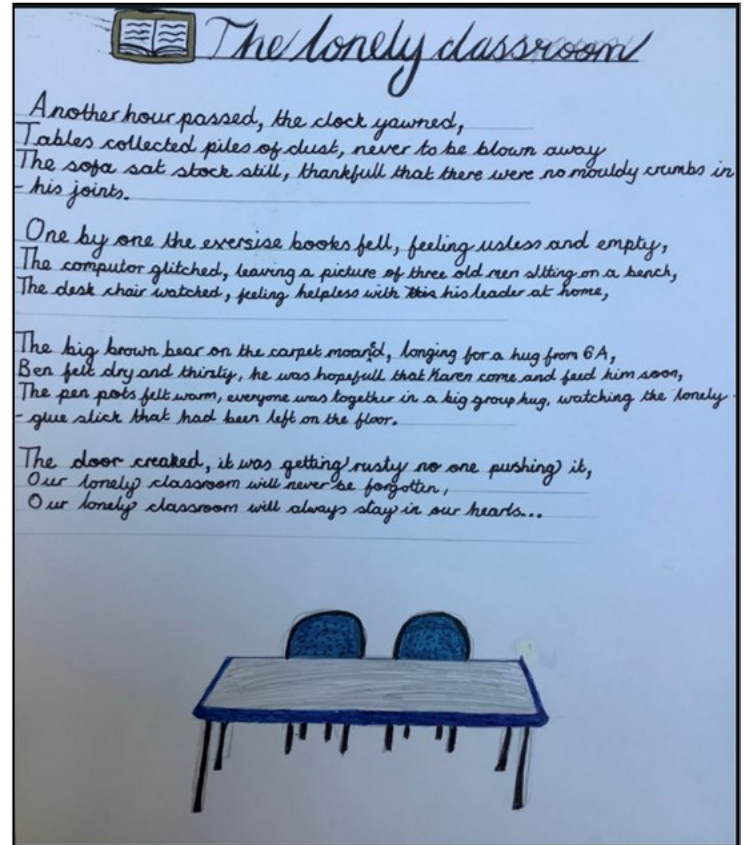


Lonely classrooms

Students in Adele and Sophie's Y6 classes have been creating beautiful poems full of characters.

Students were challenged to imagine what was going on in their Year 6 classrooms during lockdown. They imagined all sorts of mischief happening whilst the students were away. The poems are sad, funny and hopeful, everything we need right now! Students worked on the skill of personification to help them to describe the classroom objects coming alive.

Year 6 were enjoying their inquiry project on Peace and War before half term. Adele explains: "We learnt so much through researching our own family histories and grandparents coming in to talk to us. As part of this study, we looked at photographs from the Blitz and were then inspired to write our own Blitz poems some of which are on the school website: kingalfred.org.uk



THE LONELY CLASSROOM

Late at night, the clocks were playing what's the time Bingo
Every time they got a point, they would yawn mournfully
As it grew closer to midnight

The pens cried out miserably as the ones without lids
Dried out and turned old and crusty
As all there remains were dusted
And dead

However

The pens with ink drew a dartboard on the whiteboard
And played darts
The green lost
And red savored the win

The sharpeners chattered excitedly
As they dressed up the pencils
More majestic than
An angel walking through heaven

Lonely 6A

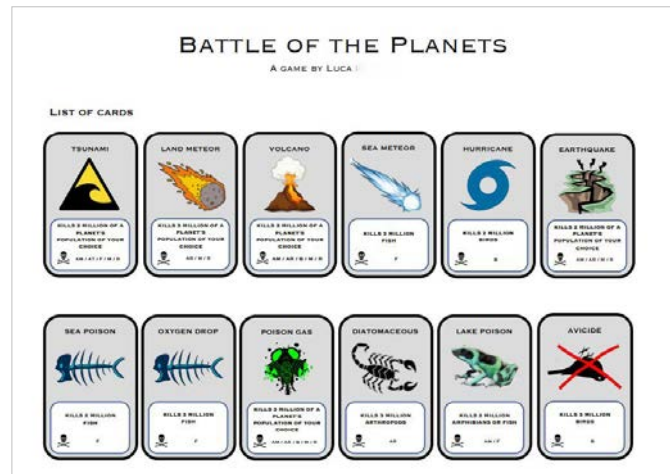
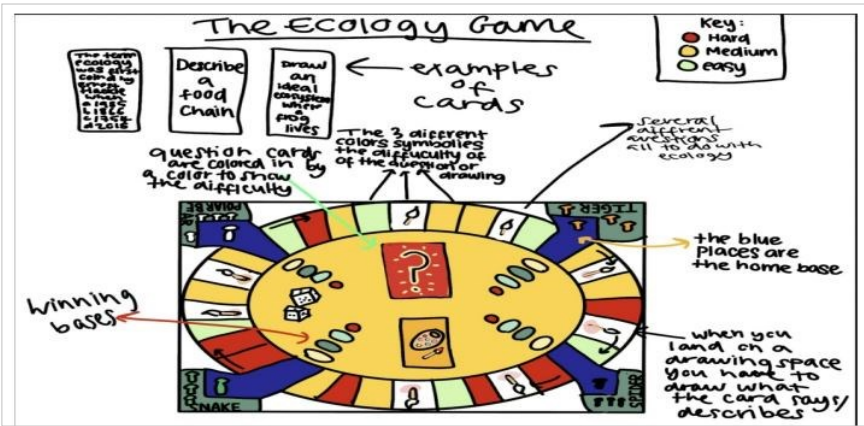
Jayden

Year 9 Biologists design games for life

In Year 9 the students were given a 2 week project around Ecology and the resulting games they created are brain-boosting-boredom-busters.

Biology teacher, Ryan said: "Students have diligently studied the topic independently at home, working through a range of activities in order to learn about food chains, food webs, pyramids of number and pyramids of biomass. They then had the brief to design a game based on this topic. We have truly been blown away by the effort put in by all of our students and their ingenuity in designing their games."

We will share some games on the school website and visit our [Facebook page](#) to see a video of Tilly demonstrating her game!



PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENT FILMS

Year 11 photography students were working towards exam projects when GCSE's were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Many of them have continued their projects and you can see two of their short films [on the school website](#).

Flame combined film and stop frame animation to illustrate her theme of 'Personal Space'. She drew inspiration from the artists Dryden Goodwin who drew and scratched onto photographs of

Londoners, the scratched lines representing an individual's private thoughts as an aura. We went into lockdown while the work was being completed and in the current context these scratched 'thought' lines now take on the sense of a spreading virus.



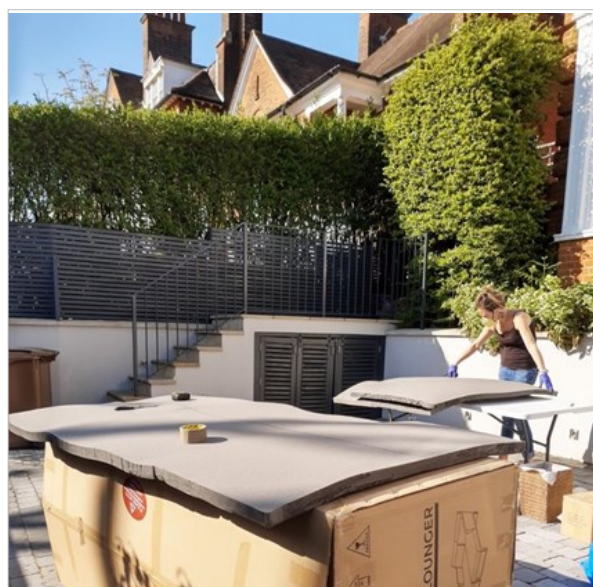
Alana chose the theme, 'Broken'. She looked at Wim Wender's film 'Pina' about the choreographer Pina Bausch and made the film from her lockdown location in Oxfordshire. Head of Photography, Cliff said: "I find it very moving, on the one hand reflecting the dislocation of the current situation but on the other strong and defiant." Alana filmed and choreographed the project herself.



KAS Community join the Visor Army

Parents and students from across the school have joined this local volunteering effort. The group was started by Consultant Anaesthetist Dr Deborah Braham, the cousin of KAS parent Michelle N. We asked Michelle to tell us all about it.

“Visor Army is a group of volunteers making protective visors for Intensive Care Units at hospitals. A small group of friends started making the visors from their dining room tables and the group has now grown to over a thousand



volunteers and counting! They recently reached 12,553 visors made by the community, It's volunteers have been absolutely incredible, especially those who have taken on more than had ever been expected.

We urgently need donations to buy the visor materials as well as more volunteers to continue to make them.” Get involved:

[Facebook page](#) / [Gofundme page](#) / [Instagram](#)



3D Fundraising for DT Department
 Our own Design Technology team are joining the effort to make vital PPE for the NHS frontline staff. They need to raise £6000 towards the cost of 3D printers and materials. Once operational the printers will be operated by Miranda and a small group of KAS students—working in a socially distanced workshop.
[Visit their Just Giving page to donate.](#)

ROBERT AND KAREN’S MESSAGE

As we start this unusual Summer term, our 'KAS Connected Learning programme' is now in full swing. Those two intense weeks before the Easter break were a steep learning curve, and this has helped us to develop and refine the provision. We are keeping a close eye on how it beds down, and are sure that it will continue to evolve over the coming weeks. We hope that you have seen the updated safeguarding guidelines for online working and please do get back to one of us with any questions. Above all, we hope that everyone is healthy and well at this time – this situation brings many new pressures and challenges, and as always, we are here to support.

