

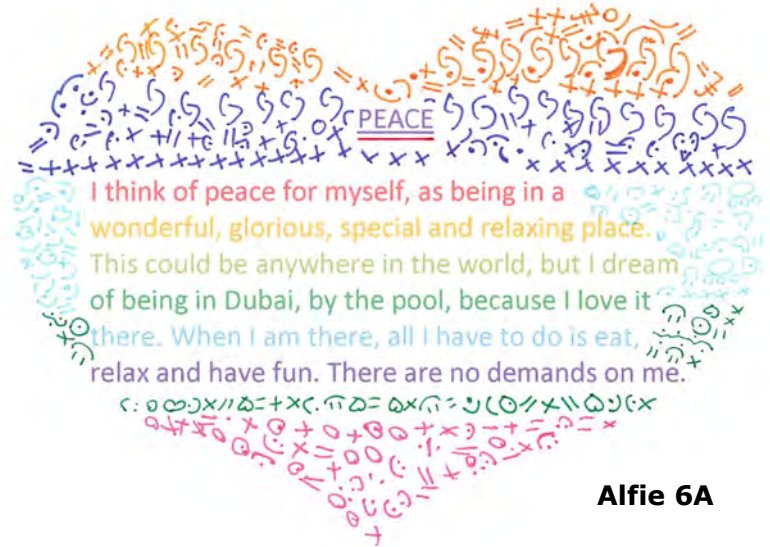
# KAS Connected

## PEACEFUL THOUGHTS

The Y6 inquiry topic this half term is 'Peace & War'.

Students in both classes have been looking at what peace means to different people (including themselves) and producing beautiful works of art to express their feelings.

They have also been looking at the Artists for Peace wall of art and creating their own peace-inspired pictures. Visit our website to see [more of their fabulous work](#).



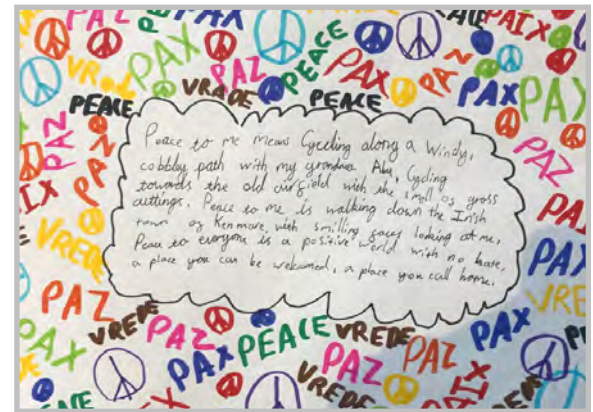
Alfie 6A



Lily 6S



Roshan 6S



Arlo 6A

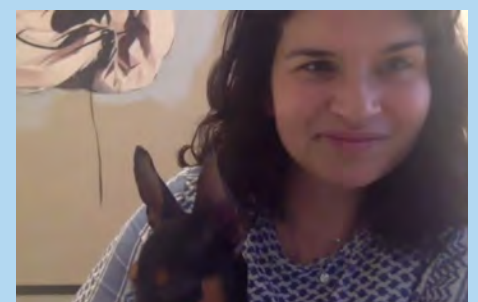
## BRINGING THE TOPIC TO LIFE

Salima (Elodie's mum) talked to 6A over Zoom about her experiences visiting Kashmir during the 1999 conflict as part of a university work placement with the BBC New Delhi bureau.

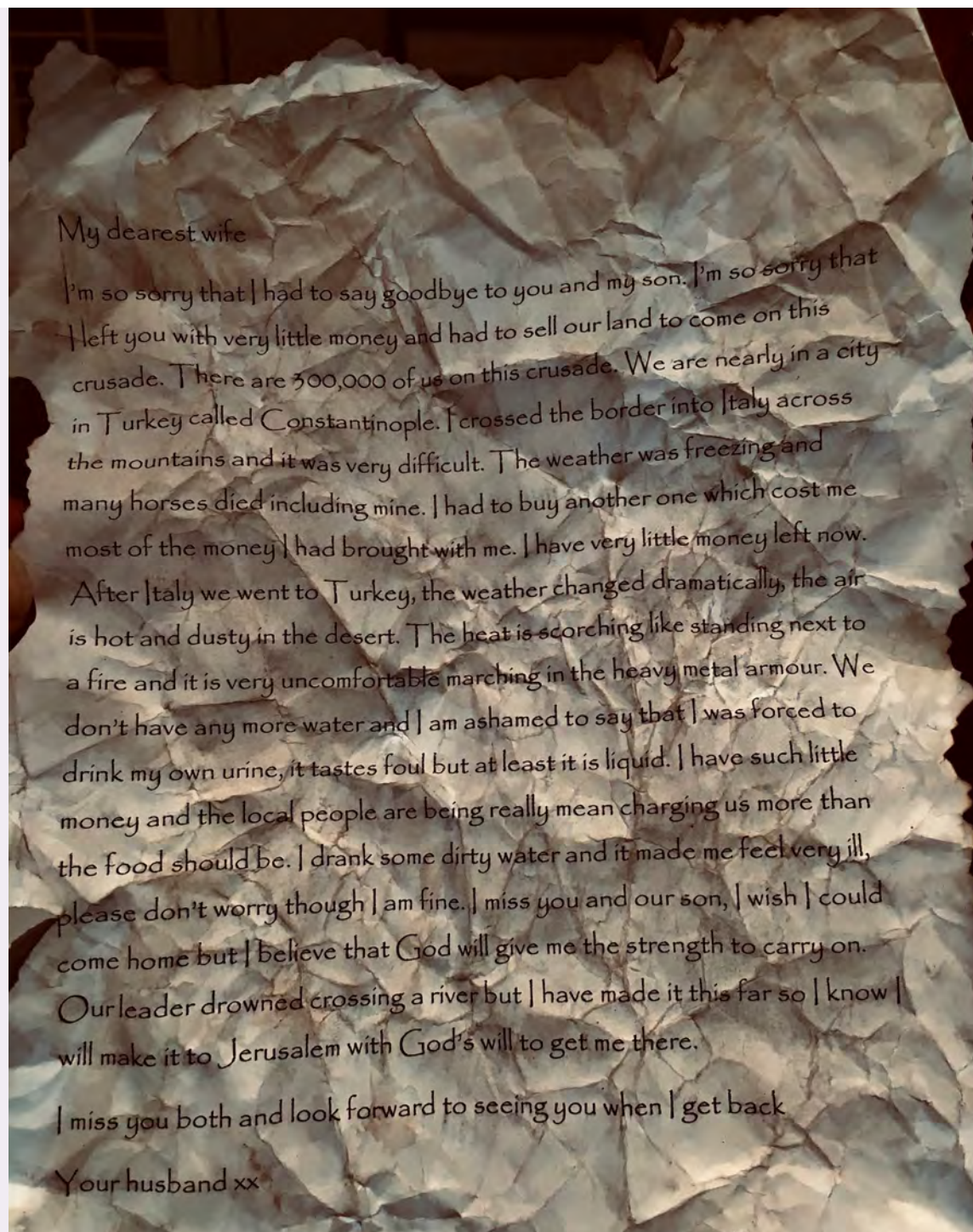
Y6 teacher Adele said: "The children were engrossed in her stories about hearing gunfire and wearing body armour. We had a great discussion about the complexities of war, helping us to kick-start our inquiry topic of Peace and War."

Maisie: "Salima told us she had to wear bulletproof clothing to protect her. I found that really scary."

Alfie: "Salima said she was very far away but the sound of the fighting was still very loud and in the night she could see gunfire - that sounded particularly scary."







## LETTER FROM THE PAST

Penny's Y7 History class have been researching what life was like for medieval knights as they journeyed thousands of miles to the battles of the Crusades.

They then wrote letters back home, imagining they were the far flung crusaders.

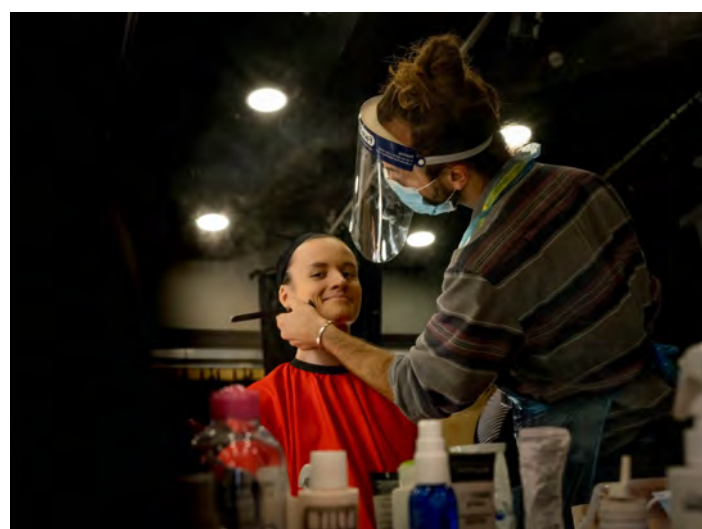
Penny said: "This letter by Luca is just brilliant. And tea stained and burnt round the edges. I am so proud of his efforts."

## LET'S MAKE UP

Before the October Half Term Sixth Formers on our UAL and Theatre Studies courses received a hair and make up masterclass, learning different techniques before practicing on each other.

"I found this workshop really helpful as it taught me how to do hair techniques which I didn't know before as well as small techniques to create important details." **Leah S, Y13**

See more fantastic photos [on our website](#).





## KEEPING OUR LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS ACTIVE



PE teacher and LS Games co-ordinator Tom has been channelling his inner Joe Wicks in workouts for our students.

"I am running one live HIIT/Tabata workout per week for the Lower Schools students with an aim to keep them fit over this lockdown period. The lesson lasts for 20-30 minutes and starts at 1:30pm every Wednesday (Reception-Y1), Thursday (Y2-Y3) and Friday (Y4-Y6).

These workouts require one hundred percent effort through quick, intense bursts of exercise, followed by short recovery periods. In the first week we had an impressive 84 students boxing, lunging, jumping, kicking, squatting, and crawling their way through the session. The target this week is to reach 100 and I am confident we can get there!

Keep up the good work and remember that we only need to exercise for 30 minutes out of our 24-hr day, it's that easy!"

**Tom Franklin, PE teacher**



### HOOP DREAMS

In Upper School students have been designing their own games to improve their throwing skills.

They were tasked with creating their target-based game using a ball, rolled up socks, scrunched up paper, or whatever they had to hand.

Here's Y7 student Nathan's home-made hoop created with coat hangers, cardboard, string and tape.





## BOOKS ONLINE

With our wonderful school libraries shut it's good to know you can access free books online for Lower School Pupils.

[This virtual library](#) from the National Literacy Trust has reading and writing activities from favourite childrens' authors.



## OLD VIC OFFERS ONLINE WORK EXPERIENCE

The Old Vic is offering a one-week, online, work experience programme for up to 20 participants aged 16–18 years old.

The course will run 15-19 Feb 2021. Find out more by visiting [the Old Vic website](#) and be quick if you want to apply, applications close on 29 Jan.

## NEWS FROM OLD ALFREDIANS FAR AFIELD

Our recent OA newsletter was posted to those who requested hard copies. Of course, they took ages to wend their way across the oceans to Australia, but last week we heard from Sally Clark (OA 1951) via this lovely message below; Sean Dawson (OA 1954) who called us for a long catch up; and Julie James Bailey (née Heyting) (OA 1951) whose recollections will feature in the Spring edition of the OA newsletter.



*"I am lucky to be healthy and hope to visit KAS for the 125th anniversary in 2023! I'm writing my memoirs and the influence of KAS is featuring prominently. I listen to the news of lockdown in the UK and hope everyone is safe and well. Thank you KAS."* **Julie**

If you know an OA who'd like to be in touch, [visit our website](#) for contacts and events.

## ROBERT AND KAREN'S MESSAGE

Now that we're halfway through this half term, one question on everyone's mind is the likely date of the return to the school site. At the moment it's not possible to give a very good answer. What we can say is that it will depend on the level of cases in London and the south east and the subsequent pressures on the NHS. We went into lockdown as cases rocketed in December from around 150 per 100000 to over 1000 per 100000. Lockdown for schools will only end when the numbers fall back to previous levels and that is going to rest on what happens with any new variants and the extent to which lockdown rules are respected. We've been told this week that schools will be 'the last to shut and the first to open', that they may open at different times in different regions, and that there will be two weeks' notice for any change. As soon as we know more, we will pass this on, and in the meantime, we'll continue to make KASConnected learning the very best experience that we can.

