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Welcome back to a brand new term and Happy New Year to all of our students, parents and staff. Although our physical doors are once again closed for the time being, we've loved seeing you all in our virtual classrooms over the past week. Each newsletter this term will begin with two Vlogs from The Senior and Junior schools - starting with this week's videos from Mr Antwis and Miss Dowson.



Mr Antwis



Miss Dowson

In this Vlog, Mr Antwis discusses 'Value Added' and what this means to us here at Akeley. Learn more about how our work in this area has placed Akeley Wood in the top 8% of schools.

Miss Dowson talks about the steps we have taken at the Junior school to develop our online learning provision, in order to fit the needs of every child. She also discusses how we continue to monitor progress during lockdown.

Online Learning Highlights

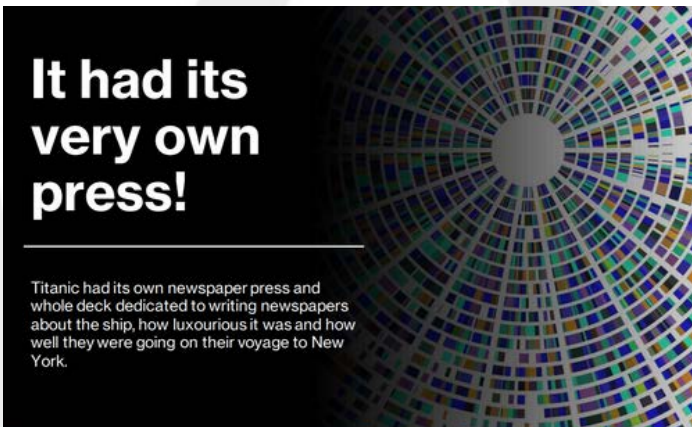


SOMEBODY SWALLOWED STANLEY!

Year 2 are reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' - a story about a poor little plastic bag that gets thrown in to the ocean! Students were tasked with a 'hot-seating' activity and sent in some fantastic videos exploring the character from their own point of view.

TASTY SCIENCE

Year 3 have been studying the skeleton during their Science lessons this week. They were given paper skeletons to put together and a task to name each part correctly. Seb went one step further however, and created a giant skeleton cookie! It looks delicious.



A TITANIC PRESENTATION

Year 8 are learning all about the Titanic in History at the moment. We love this piece of work created by Leo P, detailing lots of interesting facts about the Titanic. Did you know that the interior of the ship was created by the same people who designed The Ritz? We love these facts, Leo - well done!

CLOSET SPACE

During their online Film Studies lessons this week, Year 9 were tasked with recreating their own version of a short film called 'Closet Space'. Take a look at Harrison A-B's version here by pressing play - great work, Harrison, well done.



Lockdown Competitions



The Akeley 100 launched this week and students have been having fun earning their 'miles' during Games lessons. More information is being sent out via Cognita Connect so the whole family can get involved. Why not follow everyone's progress on our Instagram account - @Theakeley100. You can tag us there too if you'd like!

Junior School students - you have until Friday 23rd January to get your 2 minute videos in to Mrs Morgan. Record your special talents and use wetransfer.com to send them over to Jennifer.morgan@cognita.com. These will then be judged by a panel and a shortlist will be chosen to go to live voting! The winner will be announced on 10th February - Good luck!



If you'd like to get involved in the Lockdown Reading challenge, click on the books to get all of the information you will need to get going. If you manage to complete the grid, we'll have a special Lockdown Reading challenge bookmark waiting for you! Happy Reading!

In MFL, we are encouraging Senior School students to have a go at the University of Oxford French and Spanish flash fiction competition, organised by the faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages. It is open to all from Year 7 to Year 13 and is a great way to unleash your creativity while practising your language skills.



Click [HERE](#) to read more and find out how to enter!