

# **#TEAMAKELEY PRESS**

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With only one week to go before half term, we are absolutely flying through the Spring term! We've enjoyed seeing another week of brilliant online learning as always, and are excited to bring you some new highlights from our student's busy week of lessons.

We have two brand new teacher Vlogs for you to watch, along with some important Akeley updates to finish this week's newsletter.













Mr Antwis has recorded a special Vlog this week, for Junior and Senior School children, focusing on 'Encouragement.' It is more important now than ever to make sure we are encouraging not only each other, but also ourselves.

Mr Rice, Junior School Deputy Head and Computing teacher, has recorded a great Vlog this week, focusing on the Akeley Learner Profile. Click play to find out exactly what this is and why it's so important to us here at the Junior School.

# Online Learning Highlights



#### ART MYTHS & LEGENDS

Year 4 have been carrying on their topic of myths and legends in Art lessons and have been sketching different dragon eyes and dragon scales. The focus has been on texture and shading to create a striking dragon eye picture. Here is Ben D working hard during his online Art lesson this week. Well done Year 4.

#### **UN, DEUX, TROIS**

Our Junior School MFL teacher, Madame Burdett, takes our KSI children through key French topics in their online language lessons each week. Here is Olivia in Year 1, counting along with Madame Burdett – amazing concentration!



## **DINOSAUR DIVISION**



Year 2 have been practising their division in online Maths lessons and have been doing an excellent job. Grayson has even used his dinosaurs as a visual aid while dividing we love this idea!

### A LEVEL PORTFOLIOS

A Level Art students have been working with their teachers to develop their portfolios while learning online, and are continuing to produce some really beautiful work. This watercolour study from Sally H is the perfect example.



#### **GCSE TASTER SESSIONS**

Year 8 students have been taking part in online GCSE taster sessions over the past few weeks, trying out brand new subjects, including Business Studies, Food & Nutrition and Film & Media. We're looking forward to releasing the full programme of subjects on February 12th and taking your GCSE choices very soon.



#### THE SNOWMAN

The snowy weather may be a distant memory, but William G's snowman took pride of place in his Outdoor Learning task last week. Yr 7 & 8 still have Outdoor Learning lessons once a week, providing a great break from their screens.

# Akeley Updates



# LOCKDOWN STORIES COMPETITION

Calling all budding Junior School authors! We have a brand new Lockdown Story Competition for you to enter, and you have until after half term to get your most creative stories submitted. Click on the image to read all of the details and entry information. Good luck!

## INTER SCHOOL FITNESS CHALLENGE

This brand new fitness challenge is open to all Akeley staff, Junior School pupils and Year 7 & 8 pupils. You have from 6am on Saturday 6th Feb until the end of the day on the 7th to get active and clock up as many KM's as you can! Click on the image for all of the info and for the form link. Good luck!!





#### **AKELEY AFTER HOURS**

A brand new programme of after school webinars and activity sessions are coming to the Senior School. A new programme will be released weekly with full information on events and links to join. Click the logo to see what's on next week.