OMAGH ACADEMY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020

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Welcome

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter which provides us all with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on a unique term here at Omagh Academy. Pupils and staff were all absolutely delighted to return to school this August following closure, albeit in a very different environment. Staff and pupils were inducted in hygiene, social distancing and one-way systems. Everyone is confined to bubbles and zones – even in the playground! We are extremely proud of our whole school community – how everyone has adapted to and complied with the new school routines and requirements whilst supporting and encouraging each other to flourish. We warmly welcomed our Year 8 pupils, as well as a number of pupils in Years 8-13, and are delighted that they have settled in well. During this term we welcomed Miss Frazer, Ms Fahy, Miss McWilliams, Miss Hughes and Mr Hill to the PE, Languages, Art and Design, Geography and Physics Departments and we welcomed Mrs Chittick back to the Art and Design Department. We welcomed Mrs Cairns, Mrs Orr and Mrs Wilson to our team of Classroom Assistants and we welcomed Mrs Galloway, Mr Lyttle and Mrs McKane who all worked in several departments throughout the term. We said goodbye to Mr Reaney, Mr Wilson, Mrs Mason, Mrs Graham and Mr McLean from the Geography, Physics, Chemistry, School Catering Services and Science/HE Departments. We also congratulate Mrs Colwell on the birth of her baby girl, Ellie-May. I thank everyone in the Omagh Academy family for your continued and unstinting support for our school and each other during these unprecedented and challenging times and I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Maxwell, Principal

COVID 19 UPDATES

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

FACE MASKS
NEW GUIDANCE

It is now mandatory for all post primary pupils to wear a face mask on all forms of school transport. The new guidance applies to:

- All EA dedicated home to school transport
- All Translink dedicated home to school transport
- All normal scheduled Translink bus and train services

Medical and SEN exemptions apply.

ea Education Authority

Translink

Free School Meals

An important announcement about payments over the Christmas Holiday period

For more info visit eani.org.uk/fsm

ea Education Authority

School holiday food grants to be extended until Easter 2022
Education Minister Peter Weir has announced that families of young people entitled to Free School Meals will receive food grants during school holidays from Christmas 2020 to Easter 2022.
Well over 100,000 children will benefit.
Peter Weir said: "I welcome today's decision by the Executive to support my proposal to fund a School Holiday Food Grant scheme. This is very good news, especially for those families who are struggling financially during this pandemic."
"The issue of 'holiday hunger' has become an increasing concern this year and I have worked, with my Executive colleagues, to address this by providing food payments to families during the summer and Halloween holidays and indeed when schools were forced to close.
"I realise the vital importance for children who normally receive a free school meal to have access to a nutritious meal without placing their family under further hardship in these difficult times."

CATCH IT
Always cough or sneeze into a tissue

BIN IT
Dispose of the tissue as soon as possible

KILL IT
Clean your hands as soon as you can

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze

1. COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
2. Put your used tissue in the rubbish BIN.
3. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, NOT YOUR HANDS.
4. WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel.

COVID-19: HELP SAVE LIVES

KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT — STAY SAFE — SAVE LIVES

I have been identified as a '**close contact**' via 'HSCtracing' text or through the StopCOVID app

What does this mean?	Go home	Stay home
Can I go to the shops?		No
Can I go to work or school?		No
Can I go out for a walk or exercise?		No
Can I meet up with friends outside?		No
Can I go into my garden?		Yes
Can I visit my friends or family?		No

Does this mean I will definitely get COVID-19?	No but you are at risk - a 'close contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
How long do i need to stay at home? 14 days	As a close contact you need to self-isolate at home because you are **at risk of developing symptoms in the next 14 days** and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.

If you develop symptoms book a test.

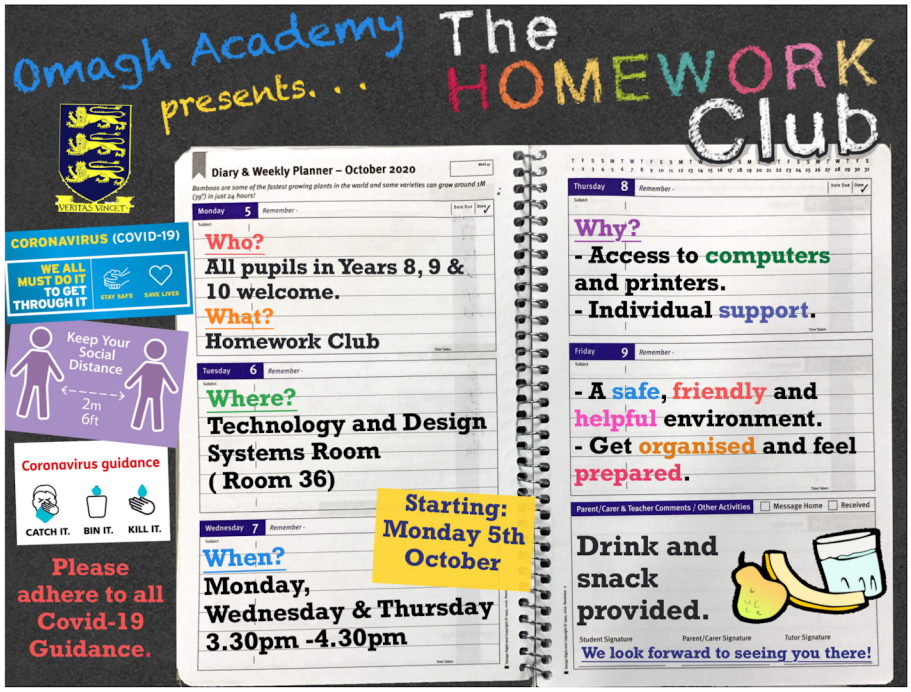
www.pha.site/coronavirus

HSC Public Health Agency

School NEWS

GCSE EXAM REMINDER

- Mathematics Unit 3 : **Monday 11th January.**
- Mathematics Unit 4: **Monday 11th January.**
- Unit 1 English Language: **Tuesday 12th January.**
- Unit 4 English Language: **Thursday 14th January.**



JANUARY DATES FOR DIARY

- Spring Term begins **Monday 4th January 2021**
- Open Night will be virtual this year: see the school facebook page for further details in January.
- Year 12 Mock Examinations: **Wednesday 6th-Monday 18th January.**
- Year 13 Mock Examinations: **Thursday 21st- Wednesday 27th January.**

THE SUNDAY TIMES PARENT POWER

On Sunday 29th November 2020, Omagh Academy was listed in the top 20 State Secondary Schools in Northern Ireland. This rank is based on overall grades in school in 2019: %A*-B at A Level and % A*-A at GCSE. Congratulations to all pupils and staff and we thank the staff for teaching, *guiding, nurturing and supporting* the pupils of Omagh Academy and giving them the best possible opportunities.

VISIT FROM EDUCATION MINISTER PETER WEIR MLA

Our school was pleased to host the Minister of Education, Peter Weir on Wednesday 4th November 2020 for a visit and tour of the school.
The Senior Leadership Team were given the opportunity to highlight the strengths of our school including our academic success and extra-curricular provision. Mr Weir was also informed of the numerous challenges faced by both teachers and pupils due to the pandemic as well as the management of school finances, the digital disadvantages that we face and the place of Omagh Academy within the Education Authority.
Pictured in the photo from left to right:

Katie Beattie (Head Girl)
Cllr Bill Reilly (Chairman of the Board of Governors)
Peter Weir MLA
Mrs Maxwell (Principal)
Luke Hamill (Head Boy)

PRIZE DAY 2020-2021

Due to the pandemic, the school were unable to hold their Annual Speech Day in September. This will now take place through a virtual prize giving. Full details and photos will be announced in the Spring Newlsetter and on social media.

PINKERTON MEDAL

Emma Hamilton

T ROSS HENDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

David Braden

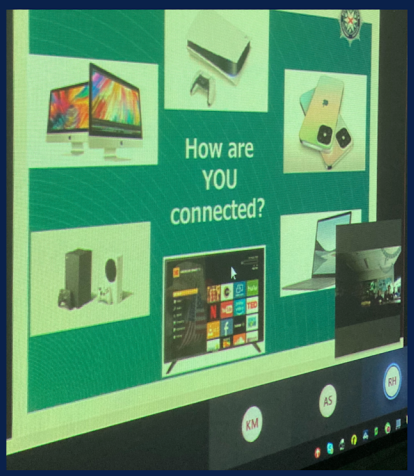
ACADEMIC TIES 2020-2021

Academic Honours Ties were recently presented to twenty five Year 14 pupils who had achieved 3 A grades in their AS levels. Well done to all!

Nathan McClure
Adam Pollock
Clara Harpur
Melissa Fenton
Kirsty Turner
Joshua Danton
Luke Hamill
Grace Hawkes
Katie Beattie
Emma Hamilton
Ella Adams
Michael Wardega
Jason King
Amy Crankshaw
Damaris Condy
Tom Cowan
Rebecca McCutcheon
Jake Reid
Jack McFarland
Georgia Pentland
Sophie Mitchell
Gemma Sproule
Aaron Milligan
Thomas Managh
Holly Loughlin

PSNI ONLINE SAFETY TALK

During the month of November, KS3 classes had a virtual meeting during their PSE lesson with Constable Rachel Harkness in which she spent thirty minutes outlining the possible dangers of being connected to the online world. It was an insightful and informative session and we thank Constable Harkness for her time and effort.



CLASS OF 2020 DONATION

AIR AMBULANCE NI

The Class of 2020 have donated £550 to Air Ambulance NI. The money for this donation came from Formal funds which Year 14 had planned to utilise for their leavers' events in May 2020. Due to the pandemic, these events were unable to take place as planned. The Formal committee agreed that the donation would be a fitting legacy for the Class of 2020. Representatives from the committee, Sarah McKeag and Alex Hewitt together with Mrs Maxwell, Principal presented a cheque to Damian McAnespie from Air Ambulance this term.

FAREWELL

and warmest wishes to members of our staff who are leaving!

DAVID MCCLEAN SCIENCE AND HE TECHNICIAN

Mr David McLean has been with us for just over a year, working as a technician in our Science and HE Departments and helping out with senior games. David is a past pupil of Omagh Academy. He left school in 2015 having completed A Levels in Biology, Geography and Religious Studies and worked in his family business for a year. He then attended Ulster University in Coleraine graduating in Biomedical Science in 2019. David joined the staff of Omagh Academy in November 2019 and has been an asset to our school. He is enthusiastic and reliable and has an excellent work ethic. David uses initiative in his work, is always accommodating and enjoys an excellent rapport with pupils and staff alike. David is leaving us to return to UUC to commence a two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Physician Associate Studies. David leaves Omagh Academy with our thanks and warmest wishes for a bright and successful future.

BARBARA GRAHAM EA SCHOOL CATERER

We also say goodbye to Mrs Barbara Graham who is retiring after an enjoyable and industrious career with the EA School Catering Service. Barbara has been faithfully serving us at break and lunchtimes in Omagh Academy for 11 years, having previously worked in Omagh County Primary School for 16 years. Barbara has been a treasure in school. She is always smiling and has a very soft, mild manner. She is kind, caring and gracious at all times. Barbara is very reliable and hardworking. She has attended many evening and weekend school functions over the years and, during her last term, treated the Minister of Education to morning coffee and a scone. Barbara loves baking and the results are simply out of this world. We have been spoilt here at the Academy with the tray bakes, shortbread and mince pies. Barbara we thank you for all your work for us here in Omagh Academy and we wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement to spoil your family with your baking and to spend time with your new little granddaughter.

FAREWELL Mr Wilson

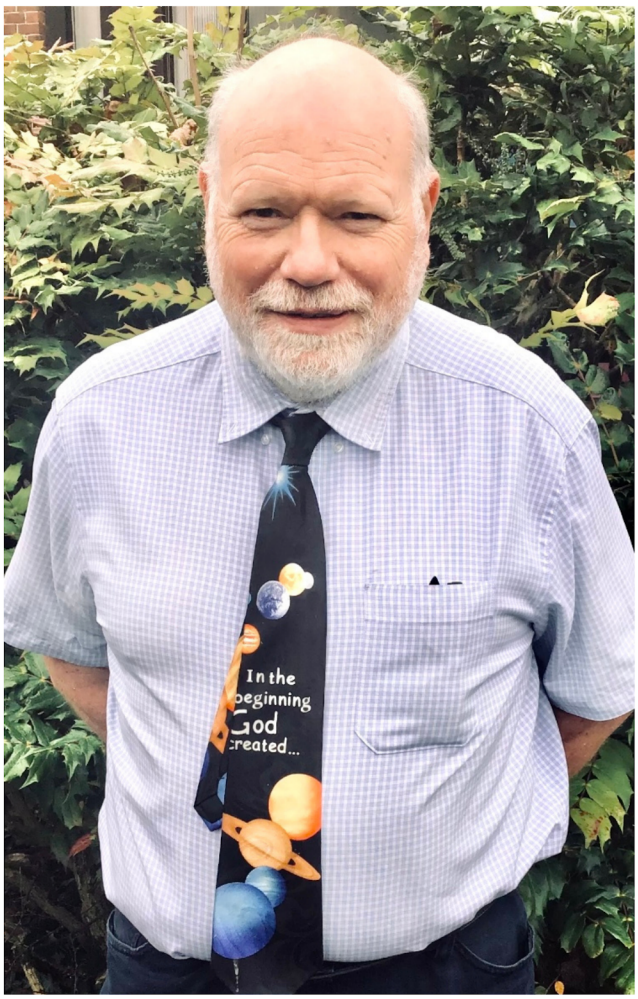
On Friday 27th November 2020, Omagh Academy held a special assembly to celebrate the career of Mr Wilson who retired after 40 years and three months of service to the school. Mr Wilson has been an effective teacher, precise, analytical and methodical in everything he does. Mr Wilson took on many other responsibilities in school over the years including Teacher in charge of Badminton Club and Teacher in charge of Gymnastics and Trampoline Club. He helped with Scripture Union and was often a lively contributor to the SU's Ask the Panel meetings. Mr Wilson ran a Science Club and was a Housemaster of Drumragh House. Mr Wilson was C2k Assistant Manager and Teacher in Charge of ICT support as well as a Year Head - timing his retirement perfectly with the departure of his year 14 group in June 2020. He also, administered the School Fund and acted a judge for the maths department's annual π competition.

Although he was a Physicist, he had a great love for all things computer-related and taught IT at KS3 for a long time in school. His greatest love was programming and he ran courses in Control Technology back in the days of the BBC Computers. This suited his logical approach to life and problem solving.

We will miss Mr Wilson in Omagh Academy - a legend in his own time. Our school will certainly be a less colourful place without his extensive range of interesting and novelty ties!

Indeed, such has been the impact of this tie collection over the years that pupils and staff wanted to celebrate Mr Wilson's contribution to Omagh Academy by holding a novelty tie day in his honour. We thank Mr Wilson for his commitment to Omagh Academy during his years of service.

We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement with time for family, and hobbies.



CAPTAINS OF HOCKEY

HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF ABERCORN
OMAGH ACADEMY
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE TWO WORLD WARS
1914 - 1918

FAREWELL Mrs Mason

We also acknowledge and celebrate the contribution to Omagh Academy of Mrs Mason, Head of Chemistry. Mrs Mason began teaching Chemistry and Science in Omagh Academy in September 2002 and has been a stalwart of the Academy for 18 years and four months. Mrs Mason moved to Omagh Academy from Oakgrove Integrated College where she was Head of Department.

Mrs Mason is an excellent teacher, always passionate about her subject and always instilling that same passion in her pupils. Mrs Mason takes a genuine interest in each individual pupil – she always wants the best for them and she always gets the best from them. Mrs Mason is extremely diligent and hardworking. She works quietly and consistently, showing kindness to pupils and colleagues. She was appointed Head of Chemistry in Omagh Academy in 2011, a role that she carried out with utmost professionalism.

Mrs Mason took on many other responsibilities in school over the years including Teacher in Charge of Badminton Club. She played badminton competitively herself and coached Omagh Academy teams successfully through many competitions across Northern Ireland. Mrs Mason has a love of animals in general, and horses in particular. She was teacher in Charge of Equestrian Club in the Academy. Mrs Mason ran the Science Club and always added up scores on Sports Day. She is very sociable and attended many staff functions and school formals over the years.

Mrs Mason's presence in any room exudes empathy and care. She is kind-hearted and a friend to all and we will miss her infectious giggle in school.

We thank Mrs Mason for her commitment to Omagh Academy during her years of service.

We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement with time for family, the animals, the garden and of course her little grandson.

NEW STAFF

MRS CAIRNS

MRS WILSON

MR HILL

MISS MCWILLIAMS

MRS ORR

MISS HUGHES

MS FAHY

MISS FRAZER

MS MCKANE

MRS GALLOWAY

MR LYTTLE

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM 2020-2021

LUKE HAMILL

It was a great privilege to be asked to undertake the role of Head Boy at Omagh Academy, and I hope to continue to represent the school with pride. My keen interest in sport has afforded me with many opportunities to represent the school through Rugby, Golf, Cross-Country and Athletics at the E-Districts. My involvement in Music, included me playing in the brass band and orchestra. These have proved to be invaluable experiences for me.

NATHAN MCCLURE

During my years at Omagh Academy I have been given so many opportunities, both academic and outside of the classroom. The school introduced me to Rugby, which I have played at all levels since, even captaining the 2XV last season. Throughout my education I have also been given many chances to take part in the UK Maths challenges, which I am grateful for as they helped me develop my knowledge while competing against other schools. Being given the rope of Deputy Head Boy was a great honour, as it always is to represent the school.

JASON KING

Throughout my time at Omagh Academy I have had so many opportunities opened to me. My keen interest in Rugby quickly allowed me to create many friendships and develop many of my skills. Being chosen to be Deputy Head Boy has given me a great sense of pride and responsibility that I am able to represent my school, and lets me feel like I can give something back for all the support I've had over the years.

SENIOR PREFECT TEAM 2020-2021

KATIE BEATTIE

Omagh Academy has provided me with many opportunities to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. I've had the privilege of representing the school through sport, playing in the 1stXI Hockey team. In Year 13 I was part of Young Enterprise which was a great way to learn about life after school. Being selected as Head Girl has given me a great sense of pride and Honour and I look forward to representing the school as the year unfolds.

EMMA HAMILTON

I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of my 7 years at Omagh Academy. I have found lifelong friendships and I have been involved in many areas of school life. This included participating in the French Exchange, being a part of the Young Enterprise, an active member of Scripture Union and both Junior and Senior choirs. My most memorable experience has been with our school hockey teams. In particular, having the privilege to play for our 1XI team and represent the school in the semi final of the Schools' cup.
I am grateful to my teachers and peers for selecting me for this role as Deputy Head Girl, which I take pride in fulfilling.

HOLLY LOUGHLIN

My time at Omagh Academy has given me amazing opportunities like being appointed the role of Deputy Head Girl which I take pride in fulfilling.Throughout my school life I have been apart of various clubs like Choir and Psychology society. Omagh Academy has a great sporting community with everyone having the opportunity to try different sports! Because of Omagh Academy I got to play hockey which I have been playing since I started here and recently I have been given the Captaincy for the 2XI team. My favourite memory since attending here was going to Pinzolo in Italy for a week on the ski trip !

WELCOME YEAR EIGHT

8A

8B

2020-2021

8C

8D

ABP ANGUS YOUTH 2020 *Competition*

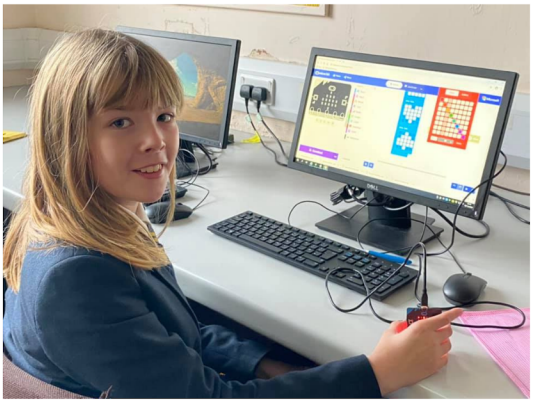
Congratulations to the Omagh Academy team who have reached the finals of the prestigious ABP Angus Youth Competition. The Omagh Academy team was one of only five schools in Northern Ireland to reach the finals which is a magnificent achievement, considering the disruption that there has been to education and life recently. Team members Tori Robson, Jill Liggett, James Fleming, Allister Crawford and Joshua Keys have shown great initiative, teamwork, resilience and organisational skills to power through to the finals of the competition.
As part of the finalist programme, the team has been presented with a 'mini-herd' of five Angus cross calves by ABP. Over the next 18 months, the calves will be kept on the Robson family farm at Glenhoy, Augher, so thanks are extended to Mr and Mrs John Robson and Tori for looking after them. The whole team will also work on forward-looking research assignments that challenge them to explore innovative techniques and proposals to assist with sustainable beef production. They will also benefit from interview and presentation skills training and gain insights into the strategic use of digital media to help promote their project. The final stages of the competition will see the Omagh Academy team compete with the four teams from the other schools over the next 18 months. The pupils have been given the priceless opportunity to develop their transferrable employability skills and knowledge of agri-food production through their participation in the competition – all fabulous things to have for their future CVs and Personal Statements. Thanks to Mr Hamilton, Mrs Lennox and Mrs Donnelly for their help and encouragement throughout.

VIRTUAL SCRIPTURE UNION

Although our Scripture Union groups were unable to meet in person due to the pandemic, we were delighted to be able to set up virtual meetings with both Junior and Senior Scripture Union this term. It has been really encouraging to see many join us each week and we thank Sarah Emerson, our SU E3 worker for Omagh and Castlederg, for taking a couple of sessions and providing us with many wonderful resources.
We also thank Mr Bingham for all his effort in setting up these meetings which have been a blessing to all.

YEAR 8 ICT

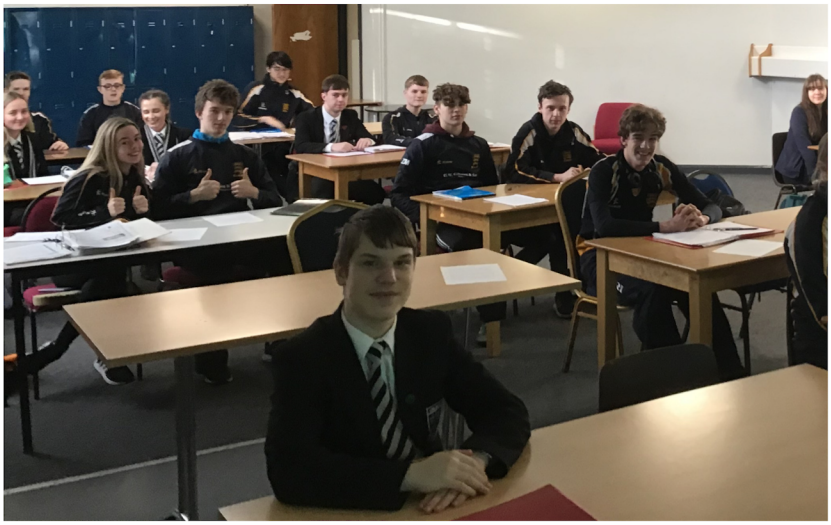
A few of our Year 8 pupils enjoyed programming Christmas symbols on microbits!



GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Virtual Meeting



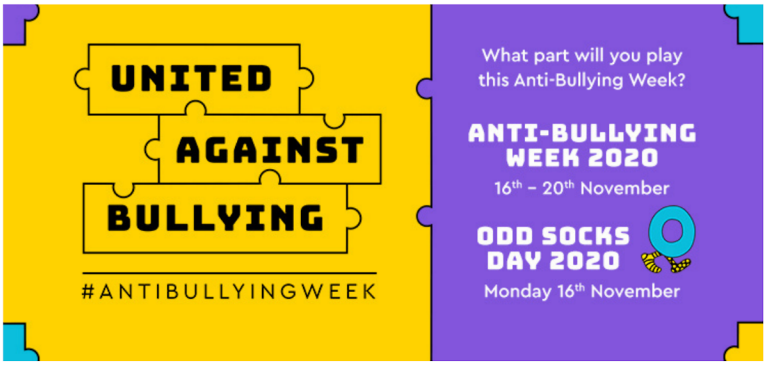
On Monday 21st November our Year 13 Government and Politics pupils took part in a virtual session in the Northern Ireland Assembly with *Marina McConville from the NI Assembly Education Service.* The hour long talk took place over Teams as visitors are not permitted at Parliament Buildings due to the pandemic. Omagh Academy were the first school in Northern Ireland to use the new service and Marina talked to the pupils about the Assembly, Executive, Good Friday Agreement and law making in Northern Ireland. She gave the pupils a good insight into the changes that have taken place since the New Decade, New Approach Agreement at the start of the year and some of the positives as well as the challenges the Assembly and Executive have faced since 1998.

YEAR 12 CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Mrs Beacom, Head of Year 12 was recently delighted to present '*Certificates for Excellent Effort*' to Year 12 pupils. The certificates were awarded to pupils who had achieved top effort grades across all of their subjects in the recent Tracking report. Well done!
Year 12 as a group have been working exceptionally well under the most challenging of circumstances.

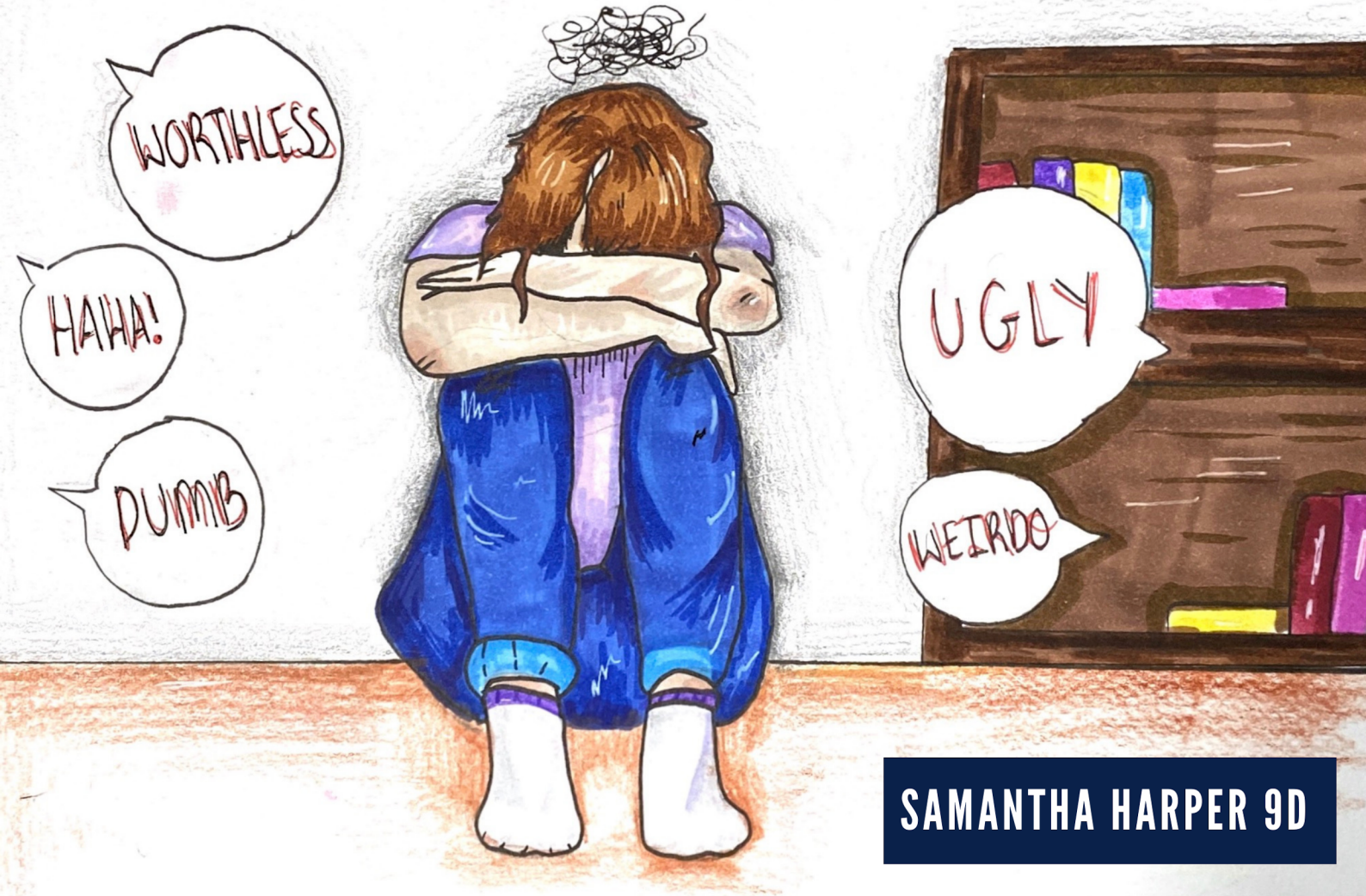
ANTI BULLYING WEEK

On Monday 16th November, pupils showed their support for Anti-Bullying Week by getting involved in the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum's 'Odd Socks Day'. The pupils of Omagh Academy added their own unique spin by making it '*Odd Socks and Ties Day*'! There were some great odd socks and ties on display. The purpose of 'Odd Socks and Ties Day' was to celebrate uniqueness. PSE lessons and Assemblies were all based around the theme of Anti-Bullying.



STOP BULLYING

Together, we are united against bullying.



SAMANTHA HARPER 9D

If you are a victim of bullying, or have witnessed someone being bullied, reach out to someone you trust (such as a parent, guardian, friend or teacher for help and advice. You should not suffer in silence.

MENTAL HEALTH *walk*

On Friday 9th October, in between the showers, many of our classes together with their teachers completed the 'Academy mile'. It was an opportunity to promote the importance of being active for good mental health. We thank our school community for their kind donations to our nominated charity, Aware.

AWARE
OVERCOMING DEPRESSION.
CHANGING LIVES.

Year 13 pupils, Aoife, Ben and Jessica presented Margaret from Aware with a cheque for £550, the total amount raised from our walk.

talk TO ME

LISTENING LISTENING LISTENING

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

GOT A SEC?

Spark YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY

Forget about lockdowns… "Spark", Omagh Academy's Young Enterprise company for 2020-21, are on a mission to save six animals that are locked up!
The company's aim is **to make fitness fun for younger primary school children**. A book titled the "Jungle Gym" has been written which tells the story of six animals. Each of these animals – a lion, a tiger, a giraffe, a zebra, a monkey and an elephant – are desperate to escape the confines of the zoo in which they live. To break free, they must get fit and train in the "Jungle Gym". A series of child friendly exercises are presented in the book for each animal. The book's aim is for children to get fit with each animal by doing the accompanying exercises. In turn, they will help each animal to escape.
The animals have been given names and a mini-passport within the book. Children will also learn about nature alongside exercising, as they read fascinating facts about each of the animals.
The "Jungle Gym" book has been designed and beautifully illustrated by Omagh Academy pupils in the company. Copies of the colourful book are accompanied by one of the animals in the form of a plush toy.
Having developed a product that is educational, fitness based and a motivational challenge, Omagh Academy's "Spark" hope that children will want to join the Jungle Gym!

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION MENTAL HEALTH

To mark World Mental Health Day, Mrs Fleming organised a Public Speaking Competition for Year 13 pupils. Seven pupils spoke with confidence and passion on the subject of how we can feel better and have good mental health. Thank you and well done to **Jack, Aaron,Naomi, Ava, Charlotte, Poppy and Maria.**
Congratulations to Charlotte who was awarded 'Top Speaker' by the judging panel.

Music NEWS

The Music Department is delighted to receive these instruments - gained through the musical instruments grant programme from Arts Council NI. We look forward to the time when we can perform live music in front of an audience again! You will certainly be able to hear the impact that these top quality instruments have for our orchestra/brass band percussionists and for the African Drumming ensemble. We trust that 2021 will see the return of our usual concert programme.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2020

It would not be Christmas without hearing those old, familiar carols and tunes. Sadly, the Omagh Academy Carol Service will not take place this year in St Columba's Church due to regulations around Covid19. However, we are delighted to say that the 2020 version of the Carol Service will be broadcast online for you to watch from the comfort of your own home! We encourage you to take some time to listen to our talented pupils explain the wonder of the Christmas Story through readings and music. This year we would like to support the work of 'Air Ambulance NI' and, if you feel it is appropriate, invite you to donate via the online giving form.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 2020

The school's Act of Remembrance in November was a very different event, but no less poignant. A virtual service produced by Mrs Bingham was watched simultaneously by pupils in their classrooms. Led by Mrs Maxwell, with the involvement of Mr Hamilton, Mr Wilson, the Senior Pupil Leadership Team and A Level Musicians, the service was a fitting tribute to our past pupils.
£387.32 was also collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all who donated and collected.

SNOWBALLS

FROM THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

INGREDIENTS

12 Digestive biscuits
1 small tin of condensed milk
50g coconut
50g margarine
1 heaped teaspoon of drinking chocolate
1 packet of pink and white Marshmallows
12 small paper bun cases

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Mixing bowl
Saucepan
Rolling pin
Wooden Spoon
Spatula
Small bowl
Bun cases
Tray

METHOD

1. Crush biscuits with rolling pin in a large bowl.
2. Melt margarine in saucepan. Add margarine to biscuits in the large bowl and stir.
3. Add the drinking chocolate to the biscuit mixture and stir. Then add the condensed milk (a little at a time – be careful as we don't want it to get too sticky) and mix well until the mixture holds together.
4. Place coconut into a small bowl.
5. With damp hands, mould a little of the biscuit mixture around each marshmallow and roll into a ball then toss in coconut.
6. Place in bun cases and chill in the fridge.

Enjoy!

MINCE PIES

FROM THE KITCHEN OF *Suzie Lee*

INGREDIENTS

1 Pre rolled shortcrust pastry
1 jar of Lakeshore luxury mincemeat (325g)
100g dark chocolate chips
1 medium orange zest and half the juice of the orange
1 beaten egg to glaze
Icing sugar to dust

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Mixing bowl
wooden spoon
rolling pin
shallow bun tin
pastry brush
knife
cutters (at least an 10cm one for the base of the mince pies)
Fancy Chistmas cutters if you have them

A NOTE FROM SUZIE LEE

My passion has always been to get families cooking together in the kitchen; mums, dads, kids, siblings, grandparents... everyone!
I would love it if you could make my unique mince pie recipe- the challenge is to "make them your own" with your own special family or Christmas detailing on top with clever pastry decoration. I plan to roll this out as a big competition for everyone on social media, and to see who has the best pastry skills...so let's get baking!

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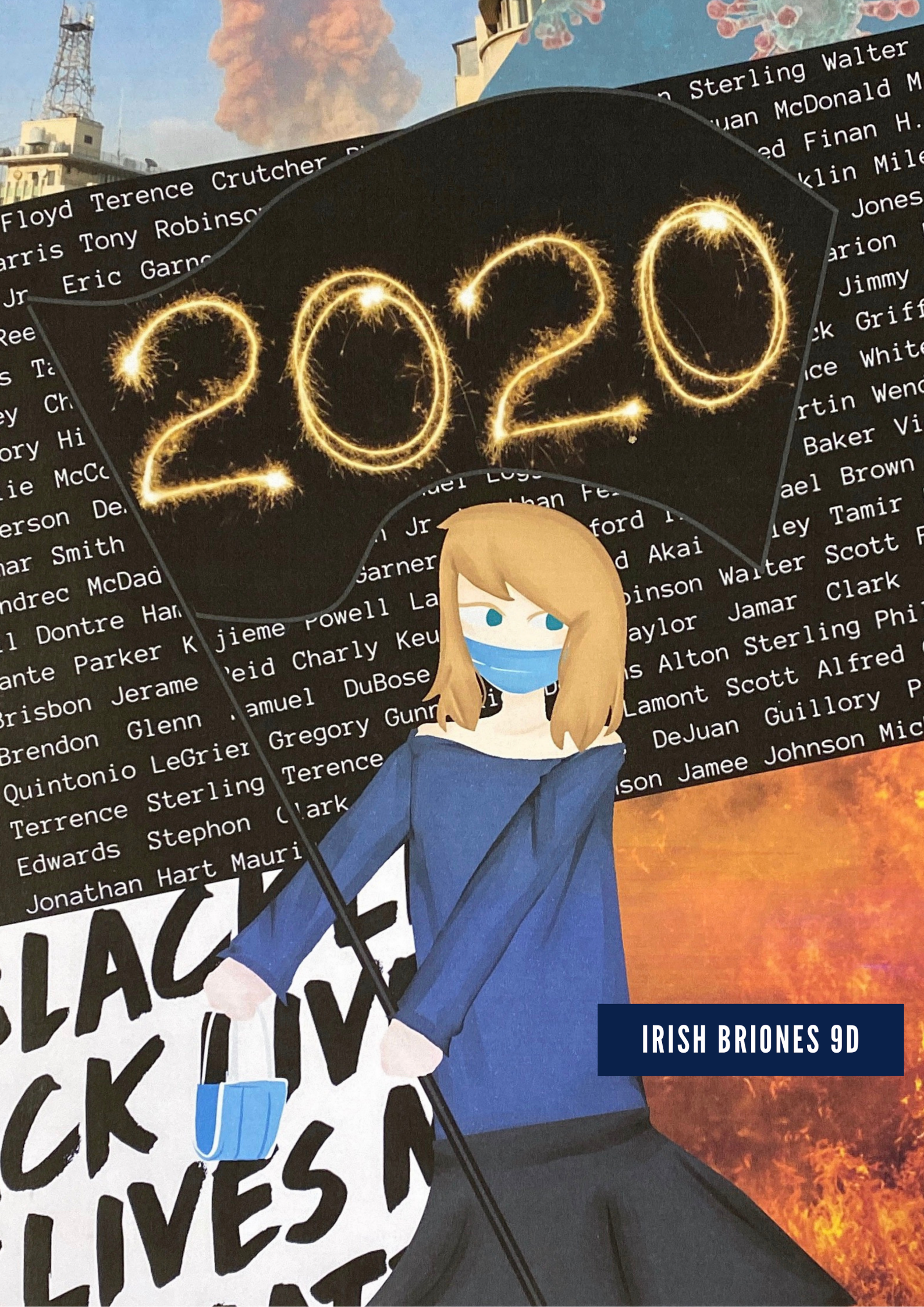
METHOD

1. Preheat oven 180C
2. Mix the jar of mincemeat with the orange zest, and the juice of half the orange and dark chocolate chips
3. Roll out the pastry a little bit more so that is about 3 mm thick and stretches out further
4. Cut out 12 discs with your 10cm cutter, insert these into the bun tin
5. Then divide out the mixture between the 12 cases
6. Then freestyle and decorate as you please - stars, snowflakes, your own crimping pattern...whatever takes your fancy! I'll be judging them!
7. Then brush with the beaten egg and place in middle of the oven and bake for 25 min if they brown too quickly move the tray to the bottom of the oven and lower the heat a little bit
8. bake till just golden and the pastry underneath is golden and not soggy
9. Let them cool for at least 10 minutes (they will be like molten lava) and dust with icing sugar.

Enjoy!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IRISH BRIONES 9D

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Year 12 Form Classes were busy this term making up shoeboxes, with a total of twenty five boxes filled. Special thanks goes to Mrs Beacom along with the Year 12 Form Teachers.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The entries for this year's School Christmas Card competition were very high. The Art and Design Department would like to thank everyone who participated for their contributions.

Winner and Runner Up for each Year group are:

YEAR 8
WINNER- REECE JOHNSTON
RUNNER UP- LEWIS MCIVOR

YEAR 9
WINNER- SAMANTHA HARPER
RUNNER UP- UXIA JAREL

YEAR 10
WINNER- ELLA ALEXANDER
RUNNER UP- AMY RUTHLEDGE

OVERALL WINNER
SIENNA MILLIGAN

Prize Winner
Sienna Milligan

STAFF FUNDRAISER MILES IN MAY

Back in May, the staff at Omagh Academy raised money for the Western Health and Social Care Trust. Throughout the 'Team OA Miles in May Challenge', staff collectively aimed to walk, run or cycle to reach our target of 4000 miles by the end of May.
Our NHS trust means so much to us as it serves our community, and it was a great way to celebrate and recognise the strength, bravery and selflessness of our frontline workers throughout the Covid-19 crisis. Among our local NHS heroes are parents and past pupils of our school, as well as people who have family connections to our school community.
In total, staff walked/ ran/ cycled 5932 miles and raised £3620- a great achievement for a very worthy cause!

Team OA
Miles in May

SPORTS COMMITTEE 2020-2021

Well done to the following pupils who have been selected for the Sports Committee 2020-21:

Sports Captains:
Emma Marechaux
Reece Braden

Committee members:
Alex Colhoun
Ben Hamilton
Carl Logan
Daragh Logan
Jessica Hamilton
Kaitlin Gilliland
Lucy Wilson

MINI SPORTS DAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 8 GIRLS

1st place Team 6 (Chloe Ferguson, Sophie Gibson, Lucy Gailey and Erin Stephens)

2nd Place Team 8 (Rebecca Caldwell, Evie Milligan, Ella Harkness and Bethany Todd)

3rd Place Team 2 (Amy McCann, Hollie Baxter, Leah Anderson and Ellie McClintock

YEAR 8 BOYS

1st place Team 8 (Jacob Crosbie, Joshua Humes, Jake Robb and Aaron Russell)

2nd Place Team 14 (Innes Sheridan, Benaiah Cairns, Alan Milewski and Jake Rutledge)

3rd Place Team 1 (Alick Caldwell, Henry Doherty, Louie King and Adam Magee)

YEAR 9 GIRLS

1st place Team 2 (Poppy McCaffrey, Nancy Scott, Sophie Turner and Eleanor Davidson)

2nd Place Team 5 (Jody McKinley, Rebecca Bradley, Sophie Moore and Megan Campion).

3rd Place Team 1 (Grace McCusker, Ruth Wilson, Bronagh Baxter and Ella Creddin).

YEAR 9 BOYS

1st place Team 5 (Daniel Beatty, Sam Harper, Max Henderson and Charlie McFarland)

2nd Place Team 2 (Matthew McClung, Dylan Donnelly, Sam Finlay and Andrew Beggs)

3rd Place Team 3 (Eoin McCusker, Daniel Irwin, Andrew Nelson and Jake Hamilton).

YEAR 10 GIRLS

1st place Team 5 (Jill Caldwell, Lauren Bradley, Jazy McAskie and Ellie McIvor)

2nd Place Team 2 (Emma Dixon, Amy Bradley, Scarlett Hassard and Lucy Rodgers)

3rd Place Team 7 (Daisy McCaffrey, Tara O'Connor, Emma Beatty and Alanna Fleming)

YEAR 10 BOYS

1st place Team 1 (James Luna, Jonathan Doak, Matthew Caldwell and Sam Andrews)

2nd Place Team 9 (James Millar. Philip Crawford, Thomas Buchanan and Timothy Patterson)

3rd Place Team 3 (Jamie Pollock, Callum Maxwell, Andrew King and Steven Cuthbertson)

STRULE SHARED EDUCATION | VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Santa FUN RUN 2020

Make sure to check the school Facebook page for the final amount raised for our three chosen charities.

OMAGH CHRISTMAS community MEAL

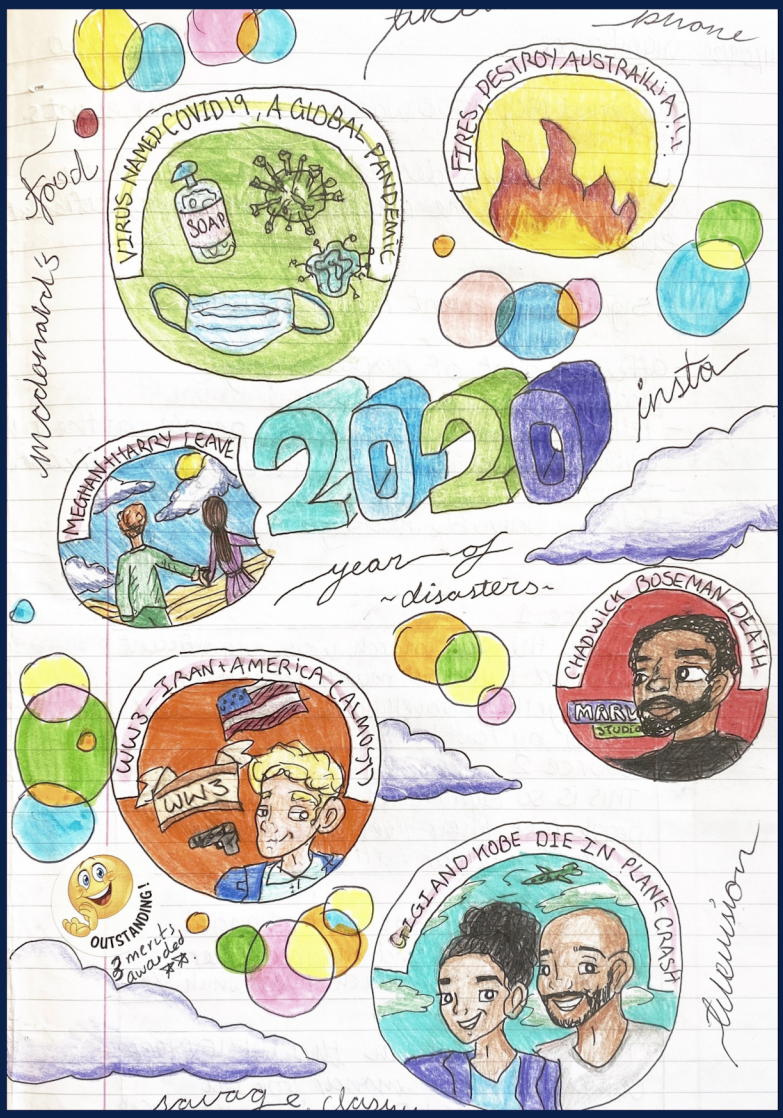
AWARE
OVERCOMING DEPRESSION. CHANGING LIVES.

Grovehill Animal Trust

LOCKDOWN
2020
The Great realisation
2020
2020 ELECTION
CLEAR VISION
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
BLACK LIVES MATTER
BREXIT
wow!
Beautiful presentation 3 merits awarded
20/20
Awwy little baby
XÆA-12
COVID-19

I can't breathe!!
2020
NHS
#clapforourcar
BREXIT
BREXIT
COVID-19

2020
history
BLACK LIVES MATTER
NHS
YEAR 9 HISTORY
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2020


VIRUS NAMED COVID19, A GLOBAL PANDEMIC
FIRES DESTROY AUSTRAILIA
2020
MEGHAN+HARRY LEAVE
year of ~disasters~
CHADWICK BOSEMAN DEATH
WW3 - IRAN+AMERICA CALM DOWN
OUTSTANDING! 3 merits awarded
GIGI AND KOBE DIE IN PLANE CRASH

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!