

Peace Garden in memory of Isabel ready to bloom



A 'Peace Garden' in memory of Music teacher Isabel Morison is beginning to take shape after work on it started in September. The garden, which will be primarily for the well-being of our school community, will be used as a place to enjoy nature and as a space for calm.

Following kind donations from Mrs Morison's family, work started on the Peace Garden in September.

Among those involved in the Garden's inception was Director of Lower School, Ms Yoxall, who explains more: "Isabel's father, Bernie, has almost single handedly turned the space around to the point we are at now. "He has had an area paved and planted all sorts of different shrubs and bulbs, which we look forward to seeing bloom in the spring. "It was an enormous task, so we put out a

call to staff for ideas and donations which brought a multitude of shrubs and bulbs.

"Inspired by our plans, Mrs Tarpey put forward a bid to Cargill, an international company who bring food, agricultural, financial and industrial products to people who need them all around the world.

Support

"They invest in small projects too and offer both financial and hands on support, which we are so grateful for.

"She won her bid and secured a £5,000 investment with the possibility of a partner company matching this amount.

"Bernie is now looking forward to getting our pupils involved and with Cargill's offer of manpower, we are ready to get creative as soon as restrictions allow.

"The garden will be primarily for the

well-being of our school community, a place to enjoy nature and a space for calm, a place we will all benefit from right now.

"We will be asking Head's of Departments if they can use the garden to support their curricular areas and we are looking for creative ideas for how to breathe life into this space from all areas of our school and local community.

"There has never been a better time, or a more needed time, for a Peace Garden and we are so grateful to Mrs Morison's family, our staff, Mrs Tarpey and Cargill's for this opportunity to create a legacy to our dear friend, teacher, colleague and daughter, Isabel, who we miss so much. This is a very befitting legacy of love and peace."

Ms Yoxall (left) is pictured with Bea Holloway from Cargill.

Year 7 scientists give home schooling the hard cell

No science labs, no problem. Not when you are as ingenious as our young scientists in Year 7, who went all sticky back plaster to complete their latest assignment. The youngsters have been studying Cells and Organisation since the return to lessons.

Over two lessons, our young boffins were tasked with making a model of a cell. Science's Mrs Greenwood explains more: "The Year 7s could choose the type of cell, it was completely up to them.

"They could use any materials they could find. They were asked to think creatively and raid the recycling if they had to.

"They were told they should not have to buy any materials and asked to use their imaginations, using everyday items like cardboard packaging from an old cereal box, or an old egg carton."

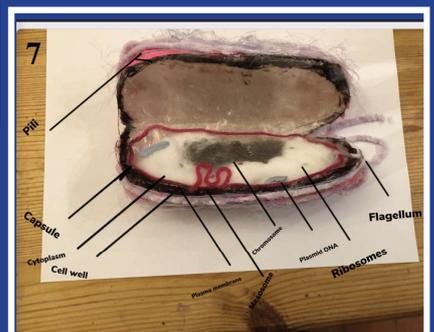
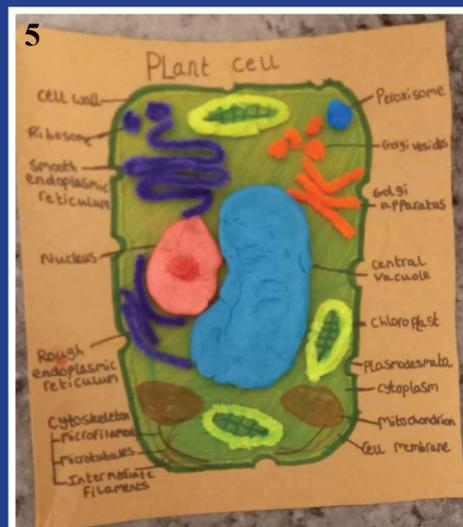
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In addition to making the model, the pupils were asked to name and label every organelle within the cell, along with a description of what they do as well as providing a description of the cell and what it does.

The students then had to log their findings in their exercise books, before taking a photograph of their completed models which they then had to upload online to be assessed by Mrs Greenwood.

And our science teacher was not disappointed with what she found. Whilst the standard of work was high across the board, Mrs Greenwood picked out the work of Sandy McEwan, Hope Harrison, Erin Meath and Anna McLaughlin for special praise.

Mrs Greenwood added: "Our pupils all did so well with this assignment. There were a lot of fantastic examples but the ones I selected put so much effort in, so I just wanted to tell them how proud I was. Well done."



The examples of work displayed here were produced by;

1 & 2 - Erin Meath

3 & 4 - Sandy McEwan

5 - Hope Harrison

6 & 7 - Anna McLaughlin