



# Armfield Academy's Student Magazine

## Issue 6: Spring 2020

# LOCKDOWN

On Wednesday 18th March, school closed indefinitely due to the global pandemic, Covid19. Since then, Armfield students have been learning from home and have produced this fantastic magazine documenting their experiences of life under lockdown...

Photograph by Mr Moon

## The Armfield Times

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### The Editors' Letter:

Hello to all our socially-distanced Armfield friends and staff! Welcome to our very special 2020 lockdown edition of the Armfield Times. As you all know, we sent out a request for contributions to this unique publication, and we are amazed at the quality of content we have received from you. We would like to thank those of you who sent a contribution in.

This is a very difficult time for people and our thoughts are of course with those of us most affected. Being isolated from all our friends and relatives is not at all fun and actually quite boring, which is why Mrs Walker came up with this idea so we can all get some inspiration for new things to do. We would of course like to thank Mrs Walker for giving up her time to help us put this together.

This issue of the Armfield Times is one-of-a-kind and could very well end up being used in history classes in years to come. We expect most of you are getting a little fed up of this whole 'lockdown' thing - we sure are! However, we must all understand it is for our own safety and be grateful to those who risk their lives daily to help us.

While you are stuck at home, why not take up a new hobby such as knitting or writing? Also, there are our work booklets, which we hope you aren't finding too challenging! And of course, this is the perfect opportunity to spend some time with the people you live with and make memories together. One day, this time will all just be a distant memory too, so remember to stay positive and we look forward to seeing you again when we are able to return to school.

Take care, stay in and stay safe,

*Chloe and Ellie - Editors*

The Armfield Times is for life, not just for lockdown! If you are interested in contributing to future editions, please see Mrs Walker once we return to school.



# Life in Lockdown

**Three Armfield students share their insights into life under lockdown.**

I start the day by checking my phone to wake myself up, ready to start the day. Then, feeling inspired, I draw. From new characters to practising poses, I draw until it's time to do some school work, depending on which subject I'd like to do.

Moving into the afternoon, once I've finished my work for the day, I talk to my friends. We chat about what we've been doing and what we have planned to do later. Then I play my Nintendo Switch to pass some time before I practise my extra-curricular activities, such as my cornet music and songs for a drama school performance.

To finish my day off, I read a book so I can relax before I fall asleep.

Here are my tips to stay entertained while in lockdown:

- Continue doing the things you love where possible
- Change rooms when doing school work
- Watch things you like on TV/YouTube to stay inspired
- Stay safe and stay positive!

**Aimee Tomlinson**

I get dressed and get out my schoolwork for the day. I try my best to follow my timetable so I complete all of my lessons. After I have done about two lessons, I get one hour free, so what I normally do is go in the back garden and practise football. After my hour outside I come back in and do the other three lessons' work. My mum and dad help me do the lessons which I don't understand. Also, my mum helps me with my art - she is the best artist in my house, whereas my dad is great at maths. As well as school work, I have to do my scouts homework and my football homework. I miss my friends but Macy C and I have been staying in touch. Also, I have been talking to Tyler E over the fence as he is my neighbour. To keep myself entertained, my mum and I made a mask for art. When I am bored, I go on my trampoline and I have aced my front-flip. For my football training, have to do kicky ups with a toilet roll. I am not always sure what day it is when I wake up because they all seem the same. Life in lockdown is boring but it will keep us safe.

School closed on Wednesday 18 March 2020 indefinitely due to Covid 19.

I remember that day..... I was over the moon and thought this would be like a school holiday.....I was so wrong! It's been really difficult not seeing my friends and family and I have really missed going to school.

During my time at home I have started to get fitter. Each morning I do the Joe Wicks workout on YouTube, this wakes me up and gets me ready for the day ahead. My family and I have also started doing the bleep test. The bleep test is a timed running test. It is measured out in 15metre distance and you have to run to the other end of the garden before the bleep sounds. The bleeps get faster so you have to run faster and faster to keep in the game.

As a family we have all been recording our results and over the past 4 weeks we are all improving on our running levels.

I have found that exercise has been a great way to relieve the stress of having to stay indoors during this difficult time.

**Ciara Bannon**



**William Johnson**



## Books



### **Malory Towers (Series) by Enid Blyton**

*Malory Towers* is a fun 12-book series following 12 year old Darrell Rivers on her journey growing up at a boarding school in Cornwall. If you enjoy schoolgirl frolics and the works of the fantastic Enid Blyton, you will love these novels and should consider reading some of her other stories, including the *St. Clare's* series and the critically acclaimed *Naughtiest Girl* series. This selection of books is quite unusual in the way it is written, as Enid Blyton only ever planned for the series to follow Darrell through a six book plot. After her death in 1968, the series was considered to be finished. However, in 2009, Pamela Cox, who is known for continuing long-forgotten series, introduced Darrell's younger sister Felicity, who was previously mentioned in Blyton's books, and continued the series for a further six novels. Set in the beautiful coastline of Cornwall, the books are packed with fun, games and midnight eats, as well as an array of memorable personalities. *Malory Towers* is a good role-model book suitable for all ages and abilities. Despite there being some unlikeable faces throughout the series, they are all good at heart and carry values that it would be well for all to try to adhere to. Overall, the series are excellent role-models and promote kindness, honesty and true goodness. If, once you have read the books, you want to relive the series again, the first book has been serialised on BBC iPlayer and is available to watch now.

### **Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen**

This coming-of-age novel is perfect for older readers looking for a challenge. *Pride and Prejudice*, now considered a classic, was written in 1813 by Jane Austen whilst under the reign of King George IV. It follows the Bennet family as their mother tries to marry off her five daughters to wealthy bachelors. The novel is very old-fashioned, both in its language style and its teachings. It features sensitive topics such as arranged marriages and sexism. It portrays Mrs Bennet and four of the Bennet girls as meek and mild, following a stereotype of patriarchy only usually addressed in old stories. Despite this, the second eldest, Elizabeth, has the courage to be unique and defy these once-common stereotypes. Lizzy is the main protagonist who finds herself drawn to the mysteriously handsome Mr Darcy, despite her strong declarations that he is the last man in the world that she would ever consider marrying. The book conveys some excellent messages about feminism and allowing people to be the best version of themselves, regardless of race, gender, age or other discriminating factors. Although it can get a little repetitive in some areas, it is very well written and has been studied by thousands over the years. It is a classic tale of romance and defying stereotypes and comes highly recommended for all to read, male and female. You can't judge a book by its cover, just as you can't judge people at first sight. This is an important message we could all do with trying to spread, especially at this time.

**Chloe Willoughby**



# Reviews

Lockdown getting you...down?  
Check out these rave reviews for  
inspiration of things to read and  
watch over the coming weeks.

## TV

Of the many TV shows I have managed to plough through in the spare time I have had in the past few weeks, one has definitely stood out to me for its brilliant characters and fantastic storytelling. The show is called *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*, which is a TV adaptation of a comic book series from the 80's that is still going on to this day. The show is mainly focused on action and battles of wit, and follows the Joestar (hence the name Jojo) family's eternal battle with the main antagonist, DIO (deliberately spelt with all caps), a sociopath that wants to steal the Joestar wealth and take over the world. What really shines about the show is a blend of all different genres and types of storytelling. Of the five parts that have so far been adapted, they each have their own distinct tone and genre, from slice of life to action, heavy to light-hearted, meaning there's something that most people will enjoy. Each part has a different main 'JoJo' and a different villain, ranging from the age-old vampire to Italian mafia bosses, and the story always has something fresh and new for you to enjoy. It is surprisingly relevant for a story written back in the 80's and 90's. The first three parts are currently on Netflix in English and other languages, but be warned- it defaults to the Japanese original audio.

**Tom Torvell**

## Film

If you are bored and looking for a new movie marathon to watch, then look no further! *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy is based on the novels of the same name by renowned author J. R. R. Tolkien, also known for prequel *The Hobbit*. The films are directed by Peter Jackson and star Elijah Wood as optimistic Hobbit Frodo Baggins. Frodo enjoys a quiet life in his countryside home village of the Shire, in the realm of Middle-Earth, before a magical wizard, Gandalf the Grey (Sir Ian McKellen) and one very unique gold ring pull him from his comfortable lifestyle into a thrilling, death-defying adventure. Sauron, a long-dead dark force, once again rules over the evil lands of Mordor, and the fate of the entire Middle-Earth is in the hands of Frodo and his Hobbit companion Samwise Gamgee (Sean Astin) as well as a motley crew of 7 others who come to be known as the Fellowship of the Ring. These very different characters must bridge the rifts between their species and band together to save their homeland. Where possible, I would recommend to watch the extended editions of the films, as this explains a lot and makes the plot seem more logical. However, the normal editions are nearly as good and still to a very high standard. Each film is around 4 hours long, including some very long end credits! However, it is very much worth the time. The films are rated a 12A and feature some scary moments and fighting scenes. There are also definitely some scenes you may want to skip if you are arachnophobic! Orcs, the main antagonists and slaves of Sauron, are quite hideous creatures designed only to kill, and are not too pleasing to the eye! In the films, there are quite a few jump scares and creepy scenes involving tombs and skeletons. However, all of this is made up for by the fast paced, tense action scenes which make the trilogy so good. Well-acted, well written and fantastic to watch, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy is an epic adventure that you don't want to miss!

**Chloe Willoughby**



STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

♥ save lives

# Hello from Home!

*Safe to say we are all missing our school friends (and possibly even our teachers too?!) so it's great to hear about some of the things Armfield students have been getting up to during lockdown.*



**Jack White** has been busy making this rocket and solar system with his dad. Fantastic!



**Amelia Jackson** painted this beautiful rainbow in her bedroom window to spread positivity and hope at this difficult time. Superb!



These brilliant bookmarks have been made and laminated by **Deakon Stewart**. Amazing idea!



**Stephanie Downer** has been a huge help to her mum during lockdown. She has helped to look after her younger siblings and entertained them with activities such as baking. Excellent Armfield attitude!

During these worrying times, we should always care for each other. One way I am doing this, is by taking on Blackpool Young Carers' three peaks challenge! Doing this, I have to walk up the stairs the equivalent height of the three peaks mountains. For my stairs, it's 1200 times!

I am Citrine house's team leader so by doing this, I hope to inspire other Citrine members and to hopefully raise some money for the wonderful charity of young carers.

I would love to be accompanied by some fellow Armfield members for this challenge (virtually of course). You can sign up for free, and choose any height of a mountain and start moving! Here is the link to sign up -

<https://www.blackpoolcarers.org/join-our-virtual-mountaineering-climbing-for-carers-challenge-get-fit-stay-safe-and-support-carers-from-the-comfort-of-your-own-home/>

I have set a goal to raise at least £50 for Blackpool Young Carers, if you would be so kind enough to help me reach my goal, please consider sponsoring me using this link -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ruby-fothergill-climb-for-carers>

I will try and update you all and I hope you all consider taking on this challenge to support people in need.

Let's show some team spirit in these dreadful times!



**Ruby Fothergill**





**Diva**

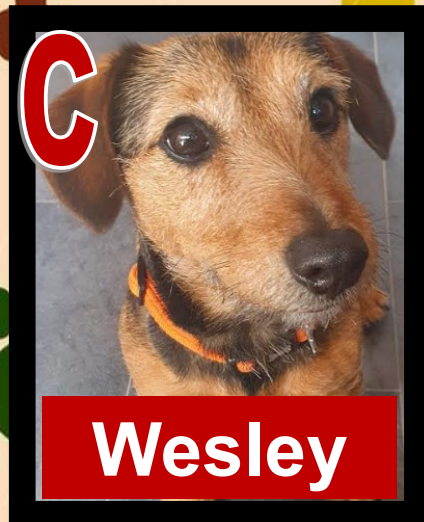
# Teachers' Pet?

Without a doubt, one of the best things about being in lockdown is the amount of quality time we can spend with our beloved pets. Armfield staff are definitely enjoying some quality time with their four-legged friends, but can you guess which pet belongs to which staff member?

Answers on  
page 6!



**Rolo & Teddy**



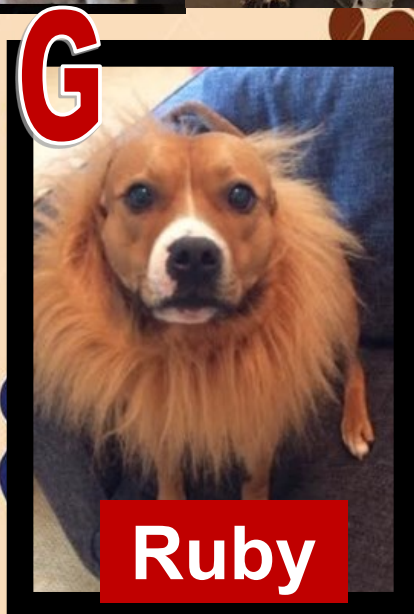
**Wesley**



**Tess**



**Ollie & Lulu**



**Ruby**



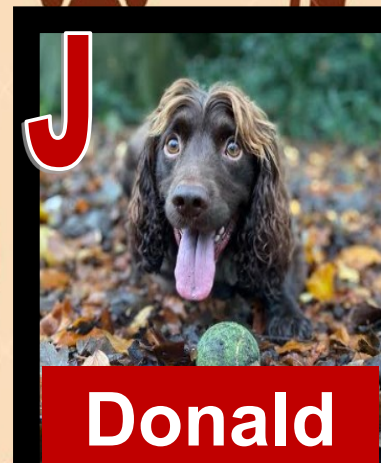
**Qwerty & Junior**



**Hugo & Stanley**



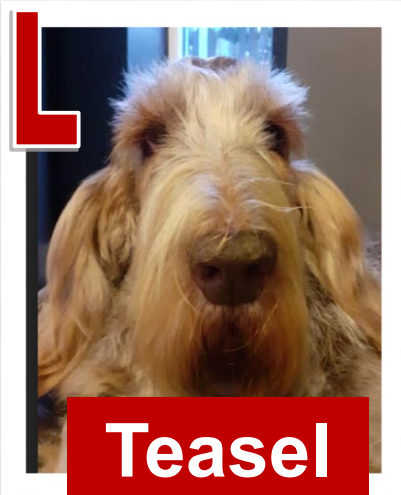
**Frank**



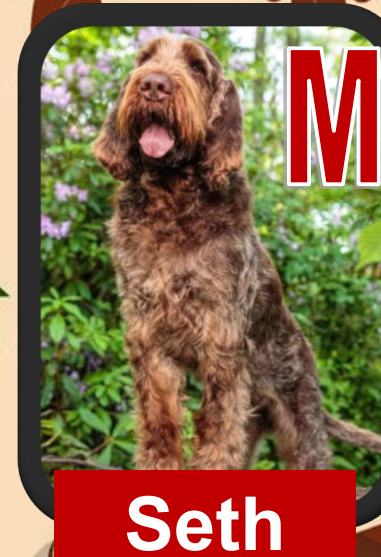
**Donald**



**Alfie**



**Teasel**



**Seth**



**Maddie & Poppy**

Mrs Cramer  
Mrs Hall  
Mr Renouf  
Mrs Beach  
Miss House  
Miss Smith  
Mrs Lawton  
Mr Kilmurray  
Miss Clarkson  
Mrs Ormond  
Miss Brimelow  
Miss Rogerson  
Ms Haywood  
Mr Picken  
Miss Blackburn



# Recipe

Baking is a great way to pass some time during lockdown, but since gold dust is easier to come by than flour at the moment, why not try this delicious flapjack recipe instead?

## Ingredients:

250g porridge oats  
125g unsalted butter  
125g light brown sugar  
2-3 tbsp. golden syrup

## Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 200c (180c if fan)/ gas mark 6.
2. Melt the butter and sugar into a large saucepan over a gentle heat. Add the golden syrup.
3. Slowly add the oats, stirring well so that they all get coated in the butter/sugar mixture.
4. Remove from the heat and transfer the contents into a greased baking tin. Make sure you flatten the mixture down with the back of a spoon, so that it is packed in tightly.
5. Bake for around 15 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Remove from oven and leave to cool before slicing into squares.



Best served with a cup of tea!

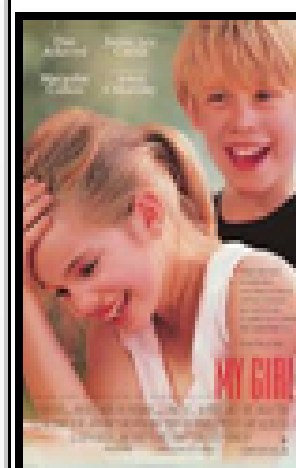
## TEACHERS' PET ANSWERS:

A) MRS HALL B) MISS HOUSE C) MRS ORMOND D) MR RENOUF E) MR KILMURRAY F) MR PICKEN G) MISS BLACKBURN H) MRS BEACH I) MISS BRIMELOW J) MISS ROGERSON K) MISS SMITH L) MRS CRAMER M) MISS CLARKSON N) MRS LAWTON O) MS HAYWOOD



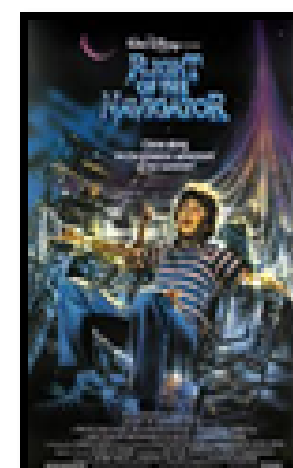
# MR. MOON'S *CLASSIC* FILM RECOMMENDATIONS

It's our sixth week of 'lockdown'. This is a feeling that has never been experienced before. In-between home-learning packs, online activities and countless YouTube PE lessons, the boredom is creeping in. You can't see your friends. You can't visit a park. You can't travel anywhere. Most sports have been temporarily banned. By now, you have probably seen every single new film on Netflix, or binge-watched almost every popular teen-drama. Well, if the TV screen has grown to become your new best friend during 'isolation', why not continue the friendship and watch five classic movies from the 1980s and 90s. Okay, so some of these films may not have the latest CGI or 'cool' music - and they may contain cars as old as your grandparents. However, these were the stories which kept your parents entertained when they were your age. We certainly recommend you give them a go...



## MY GIRL

This film made everyone cry. Even the boys! A young girl with a difficult life finds the perfect, but unlikely, of friends. This film focuses on growing up, life and young love.



## FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR

Imagine stumbling upon a UFO. Imagine taking it for a spin around the world, much to the despair of your country, which has tried to keep it hidden from its people...



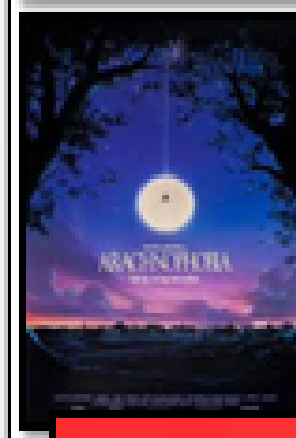
## HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS

Dad's a very unsuccessful inventor. The one time he gets something right, it results in you and your neighbours getting shrunk and lost in the garden. Can you survive in the garden?



## EDWARD SCISSORHANDS

The rumours on the street are that the loner who lives on hill is not like everybody else. Why is he different? Why won't he mix with the others? One suburban family take a chance and find out why. Meet Edward Scissorhands...



## ARACHNOPHOBIA

Love spiders? Hate spiders? Either way, I am sure you would like to find out how one small American town copes with an invasion of these mini-killers.

## LITERACY FLEX

Two ways to practise your skills as you watch these films:

- Put the subtitles on and read them as the film progresses
- Watch with a parent/carer. Ask them to give you questions about events and characters to improve summarising skills
- Change the language settings to one that you are studying at school, such as French or Spanish.



NETFLIX

prime now



Lockdown has definitely brought out Armfield students' creative side! Read these fantastic poems by Evie, Holly & Amy inspired by Covid19.

You may have heard of a sickness  
Spreading through our land,  
So when I see you I will wave  
But I will not shake your hand.  
This virus is so vile  
Instead I shall send a friendly smile .  
  
We all hope you do the same ,  
To help beat the virus ,  
Or it would be such a shame .  
Listen to advice,  
Stay inside and wash your hands,  
It would be so nice.  
Try to keep away from others ,  
It will help the whole earth stay safe.

Evie Varley

# Poetry Corner

We Shall Fight  
To this Great Nation of ours, the great virus  
has declared war upon us.  
  
It is taking lives and our freedom we must  
now stand as one.  
  
We shall fight it from our hospitals,  
We shall fight it from our homes,  
We shall fight it with bars of soap,  
We shall fight it by caring for others.  
For we shall never surrender.  
Stay home, stay safe and protect.

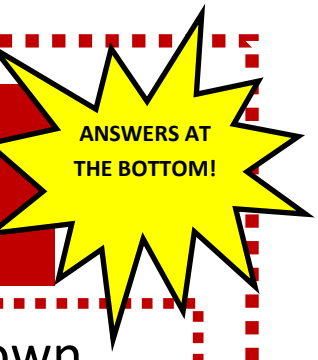
Holly King

There is a pandemic  
The Coronavirus  
And I don' t like it-  
  
Please go away.  
No more going out  
Except fro one hour a day.  
  
Yes there is sickness  
Yes there is death.  
  
The streets are so quiet  
And I don' t like this.  
  
Please go away.

Amy Lomas



# Brain Teasers



- Don't let your brain go to mush during lockdown.
- Can you crack these clever conundrums?
1. What becomes wetter the more it dries?
  2. What is so fragile even saying its name may break it?
  3. Anyone can hold me, even without their hands, yet no one can do it for long. What am I?
  4. What goes around the world, yet stays in the corner?
  5. What can you always count on when trying to solve maths problems?

Mrs Ormond

# Word search

N I C C E A O C  
I Z L Q F V K Z V O Y M  
R R O T C O D N N I T I P Y E J  
C S N L R T X H X E E T Z S C F C L L F  
Y Z H O E F A S Y A T S C E L O Z X S V Z M  
U P O I E X F F M R J G O I E E K L A G H R J E  
L U N P G Q N H E F V B O A D J D W A Z S Y U R  
W L V A R D Y S C O R O N A V I R U S T R S G U  
L B M R U D C J D I H H Q G K K R J M X I B E P  
Z A A A S P W W P P A Y O R E Z Y R E H P O O I  
J Q S M X Z K U K N G C U Y D S C U S V F G N H  
Y A E G N C C D Z A B W D P C A V R Z P D J  
T P D N O Y S W M U O M N Z P R Y U B A P A  
K I F D Z L H Q R I S V M A P V N S O J  
C K B G V L K X C J U N N B L L D T  
E A E K E G D Y M D X D V X Y G  
S W R O T N E M E R E V O G  
G I X C X V R Y E M H F  
C W D V R W W S I L  
D S Y T L N U C  
S Q X X T E  
J I W F  
K B

- NHS
- DOCTOR
- SURGEON
- NURSE
- PARAMEDIC
- CORONAVIRUS
- ISOLATION
- KEYWORKER
- STAYSAFE
- CLEANHANDS
- GOVERNMENT
- PANDEMIC

ANSWERS:  
1) A TOWEL 2) SILENCE 3) BREATH 4) A STAMP 5) FINGERS

Alfie Martin