

Woodfarm Literacy and Numeracy Newsletter



Level 3 Numeracy Benchmark:

I can show how quantities that are related can be increased or decreased proportionally and apply this to solve problems in everyday contexts.

MNU 3-08a (Education Scotland, 2017b)

My recipe requires 300g of mince but the 750g pack was on offer so I bought it! How much of each ingredient do I need so that it still tastes the same?



RECIPE

300g mince
250g of tomatoes
15ml Worcester sauce
20ml tomato puree

Level 4 Writing Benchmark:

“Writing Benchmark: Reviews and edits writing independently to ensure clarity of meaning, technical accuracy and to improve content, language and/or structure.”(Education Scotland, 2017a)

This has been a very busy term in the English Department as all presentation classes have had a Folio of Writing to complete. This Folio of Writing contains two pieces, one Broadly Creative and one Broadly Discursive, and each piece is worth 15% of a pupil's final grade. It is vitally important for all pupils that they take time to review and edit their own work, based on feedback from their teacher. Take time to talk to your classes about your own proof-reading process and encourage them to always be vigilant for any writing mistakes they can identify.

ANSWERS: 625g of tomatoes,
37.5ml Worcester sauce, 50ml
tomato puree

NUMERACY FACT OF THE MONTH:

The French word for pie chart is "camembert" chart – well of course it is!



WHEN NUMERACY GOES WRONG..

The day before the opening of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, it was discovered that the biathlon track - which should be a loop of 2.5km (1.6 miles) - was 40m (130ft) short. Some hasty repair work ensured the track was the right length for the first event three days later.



GREEK WORD OF THE MONTH

Pandemic = A pandemic is an occurrence of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area (Colins Dictionary, 2019). It comes from the Greek word from pan- "all" (see pan-) + dēmos "people".

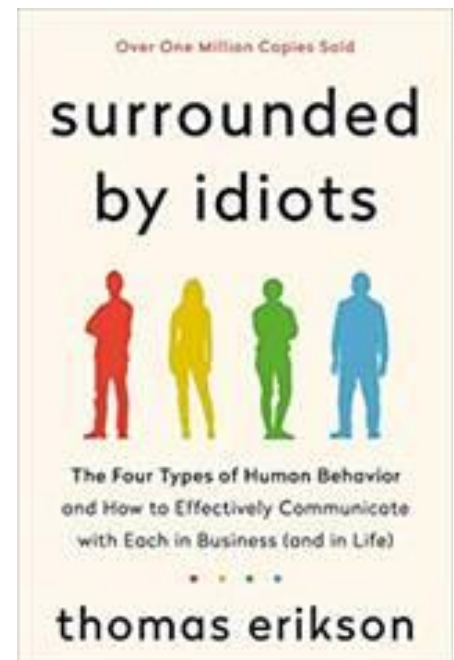
Book of the Month

Title: Surrounded by Idiots
Author: Thomas Ericson
Publisher: Vermillion

Surrounded by Idiots is an international phenomenon, selling over 1.5 million copies worldwide. I have to admit that I was rather sceptical about reading this. How can anyone just divide

humanity into 4 categories of behaviour? Is it a simplistic approach to dealing with people? Thomas Erikson clarifies that there are four key behaviour types that define how we interact with and perceive the people around us. His main reference for this classification is Hippocrates the ancient Greek father of medicine.

He claims that understanding someone's pattern of behaviour is the key to successful





How far would the competitors in the 7.5km race and 12.5km race actually have covered, if the mistake had not been

uncovered?

Shadowing Scottish Teenage Book Award 2020

The Scottish Teenage Book Prize is voted for by young people in schools and libraries across Scotland. I was very pleased Peter McNally's S1 decided to shadow this award. Starfish and One Shot were in my opinion excellent books with the common theme of female protagonists showing resilience to adversities.



The S1 pupils read the shortlisted books with patience and engaged in the related activities with creativity and eagerness. I was impressed by how quickly they were enthused and their eagerness to participate in the discussions and activities.

A most wonderful surprise was when the author of the very popular book "One Shot" Tanya Landman retweeted our message

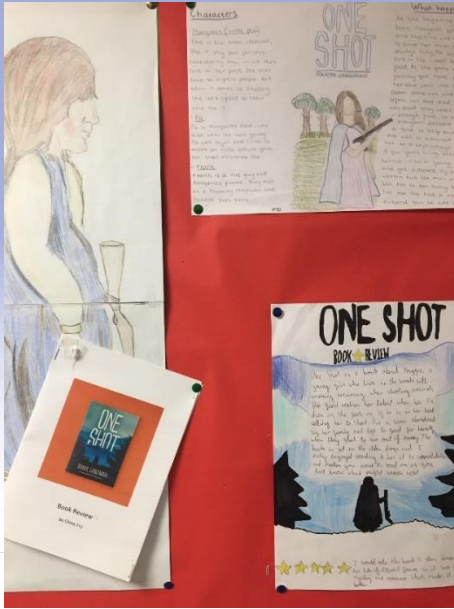
communication. Erikson breaks down the four kinds of behaviour types - Reds who are dominant and commanding, Yellows who are social and optimistic, Greens who are laid back and friendly, and Blues who are analytical and precise - and explains how to identify and interact with each type of person. What is most interesting is that it has personal examples of team building failures and explains the "blind spots" that some categories have when actually assessing themselves. The Ancient Greek aphorism "Know yourself" seems the most difficult part of this typology, how can someone know for certain which categories resonates to their own character? However there are parts of this book that make it a decent read. It does provide insights into how we can adjust the way we speak and share information. Moreover it enhances empathy. After reading this book I felt more forgiving about the "blues" for example, they are not as bad as some people may think. Surrounded by Idiots will help you understand and communicate a little bit better with those around you. It offers practical advice as well as instruction on how to avoid being misunderstood. An essential read for leaders, coaches and perhaps teachers, it will give you an extra vocabulary of responsiveness when dealing with groups of people.

Poem of the Month

Kiki Dimoula was a member of the Academy of Athens. She has been awarded the Greek State Prize twice, the Grand State Prize, the Ouranis Prize, and the Aristeion of Letters (given by the Academy of Athens), as well as the European Prize for Literature.

In a New York Times feature, Rachel Donadio described Dimoula's poetry as "spare, profound, unsentimental, effortlessly transforming the quotidian into the metaphysical, drawing on the powerful themes of time, fate and destiny, yet making them entirely her own."

saying "how wonderful, what beautiful work" referring to our S1 student's reviews.



The winners will be announced on the 5th of March and some of the S1 work is already on display in the Library corridor.

Booking the Library

By Ioannis Panayiotakis

The library offers a fantastic space for all staff to bring classes or small groups to use its resources and facilities.

I am in Woodfarm on Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoon. On a Thursday or Friday when I am at Eastwood, you are very welcome to book the library as a supervised teaching space.

To book the library you can use the online system here:

<https://woodfarm.roombookingsystem.co.uk/default> then login using your glow password and then select **Categories**

Other including Library

Here is one unofficial translation from her later work. The subject of the poem is the romantic 'relationship' between a heart and its pacemaker. It talks equally about love and loss in a way that only Kiki Dimoula can.

For Health

Who would have imagined
my survival's last companion,
a Pacemaker.

A union of one flesh, obviously.
It nestles inside my sternum
happy with setting my heart

but also grateful.
It recognises that
it too lives by dint of my heart
like a man does.

The heart's guardian angel.
Accompanies it everywhere, during sleep
at church, the cemetery
the cafe, the theatre
the mind's
long journeys.

It lifts
all of the heart's weights,
the heart must not lift even its own feather.

A touchingly discreet companion
never asking about the heart's past
but measuring its pulse day and night.

It says to the heart
I am here don't worry
I am all yours believe me
as if in love. Madly.
Momentarily. Like others before it.

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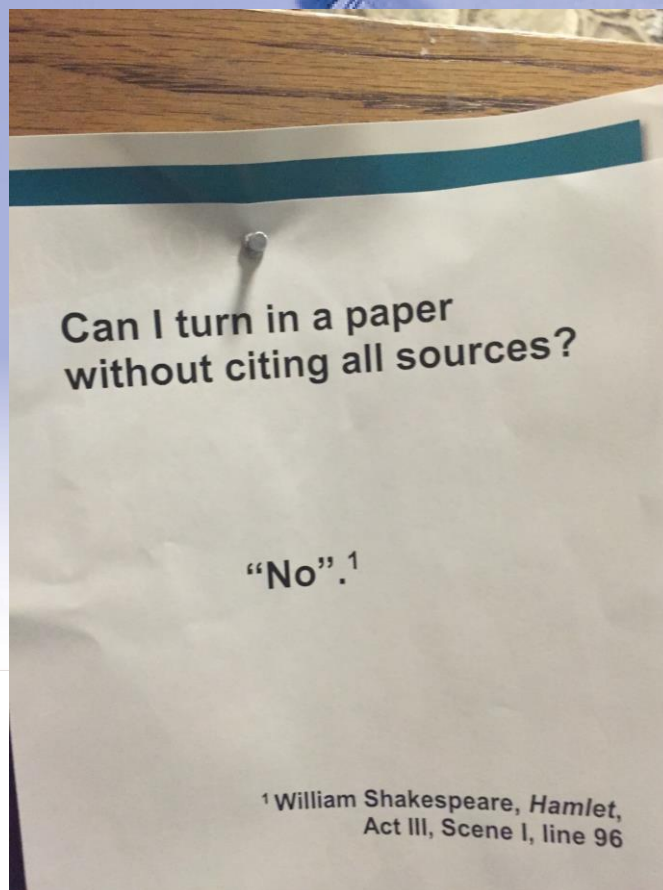
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