



# Dinnington High School Newsletter

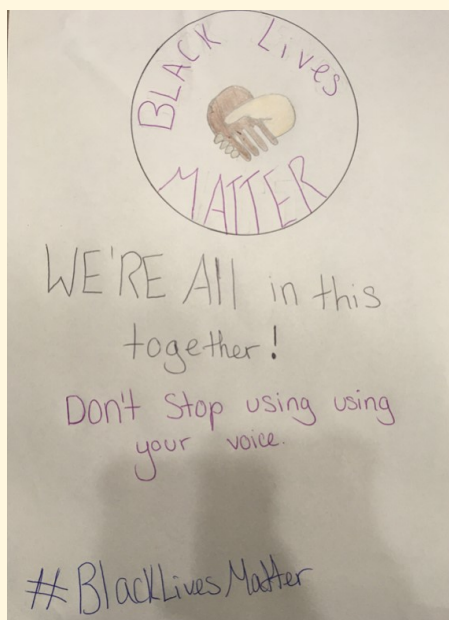
## Head's Lines

As this newsletter is sent out, Y12 have just started their phased return. Staff were really looking forward to seeing them back, face to face. Our plans for Y10 continue for Monday and we're looking forward to seeing them too. Details of their three hour slot for coming in will be out soon.

We are thrilled that four of our students have made it through to the final of the SlamJam poetry competition. You can read their entries at the end of the newsletter. They will be performing them through Zoom early in July.

We have been impressed by the understanding and empathy shown by most students in response to our Black Lives Matter assembly and their understanding of how important it is. If you missed it, all video assemblies go on our website on: <http://www.dinningtonhigh.co.uk/help-for-homeworking/>.

Best wishes to you all, Ms Staples



Achieving Excellence

## Dinno Games

Have you sent your #ImIn video or photo yet to Miss Abdulkarim? It will earn the student team bonus points. Staff have just been pipped on bonus points, but you can be sure they will be doing something about that. You've got until the end of the week to beat them on bonuses.

The games themselves take place from 21st to 26th June.

Look out for news coming out on Thursday with more information about what you will need to do to take part.

**Team Dinno Games 2020**

Compete to be the top form in your year group. Each event will lead to points with 'Team Dinno' and 'PE champion' levels. Extra points if you get your family involved.

All Team Dinno Students will also be competing together against the Team Dinno Staff.

Bonus points scored if you share an 'I'm IN' photo/ video. Must be sent before June 20th

# Top performers & rewards of the week

More vouchers excavated from Mr Grenham's safe

It is a good job Mr Grenham could go back into school with Y12 this week to top up our stocks of rewards vouchers. This week's £5 winners:

**Hegarty:** Grace M & Tamsin E

**Memrise:** Ben R & Matilda F

**GCSE Pod:** Daisy M

**9000th GCSE Pod:** Lucas C

**9500th GCSE Pod:** Lily-M B

**10,000th GCSE Pod:**

**SMHW:** Amgad L

**Seneca:** Alby W

**CBA Y12:** Rachael A

**CBA Y11:** Tyler B

**AR PAC-man:** Amgad L

**AR lucky dip winners:** Harry B, Liam S, Connis S



This week's Golden Ticket draw winners who will each get £10 of Love to Shop vouchers are:

- ◇ Sam L
- ◇ Harry M
- ◇ Ryan P
- ◇ Samuel W

Well done to everyone. Keep up the good work and we will keep rewarding.

## GCSE Pod Impressiveness

GCSEPod has taken off with students who are whizzing through the Pods and answering questions, taking us to 16th in the national schools' league. Mr Cooper picks out someone each week who has impressed him AND we mark every 500th pod watched with a voucher and on on-line certificate.

2000: Ella S

3000: Callum H

3500: Rio G

4000: Harrison G

4500: Jack H

5000: Mia B

5500: Josh B

6000: Luka D

6500: Riley B

7000: Billy F

7500: Cerys P

8000: Kiera W

8500: Kian F

9000: Lucas C

9500: Lily-M B

10,000: Alfie H

## Tobiathlon



In case you missed him, this is Tobias, son of one of our colleagues. He has cerebral palsy and completed his marathon with a walker at the end of May raising £128K+ for Paces school and the Children's hospital.

He is now on his second marathon, this time with a road runner (he has never used one before). They use these in the Paralympics. Great work Tobias. See his Tobias Marathon Challenge pages on social media.

## Hegarty Maths with Mr S

Dinnington High is still in the top 10% of all Hegarty schools nationally for student participation but we are ambitious. At the moment, some students are not doing any Hegarty maths while others are doing huge amounts. So if you are one of the group doing nothing, now is the time to really crack on. Your maths teachers are amongst the best in the country for giving feedback, so don't miss out.

This week, Mr Sinclair is recognising some of the students who have seen tasks through and done all the questions. As we know with maths, it is lots of practice that is crucial to your success.

**Y7:** Lydia F, Luis R, Jadyen H, Harry B, Grace M, Joshua T, Dom G

**Y8:** Freddie P, Luke P, Piper R, Amy WB, Alfie A, Rebecca D, Alfie W, George B

**Y9:** Tamsin E, Murray N, Holly W, Ross J, Phoebe S, Cerys P, Lexx H, Ellie H

**Y10:** Caitlin B, Tilly D, Summer H, Katie A, Chrissy M, Livvie A, Madison A

And a special shout out to the Y11s who have been working hard on their bridging units:

Tyler B, Alby W, Lucy B

And finally staff did an enormous 1733 lots of feedback to students.

Well done to all students who are keeping up with their learning and pushing themselves to be excellent.

We are proud of you.



# #Unschool & school activities we loved

A snapshot of things you have been up to at home—three pages



Well done to Charlie S who completed his technology challenge to make a bird feeder. Mrs Stratford was impressed with the results. Hopefully the birds are too.



## Transition Challenge

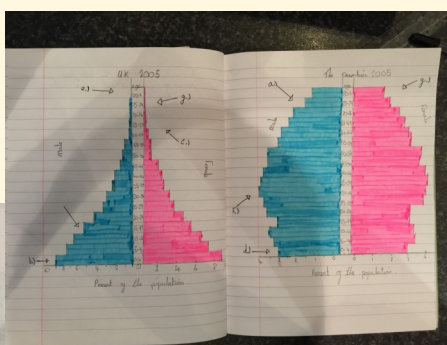
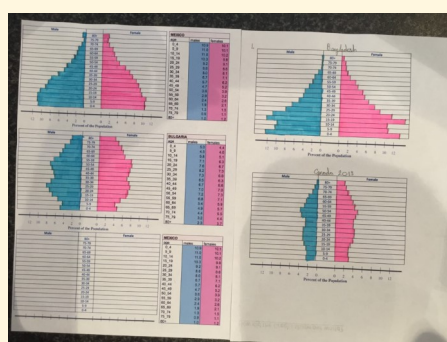
The current Y6 challenge is to send in photos of themselves doing something **kind**. Here is Toby K helping out his family.

### Great work, Toby.

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**Deadline: 9 am 19th June. Email: [transition@dinningtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:transition@dinningtonhigh.co.uk)**

We look forward to seeing more in the next issue.



Week 3 population growth  
1. Population is a graph which shows how a population grows.  
Growth is a word which means to increase. It is a word which means to become bigger.  
2. Population is a word which means the number of people in a place.  
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Mr Harrison has been incredibly impressed by the work Finlay D has done in history and geography during lockdown. 'It has all been at least as good as the work Finlay produces in school,' Mr Harrison said.

Well done, Finlay!

## After lockdown

Morgan T in Mrs Harrison's English group dreams of life after lockdown and has a great idea we could all join in with at the end. Read on:

The first thing I am going to do when I am out of lockdown is go to visit my family and friends and fill them in on anything new that happened as I have not seen them in what feels like forever. I would feel a lot better after seeing them. I would also like to do all the things I can't do in lockdown like swimming or going to the cinema with my friends. I would also like to go somewhere without social distancing for once because it feels stressful trying make sure everyone keeps to the rules.

I miss seeing my grandma and granddad and their new puppy. I love watching it grow and play and I feel like I am missing out. When I am out of lockdown, I will play for hours with her and see all the new tricks she has learnt. I also love to see my three little cousins, the youngest started walking in lockdown and we could only watch it through Zoom; it just wasn't the same! I am going to give them huge hugs when I can see them properly.

I look forward to going to the park and playing football with my friends, laughing and sharing jokes with them. I would also like to play for my team again because I haven't played a game in ages and I would like to get back to training. I make sure I stay fit.

Most of all I hope that when lockdown is over everything will be back to normal. I want people to be happy and healthy again. Our family has been filling a jar with things everyone wants to do, when we are allowed. There are lots of things in there, like going for a meal in a restaurant, going on holiday and visiting friends around the country. I can't wait to slowly do it all and not take any of it for granted.





# Competition Time!

Describe the image in Spanish or French.

## Year 7 -

Develop your dictionary skills by finding adjectives and nouns to describe what you see. Try to write short sentences.

## Year 8 -

Use your prior learning and understanding to write a short paragraph about what this image is trying to 'say' to you.

## Year 9 -

Write about the message this image is trying to convey. You could even write it as a poem or a slogan — be creative!

## Year 10 -

Write a paragraph inspired by the image, use your knowledge organisers to for help.

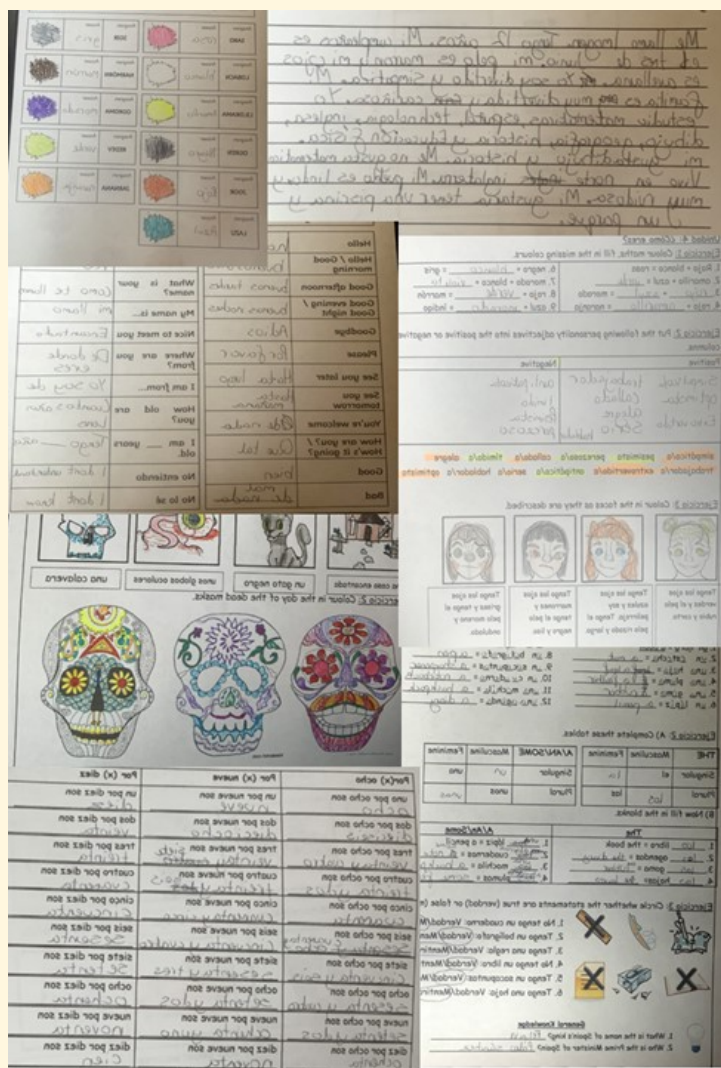
Email entries to [a.gallagher@dinningtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.gallagher@dinningtonhigh.co.uk)

Closing date: Friday 3rd July



Each entry gets a Golden Ticket.

Best entry in each year group wins a prize.



**Did you know:** people who can speak a second language:

- can earn 10-50% more;
- Increase their employability;
- Increase their intelligence—it increases the size of parts of your brain;
- Improve their memory, listening and verbal abilities;
- Improve their English and maths.
- Knowing one language will help you learn another one quicker.
- Oh, and, it comes in useful when you go on holiday.

Well done to Imogen H in Y7 who has been doing all of this by working hard on her Spanish at home.

Make sure you are also using Memrise—we have Memrise prizes every week for students who have done the most.



# Keep up with your English

Improving your reading and talking



## DHS Oracy Challenge



At Dinnington High, we understand the value and importance of helping you to find your voice and of teaching you how to become articulate, confident, agile communicators. Speaking and listening are key life skills and that's why, during lockdown, we want to still provide you with opportunities to scaffold your talk, and to share your views. With someone at home, or maybe with a friend or family member on the telephone, perhaps you could have a discussion about this week's talk-point:

Oracy discussion point:

*If you could show **kindness** by creating or inventing something that would help people during lockdown, what would it be and why?*

Voice 21-Cognitive strand focus: content and structure

- I would like to start by saying...
- To begin, my initial ideas are...
- Building on this...
- Adding to this idea...
- Linking with this...
- Although some people may think...I feel... because...
- To summarise, my idea is...

**Our shared Dinnington High School core values: *Kindness, Respect, Excellence***



## DHS Summer Reading Challenge



This year's DHS Reading Challenge is in the form of a bingo grid! How many boxes can you complete?

Write a short review of each book that you read (can be handwritten or typed) and you will be awarded an Excellence Point for each text you read in the bingo categories. Each review will also act as a 'ticket' into the September book-themed prize draw; the more books you read and review, the more times your name is popped into the hat, the more chances you have of winning something! Remember to include your name/form/titles of books read and the category they are in, along with your opinion on each text. Each book will only be counted once, even if it fits in to more than one category.

A book that includes an adventure.	A book that you find challenging to read.	A non-fiction book.	A book set in a magical land.
A book that has been made into a film.	A book that includes a mystery.	A book that your parent/carer read when they were a child.	A short story.
A graphic novel or a comic book.	A book over 100 pages long.	A book that makes you smile or laugh.	A book by an author you haven't heard of before.

Our Summer Reading Bingo Challenge starts from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, and you need to have sent in your reviews via email to Miss Dickinson ([h.dickinson@dinningtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:h.dickinson@dinningtonhigh.co.uk)) or to your Form Tutor, before 3pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to be entered into the prize draw. Remember, you can currently access lots of free stories digitally through sites such as Rotherham Online Library, as well as reading free e-books or listening to audiobooks, if you prefer. Happy reading ☺

**Year 7:** Don't forget to keep up with Accelerated Reader. You can get your books free on-line and still take your quizzes. <https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html>

**Year 6:** Currently you can get your books free on-line and see how many you have already read.

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# Art & Photography Journal



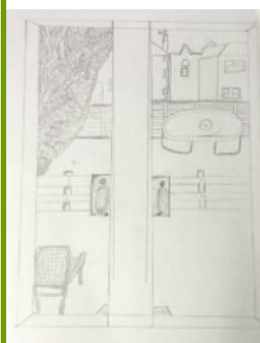
CJ W Y7



Megan B Y12



Evie R Y9



Bella C Y12

Will A Y12



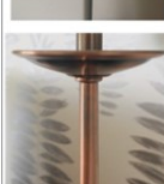
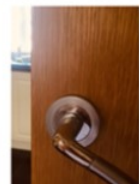
Lovely to see some more #AlphabetPhotography in this issue from Jessie H as well as some Graphic Design work from Will A. As ever, the art department are delighted to share students' impressive work—and that of their family members too.



Henry P Y8



Robbie G Y7 and Mum



Imogen H Y7



Jessie H Y9



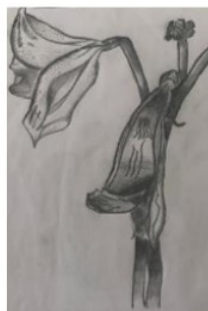
Charlie C Y9

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Evie R Y9



Rebecca D Y8



Charlie S Y7



Abigail S Y9

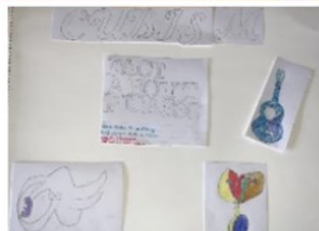


Leah H Y12



Alicia S Y9

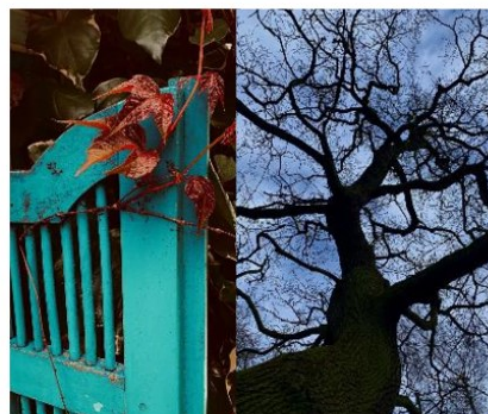
Molly M Y10



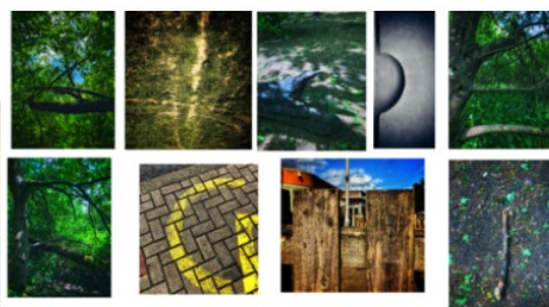
Mia S-J Y8



Owen H Y7 and Mum



Maddy T Y12



Crystal L Y7

Georgia K Y9

# SlamJam Poetry Update

## Regional performance poetry competition

Do you stream singles on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music? Listen to downloads on your phone. Always tune in the radio? Then you are listening to poetry. Poetry set to music. Sometimes it's love songs, sometimes they are strong political protests such as the singles from Dave and Stormzy in last week's assembly. Poetry in any form can give voice to the voiceless, give us chance to comment on what is happening in the world, or allow us to express our feelings.

This year the regional SlamJam competition has gone virtual through Zoom. DHS entered 13 SlamJam performance poems. Seven brave students had the courage to perform their poems in Thursday's regional heat. Four of them are through to the finals in July.

**Well done to Will A, Niamh J, Chrissy M and Ella S who are all going to perform again in July. Here are their incredible entries.**

### Mother Nature - Niamh J

The Earth used to be beautiful,  
Foliage and Fauna sublime,  
The oceans colourful and clear,  
Nature was at its prime.

Mother Nature had opened her heart,  
To the humans that inhabited her creation,  
So, it came to a surprise,  
When they built across the nation.

At first, she was joyful.  
The little minds came up with inventions,  
She was in awe at the structures,  
However, it became a manifestation.

The inventions became quiet toxic,  
Great smoke pluming the air,  
She found it hard to breath,  
And found it quite unfair,

She adapted to her friends,  
But she got angered once more,  
When she saw her creatures slaughtered to death,

And found plastic on the floor,  
Yet her home was dying,  
She still gave them a chance to restore,  
But the last invention took away her respect,  
The people decided to create war,  
She hated the thought of murder,  
And she became quite distraught,  
The violence and weapons were the last straw,  
But she had no last resort,

But one day something changed,  
From the stupidity of their own,  
A virus erupted,  
One the humans couldn't condone,  
Mother Nature watched as their habits changed,  
The quietness was unreal,  
For hardly any went outside,  
The Earth was beginning to heal,

The plastic decreased,  
The oceans thrived,  
The smoke thinned but,  
Many Humans died,

But the nation came together,  
They started a clean slate,  
They became gardeners, bakers, artists,  
And clapped for each other every Thursday at eight,

Mother Nature smiled warmly,  
The humans and nature became divine,  
So, as they all sat in their homes,  
She gave them all a bit of sun-



shine :)

### Lockdown poetry. By Will A

Eyelids open to the sound of emails,  
Quite an odd feeling when everyone's homes now feel like jails,  
The school day starts again but no one's here,  
A boring task when you're trying to study Shakespeare,

You crawl out of bed praying it's before lunch,  
But it's not and you need a coffee to give you that punch,  
Logging onto websites to see work overdue,  
And all of this for a god damn flu.

Re-watching videos because your eyes fell shut,  
Thinking about how desperately you need a haircut,  
Answering questions but your mind falls empty,  
While the people at the shops buy all the spaghetti,

Taking "lunch breaks" that last all afternoon,  
While Boris tells no one that they are immune,  
Keep your distance and wash your hands,  
So everyone sits home cancelling plans,

While Donald tells us all to drink bleach,  
The teachers are having a hard time trying to teach,  
We're all now doing work from home,  
And I'm still figuring out about ribosomes,

While the un-emailed essays mount up in the "continue" file,  
We're all just meant to comply with this new life style,  
No one's been dressed for the past nine weeks,  
And to be honest the last eight of them have been quite bleak,

Who knew that walking would be the highlight of the day,  
And the notion of it all has sent us into disarray,  
I feel sorry for the kettle now we're all sitting in,  
Drinking all the tea until our patience grows thin,

Eating so often you can't stomach your dinner,  
Watching BGT but you don't care who's the winner,  
Then 5pm rolls round we all settle down  
To see the Prime Minister with an all mighty frown,



### Oh Raven by Chrissy M

Oh raven you sit there so free  
your wings open and you caw and  
scream  
While I'm inside  
Inside of my mind  
That sentence alone so hard to define  
So I pour myself a drink  
A cup of gasoline,  
Fire pulsing through my veins  
Wondering when this will end.

We're fighting a war against an invisible  
enemy.  
Sending our soldiers in with armour and  
guns but they have no ammo.  
They're strong and determined but no.  
It's not enough.  
Confined inside we try  
Try to build bridges through internet  
and cameras,  
Raising money by walking at our homes  
Fighting for an end that no one knows.

But when will this end?  
When will they say it's okay to go see  
our friends  
To see our family  
To see Our loved ones  
And finally be free.

Oh little raven please fertilise my mind.  
With something to do , a melody or  
rhyme.

Grow a forest, lush and green.  
Greener than the world I see outside  
my window growing before me.  
The world is turning and it won't stop.  
Not for a species that has destroyed it.

No not for a species who fights and kills  
Not for us does this world stand still,  
A lion will fight to protect his pride,  
when a man will take arms to protect  
his pride!

When a child is taken and milk is  
poured on her,  
When a man is killed because we can-  
not see past colour!  
This world will not stand still for us!

But think.

Is this our punishment?  
Or is it a warning?  
Animals returning to the places they  
were forced away  
returning to their home.  
No longer are they lead astray  
Like you little raven so open and free  
Spreading your wings you caw and  
scream.

One day we will walk the streets  
Happy to see our friends at greet n  
meets  
But that will only happen if we work  
with each other  
We work with our NHS  
We work with our government  
We work with the children so scared  
every day because their mum and dad  
have gone away.  
Gone to work on the frontlines.

Imagine that fear that one of them  
could come home sick and go to  
hospital sick and die sick and you  
could not be there!  
You cannot be there as they take  
their last breath.  
As they become a number in a  
growing statistic.

When will it end I cry at night  
Glued to the images of screaming  
and of fights  
Scared to see such hate  
Backed by people of power...  
It's three am again  
I've lost track of time editing my  
mind  
like a story or rhyme  
Watching ravens hatch from their  
eggs and fly away ... watching them  
run free in the skies away.

Ha

But none of this makes sense , it's  
jumbled and messy.  
Like a splurge of a mind .  
It's rushed and unnecessary.  
You see there's a simple message  
hidden somewhere in these words .

That one day, that raven so open  
and free.

That raven, one day  
will be me.

### Lockdown by Ella S

Just imagine the day Boris says  
"Lockdown is over, go enjoy your  
days"  
But until then I'll not have to worry  
about my diet I'll sit and watch the  
world forever be quiet

A daily walk through the local park  
I see rainbows and teddy bears in  
windows as it gets dark  
I glanced at the road, No cars pass-  
ing by  
But sadly, I'll always know why

I rush back in to see my family upon  
a screen  
And my friends from school I have-  
n't seen  
Scrolling through Netflix but I've al-  
ready watched it all  
Guess I'll have to watch Coronation  
Street and no I won't be having a  
ball

As I wake up the next day, mum's  
disappointed look at me as i take a  
bow  
Well, 1pm is what I call morning now  
I take a seat at my desk all alone  
Trying to do work although i can't  
seem to get in the zone

A trip to Tesco and people queuing  
outside, 2m apart

Food shelves were empty because we  
panicked at the start  
Groups of kids disobeying the rules  
They seemed happy there was no one  
left at all their schools

As I drop off their shopping, I wave  
from the end of my grandparents'  
drive  
I wish I could give them a hug but I  
can't if I want them to survive  
I look up at the sky to see all the sunny  
weather we are getting  
We never get this when we can go  
out so now we're sweating and sweat-  
ing

Turning back on the TV onto the news  
station  
Only to see hundreds of people dying  
every day across the nation  
Sitting at the dinner table, helping  
mum juice the limes  
Then looking at the plate and releas-  
ing you've already has this six times

People stood on their doorsteps as it  
reaches 8 O'clock  
Cheering and screaming for the NHS  
as they do really rock  
Fireworks being set of high in the sky  
It even makes a few vulnerable peo-  
ple cry

As I get in the shower for the third time  
today  
I wonder "how on earth it's already  
May"  
Seeing my makeup bag shout and  
scream  
I hadn't put it on for a while because I  
felt like this was all one big dream

The moon starting to rise at 10  
I felt like I hadn't done anything yet  
again  
Sadly, I lie on my bed in a weird way  
Thinking tomorrow would be the trip of  
a lifetime but no one's allowed to go  
on holiday

Opening my wardrobe, I pull out my  
pyjamas  
As a treat I put on my favourite ones  
with the llamas  
I get an almost midnight snack  
And play another prank on my brother  
as payback

I climb into my bed  
Pull the duvet over my head  
Turn off the light  
And say "Night"

Our virus of 2020  
Really annoyed people plenty  
I just think that one day we'll all be  
outside together having a chill  
So I'll stay inside as long as I need  
stop people getting ill.

