

The Shaftesbury Lockdown Times

We have lift off in the BHBS House 2.6 Challenge

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Now it is your turn....

As it 5 years since any other house has held the Sports Day Cup the others will be out to beat us in this event inspired by the cancelled London Marathon.

Please join in, but be mindful that some of the people you might usually ask for sponsorship from might be struggling for money at this time.



The 2.6 challenge was inspired by the London Marathon (a marathon is 26 miles). Due to the lockdown, the marathon and lots of smaller fundraising events had to be cancelled so the 2.6 Challenge has been set up instead. The London Marathon raises a lot of money for our local charities and because it has been cancelled our local charities will not get the donations they would usually get.

As a school, BHBS have decided to take on this challenge for our chosen charity- St Michael's Hospice. To make it more of a whole school event

we have decided to make it an inter house competition.

You can set up your own challenge (make sure it is safe and appropriate), donate and then share it with you're the rest of the house.

Follow this link for more information and some inspiration!

<https://twopointsixchallenge.justgiving.com/inspiration>

To donate the money you raise please go to:

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Have you responded to your tutor's email yet?

Thank you Evie Tetley for your picture of these delicious looking cup cakes:



and these tempting homemade raspberry lemonade cordials, which form part of her challenge to photograph something red every Friday:



If you are struggling this Friday Evie, take a photo of today's red top edition of The SLT, it could be a collector's item in years to come.

In last week's edition, I asked you to watch the Justin Welby video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkBOjxPCgOY>

I asked, what connects what he is talking about with this legendary Worcestershire cricketer?



and this event?



At the moment we are all denied the opportunity to watch and participate in sport, everything cancelled and nobody really knowing how long our sporting isolation will last.

It brought to mind the cancellation of England's 1968/69 cricket tour to South Africa. At the time South Africa was ruled by the white minority who imposed the evil apartheid regime Justin Welby refers to.

The cancellation of the cricket tour came about because the South Africans would not accept Basil D'Oliveira as part of the England team because of the colour of his skin. D'Oliveira had grown up in South Africa and had both Portuguese and Indian heritage. He had come to England to play cricket as a professional, something he couldn't do in South Africa, because of the colour of his skin. In time he qualified for, L:\Shaftesbury and was selected to play for England. His selection for the tour and the events that followed, made the news headlines around the world at the time and became known as the D'Oliveira Affair:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%27Oliveira_affairhttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%27Oliveira_affair

Up to this point, South Africa had been the target of a variety of political, sporting and commercial boycotts but cricket and rugby teams still visited the country to play international matches. These were the two sports white South Africans are most passionate about so the cancellation of the tour marked a significant escalation in the pressure to end apartheid.

South Africa did not return to international cricket until 1991, the year that apartheid began to be dismantled and a year after the release of Nelson Mandela from prison.

By contrast and amidst much protest, international rugby teams continued to visit South Africa during the 1970s and 80s.

After his election in 1994 Mandela made a point of encouraging black South Africans to get behind their previously hated national team and in 1995 the country hosted the 3rd Rugby World Cup, having been precluded from the two previous tournaments in 1987 and 1991. This proved to be a major step forward in repairing the damage done by apartheid.

In a fairy tale ending South Africa won the cup and Mandela, wearing a Springbok jersey with winning captain Francois Pinaar's number 6 on the back, presented the trophy.



South Africa won the 2007 Rugby World Cup:



But 2019 was significant because it was Siya Kolisi, South Africa's first-ever black captain lifting the trophy:



Basil D'Oliveira died in 2011. As someone who benefitted from his cricket coaching, my guess is he would want to be remembered as a cricketer rather than for the problems he faced. However as Siya Kolisi lifted the Rugby World Cup last year, had he lived to see it, a very modest, humble man would've allowed himself a smile at the part he had played in making that possible

VE Day Reflections

I have posted a short piece at:

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In amongst all the celebrations it is important to remember that the second world war continued for several months in the far east and that prisoners of war in held elsewhere in Europe did not return home immediately. This is reflected in one of the prayers read at the VE Day service held in Westminster Abbey in 1945:

Prayer from the VE Day service at Westminster Abbey in 1945.

Let us remember with pride and all honour those who have laid down their lives in the cause of freedom and justice.
Let us remember also any who may still be detained in prison camps and those who are prisoners of war in the Far East.
Let us offer ourselves afresh to God, praying that we may be enabled to fulfil his purpose in the world.
Let us sum up our prayers and praises by joining together in the prayer our Lord himself has taught us, saying:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

And finally, if you haven't done so already, do please keep your tutor up to date with what you are up to. Let them know if you have something the next SLT, some pictures from VE Day perhaps? We are still here to help you through the lockdown. Let's continue to stick together and help each other from a distance.