



Dame Catherine's
NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME

Welcome to the DCHS Class 2 newsletter. Pyjama-clad, cereal in one hand and laptop in the other, the children of class 2 have been working exceptionally hard these past two weeks, and have produced some fantastic work. We can only showcase a small fraction of that here, but from meetings with horrifying rabbit monsters to research on Japanese architects, I'm sure you'll agree that the DCHS adventure has continued even as we have taken to our homes.

TOYO ITO

Class 2's very own Stella gives an in-depth look into the Japanese architect Toyo Ito

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MEETING THE GORM

A selection of Class 2's descriptive writing on their first meeting with the terrifying Gorm.

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RABBIT FACTS

With Podkin on the run, fleeing from the Gorm, we researched what traits rabbits have to help them survive.

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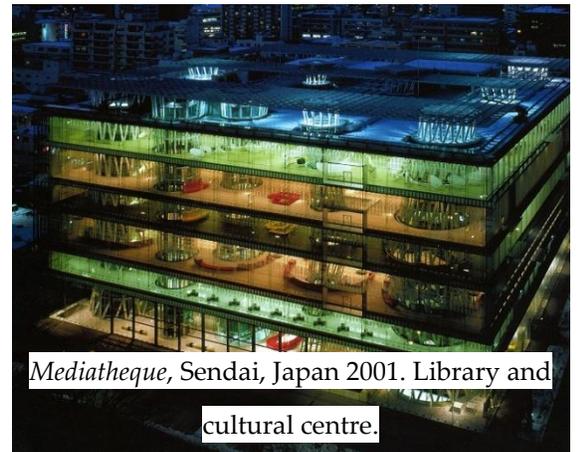
TOYO ITO

By Stella

Toyo Ito is a famous Japanese architect who has designed some amazing buildings. Ito thinks about architecture "as a piece of clothing that must be wrapped around human beings."

One of my favourites is the *Mediatheque* in Sendai because the building is made around a series of columns that are structural, but also have functional things inside them. These include lifts, stairs and air-conditioning. Interestingly, the columns are not straight, but go upwards in different directions. The columns are see-through because their structure is not solid, but they are made up from tubes of steel with lots of gaps between. These are then clad in glass. As well as the columns, the building itself is also transparent and therefore has lots of natural light.

Ito is interested in links between nature and architecture, stating "For the Sendai Mediatheque building I used many tree trunk-like tubes. The Mikimoto building is commercial architecture, so we couldn't design the interior. But we could affect how light entered. Light enters the building



Mediatheque, Sendai, Japan 2001. Library and cultural centre.



Tods Omotesando - Tokyo
(façade inspired by tree)

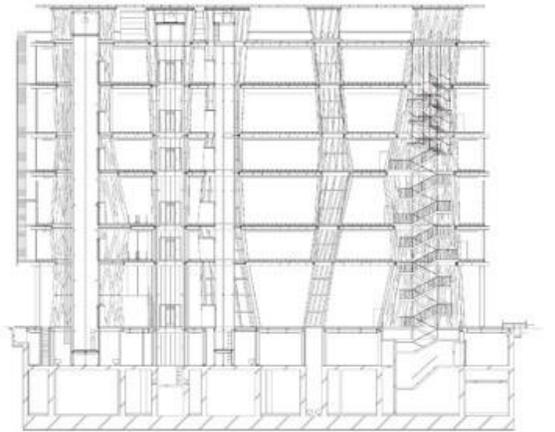
as if it is falling through trees. This natural element is what links the two buildings. Tod's Omotesando building has a much more obvious tree-like structure. I decided to surround the space completely with a tree-like structure to create the feeling of being in nature."

Stairs, lifts and air vents are hidden within the building's structural columns

The Tods building is L-shaped because there was pre-existing building next to it. I think it is clever how Toyo Ito developed a pattern of trees and then wrapped this design around the building. It is very different from all the buildings around it because they are all block buildings. The building stands out which is good for the client because people might want to look inside and buy things. Also, images of the building can be seen on the internet and social media, which is free publicity for Tods.



The interior of Mikimoto building is interesting because the shape of the windows cast different shapes of light on the floor and walls. The building stands out because it is white and contrasts the other concrete buildings around it. Mikimoto make and sell cultured pearls for jewellery, which is a luxury product, just like the building.



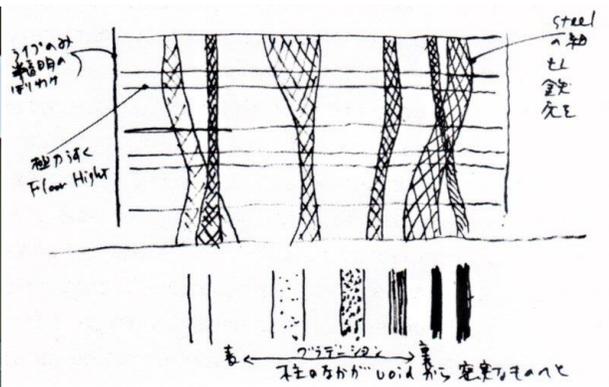
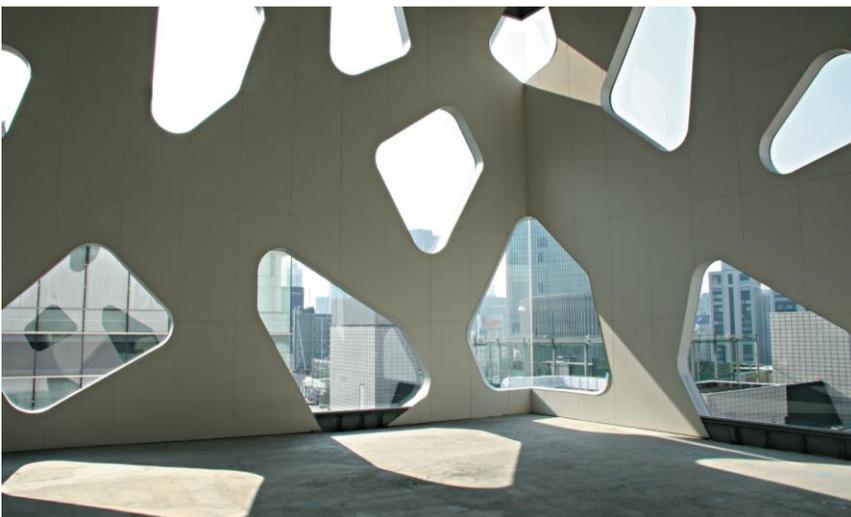
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<http://www.toyo-ito.co.jp>

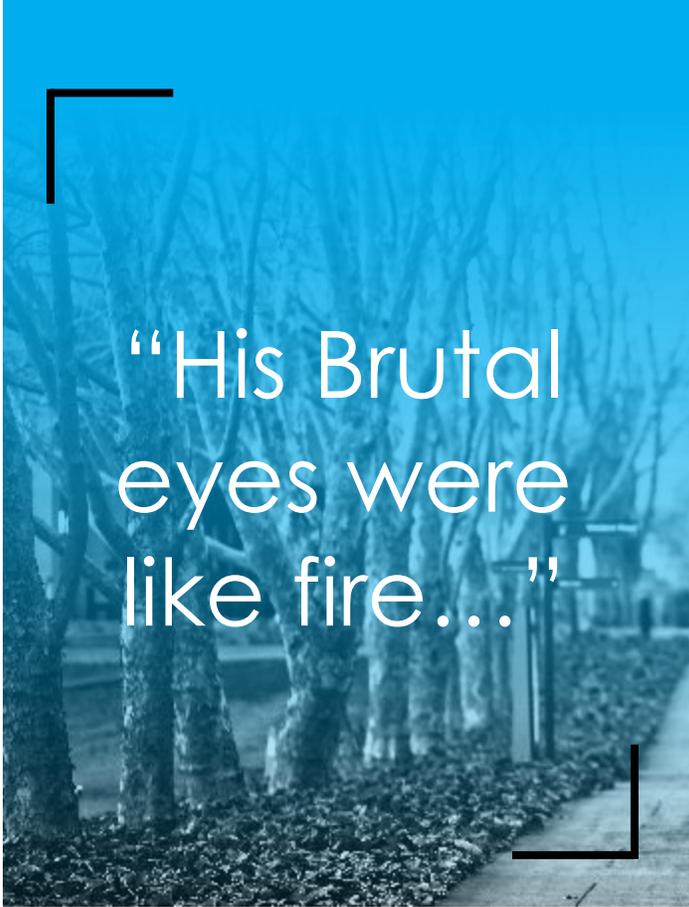
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Or architects in general <https://www.pritzkerprize.com/laureates>

An amazing article, Stella, and something I knew nothing about. Fabulous job! - Chris



Ito's early concept sketch



“His Brutal eyes were like fire...”



Meeting the Gorm

Class 2's studies were rudely interrupted by a hellish rabbit monster!

The Gorm had no heart just a dark empty space, I was shaking and my heart was beating like a speed train. His brutal eyes were like fire and he had a nasty smirk on his face.

The Gorm's evil sword was dripping with blood from Lopkin, now guess who the new leader is? the Gorm!

- Mia

Proudly entering the room like he has already won the battle, triumphantly he speaks “I give you my condolences” like an arrogant Donald Trump. He flies a massive arrow close to the Chieftan's Head.

The battle begins. He slices 10 rabbits' heads off their

shoulders. There will be few survivors. Let's go back to the battle, the evil rabbit was howling. The other rabbits were jeering. They thought it was just one rabbit versus all of them. They were cocky, the evil rabbit showed immense skill even though it was one versus twenty, and he killed them

- Leo and Herbie

The Gorm's blood red eyes were glaring at me all sinister like. I felt so intimidated I thought my heart missed a beat and my body started shaking like leaves. He strided towards me, while his horns

scraped a cross the ceiling leaving blood marks. His vicious spiky teeth were black as the sky at night. He started pegging me down with his horns laughing like a witch. I couldn't bare it, I managed to escape and ran back home to safety from that beast.

- Amber

It was so big I could not even see its head !
Its demon-like eyes looked out from his fear inducing helmet. Its tail bulged frightfully upwards in the air and its claws sprang out with terrifying speed. Its armour creaked loudly as it moved forwards, screeching and clanking, jagged nails pierced the metal with long spikes projecting out of its frightful helm.

The teeth of the beast viciously gnashed as quick as can be. Its long pointy nose twitched, sensing movement and hunting the odour of prey. Its smell petrified all of the world around, even its fellow Gorms recoiled at its pungent odour. Not a being you would pleaurably meet.

- Stella



Rabbiting On

Think you know your rabbit facts? Try to spot which of these were diligently researched by the children of Class 2, and which they simply made up.

Your most likely to find a rabbit in the countryside because they have a lot of food there and it's a good place for them to make their burrows

Most rabbits are roadside animals

The Latin name for rabbit is *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Rabbits are mostly found in Ireland and Britain

Rabbits are around 35-40cm

- Eden

Rabbits have special body features to help them survive in the wild. They have long claws, which help them to dig their burrows for protection. Their long ears are not only cute, but they provide sensitive hearing which can help them locate predators. A female rabbit is called a Doe and a male rabbit is called a Buck. A baby rabbit is called a kit (or kitten) also rabbits live in groups. More than half of the worlds rabbits live in North America. A rabbits ear can grow up to 10cm tall (4in).

- Sophia



1. Baby rabbits are called 'kittens'

2. There are four types of fur: Normal, Rex, Satin, and Angora fur

3. Rabbits love carrots

4. Stoats can kill a 10 times bigger rabbit

5. Rabbits eat their own poop and digest it a second time

- Thor





Our Thoughts

I love writing on the computer, texting my friends and playing netball with my sister and my parents, but I miss playing with the girls. I also miss Lorna teaching us in person but I feel like this is a summer holiday because it is very sunny outside. I miss Lorna giving me snack when I forget it.

Hopefully the covid-19 goes away so we can all go to school.

- Amber

Dchs is now shut because of coughing killer, class two is now on computers this week for dchs. We are doing great for now little mishaps but we are better than ever.

We had so much fun on offices 365, we have been testing each other and ringing each other. We had so much fun it kind of like a longer spring holiday. We all miss each other but it has been lots of fun that's all for now bye.

- Mia

I love having a place where I can chat to people and call them as well, it is just like being at school but you don't have to use fossil fuels from cars, it's all so good but we can't go on school trips which is ok and as well as microsoft teams there is vedamo.

- Eden

I have been playing football and meeting others chatting commenting sending gifs making Nooradine angry.

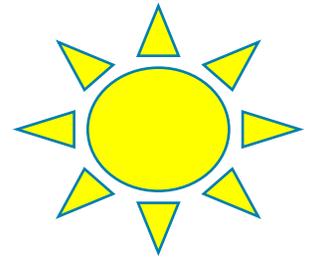
And it's nice to talk to Lorna online Meeting friends Doing work writing answers making poems up stuff like that. is better to do it online than go to school because it saves fossil fuel

Bad thing is you can't play with football in the playground

- Thor

I'm working in the office with my parents. Playing FIFA after school. I miss playing football in the garden at school but I still play football at my house.

FEEL BETTER



NEWSLETTER

Being cooped up at home for days on end, it's normal to feel sad or frustrated at times. Brothers and sisters (and parents) can be annoying, and it's difficult not always being able to do what you want to do, so we've put together some ideas for feeling better at home.



Exercise is important, not only for staying healthy, but for mental well-being. Try and exercise at least once a day. It gets your blood pumping, wakes you up, and makes you feel better.

Talk! Make sure to share your feelings – happy, sad and everything in between. Parents and relatives are often happy to listen, you can call people over the phone or video chat, and though we won't always be online, teachers are still happy to hear how you're doing.

Go outside! Fresh air and vitamin D from the sun are important, and being outside, especially in nature, has been proven to be good for relaxation and mental health.



Get creative! Flex your artistic muscles with different challenges that let you create or achieve something.