

Weekly Newsletter

Monday 11th May 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff,

The sun did make a welcome but brief appearance over the long weekend. I hope you enjoyed some VE celebrations and some good food. Food does seem to be playing an important role in the lockdown and some delicious looking recipes are being shared through your photographs.

Thank you for sharing your amazing photographs to include in the newsletters – please do keep them coming in. It is reassuring to see what we are all up to while distanced from each other and lovely to see so many smiling faces!

Our school council have included a letter this week (attached) because they would like your help to put together a montage of rainbows to show our appreciation by sending this to our local hospitals from Medeshamstede Academy.

I have also included a document from the National Autistic Society with some top tips for families which include some helpful links for supporting children through approaches such as social stories and sensory activities.

Best wishes,



Mrs Laura Ives
(Head of School)

Some of the great things that have been happening at home this week ...

Celebrating VE Day



Callum in rabbits class decorated some colourful bunting to celebrate VE day.

Mrs Mitchell, mum to Jimmy in squirrel class, had an extraordinary find...some real newspaper pages from VE Day including one from the London Illustrated News !



Alastair's family enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and cake in the garden.



Ms Walker made a tasty VE Day chicken and gammon pie!

Mr English's Class have been up to all sorts ...

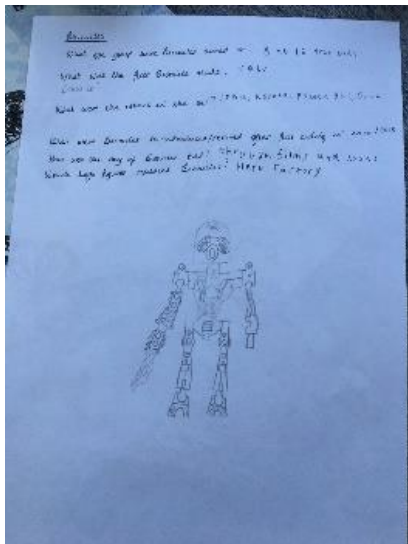
Iroquois Long house created on Minecraft by Mason



Masterchef, Corben.



Starbaker, Curtis.



Mason's has created his own project on Bionicles



Harrison has enjoyed walking his dog



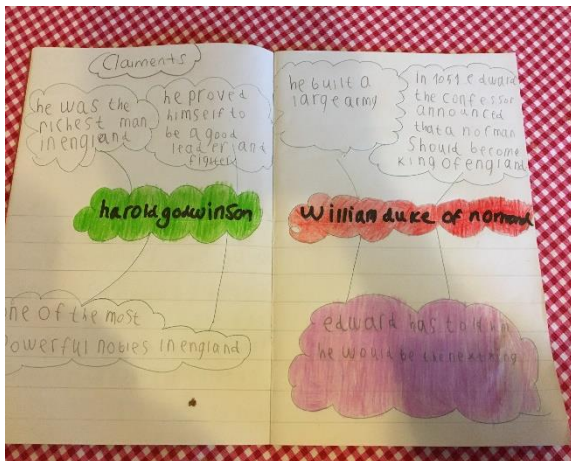
Haniyyah has made a Zones of Regulation emotions box

Squirrel Class



Callum's been out walking and exploring nature.

Hawk Class



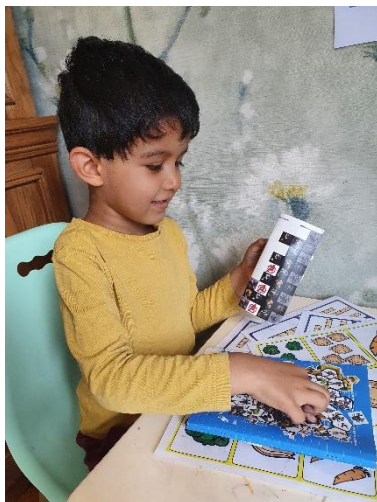
Rhys has been researching to create a fantastic mind map about figures in history linked to his class theme 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'

Busy Bees



A big step for Kobi who has bravely tried eating some new vegetables – mum's persistence has paid off and Kobi is now loving carrots and cauliflower!

Hayden looks very determined as he practises his writing.



With a little encouragement from Mrs Travers, speaking to him on Teams, Ameen is doing some fantastic learning at his home workstation. We are proud of you, Ameen.

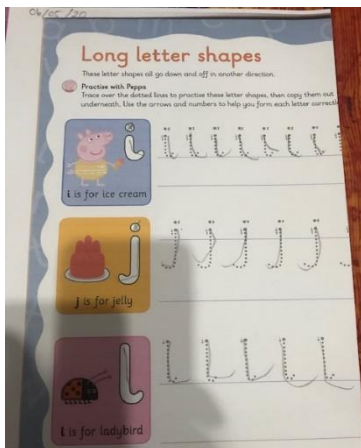


Kalian and daddy made a bird table, being expertly painted here by Kalian.

Mouse Class

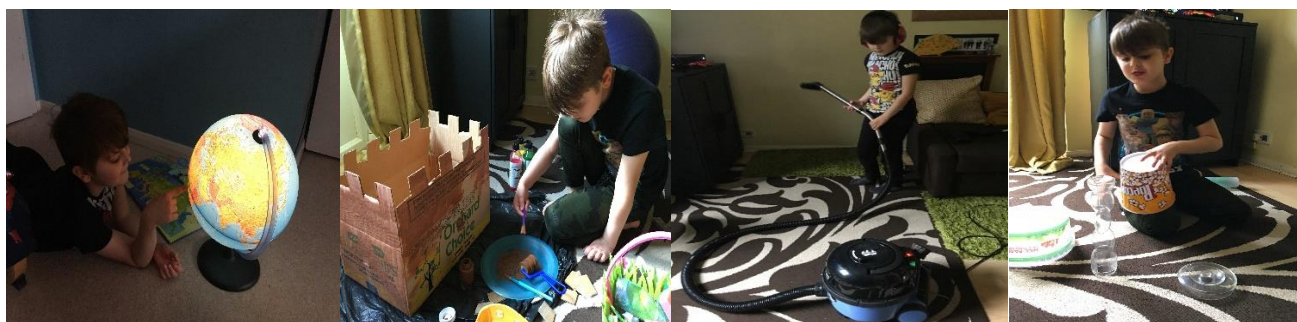


Callum loves to watch the horses. Lots of children are painting stones and laying them here to show hope. Callum made a salt dough star which he painted yellow.



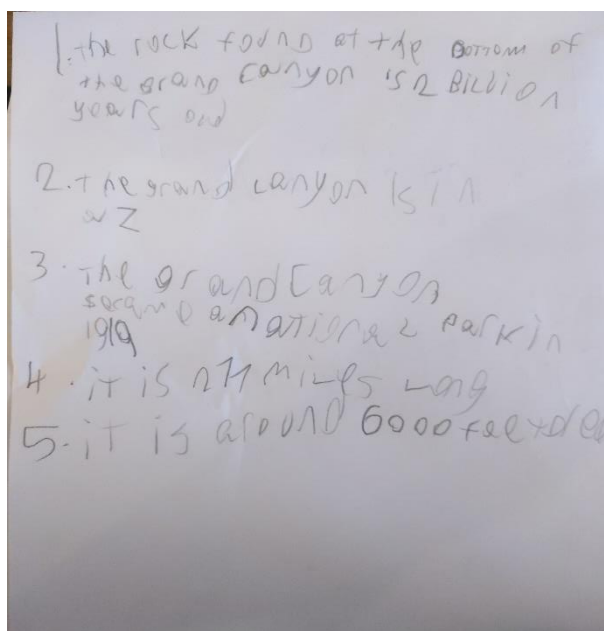
Malachy's been busy and also helped his mum with the shopping at the supermarket this week.

Owl Class



Grzegorz has been super busy – helping mum to vacuum, building towers, a model castle for his class learning theme and relaxing with some calming sensory exploration

Mrs Dunn's Class



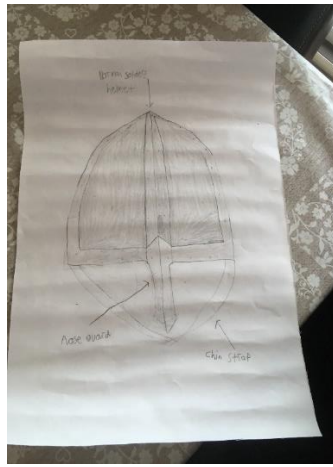
Dylan has been writing about The Grand Canyon for his class theme 'Road Trip USA'

Some mouth-watering baking by Sean



Ms Calis' Class

Liam's impressive drawings of a Norman soldier's helmet and shield.

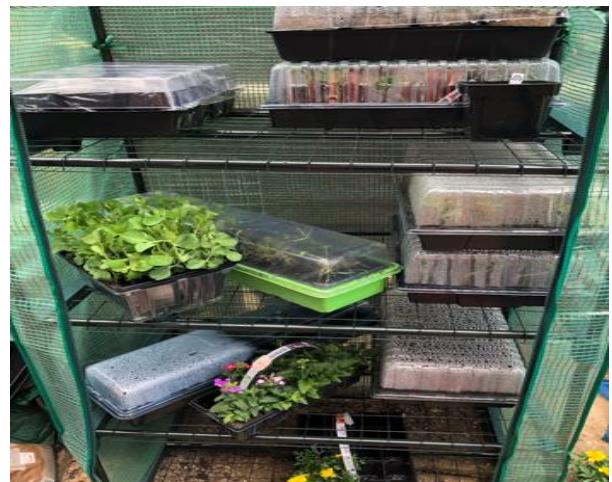


What have our staff been up to ?

Mrs Travers has been taken for a walk by her dad's dog, Jack and has been cycling.



Mrs West is growing seedlings on her allotment.

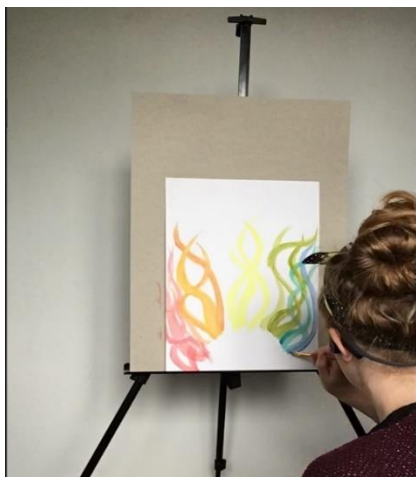




Mr Barnes, our site manager, skilfully upcycled a 'hanging basket man' made out of an old bunk bed.



Ms Brown and Georgie are becoming very fit with some calming yoga.



Ms Thulbourn bought herself a new easel to deliver live art sessions.

Mrs Humphreys playing Rummykub with her family in the evening.



Happy Birthday! Some birthdays were celebrated last week too...



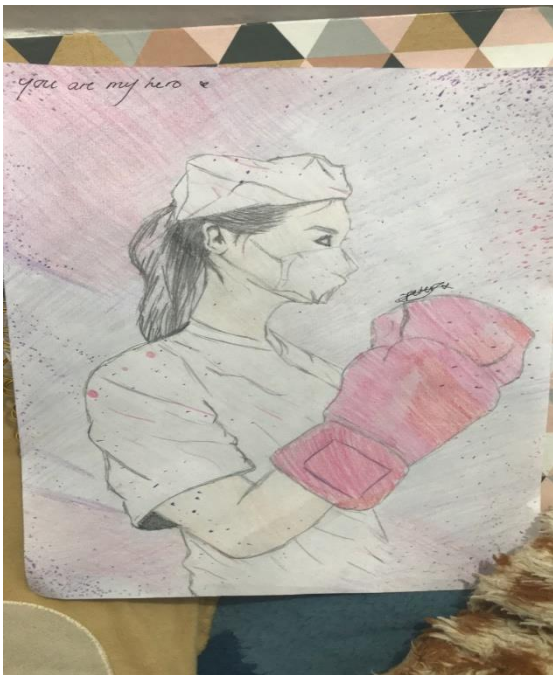
Rhys celebrated with a fun water fight and a large supply of water balloons!

Curtis is pictured here enjoying his celebration which even included a special birthday throne to sit on!

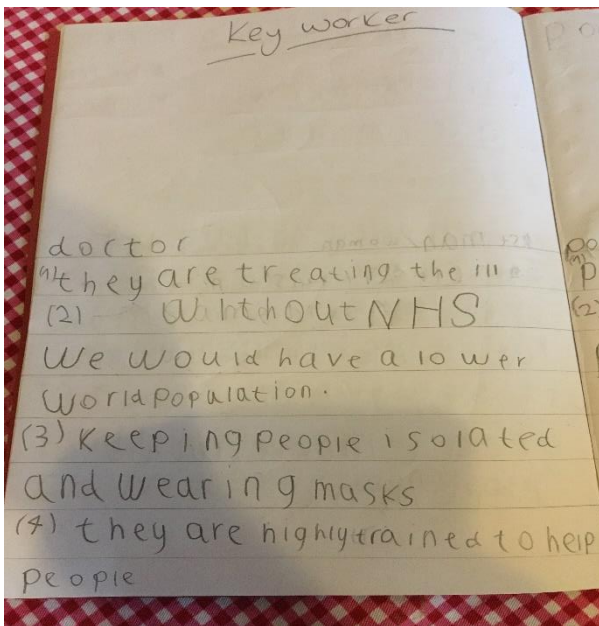


Mrs Desouky sent a happy birthday message from mouse class to Beatriz.

"Thank you NHS" - The heroes of the NHS are always in our thoughts...



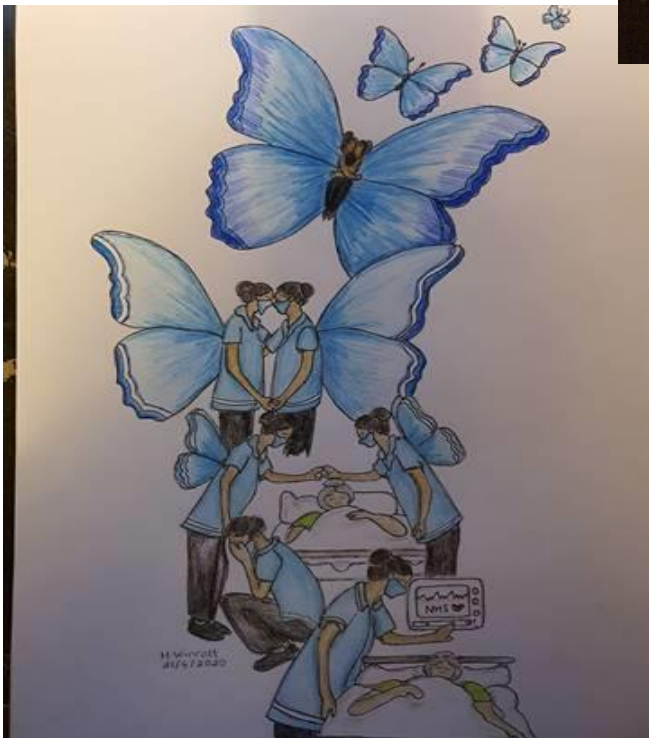
An amazing and thoughtful drawing representing the fight against Covid-19 from our talented Shantay in Y10 (herself a keen boxer).



Rhys has been thoughtfully writing about the selfless roles of our critical workers.

I think this has to be the photo of the week!

Taken by Mrs Jordan while outside one Thursday evening clapping for the NHS and our key workers.



Ms Wincott has also been drawing to show the compassion of the NHS.