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## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for joining Nikki and I for our very first LIVE assembly. Although we could not see everybody on the screen at once, it was great to see so many families tune in and join us together. My apologies for forgetting the sound on both the staff video and the song and apologies for our dreadful dancing and singing but we were having a lovely time and felt really connected to the whole school. We will do another LIVE assembly on the last day of term and we will send you the details at this at the start of next week.

It has been amazing to scroll through TEAMS and through our Twitter feed looking at all the super activities the children have been doing around mental health and wellbeing, I hope these activities have gone a little way to helping the children through this period of lockdown. I had the privilege this week of sitting in on some of the live sessions to see how they are going, and I was particularly impressed with the way the children have adapted to online learning. They use the chat function respectfully to engage with the lesson, they mute themselves when it is necessary and overall, there is a real sense of learning going on. Well done. It's not easy presenting online lessons and I can see the teachers working really hard to make it feel as if all the children are all in one room but it's not the same and we look forward to having the children back soon.

It was very sad to hear about the passing of Captain Tom earlier this week, a true gentleman that inspired so many people around the world to keep going and not give up. I know many of our children decorated and sent him Birthday Cards when he turned 100 last year. He was a fine example of how one person can reach out and touch every generation. I think the one thing that resonates with me the most is his well-known saying. "Tomorrow is a good day". I strongly believe this to be true and while I know this lockdown feels like it is going on forever, it will come to an end, we just need to keep positive with the knowledge that events are heading in the right direction and the children will be able to return to school soon.



I know that many of you will be lighting up your lanterns on Sunday night and will be sending out positive thoughts over Batheaston and beyond. This beautiful and thoughtful project created by Cara and organised by our super FOBs team will be featured on [Radio Bristol](#) over the weekend at 7:20am on Saturday and again at 7:20am on Sunday. Fingers crossed; we are also hoping to be featured on [BBC Points West on Sunday](#). So, keep an eye on the TV - Exciting!! I know we will look forward to shining a light over our amazing community and being recognised for all the brilliant work you do and continue to do.

On behalf of all the staff and myself, we wish you a peaceful weekend and we look forward to engaging with your children through the last week of term. Remember, you are all remarkable and "tomorrow will be a good day"

Take care and stay safe

**Sally x**



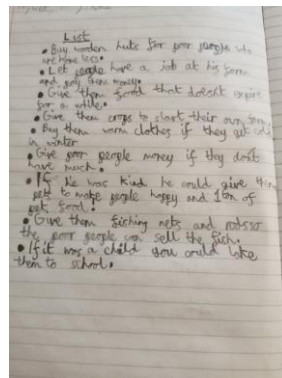
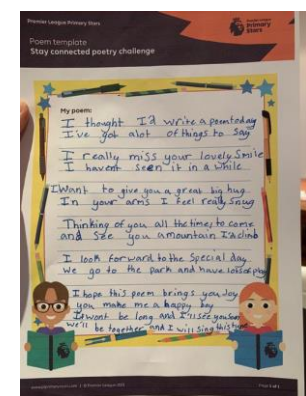
## Learning at home.

I absolutely love the fact that Willow class have been set some interesting tasks this week which involve cooking and and my goodness me, did they create some yummy looking dishes.

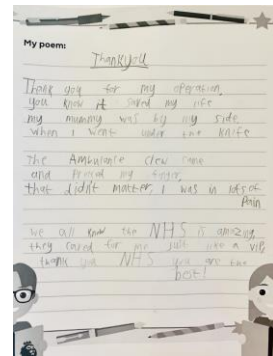


They have also been busy learning our new approach to the teaching of writing and have produced some fabulous storymaps

Hazel class did a super job of creating poems for the people they missed and used a whole range of poetic styles.



They also enjoyed learning about the parable of the rich man in their RE lesson and came up with some great ideas on how the rich man could spend his money to show kindness and compassion.



One of our lovely Year 4 children who recently spent some time in hospital wrote a beautiful poem to all the staff that looked after him. Such a lovely and kind thing to do.

Much of our learning this week has been around our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week and I know that Alison is hoping to get a newsletter out to you soon but I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of the lovely pictures which have been sent in, showing some of the wonderful things our children have been doing at home.



## Learning at school

The children at school this week have also been enjoying our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week and have been engaged in lots of activities throughout the week and enjoying keeping active.





I particularly liked the way they designed and created puppets to help them express their automatic negative thoughts. After the assembly on Monday and thinking about the story of the invisible string, it was lovely to see our youngest keyworker children create a spider's web to physically show how



we are connected. They even shared something about themselves with Alison that she might not have known before. Some children spent time decorating cards for friends and families as a way to stay connected. It has been a great week but the highlight for me was at the point when we brought the whole school together during our LIVE



assembly. It just felt very special as it feels it has been a long time since we have seen some of you.



With one more week to go before we break for half term, I really hope the children have enjoyed our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week and that it has gone a little way in helping them cope during this time

## Headteacher's awards

We think all our children have done a great job this week and have all been superstars. Well done! However with a keen focus on our 5Cs and our RECIPE values, teachers have selected the following children who they feel have really stood out this week and have shown these qualities within their learning and with their superb efforts either in school or at home.

### Apple Class:

**Julia Durk, Lydia Cottle**

### Cherry Class:

**Archie Stone, Hannah Johnson, Lewis Service**

### Willow Class:

**Ciara Lunn, Robyn Slayden, Mahmoud Alabbadi**

### Elm Class:

**Jasper Borsay, Keira Campy, Heath Lock**

### Hazel Class:

**James Cottle, Bea Hume-Smith, Sejla Boda-Borzasi**

### Maple Class:

**Max Lacrouts, Winnie Priday, Alice Heskia**

### Oak Class:

**Safi Diagne, Denzel Dehaney, Taia Sheldon**



# Congratulations

for achieving the Headteacher's award this  
week

WELL DONE!

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021      Signed: *Sally*

(Please feel free to print this out and award to your child)