



Dear Parents and Carers,

In school this week the children have been enjoying exploring 'under the sea'. As part of this they have made pufferfish and have hand printed cloth bags, linking to the idea of sustainability. I think the most exciting part of this weeks' learning was when they were able to have a water fight. I noticed that they were particularly gleeful when they were soaking Mr Bullen. Miss Tout, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Chalke managed to avoid getting too wet by staying in the 'safe zone' (the playground).

For me, the week has been busy trying to get organised for the proposed wider opening of the school to children in Lime, Cherry and Oak class. We have taken a number of measures to keep the children and families safe which we will be communicating to parents in due course. June 1st is still the proposed date for the start of the re-opening but this won't be confirmed until the scientific evidence is shared on 28th May. We will then be waiting for the Government to confirm when they require the other year groups to return. As we know more we will, of course, share with you. This is a constantly changing picture and I have never dealt with anything like this in my 30 year career so please bear with us.

Next week is half term week so we are not expecting any home learning. Hopefully you will be able to get out and about more and enjoy a sunny week.

Keep safe

Fundraising event - update from Grant Savides

I just wanted to update you on the progress so far this week. We have now completed 28.6 miles over Monday and Tuesday. Today I will be embarking on my 3rd run of 14.3 miles around Westbury to raise money for your schools. Dan, Richard and myself have so far managed to raised £500 which amounts to roughly £83 per school. Although encouraging, we do hope to get this figure up by the weekend and ask if you please help us by spreading the word amongst your students and social media groups. I'd all goes well we would love 900 plus followers to donate a £1 each which will take us well beyond our target.

We have opened a Facebook page called "Westbury community schools fundraiser" and are loading videos of each day on there. The just giving page link is on our FB page but you can search for "runningto100" and it will take you to our page where you can view who has donated.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of my fellow fundraisers to say thank you to all you teachers who have been so amazing during this tough time. Your support, dedication, encouragement and mentorship given to our children has been amazing. Your dedication to delivering education and a sound state of mind for our children has been exemplary. You all deserve a medal.

Please stay safe as you prepare to open schools in June.

Best regards
Grant Savides

The just giving page is

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/runningto100?utm_term=YJdAgAZNW

Headteacher's Awards - well done all!

Nominated by Mrs Hibbs:

- * Mia and Jakob for their print bags.
- * Henry for a PowerPoint on the planets – I even learnt a new mnemonic!



Nominated by Miss Tout:

- * Harry for his brilliant home learning on coding.
- * Jakob for a wonderful story.



Nominated by Mrs Broad for children in Ash Class:

- * Lewis for creating a new Superhero called 'Strongman,' very good ideas to protect people.
- * Logan for fabulous, detailed well presented writing. I enjoyed the desert island story.
- * Ben for turning himself into a superhero, 'Junk boy,' and sorting out all of his family's recycling. Keep up the great work!
- * Summer for her super Superhero story.
- * Hannah for working very hard with her phonics and reading.



Nominated by Mr Bullen:

- * Oliver for working really hard on his reading and creating his bag when in school.

Nominated by Mrs Lazar:

- * Indie for an amazing creation of the Planets as part of Cherry Class' Space project.

Nominated by Mrs Down:

- * Margot and Elize for their 'telling the time' home learning.

A safeguarding message from Wiltshire Police Public Protection Department

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The current restrictions on our daily lives will no doubt be more difficult for some more than others and we understand that people of all ages may be struggling to cope. While the need to stay at home is crucial, we know that on occasion people do go missing. If your child, or a child you know has gone missing, and you have genuine concerns about their welfare, do not delay in reporting concerns to police. You will not be fined/prosecuted under Covid-19 powers for carrying out any reasonable enquiries to find them yourselves. Our officers will do all that they can to understand individual circumstances and provide support where needed.

Always call 999 in an emergency. If you need help and want to speak to someone, Missing People charity is available 24/7 – call 116 000, text 116 000 or chat online via www.runawayhelpline.org.uk





Silly Squad Digital Summer Reading Challenge launches 5 June

Unfortunately we won't be able to run the regular Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries this year. However, the Reading Agency (who manage the challenge nationally) have created a digital version as an alternative which we will be promoting through our own social media channels and we hope many of your pupils will take part in. The theme for the digital challenge will be 'Silly Squad' and it will launch on Friday 5 June (earlier than the normal challenge, due to lockdown) (readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/).

The digital challenge platform will include a safe sign-up process, a personal profile area where children can set reading goals, review books, view book recommendations and access guides to e-lending. There will also be a forum to chat to friends, play games, download and print activities, as well as family activities with rewards and unlockable content to keep children and families engaged throughout the summer months. The platform will be free for children and families to use (summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/)

We are planning to buy Silly Squad medals to give to children who complete the online challenge, which will hopefully be available from the autumn subject to availability. We have lots of children's eBooks and will be buying more over the next few weeks for those who may have difficulty accessing books (wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks). We will also be offering online activities throughout the summer to link into the challenge via our Facebook, Twitter and Youtube channels.

For more information about online library activities and useful information for families home schooling please see our active communities resource page: wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-active-communities

Please pass this information to your families, and if you or they have any queries please email me. I hope your pupils enjoy the challenge.

Sarah Hillier
Development Librarian for Children and Young People