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Newsletter

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Well done everyone !

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of the second week of the official Sumer Term! I must say a massive well done to all parents, carers, children and staff for keeping in touch and for continuing to do a brilliant job at maintaining a form of education. It is not easy and we are all learning as we go, but it is great to know that we are all in this together and supporting one another in whatever ways we can.

Massive congratulations go out to our parents and carers for joining with us as teachers. Teaching is not an easy job. If you didn't know before, I'm sure you do now! It is even harder when you are trying to home educate. We are acutely aware that our families have lots of different stresses and strains at the moment as well as practical and technological challenges—we are here to support you as best we can.

Since returning after Easter, parents and staff have done a superb job of moving to our new online Google Classrooms. This presented difficult technological challenges both at home and school. It is not something any of us had any experience with and it was not made any easier by trying to set it up on various platforms (PCs, ipads, phones etc). It is great to see everyone accessing their class and interacting with their teachers.

Well done everyone!



Keeping learning fun!

Making a fairy garden with her sweet pea which she planted at school

Albert Reads "Odd Dog Out" by Rob Biddulph



Albert said he was really missing all of his little friends, so he asked if he could read a story for you. He's put it on our Vimeo Channel.

You can find it at: <https://vimeo.com/414458385>

He hopes you like it...

WCLPS Staff Wellbeing Board – 3/5/20

See below for this week's posts from staff who have either achieved/done something really positive, want to thank someone or just make someone feel happy and smile.....



Tracey: The word that is coming up again and again in children's comments on Google Classroom is 'fun'. It's a lovely feeling that the children are enjoying the learning we are providing.

Kelly: I've learnt and also taught my boys how to make wax melts whilst using it as a Maths and Science lesson.

Vicki and Linda: I've completed the Breaking the Cycle of Emotionally-based School Avoidance Online Training Course.

Vicki and Chris: I've completed the Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Early Trauma Online Training Course.

Debbie B: Well done to Tom for drawing a fantastic Spongebob Squarepants illustration.

Debbie C: I make sure I do my 10,000 steps everyday (quite hard when you are working on a laptop for long periods of time!)

Chris: I'm enjoying "scrabble go" on the iPad which is keeping my mind ticking over.

A space for your post to help someone smile next week.....

If you are looking for something to read, here is some publishing news

Anthony Horowitz to share writing process for new *Diamond Brothers* novel online for kids in lockdown - Anthony released the first chapter of the as yet unpublished book *Where Seagulls Dare* on his [website https://www.anthonhorowitz.com/news/story/where-seagulls-dare-diamond-brothers-read-the-first-chapter-now](https://www.anthonhorowitz.com/news/story/where-seagulls-dare-diamond-brothers-read-the-first-chapter-now) for free, with readers invited to engage with the story and let him know their comments along the way. He will continue to share chapters as the lockdown continues, with the full finished book set to publish physically with Walker in 2021. Anthony will be donating his royalties to the NHS charities together.

The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown - The NLT have launched *The Book of Hopes*, compiled by Katherine Rundell, a free downloadable eBook containing contributions from over 100 children's authors and illustrators, including many from Walker Books:

Patrick Ness Sophie Dahl Ross Montgomery Joseph Elliot Katherine Webber	Ben Bailey Smith Chris Haughton Chris Riddell David Roberts Emma Chichester Clark	Emily Sutton Jack Noel MG Leonard Jane Ray Thomas Taylor	Anthony Horowitz Michael Morpurgo David Almond Kevin Crossley Holland Catherine Johnson
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Download the book here: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/katherine-rundell-launches-the-book-of-hopes-a-free-childrens-book-by-over-110-authors-and-illustrators/>

There was also an exclusive feature in *Guardian Review* on Saturday, which included the contributions from Anthony Horowitz, Michael Morpurgo, Catherine Johnson and Chris Haughton.
<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/apr/25/reasons-to-be-cheerful-poetry-and-stories-to-give-hope-to-adults-and-children-alike>

Other news:

Book Life Publishing

Finlay and Matilda at BookLife – Free Children's Book each week

This week's free E-Book is

Parts of a Plant – Seeds

The e-books are free of charge for the length of the UK lockdown period. Book Life Publishing have given permission to download and share the book. The books are downloaded in PDF format. There are four other titles also available:

Infographics: Human Body
A Kid's Guide to Feeling Lonely
Why do I Poo?
Why do I wash my hands?

For more details visit:

www.booklife.co.uk

Scholastic

Scholastic continue to offer a range of home learning support for teachers and parents. This can be accessed via their website on the Home Learning Hub link.

They are also offering the opportunity to see and listen to range of titles, suitable for ages 4 to young adults. These are presented by the relevant authors, who have been given permission by Scholastic to read the opening chapter of the books. Full details can be accessed at the following link.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>



The winner of our Y4 Photography Club Competition is... Alfie Rhodes!

Mr Clark loved the clever use of shadows. A copy of David Walliams 'Slime' will soon be on its way to you. Mr Clark has had a really tough job judging! There were so many great entries!

Looking after your mental health



SEBDA – Anxiety in Children and the Coronavirus

The Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties Association (SEBDA) has put together a booklet of practical ideas for supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people at home.

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SEBDA-Anxiety-in-Children-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf>

WHO - The World Health Organisation has developed a series of posters to help parents on a range of topics. Some examples are attached other topics include support around providing structure, 'bad' behaviour, managing stress, managing anger.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthy-parenting>

Parental mental health

As well as thinking about the children or young people in your care, it is important to take care of your own mental health and wellbeing. Children and young people react, in part, to what they see from the adults around them. When parents and carers deal with a situation calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children and young people. Parents and carers can be more supportive to others around them, especially children, when they are better prepared.

See guidance on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

or visit Every Mind Matters for clear advice and actions to take care of your mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Returning to school

In terms of returning to school, we are no better informed than the general public. We all tune in to the same, regular government briefings for insight into when and how things will change. I am working as part of the Primary Heads Forum with the Local Authority and other representative Headteacher colleagues, to try to plan for how schools can open when the time comes. It will bring some very real and very difficult challenges in terms of operating procedures, staffing and social distancing. It is of paramount importance that we keep our children, our staff and our community as safe as possible and that plans are careful and considered.

Whilst we all want to 'get back to normal', it will most likely be a different 'normal' that we will have to adjust to. When the time comes, we will all have some degree of anxiety about returning. I promise to be open and transparent about the challenges facing us and our plans for keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Keep Safe everyone,

Mr Smith

"We're all in this together" video

If you've not seen it yet, tune in to see all our staff messages to you:

<https://vimeo.com/411989780>

