

## News from The Deputy Head

I hope you all had a fantastic Bank holiday last weekend and enjoyed any VE day celebrations you had arranged. We dusted off the BBQ and had our first outdoor meal for the summer which we really enjoyed, although I had to take care that Scribbles didn't run off with my burger! I know the team at school had a wonderful party, played games and created some wartime arts and crafts. Indie-Rose put together a special celebration basket full of VE day goodies for all the children in school, such a lovely and thoughtful idea. Thank you to all the photos and videos you have shared with us on how you celebrated and what your bunting around your house looked like, looks like you all had a great time too.

Last Sunday, Boris Johnson made his announcement that from June 1<sup>st</sup> primary school years Reception, 1 and 6 will start to go back to school. This is the second step in his plan and will only happen if the impact from step 1 shows a decrease in the number of confirmed cases and rate of infection. Mrs Humphriss and the rest of the team are working hard organising how school will re-open to these year groups making sure that school remains a safe place for the children and all of us. As soon as we have a clear understanding of our next steps we will communicate these to you. We are really looking forward to seeing the children once again but understand you have questions and concerns. Please bear with us while we plan meticulously.

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing what everyone has been up to at home whether that's completing Tapestry and E-school activities or exploring other skills and learning that interest you. Thank you for sharing all your hard work with us, it truly brings a smile to us all to see and hear how you are doing. You and your families are doing a fantastic job, some days might be harder than others and some days you might just need a rest, that's absolutely fine - you should feel very proud of all you have done.

*'Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall'*  
Confucius

Best wishes, Mrs Abernethy



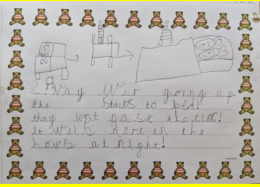
## VE Day Celebrations!





# Spot Light on our Children

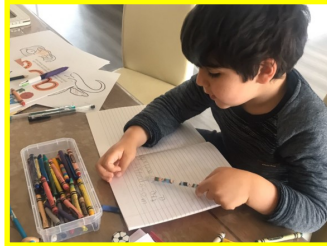
## News from Reception



This week Butterflies and Hedgehogs have continued to work extra hard on their home learning challenges. They have been reading Peace at Last as their book of the week and have made musical instruments to keep daddy beak awake, written the story in their own words, solved number sentences to colour a teddy and spent time researching nocturnal animals.

This is on top of all the other brilliant things they have done at home!

Well done Reception for another super week of home learning.



## News from Owls

### 'Seeing is believing?'

On 'Work-free Wednesday' this week the Owls have enjoyed looking at different pictures like this one.



What do you see? Some of us may see the black goblet/ trophy shape whilst others may see the two white faces in profile looking at each other.

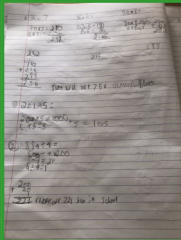
This was a good introduction into our RE topic 'What do different people believe about God?'

The key message in this week's project was that we all see things differently and we all believe different things and that is absolutely fine! It was a good opportunity to remind us of our one word school rule 'RESPECT' and the need to always respect each other's ideas and beliefs, however different they might be.

Mrs. Lawson posed lots of big questions upon which to reflect and she has been very impressed with so many thoughtful responses. Here are some of them: **Gunjan thinks that "God is like a lamp inside our hearts."** **She thinks that when "God is angry you feel and hear a storm."** **Dominic thinks, "God is real like Santa Claus. He lives in the sky above space and has a beard like my Dad!"** **Oscar said, "God might be his imaginary friend."** **Jayden believes that "God might be a mythical person who helps and heals people."** **Sumara said, "God might not be a 'he' or a 'she' or a person at all."**

Whatever we believe and whoever we put our faith and trust in, especially at this very strange time, it is very important for us all to have time, space, peace and stillness to reflect and think. Well-done Owls for all your great thinking this week.

## News from Squirrels



This week Squirrels have been busy using their multiplication and division skills to do some tricky problem solving. They also investigated ways to sort and classify animals. They looked at some nature poetry and followed Miss Chadwick's daily update of nature facts and the positive effects of the coronavirus on nature. Scarlett was so inspired, she did some extra art work from Grayson Perry's art club creating some wonderful clay animals



## News from Otters

This week, Otters have transformed themselves into superheroes! Mr Watson was very impressed with Kym who took her learning one step further and decided to make herself a superhero costume! Looks fantastic!

Harvey made good use of the lovely weather over the Bank holiday weekend and created some lovely flower and sticks arts and crafts.



## Well done Blayke!

At the beginning of May, FSE Designs ran a competition for pupils to design a banner thanking the NHS and other key workers for their hard work and dedication during this pandemic. We are delighted to hear that Blayke Darby's design is one of the winning entries and his design will be recreated and printed on a vinyl banner which we will proudly hang on our school gates. Well done Blayke, we are all very proud of you!



There is funded telephone counselling available for parents of children with additional needs. The counselling will address the additional pressures created by Covid-19. Contact Nilam Gill at: [time4hope@btinternet.com](mailto:time4hope@btinternet.com) if you feel this would be of benefit to you.