



St Andrew's Newsletter

7th May 2020

Growing and learning together with God

I am sending out the newsletter today as Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday. Of course, when the government decided late last year to move the traditional early May Day Bank Holiday in order to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, no one anticipated that the country would be in the midst of a global pandemic.

'8 May 2020 marks 75 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The long anticipated news resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment.'

I know many of you have been finding out about VE Day this week, and some families are planning on still marking this momentous occasion by displaying bunting in their windows and having afternoon tea parties in their homes and gardens. Here is a link to a government website which has been set up to help people who want to get involved and will allow members of the public to remember and give thanks to the Second World War generation from the safety of their own homes. <https://ve-day75.gov.uk/get-involved/>

I hope you enjoy whatever you have planned for the long weekend. Be kind to yourselves, stay safe, look after each other, and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

School Insights

Messages sent to families

209

370 Last week



Photos and videos shared

505

1.02k Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



Home-learning Packs

These are all ready to be collected on Monday and Tuesday.

All packs are named and contain printed out activities, a specially purchased Maths and English book (Reception to Year 6), and exercise books for children to write in.

Hopefully you will have seen my message on Class Dojo. The car park gates will be open between 9am and 3pm on Monday and Tuesday so that parents can come and collect their children's packs.

Please maintain a distance of 2m from other people outside of your family at all times.

Please make sure you take the right packs and that you tick off which ones you have collected from the class lists.

Thank you so much to all those parents and carers who have arranged to collect packs on behalf of others.

If you are not able to collect and do not have someone who can collect on your behalf then please contact the school via the usual channels. Thank you.

Children's Book Project

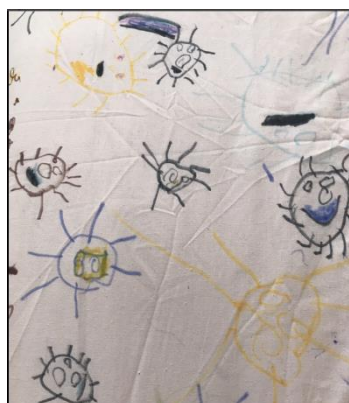
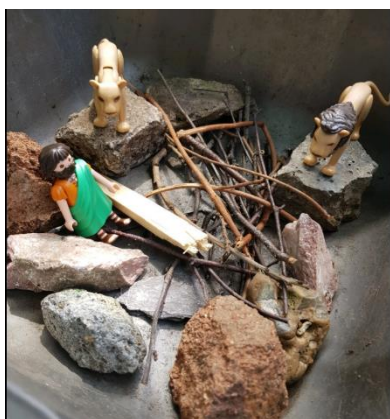
Miss Lawrence collected 3 boxes of books from Ryefield this week. There were roughly 80 new or nearly new books which had been banded together for us to donate to our Pupil Premium families.

We have attached these to the home-learning packs of the relevant children, and hope that they will be appreciated and enjoyed by those children and their families.

As reported in last week's newsletter, these books have been gifted to nearly 2,000 young people across Hillingdon. There is also a 'Story & Draw' pack included with the books and a few stationery items 'for recipients to read, draw, make and dream.'



Some more amazing snapshots of the Dojo Portfolio posts.



FSM Vouchers Update

Voucher codes for the period up until 6th May have been sent out via email now. The majority of these have been successfully converted to vouchers to be used at the supermarkets.

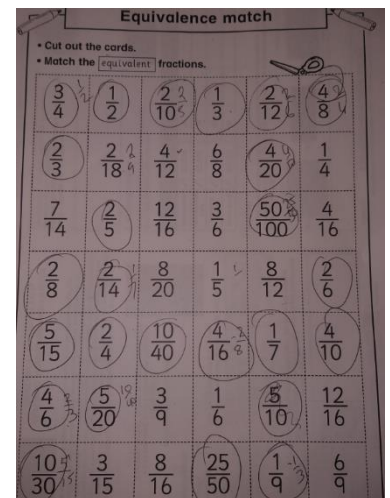
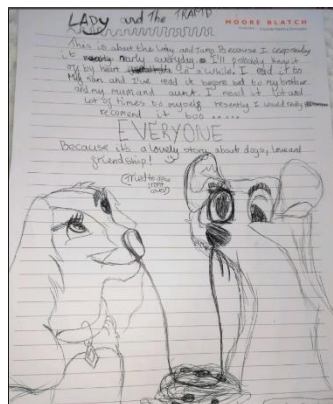
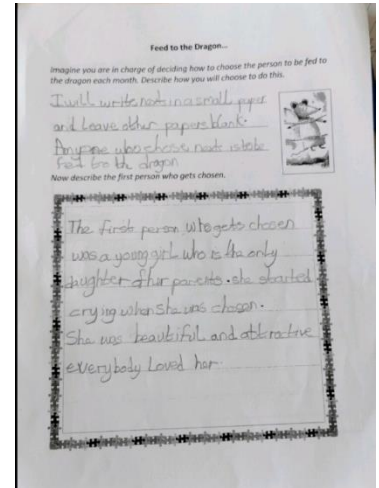
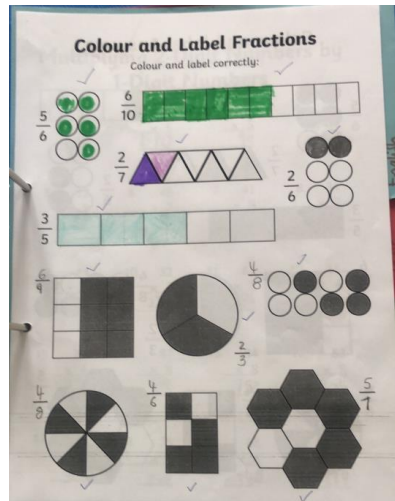
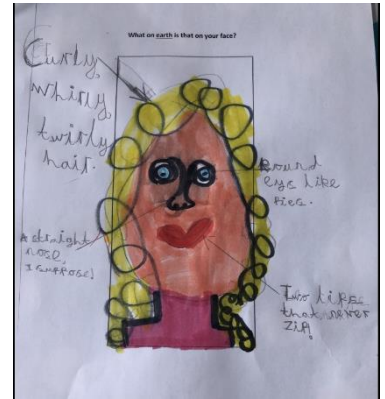
A new order has been placed for the next 3 weeks. Codes should hopefully be sent out soon. Processing times by the Edenred site are still taking roughly 4 days.

Please do contact me via Dojo or by calling the school office if you have not received these codes next week.

If your working circumstances have changed due to Covid-19 and you believe you may be entitled to free school meals, please do email the school office for an application form.

For more information see

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Stay safe and take care.

Nicola Edwards

