

Weekly News

Friday 8th May 2020

Dear Parents

Happy VE Day, a new Bank Holiday today that marks Victory in Europe 75 years ago. The sight of Churchill waving to the huge crowds in Whitehall in 1945 would not have been given a second thought a few months ago but now we look with a touch of envy and serious longing for the time when we can all celebrate and be together once more. I hope that you will enjoy this special weekend in your own way at home.

Evidence Me and Seesaw have been bursting with colour with photos and videos capturing the wonderful work that you are doing at home. Year 2 have extended their studies of minibeasts with a focus on Roald Dahl's excellent book James and the Giant Peach. Children have written using amazing descriptions of a journey inside the peach using a Thesaurus to discover some exceptional adjectives. They have also been studying some complex fractions and have worked extremely hard. Year 1 have dazzled their teachers by cutting and making fruit kebabs. Do see some of the photos on page 2 of children preparing or holding their mouth-watering results. Reception are fully focussed on transport. Some of the hand-made models of transport have been very impressive as you will see from Sam's motorbike on page 2.

Nursery and Pre-Reception have had an important week thinking about the police. Children have made their own role play areas at home complete with police cars and have enjoyed taking finger prints from different suspects and seeing if they can identify people in disguise! There have been some very thorough fingerprint investigations too. The children have made paper chain hand cuffs and some managed to make them with a repeating pattern. What fun!

This week we have enjoyed another two assemblies. Mrs Meredith-Bennett introduced a new category into her Merit Assemblies, namely a virtual hug from Cookie Bear! Children were delighted to received special recognition for their work on Seesaw and you can see both Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Cookie on page 4 together with a list of names of the lucky award winners.

Year 2 having been working hard to try and complete Philosophy Lessons at home and some of the results have been outstanding. Arabella thought about the strengths of 'persuasion' as a ways of getting people to do things rather than a direct order or request. Successful persuasion needs a clever brain of course and so I think that I might nominate Arabella for a role in the Government Cabinet and not just Philosopher of the Week! Stay safe and look after each other. Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Oliver N, Jisoo P, Joseph G, Annie R, Elise D, Ella D, Benjamin C, Rosie T, Austin B, Callan M, Annabel N and Joseph O

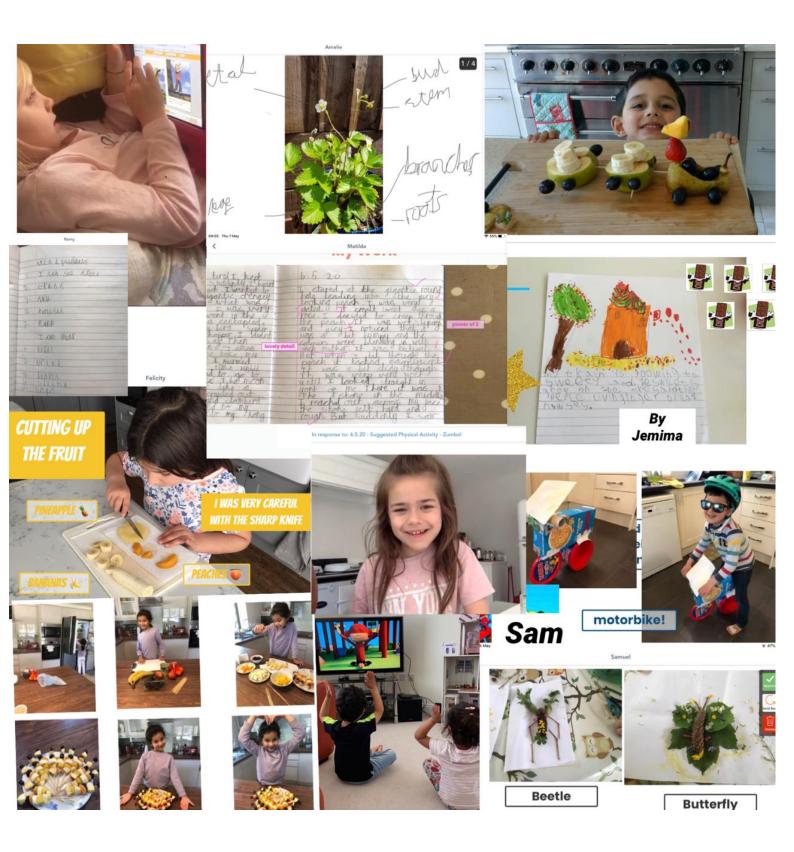
Philosopher of the Week – Arabella M

Thought for the Week - Is it good to persuade people?

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Please enjoy some lovely photos and extracts of work from Seesaw this week. From writing about the inside of a peach to making mini beasts from natural products, Year 2 have been very busy.

Year 1 have learnt a very useful skill learning to cut and make fruit kebabs and Reception have had terrific fun with Transport. Thank you for your lovely photos of children enjoying their learning at home. We miss them.



Nursery and Pre Reception



Special Achievements



Virtual hug from Cookie Bear' Awards:

Charlie A

Autumn W

Zachery R

Lily W

Samuel V D

Gabriel and brothers' Quinn and Remy K



Mathletics: GOLD CERTIFICATES:

Congratulations to: Beatrix B, Arabella M and Joseph G for achieving their gold awards

Spotty Box awards:

Huge congratulations to Holly D- For her 5 Gold Star Piano certificate for excellent remote learning and

Lucy A: For her 2 Gold Medals in Gymnastic for the Y Balance and for the Arabesque pose





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