



## MESSAGE FROM MRS LAVELLE

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Well... a very busy start to the week following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday and the publishing of 'Our Plan to Rebuild'. Like us, you will have many, many questions in relation to this- particularly in terms of the plans for some children to return to school in June. We are awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education and will also start to make plans for how this might be managed. As soon as we know more and can give you some detail around this, I will send a letter out to inform you of the proposed arrangements. Please be assured that, should these plans go ahead, the welfare of your children whilst in our care will be our utmost priority, as it is every single day in a usual school year.

In the mean-time we will continue the current arrangements for providing work and communication with you via Class Dojos and these weekly newsletters. If you require any support at all or have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us either via the school email [info@oustonprimary.org.uk](mailto:info@oustonprimary.org.uk) , telephone 4102599 or through Class Dojo.

In other news, it was so lovely to hear about the VE 75 celebrations enjoyed by our school families and some photos are included below.

This week should have been SATs week for Year 6 so a very different week to the one we had envisaged. Even though Year 6 were not able to sit their actual SATs tests, they all completed practice tests at the end of February which actually felt like the real thing! Their attitude and focus was superb and the test results showed what excellent progress they had all made with a great many already reaching or exceeding the pass mark. Mr Walsh, Mrs McCain and I are all very proud of you!

We are missing you all but it cheers me up every week when I write this newsletter to see all the happy faces of our wonderful Ouston Primary children and the great activities you are enjoying. On that note, I would like to award a Star Award to all of our parents/carers! You are doing an amazing job - juggling work, family life, worries and concerns whilst also home schooling your children, preparing what feels like 100 meals and snacks a day, planning creative and fun family activities, ensuring children get exercise and most importantly that they feel safe, loved and happy. Your Star Award certificates have been sent with the newsletter- pop them on your fridge or frame them! Very well deserved.

Have a good week everyone and stay safe,

Mrs Lavelle

# ★ STAR AWARDS ★

Here are the Star Awards for Week 3 of the Summer Term. Well done everyone!

## Reception

- Neave R (Red) for a very busy week of story telling and making VE Day decorations.
- Leighton D (Blue) for some great number work.
- Tia-Leigh S (Blue) for great VE Day decorations and for being very brave.

## Mrs Down's/Mrs Turners' Class

- Bailey (Blue) - for completing an impressive amount of reading at home
- Amelia (Green) ( for working very hard at home and producing a wonderful 'Coat of Arms'
- Millie (Red) - for some excellent maths home learning and for challenging her Mam with her own number bonds puzzle!

## Miss Lowery's Class

- Lyla H (Yellow) for a very busy week researching and writing about two different local castles and playing our number bonds 'Matching Pairs' game daily!
- Molly Turnbull (Blue) for continuing to work hard in school and maintaining a positive attitude.
- Billy A (Red) for spending time reading every day.

## Mrs Exley's Class

- Lily B- (Red) For a super piece of writing about life as a cook in a castle.
- Danika T- (Yellow) For excellent Science work about food groups and the lifespan of a frog. It goes without saying it was beautifully illustrated.
- Naomi M- (Green) A fantastic effort with Home School learning.

## Mrs Dadswell's Class

- Jacob C (Red) - A fantastic week including a super science experiment, lots of TTR and Readworks completed and an amazing achievement completing the Virtual Sunderland 5K with a new Personal Best!!
- Orla S (Blue) - Great effort with her writing, choosing interesting adjectives to improve writing.
- Riley S (Blue) - Working hard with Times Tables Rockstars

## Miss Stebbings' Class

- Oliver C (Red) - for a continued effort with all home learning tasks. Miss Stebbings has really enjoyed looking at all of your photos.
- Madeleine W (Red) - for her enthusiasm with her home learning. Madeleine has completed all tasks to a high standard and has taken the initiative to organise her completed work into a file. In addition to this, Madeleine has decided to start a history project of her own!
- Ellie M (Blue) - for her fantastic Art project. Ellie has taken some brilliant macro photos, created some detailed sketches and has used the Pictoboldo app to begin creating artwork in the style of Guiseppe Arcimboldo.

### Mr Storrar's Class

- Leia M (Red) - Excellent work throughout the week on a variety of tasks, including some great work on earthquakes, lots of forest school-inspired artwork and terrific use of Times Tables Rock Stars!
- Ellen A (Yellow) - Working hard on a variety of home learning tasks and making excellent use of Spelling Frame!
- Amelia A (Yellow) - Taking ownership of her own home learning - including logging into Class Dojo and accessing work herself - so that her parents can continue with their own work uninterrupted. Furthermore, she is producing work of a very high standard!

### Ms Allen's Class

- Caden D (Red) - Working hard with his handwriting and his work.
- Riley W (Green) - Trying hard and putting 100 % effort into improving his handwriting.
- Ava B (Red) - Great effort in maths.

### Mrs Baum's Class

- Daniel T (Yellow) - A diary entry from Colonel Tom's perspective.
- Amelia C (Yellow) - Beautiful handwriting & 17/20 for a maths test.
- Ben I (Blue) - Wrote a poem about VE Day

### Mr Walsh's Class

- Emmie F (Blue) - discovering the wonders of Macbeth and Shakespeare whilst working hard with home learning.
- Jamie M (Green) - completing a wide range of activities including translating Geordie folk songs, mastering the art of skipping and celebrating VE Day with home- made bunting.
- Freya C (Yellow) - supplementing home learning by keeping busy with knitting; refurbishing furniture; baking; and taking photographs and videos of the local area.

★ The new House Team Totals are now: ★

**Red Team**       $82 + 10 = 92$

**Yellow Team**       $83 + 7 = 90$

**Green Team**       $68 + 4 = 72$

**Blue Team**       $65 + 9 = 74$

**Red Team have moved into the lead! Let's see how this looks next week...**

# VE 75 CELEBRATIONS AT HOME & IN SCHOOL

## Nursery & Reception



Neave



## KS1



Year 3



James S



Handmade Union Jack

Hayden



## Year 4



Ellen A holding her grandad's medals and a letter that he received from the king!

## Year 5



Amelia B





Mia M, Year 5, and her Great Grandad who was born in 1906 and served in Burma in WW2 just like Captain Tom!

## Year 6



Mrs Scott still cycling on VE 75 Day - she has almost reached the first 100 miles!

**Some lovely decorations made in school**



**Mrs Wise and I attempted some traditional baking.  
My ham and egg pie tasted better than it looked!**



**Mrs Wise**



**Mrs Lavelle**