



## MESSAGE FROM MRS LAVELLE

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

I hope you all had a lovely half term and break from home learning. The weather was very kind to us and I'm sure you all enjoyed some great activities outside in the sunshine. We have loved seeing some of the photos you have sent into your teachers.

We are now preparing to welcome some of our year groups back to school and I will be sending a Power Point presentation to these pupils and families next week to support with the transition back to school. We will also be looking at other ways of communicating with our children still working at home and have already got lots of fun ideas and activities planned for our last half term of the academic year.

In the mean time I would like to share a poem with you. It was written by a friend of mine who is also a Headteacher (I could have just said I'd written it myself but I'm too honest!) I asked her if I could have a copy to share with you as it mirrors my feelings about how brilliant our children have been and how we will work together one step at a time to get through this unusual time.

### A Rainbow Wish

I'm sending you a special wish on this lovely **sunny** day  
To tell you how I feel so **proud** in every single way.  
To think we've been away from school for seventy days so far  
I can't believe how well you've coped; you're a little **shining star!**  
Life has been so different, with many ups and downs  
Worries all around us that may have made you frown  
But out of all these worries, a **rainbow** has always shone  
Such beautiful colours around the world, and cast it's spell upon.  
I now have a wish to share with you, believe within your heart  
That better times are now with us, **adventures** about to start  
We can take tiny steps together, not too quickly, not too fast  
Towards a new and safer world but we need to make it last.  
So keep a little distance but know that in that space  
You'll find a million sparkling **hearts** to put a smile upon your face!  
We can wash our hands together to keep the bugs away  
Then hopefully, one day very soon for hours we will all play!  
Remember how this **family time** has brought us all together  
The sun has shone and somehow, it's brought about the finest weather!  
And in days to come we'll look back and see how far we've come  
As we realise this unusual battle, we've fantastically won!  
So hold your head up high today- the world's a brighter place  
And very soon our planet will be once again so safe.

Have a good week and stay safe,

Mrs Lavelle

# ★ STAR AWARDS ★

Here are the Star Awards for last week. Well done everyone!

## Reception

- Thomas D (Blue) - excellent 'more and less' maths work
- Toby (Green) - impressive letter writing
- Daniel (Green) - impressive spelling work.

## Mrs Down's/Mrs Turners' Class

- Ella H (Red) for trying very hard with online activities
- Henry B (Red) for super capacity work and also planting seeds and writing instructions
- George S (Yellow) - for finding out about the Victorians and learning about Rio de Janeiro on BBC bitesize. George and his sister Lydia decorated trucks and had a carnival for their toys - complete with carnival music!

## Miss Lowery's Class

- Lyla H (Yellow) for writing and delivering a fantastic letter to keep in touch
- Joey C (Green) for writing and delivering a beautifully decorated letter to keep in touch
- Theo C (Yellow) for writing and delivering an excellent, well-presented letter
- Harry C (Yellow) for writing and delivering a beautifully decorated letter and making an impressive effort to join some of his handwriting

## Mrs Exley's Class

- Frankie and Pearl (Red) - for continuing to work hard in school and maintaining a positive attitude.

## Mrs Dadswell's Class

- Charlotte M (Green) - Impressive geography work linked to our earthquakes topic.
- Reece D (Yellow) - for writing Mrs Dadswell a lovely letter to let her know what he's been up to - lovely handwriting too!
- Luke B (Yellow) - consistent use of TTR
- Jacob C (Red) - Outstanding results in Battle of the Bands on TTR, scoring more individually than the competing team combined!!

## Miss Stebbings' Class

- Ellie M (Blue) - for being our top scorer for our class for our Times Tables Rocks battle this week.
- Alecia B (Yellow) - for being a very close second scorer in our Times Table Rocks battle. She has continued to be motivated with all home learning tasks. Well done Alecia!
- Elisha S (Red) - for her interest in our local wildlife. Elisha is busy keeping a diary to show the changes with her chrysalis and tadpoles. Miss Stebbings is looking forward to seeing more!

- Joseph C (Green), for being consistent with his effort and motivation to his home learning challenges.

## Mr Storrar's Class

- Will L (Blue) - Keeping going with home learning even when it gets tough. Developing his expression when reading and practising his times tables with matching cards!
- Leia M (Red) - Continually finding a variety of useful ways to spend her time in lockdown. This week, this has included planting vegetables in the garden and making a wreath out of the bottom of plastic bottles!
- George H (Green) - Working hard on his home learning maths work (including a stern debate with his dad about which method to use!) George has also learned how to make scrambled eggs so that he can be more independent when it comes to meal time!

## Ms Allen's Class

- Alyssa P (Yellow) - Outstanding effort with her topic activities.
- Ben L (Red) - Excellent attitude to his home learning.
- Daisy W (Green) - Excellent attitude to her home learning.

## Mrs Baum's Class

- Ben I (Blue) - For continued excellent topic work and research about butterflies and his local area.
- Amelia B (Green) - For a great start to the new topic and for making what looked like a wholesome meal suitable for an athlete!
- Sam M (Red) - For a great start to the new topic and for his ingenious way of creating the Olympic rings!
- Amelia C (Yellow) - For conducting an interesting science experiment at home and for an excellent leaflet (English task).

## Mr Walsh's Class

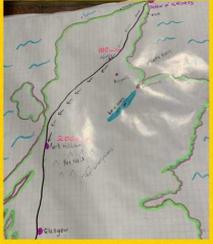
- William (Yellow) - independently using Google Earth to produce a guided tour of a match-day experience in Newcastle.
- Alex (Blue) working hard to improve his writing by focusing on themes that interest him and redrafting and editing where needed.
- Josh S (Blue) - working hard on ReadWorks.

★ The new House Team Totals are now: ★

<b>Red Team</b>	<b>105 + 9 = 114</b>
<b>Yellow Team</b>	<b>101 + 10 = 111</b>
<b>Green Team</b>	<b>91 + 8 = 99</b>
<b>Blue Team</b>	<b>83 + 6 = 89</b>

**Red Team are still in the lead, well done!**

# MRS SCOTT'S CYCLE CHALLENGE



Mrs Scott has reached Fort William and has now cycled **200 miles** (in her garage!) This means that she has won the second of our treats for children which is a **Forest School Campfire Afternoon** for all classes once they return, including stories round the campfire, pizza/pop corn cooking and hot chocolate!

**Well done Mrs Scott!**

# DURHAM DASH



Please see the sheets attached if your children (and you!) wish to take part in this year's 'virtual' Durham Dash. Let your teachers know how you get on!

# OUSTON PRIMARY HEARTS SEARCH

Before Half Term, our Keyworker pupils and staff made a number of decorated hearts which had a message on the back from Ouston Primary. These were then put up around Ouston and Urpeth for Ouston Primary families plus other members of our community to find on their daily walks. Here are some photos of children (and dogs!) finding these.





Begin each day  
with a grateful  
heart.  
Thank you  
Ouston Primary

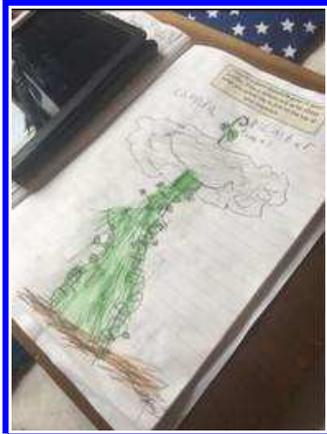


# HOME LEARNING PHOTOS

## Nursery and Reception



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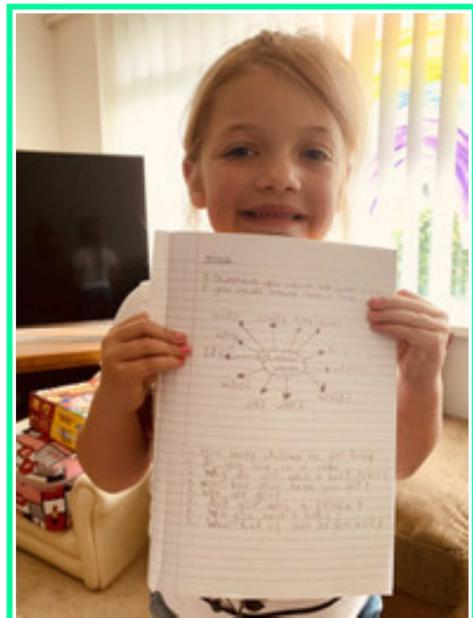
Thomas



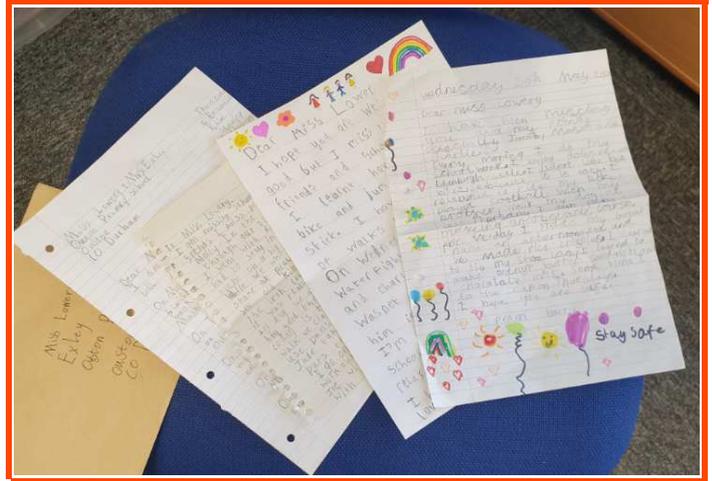
Robyn



# Year 1



## Year 2



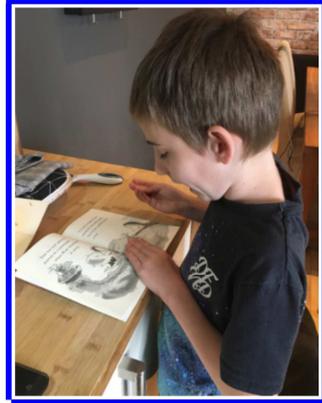
Theo C, Lyla H, Joey C and Harry C letters

## Year 3



Charlotte M

## Year 4



## Years 5 and 6



# ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

Here are some of the activities Key Worker pupils have been enjoying since our last newsletter



# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE STAFF?

Here are the correct answers for the activity in the last newsletter, taken from Mr Walsh's 'Lockdown SATs' paper for Year 6. How did you do?

Match the boxes to make the sentences true.

1 mark for each correct answer.

<b>Mrs Lavelle</b>	is a blue belt in Taekwondo.
<b>Mrs Wise</b>	has scuba dived in Barbados.
<b>Mrs Dadswell</b>	had a photo in The Evening Chronicle as part of a fashion shoot/ makeover.
<b>Mr. Walsh</b>	has been on stage with The Chuckle Brothers.
<b>Mr. Storrar</b>	's Grandad played professional football for Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield Wednesday.
<b>Miss Allen</b>	's best friend from school is married to Matt Baker.
<b>Mr. Green</b>	had football trials at Leeds and Oxford.
<b>Miss Stebbings</b>	has climbed Ben Nevis (with a face like thunder).
<b>Mrs Bodham</b>	has met Stavros Flatley.
<b>Mrs Exley</b>	has taught at Ouston for 30 years in September.
<b>Miss Lowery</b>	went to Oasis' last ever gig.
<b>Mrs Turner</b>	was a dancer in pantomime with The Krankies at Sunderland Empire.
<b>Mrs Pritchard</b>	has met Chewbacca!
<b>Mrs Heckels</b>	went to school with Bryan Robson.
<b>Mrs Newman</b>	's kids rock- pooled with Kate Winslet's in Scotland.
<b>Miss Davis</b>	was knocked over by a bus at the age of 12.
<b>Mrs Robson</b>	has met Super Gran.
<b>Mrs Scott</b>	has completed the Great North Run 8 times.
<b>Miss Franklin</b>	also works as a fitness instructor and personal trainer.
<b>Mrs Henderson</b>	's mum used to work in the school office.