

Summer Term Issue 12

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been an emotional week for many but in a good way. This week saw Year 4's return for the first time and we have now had all the children in school that we had requests for. Many thanks again to key worker families and priority year groups for being accommodating to allow the rotation system to work. And in our eyes it did work; trying to get children back was, with the limited time available, never about academic catch up — we will be working all out in September to that end. However, for us we wanted to reestablish social and emotional bonds; those between peers, those between teachers and children (with many children getting to meet next year's teacher) and those between children and the school as a physical locality. To this end it has been a success and although social distancing protocols have stopped interactions being quite the same, and the two population system does mean that children won't have got to meet all the friends that they wanted to, there has been enough to bring lots of smiles to faces, to inject some warmth back into the building and to remind us all what we miss and what we hope to look forward to in September. We have also managed to include some of the things we love the best and although the two minibuses are currently out of action due to the essential travel restriction we have still been getting out in the grounds and I have just seen Miss Shaw's class head out the gates to take a walk across the fields to carry out a bumble bee survey.

Another key success for re-forging old bonds was the afternoon put aside for Year 6 on Wednesday. Every member of Year 6 was able to return to school and we shared a pasty and fizz (schloer) lunch before having some fun together. Kerry from the PTFA was able to hand out leaver's gifts and myself, Mrs Haddy and Mrs Tullett were able to wish them well for their futures. It's never really goodbye for us because you are all welcome to return and let us know how you are getting on but it was nice to have a little celebration of our time together. We have taken film footage of various parts of the afternoon and are putting together the usual photo slideshow, cue tears all round, and will hopefully be able to post it on the website and Facebook next week so although we can't do leavers assembly in the usual way you will all get to see them together one last time.

We are also hoping that by the end of next week we will have finished hanging the artwork in the virtual museum and like I have said before - you are in for a treat. We have missed the class outcomes that usually finish each term and act as celebrations of achievement and a vehicle for children to share their work to a wider audience. Instead though, we will now have a whole school outcome that is a celebration of the collective creativity of the school community and thanks to some high-profile support from the Tate and Manchester Art Gallery it will certainly have a wide audience. For many of you there will also be a fantastic outcome available to you in the form of your child's portfolio of work on Seesaw. The rest of the reports should be sent out on Monday (we gave Year 6 theirs on Wednesday) and there are instructions on how you can easily access this work at the end of the report so if children want to share their favourite work with relatives they will be able to. There is certainly much to be proud about on there and we are still seeing good engagement with the reduced activities that are being set – once again thank you all for the support that you gave to it and although it could never be a substitute for school based learning it will certainly have helped children keep up with learning goals and more importantly helped maintain good behaviours for learning. So, two more weeks to go (nearly - remember we finish on Thursday in the final week) and still some highlights to look forward to – next week we look forward to meeting all of you that will be starting your journey with us in September and we hope that the weather is as kind to us as it was for the Year 6's this week. It certainly looks like it's going to be kind to us all this weekend so enjoy yourselves whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner



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THIS TERM'S THEME: What's It Worth

HEADLINES: What can I do for trade

WORDS OF WISDOM: Free trade is meaningless unless there is also fair trade

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: Foo Fighters

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: Know how my choices effect others

Question: What is the real cost of the last thing you bought?







STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children for their fantastic learning. Thank you.

<u>Poldhu</u>

Felix for a fantastic imaginative fairy house

Enzo for a fantastic letter for the garden fairies

Lily for a super learning attitude

Kynance

Eliott for his brilliant response to the PSHE task

Jack B for his enthusiasm and interest in his own science day

Blossom for her fantastic writing about the blue whale

Godrevy

Caja for having a great first week back

Olivia L for great math work on area

Oska for great leaf investigation

Charlie for being a brilliant leader on our walk

<u>Rinsey</u>

Abigail for great poetry and compass work

Tegen for fantastic compass work

Archie for excellent attitude to parabolic cure work



