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Dear parents

Wednesday 20th May was National 'thank a teacher day'. I would like to thank all our school staff, from teachers to TAs, office staff and site staff/cleaners who have helped to keep school open for the key worker and vulnerable children over the past 9 weeks whilst providing welfare checks and home learning too.

This week is also Mental Health Week and at this current time, more so than ever, this is at the forefront of all our minds as we all seek, together, to find a way through these different and challenging circumstances, hopefully with a smile and some appreciation for what we do have.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week-2019/zk37bdm>

The 24th May also marks 5 years of Laudato Si with this week being a celebratory week. Resources can be found at <https://laudatosiweek.org/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical>.

Thank you for your continued support whilst we continue to work to provide a safe environment for our whole school community in the coming weeks.

Class Updates

	<p>Reception have been working hard on our Talk 4 Writing story this week all about a magical cat called Mavis. They have been sharing lots of work where they have dressed up and acted out the story and they even had the chance to hide Mavis the cat around their house for me to try and find in a photograph. In Maths this week they have been exploring doubles and halving using their own toys from home to help them.</p>
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	<p>They even had time to create their very own shops where members of their family could visit and purchase different items then the Reception children had to find the total. The children have also been working hard on PE challenges sent by Mr Smith which involved them having a go at throwing, catching, running and hopping. Reception you have all worked very hard this term with your Home Learning Challenges, enjoy a restful half term.</p>
<p>YEAR ONE</p>	<p>It has been another busy week in Year 1 and yet again I am so impressed by the amazing work you have all produced. This week we have been studying the text 'That Rabbit belongs to Emily Browne ' by Cressida Cowell. You have been writing some amazing descriptions of your favourite toys and have also been learning how to use time connectives when creating lists of events. In Maths we have been learning how to measure, length, weight and mass using non-standard and standard units. You have been doing some excellent practical measuring challenges at home, well done! In Science we have learnt how to group animals into the following groups: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish and birds. This week we have also learnt about Queen Elizabeth I, Australia, pulse and rhythm, basic modelling and how to draw different expressions. Keep up the hard work Year 1, well done!</p> <p>Star of the week: Michael C- Michael it has been great to see how hard you have been working at home. You are producing work of a high standard and you are taking great care with the presentation of your work. I am very impressed, well done!</p>



Another busy week in year 2 with some brilliant home learning continuing. This week the children have been enjoying reading Horrid Henry stories and creating invitations, writing letters to persuade, party food lists and board game reviews. The children have also been doing some tricky maths, continuing to learn their number bonds to 100 and adding 10's. The children have also taken inspiration from the artist Jane Perkins, who uses natural and recycled materials to create art. I particularly liked Joseph Joyce's, Molly and Arya's creations. As it is the Month of May, this week, the children have made their own alters and been writing their own guide books to teach the rosary. Look out for photos on dojo soon. Well done for all your continued home learning and hard work Year 2 and enjoy the half term break.

YEAR THREE

Another fabulous week in Year 3, you are all working so hard and producing some outstanding pieces of work. I love looking at them when you send them in. History was made this week as we held our first ZOOM, things to learn I'm sure you will admit but it was certainly a step in the right direction. Sorry if you missed it but another one has been arranged for Tuesday and we will hopefully use it a little better! It has been difficult to pick out one of you this week who has worked so hard but I feel I need to give another quick mention to Max O C who has again been working ever so hard. We are averaging 75-80 pieces of work a day so keep it up. It wasn't a shock to hear Noah has finished another book and we all celebrated

	<p>another milestone on EPIC Reading. Finally, I hope you enjoyed our trip to the zoo. Happy Half Term, feel free to use the resources on the website and I'll see you on Tuesday! Stay safe.</p>
<h2>Year 4</h2>	<p>This has been a creative week for Year 4. Some children have been out and about in Brungerley Park looking at the sculpture trail and then creating their own sculptures. A well done to Sophie, who has learned to play the recorder too and is eager to continue to learn this skill. In Maths, children have been learning about time and focussing on beating their own times table scores. In English, children have been thinking about Fantastic Beasts. Is there really a Loch Ness Monster?</p>
<h2>Year 5</h2>	<p>Year 5 have been completing tasks linked to the Titanic, they have written leaflets, postcards and created a true/false quiz. In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions, some super work has been completed. Cracking codes for coordinates was our task for Geography, and in Science we have continued with pollination by writing about the life cycle of a flowering plant. Our focus in RE has been continuing looking at transformation and how the fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to transform. A special mention to Oliver who is not only completing lots of school work, but has also begun developing a love of drawing and sketching. Another super week Year 5, well done everyone (parents included)</p>

Year 6

Well done Year 6 for another week learning about robots and using other Maths websites in our learning. The week started ever so well with lots of you sending your Lockdown SATS in. I hope you all enjoyed them. After this week we are now entering your final half term as part of the SSMJ Family, exciting times ahead. With that in mind I have been busy planning some exciting activities for next term, these include a Careers Week and Transition Tuesday and Transition Thursday where we will spend time talking about secondary education. Have a happy half term and maybe see you at the ZOOM, see Dojo for details.